

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6052

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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, and for other purposes.

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 Office of Inspector General Training Act of  
6 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE**  
8                   **TRAINING REGARDING OFFICE OF INSPEC-**  
9                   **TOR GENERAL.**

10       (a) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
11 shall require each employee of the Department of Veterans  
12 Affairs to receive training that the Inspector General of  
13 the Department shall develop on the reporting of wrong-  
14 doing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating  
15 with the Office of Inspector General.

16       (b) EMPLOYEES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the  
17 Secretary shall require—

18           (1) each employee of the Department who was  
19 employed by the Department on the day before the  
20 date of the enactment of this Act undergo the train-  
21 ing required by subsection (a) not later than one  
22 year after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

23           (2) each employee of the Department who be-  
24 gins employment with the Department on or after  
25 the date of the enactment of this Act undergo the

1 training required by subsection (a) not later than  
2 one year after the date on which the employment be-  
3 gins.

4 (c) ELEMENTS.—Training developed and required  
5 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) Definition of the role, responsibilities, and  
7 legal authority of the Inspector General of the De-  
8 partment and the duties of employees of the Depart-  
9 ment for engaging with the Office of the Inspector  
10 General.

11 (2) Identification of the circumstances and  
12 mechanisms for reporting fraud, waste, abuse, and  
13 other wrongdoing to the Inspector General, including  
14 making confidential complaints to the Inspector  
15 General.

16 (3) Identification of the prohibitions and rem-  
17 edies that help to protect Department employees  
18 from retaliation when reporting wrongdoing to the  
19 Inspector General.

20 (4) Recognition of opportunities to engage with  
21 staff of the Office of the Inspector General to im-  
22 prove Department programs, operations, and serv-  
23 ices.

24 (d) DESIGN AND UPDATE.—The Inspector General of  
25 the Department shall design, and update as the Inspector

1 General considers appropriate, the training developed and  
2 required by subsection (a).

3 (e) SYSTEM.—The Secretary shall provide, via the  
4 talent management system of the Department, or suc-  
5 cessor system, the training developed and required under  
6 subsection (a).

7 (f) RELATION TO CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Sec-  
8 retary shall ensure that training developed and required  
9 under subsection (a) is separate and distinct from training  
10 provided under section 733 of title 38, United States  
11 Code.

12 (g) NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES.—The Secretary shall  
13 ensure that the Inspector General is afforded the oppor-  
14 tunity, not less frequently than twice each year and as  
15 frequently as the Inspector General considers appropriate  
16 under extraordinary circumstances, to use the electronic  
17 mail system of the Department to notify all authorized  
18 users of such system of the following:

19 (1) The roles and responsibilities of the employ-  
20 ees of the Department when engaging with the Of-  
21 fice of the Inspector General.

22 (2) The availability of training provided under  
23 subsection (a).

24 (3) How to access training provided under sub-  
25 section (a).

1           (4) Information about how to contact the Office  
2           of the Inspector General, including a link to any  
3           website-based reporting form of the Office.

Passed the House of Representatives May 18, 2022.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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