

Public Law 116–153  
116th Congress

An Act

Aug. 8, 2020  
[H.R. 886]

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

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Veteran  
Treatment Court  
Coordination Act  
of 2019.  
34 USC 10101  
note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019”.

**SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

It is the sense of Congress that veterans treatment courts are a successful program aimed at helping veterans charged with nonviolent crimes receive the help and the benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

34 USC 10651a.  
Grants.

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

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to court systems that—

(1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court Program;

or

Notice.

(2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Secretary.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the Veterans Treatment Court Program established under subsection (a) is to ensure the Department of Justice has a single office to coordinate the provision of grants, training, and technical assistance to help State, local, and Tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts.

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

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

Approved August 8, 2020.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 886:

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