

# VA Privacy Service

## Privacy in Action Speaker Series

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On behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Privacy Service, thank you for participating in the Privacy in Action Brown Bag Webinar Series event, “Lunch and Learn: Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.” We hope you found the information presented by our panelists insightful and meaningful to your daily work. Below is a recap of the main topics discussed today with links to additional information.

#### Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018

The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act is a United States law that establishes processes for the federal government to modernize its data management practices, evidence-building functions, and statistical efficiency to inform policy decisions.

#### Legislative History

The bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by former House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin on October 31, 2017. Senator Patty Murray filed counterpart legislation in the U.S. Senate. Rep. Ryan and Sen. Murray acknowledged that the basis of the legislation was a set of recommendations issued by the U.S. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking. The Evidence Act addresses half of the recommendations from that commission.

In November 2017, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform advanced the bill, which was approved unanimously by the full House. The Senate advanced a modified version of the bill in December 2018, which returned to the House for a final vote. President Donald Trump signed the bill into law on January 14, 2019.

#### U.S. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking

The U.S. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking was a 15-member agency in the federal government charged by the U.S. Congress and the President with examining how government could better use its existing data to provide evidence for future government decisions.

#### More Information

##### RESOURCES

- H.R.4174 - Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018
  - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4174>



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#### ARTICLES

- OMB Evidence Act-Mandated Guidance on Program Evaluation Standards and Practices
  - <https://www.cossa.org/tag/evidence-based-policymaking/>
- Agencies Get Guidance on the Ethics and Rigor Required for Evidence-Based Decision-Making
  - <https://www.nextgov.com/analytics-data/2020/03/agencies-get-guidance-ethics-and-rigor-required-evidence-based-decision-making/163733/>
- OMB Starts Next Phase on Evidence-Based Policy Act
  - <https://www.fedweek.com/federal-managers-daily-report/omb-starts-next-phase-on-evidence-based-policy-act/>
- Insights on Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018
  - <https://www.airweb.org/article/2019/02/20/insights-on-foundations-for-evidence-based-policymaking-act-of-2018>
- Evidence-based policy bill passage sets stage for upcoming federal data strategy
  - <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/open-datatransparency/2019/01/evidence-based-policy-bill-passage-sets-stage-for-upcoming-federal-data-strategy/>
- FACT SHEET: Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
  - <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/fact-sheet-foundations-for-evidence-based-policymaking-act/>
- Congress Provides New Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking
  - <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/congress-provides-new-foundation-for-evidence-based-policymaking/>

#### VIDEOS

- Using Evidence for Improvement in the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
  - <https://www.urban.org/events/using-evidence-improvement-foundations-evidence-based-policymaking-act>
- Implementing the Evidence Act in the Department of Commerce
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWM7ZR3T430>



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