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To authorize veterans' treatment courts and encourage services for veterans through drug courts under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN (for himself, Mr. YODER, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. ANDREWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 "Servicemember Assist-
5 ance for Lawful Understanding, Treatment, and Edu-
6 cation Act" or the "SALUTE Act".

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR VETERANS COURTS.**

2 (a) VETERANS AND DRUG COURTS.—Section 2951 of
3 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
4 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797u) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
7 by striking “and tribal drug courts” and insert-
8 ing “tribal drug courts, and veterans’ treatment
9 courts and programs (in accordance with sub-
10 section (d))”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and
12 over offenders who are veterans (in accordance
13 with subsection (d)),” after “problems”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(d) VETERANS.—

17 “(1) GRANTS.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
18 vision of this part, grants for continuing judicial su-
19 pervision over offenders who are veterans shall be
20 used for—

21 “(A) developing, implementing, or enhanc-
22 ing veterans’ treatment courts or expanding
23 operational mental health or drug courts to
24 serve veterans to ensure that such courts effec-
25 tively integrate substance abuse treatment,
26 mental health treatment, sanctions and incen-

1 tives, and transitional services, in a judicially
2 supervised court setting with jurisdiction over
3 offenders that have served in the United States
4 military; and

5 “(B) programs that involve—

6 “(i) continuing judicial supervision
7 over offenders with substance abuse or
8 mental health problems who have served in
9 the United States military; and

10 “(ii) the integrated administration of
11 other sanctions and services, which shall
12 include—

13 “(I) substance abuse and mental
14 health treatment (such as treatment
15 for depression and post-traumatic
16 stress disorder) for each participant;
17 and

18 “(II) diversion, probation, or
19 other supervised release involving the
20 possibility of prosecution, confine-
21 ment, or incarceration based on non-
22 compliance with program require-
23 ments or failure to show satisfactory
24 progress.

1 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this
2 section:

3 “(A) The term ‘veteran’ means a person
4 who served in the active military, naval, or air
5 service, and who was discharged or released
6 therefrom under conditions other than dishon-
7 orable.

8 “(B) The term ‘veterans’ treatment court’
9 means a program designed to offer a collabo-
10 rative rehabilitative approach for veterans in
11 certain criminal justice proceedings.

12 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In awarding grants in
13 accordance with this subsection, the Attorney Gen-
14 eral shall consult with the Secretary of Veterans Af-
15 fairs and any other appropriate officials.”.

16 (b) REPORTS.—Section 2958 of title I of the Omni-
17 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
18 U.S.C. 3797u–7) is amended by inserting before the pe-
19 riod the following: “, including data and an evaluation re-
20 port on the effectiveness of veterans’ treatment courts and
21 programs (as applicable)”.

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
23 1001(a)(25)(B) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
24 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
25 3793u(a)(25)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the

1 following new sentence: “Of the sums remaining for this
2 program in each fiscal year after such reservation, the At-
3 torney General shall reserve not less than 15 percent for
4 veterans’ treatment courts and programs under part
5 EE.”.

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