

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1181
OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON OPER-**
2 **ATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL**
3 **BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM WITH RE-**
4 **SPECT TO VETERANS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
6 States shall conduct a study on the operation of the Na-
7 tional Instant Criminal Background Check System with
8 respect to veterans to make recommendations for the im-
9 provement of such system.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
12 submit to Congress a report that includes each of the fol-
13 lowing:

14 (1) A description and analysis of Department of
15 Veterans Affairs practices for identifying and sub-
16 mitting records of veterans to the Attorney General
17 for purposes of the National Instant Criminal Back-
18 ground Check System.

1 (2) An assessment of how the 21st Century
2 Cures Act (Public Law 114–255) will impact current
3 practice by the Department of Veterans Affairs to
4 share mental health records for purposes of the Na-
5 tional Instant Criminal Background Check System.

6 (3) A review of the number of veterans cur-
7 rently prohibited from possessing or receiving fire-
8 arms by reason of a determination made by the De-
9 partment of Veterans Affairs, including a breakdown
10 of all service-connected disabilities, by diagnostic
11 code, that factored into such a determination.

12 (4) A review, by State and by year, of the num-
13 bers of denials and delayed denial cases identified by
14 the Federal Bureau of Investigation or referred to
15 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms since
16 2003 that involve individuals prohibited from pos-
17 sessing or receiving firearms by reason of a deter-
18 mination made by the Department of Veterans Af-
19 fairs.

20 (5) The number of veterans who have com-
21 mitted suicide using a firearm who were prohibited
22 from possessing or receiving a firearm by reason of
23 a determination made by the Department of Vet-
24 erans Affairs or the application of any law.

1 (6) Recommendations for any legislative or ad-
2 ministrative actions that could improve the process
3 used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to pro-
4 vide information for purposes of the National In-
5 stant Criminal Background Check System or to
6 make determinations affecting the ability of a vet-
7 eran to possess or receive a firearm, under including
8 determinations, notice, and appeals for veterans.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on the operation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System with respect to veterans, and for other purposes.”.

