

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4035
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Real Justice for Our
3 Veterans Act of 2021”.

**4 SEC. 2. EQUAL ACCESS TO VETERANS COURT TREATMENT
5 PROGRAMS FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MI-
6 NORITIES AND WOMEN.**

7 Section 2991(i)(2) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
8 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651(i)(2)) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years
11 after the date of enactment of this subpara-
12 graph, the Attorney General shall submit to
13 Congress a report on the effectiveness of vet-
14 erans treatment court programs. In preparing
15 such a report, the Attorney General shall con-
16 duct a national multi-site evaluation of such
17 programs, including an assessment of—

1 “(i) the population served by such
2 programs;

3 “(ii) whether such programs use evi-
4 dence-based treatments for substance use
5 and mental health, including medication
6 for addiction treatment;

7 “(iii) recidivism rates of participants
8 in such programs;

9 “(iv) program completion rates; and

10 “(v) whether racial and ethnic minori-
11 ties and women have equal access to such
12 programs and an equal opportunity to
13 complete such programs, including by col-
14 lecting and analyzing data related to ad-
15 mission in such programs and completion
16 of such programs, to ensure there are not
17 disparities related to race, ethnicity, or
18 sex.”.

19 **SEC. 3. VETERANS PILOT PROGRAM ON PROMISING RETEN-**
20 **TION MODELS.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General, acting
22 through the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance,
23 shall carry out a pilot program to make grants to eligible
24 units of local government to improve retention in veterans
25 treatment court programs (as such term is defined in sec-

1 tion 2991 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
2 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651)) and drug court programs.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant
4 under subsection (a), a unit of local government shall op-
5 erate a veterans treatment court program or a drug court.

6 (c) APPLICATION.—A unit of local government seek-
7 ing a grant through the pilot program under subsection
8 (a) shall submit to the Attorney General an application
9 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
10 mation as the Attorney General may reasonably require,
11 including—

12 (1) a description of the therapeutic or treat-
13 ment modality that the unit of local government
14 plans to implement and data to support the use of
15 the therapeutic or treatment modality, including in-
16 formation showing how the therapeutic or treatment
17 modality will promote retention in and completion of
18 veterans treatment court programs and drug court
19 programs; and

20 (2) detailed plans on how the applicant would
21 test the efficacy of the therapeutic or treatment mo-
22 dality.

23 (e) REPORTING METRICS.—Not later than 180 days
24 after receiving a grant under subsection (a), a unit of local
25 government shall submit to the Attorney General a report,

1 which includes demographic information of participants in
2 the veterans treatment court program, and completion
3 rates of such participants. The Attorney General shall de-
4 velop guidelines for the report required under this sub-
5 section.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of fis-
8 cal years 2022 through 2027 to carry out this section.

9 **SEC. 4. ADMISSION OF VETERANS TO DRUG COURTS.**

10 In the case of a jurisdiction that does not operate
11 a veterans treatment court program (as such term is de-
12 fined in section 2991 of the Omnibus Crime Control and
13 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651)), but that
14 does operate a drug court under part EE of the Omnibus
15 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
16 10611 et seq.), a veteran who would be eligible to partici-
17 pate in a veterans treatment court program may partici-
18 pate in the drug court, including a veteran who is a violent
19 offender (as such term is defined in section 2953(a) of
20 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
21 (34 U.S.C. 10613(a))).

