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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRIST (for himself and Mr. DENHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Veteran Treatment
5 Court Coordination Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that veterans treatment
8 courts are a successful program aimed at helping veterans

1 charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and the
2 benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

3 **SEC. 3. VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
5 appropriations, in coordination with the Secretary of Vet-
6 erans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and
7 carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide
8 grants and technical assistance to the State circuit court
9 systems that—

10 (1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court
11 Program; or

12 (2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a
13 Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Sec-
14 retary.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Veterans Treat-
16 ment Court Program established under subsection (a) is
17 to ensure the Department of Justice has a single office
18 to coordinate the provision of grants, training, and tech-
19 nical assistance to help State, local, and Tribal govern-
20 ments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts.

21 (c) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—The Veterans Treatment
22 Court Program established under subsection (a) shall in-
23 clude the grant programs relating to veterans treatment
24 courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to
25 sections 2901, 2991, and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10581,
2 10651, and 10701) or any other provision of law.

3 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall pro-
4 mulgate regulations to carry out this section.