

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 886, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 886

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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,*

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 non-violent crimes receive the help and the
10 benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

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

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

17 (1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court
18 Program; or

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

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

7 (c) PROGRAMS INCLUDED.—The Veterans Treatment
8 Court Program established under subsection (a) shall in-
9 clude the grant programs relating to veterans treatment
10 courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to
11 sections 2901, 2991, and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime
12 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10581,
13 10651, and 10701) or any other provision of law.

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