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# S. 867

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 4), 2017

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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

1 a report, which shall be made publicly available, on De-  
2 partment of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs  
3 mental health practices and services that could be adopted  
4 by Federal, State, local, or tribal law enforcement agen-  
5 cies.

6 (b) CASE STUDIES.—The Director of the Office of  
7 Community Oriented Policing Services shall submit to  
8 Congress a report—

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

13 (2) that focuses on case studies of programs de-  
14 signed primarily to address officer psychological  
15 health and well-being.

16 (c) PEER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM.—Section  
17 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
18 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(b)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

5 The Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-  
6 retary of Health and Human Services, shall develop re-  
7 sources to educate mental health providers about the cul-  
8 ture of Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement  
9 agencies and evidence-based therapies for mental health  
10 issues common to Federal, State, local, and tribal law en-  
11 forcement officers.

12 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS.**

13 The Attorney General shall—

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

16 (A) identify and review the effectiveness of  
17 any existing crisis hotlines for law enforcement  
18 officers;

19 (B) provide recommendations to Congress  
20 on whether Federal support for existing crisis  
21 hotlines or the creation of an alternative hotline  
22 would improve the effectiveness or use of the  
23 hotline; and

1           (C) conduct research into the efficacy of  
2           an annual mental health check for law enforce-  
3           ment officers;

4           (2) in consultation with the Secretary of Home-  
5           land Security and the head of other Federal agencies  
6           that employ law enforcement officers, examine the  
7           mental health and wellness needs of Federal law en-  
8           forcement officers, including the efficacy of expand-  
9           ing peer mentoring programs for law enforcement  
10          officers at each Federal agency; and

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

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