

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8469, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WALKINSHAW OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert
the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that, ac-
2 cording to the Government Accountability Office report ti-
3 tled “Federal Agencies Made Progress, but Need to Fully
4 Implement Incident Response Requirements”, the Depart-
5 ment of Veterans Affairs has not met event logging re-
6 quirements.

7 (b) REPORT ON GAPS IN RESOURCES, GUIDANCE,
8 AND POLICIES ON EVENT LOGGING OF CYBERSECURITY
9 INCIDENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the ap-
13 propriate congressional committees a report on the
14 Department’s efforts to satisfy all requirements
15 under Executive Order 14028, the Office of Manage-
16 ment and Budget Memorandum 21-31, Memo-
17 randum 25-04, and NIST Special Publication 800-
18 53 for event logging of cybersecurity incidents.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
2 (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) An analysis of whether the Depart-
4 ment of Veterans Affairs has satisfied applica-
5 ble requirements with respect to event logging
6 of cybersecurity incidents.

7 (B) An identification of any gaps in guid-
8 ance that prevent the Department from satis-
9 fying such requirements.

10 (C) An identification of any policies that
11 prevent the Department from satisfying such
12 requirements.

13 (D) An identification of any gaps in re-
14 sources that prevent the Department, and non-
15 compliant entities from satisfying such require-
16 ments.

17 (E) Recommendations for policies, guid-
18 ance, or resources, as the case may be, that
19 would support the Department in satisfying
20 such requirements.

21 (3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form and shall in-
23 clude an unclassified executive summary.

24 (4) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified executive
25 summary of the report required under paragraph (1)

1 shall be published on a publicly accessible website of
2 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the sub-
4 mission of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of Veterans Affairs shall provide to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees a briefing on the findings, conclu-
7 sions, and recommendations contained in such report.

8 (d) GAO FOLLOW-UP.—Not later than one year after
9 the date of the publication of the report required under
10 subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United
11 States shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees a report on—

13 (1) progress made on addressing challenges
14 identified in the report implementing Executive
15 Order 14028, the Office of Management and Budget
16 Memorandum 21-31, Memorandum 25-04, and
17 NIST Special Publication 800-53 as they relate to
18 event logging within the Department of Veterans Af-
19 fairs;

20 (2) remaining administrative barriers (e.g., pol-
21 icy, budget, expertise, etc.) inhibiting agency compli-
22 ance; and

23 (3) recommendations of the Comptroller Gen-
24 eral on how compliance could be achieved within one
25 year of the removal of such administrative barriers.

1 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
3 sional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the
5 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

6 (2) the Committees on Appropriations of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate.

