

VA Reform Accountability Act of 2025

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “**VA Reform Accountability Act of 2025.**”

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has repeatedly failed to implement recommendations issued by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG).
 2. As of recent GAO reports, VA continues to carry one of the highest numbers of **open and unimplemented recommendations** among federal agencies.
 3. VA leadership often dismisses or rejects findings from GAO or OIG without providing validated evidence to support such rejection.
 4. This cycle results in repeated scandals, wasted resources, and reform “initiatives” that recycle the same unaddressed problems.
 5. Veterans and employees cannot afford endless reform theater — accountability requires **tracking, transparency, and enforcement** of evidence-based recommendations.
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SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

1. “**Recommendation**” means any corrective action formally issued to VA by GAO or OIG.

2. **“Open recommendation”** means a GAO or OIG recommendation not yet implemented or closed with validated evidence.
 3. **“Validated evidence”** means data or documentation independently verified by GAO, OIG, or another neutral oversight body.
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SECTION 4. TRACKING AND REPORTING OF GAO/OIG RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) **Requirement.**— The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain a **comprehensive tracking system** of all open GAO and OIG recommendations.

(b) **Public Dashboard.**— The Secretary shall publish a publicly accessible dashboard that lists:

1. All open GAO and OIG recommendations;
2. The status of each recommendation (open, in progress, implemented, or rejected);
3. Supporting evidence for closure or rejection.

(c) **Quarterly Updates.**— The dashboard shall be updated at least quarterly and shared with Congress.

SECTION 5. REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) **Requirement.**— If VA rejects or disputes a GAO or OIG recommendation, the Department must provide **validated evidence** supporting such rejection within 60 days.

(b) **Independent Review.**— GAO or OIG shall independently review and confirm the sufficiency of evidence provided.

(c) **Congressional Notification.**— All rejected recommendations and supporting evidence shall be reported to Congress.

SECTION 6. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.

(a) The Comptroller General shall provide Congress with an **annual report** summarizing:

1. The number of open recommendations;
2. The number implemented;
3. The number rejected with or without sufficient evidence.

(b) Such report shall include an analysis of VA's compliance trends and identify systemic barriers to implementation.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure compliance with this Act not later than 180 days after enactment.

(b) GAO and OIG shall have authority to conduct follow-up evaluations on any recommendation deemed unresolved or improperly closed.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect 180 days after enactment.