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# S. 2774

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, 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

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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 2019”.

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  
9 charged with nonviolent crimes receive the help and the  
10 benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

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

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

7 (1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court  
8 Program; or

9 (2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a  
10 Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Sec-  
11 retary.

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

18 (c) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—The Veterans Treatment  
19 Court Program established under subsection (a) shall in-  
20 clude the grant programs relating to veterans treatment  
21 courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to  
22 sections 2991 and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime Control  
23 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651, 10701)  
24 or any other provision of law.

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

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