

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 886

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2019

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Treatment
3 Court Coordination Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that veterans treatment
6 courts are a successful program aimed at helping veterans
7 charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and the
8 benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

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

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
11 appropriations, in coordination with the Secretary of Vet-
12 erans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and
13 carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide
14 grants and technical assistance to court systems that—

15 (1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court
16 Program; or

17 (2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a
18 Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Sec-
19 retary.

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

1 (c) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—The Veterans Treatment
2 Court Program established under subsection (a) shall in-
3 clude the grant programs relating to veterans treatment
4 courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to
5 sections 2901, 2991, and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime
6 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10581,
7 10651, and 10701) or any other provision of law.

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

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
2019.

Attest:

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.