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# S. 114

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE AWARDS AND**  
2 **BONUSES AWARDED TO CERTAIN HIGH-**  
3 **LEVEL EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 714. Annual report on performance awards and bo-**  
9 **nuses awarded to certain high-level em-**  
10 **ployees**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
12 end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to the  
13 appropriate committees of Congress a report that con-  
14 tains, for the most recent fiscal year ending before the  
15 submittal of the report, a description of the performance  
16 awards and bonuses awarded to Regional Office Directors  
17 of the Department, Directors of Medical Centers of the  
18 Department, and Directors of Veterans Integrated Service  
19 Networks.

20 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-  
21 section (a) shall include the following with respect to each  
22 performance award or bonus awarded to an individual de-  
23 scribed in such subsection:

24 “(1) The amount of each award or bonus.

25 “(2) The job title of the individual awarded the  
26 award or bonus.

1           “(3) The location where the individual awarded  
2           the award or bonus works.

3           “(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In  
4 this section, the term ‘appropriate committees of Con-  
5 gress’ means—

6           “(1) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and  
7           the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

8           “(2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and  
9           the Committee on Appropriations of the House of  
10          Representatives.”.

11          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
12 at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is amended by  
13 inserting after the item relating to section 713 the fol-  
14 lowing new item:

“714. Annual report on performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain  
high-level employees.”.

