

Union Calendar No. 317

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2228

[Report No. 115–428]

To provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. REICHERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. COOK, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. KIND, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. MOULTON, and Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Law Enforcement
5 Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

7 (a) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Attorney
8 General shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and
9 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress
10 a report, which shall be made publicly available, on De-
11 partment of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs
12 mental health practices and services that could be adopted
13 by Federal, State, local, or tribal law enforcement agen-
14 cies.

15 (b) CASE STUDIES.—The Director of the Office of
16 Community Oriented Policing Services shall submit to
17 Congress a report—

18 (1) that is similar to the report entitled
19 “Health, Safety, and Wellness Program Case Stud-
20 ies in Law Enforcement” published by the Office of
21 Community Oriented Policing Services in 2015; and

22 (2) that focuses on case studies of programs de-
23 signed primarily to address officer psychological
24 health and well-being.

1 (c) PEER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM.—Section
2 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
3 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (21), by striking “; and” and
5 inserting a semicolon;

6 (2) in paragraph (22), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(23) to establish peer mentoring mental health
10 and wellness pilot programs within State, tribal, and
11 local law enforcement agencies.”.

12 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.**

13 The Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-
14 retary of Health and Human Services, shall develop re-
15 sources to educate mental health providers about the cul-
16 ture of Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement
17 agencies and evidence-based therapies for mental health
18 issues common to Federal, State, local, and tribal law en-
19 forcement officers.

20 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS.**

21 The Attorney General shall—

22 (1) in consultation with Federal, State, local,
23 and tribal law enforcement agencies—

1 (A) identify and review the effectiveness of
2 any existing crisis hotlines for law enforcement
3 officers;

4 (B) provide recommendations to Congress
5 on whether Federal support for existing crisis
6 hotlines or the creation of an alternative hotline
7 would improve the effectiveness or use of the
8 hotline; and

9 (C) conduct research into the efficacy of
10 an annual mental health check for law enforce-
11 ment officers;

12 (2) in consultation with the Secretary of Home-
13 land Security and the head of other Federal agencies
14 that employ law enforcement officers, examine the
15 mental health and wellness needs of Federal law en-
16 forcement officers, including the efficacy of expand-
17 ing peer mentoring programs for law enforcement
18 officers at each Federal agency; and

19 (3) ensure that any recommendations, re-
20 sources, or programs provided under this Act protect
21 the privacy of participating law enforcement officers.

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