

HR 4434

Fix NICS Act of 2017

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Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Dec 11, 2017

Committee Activity

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Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1625	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-141.
115 S 2135	Identical bill	Mar 14, 2018: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
115 HR 38	Related bill	Dec 7, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 4477	Related bill	Dec 5, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 322.

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This bill amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to require each federal agency and department, including a federal court, to:

- certify whether it has provided to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) disqualifying records of persons prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm, and
- establish and substantially comply with an implementation plan to maximize record submissions and verify their accuracy.

The bill amends the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 to:

- direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a state implementation plan, including benchmarks, to maximize the automation and submission of mental health and criminal history records to the NICS;
- waive the grant match requirement under the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) for a state that complies with its implementation plan;
- reauthorize through FY2022 the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP);
- establish, as a priority area for NARIP grant funding, a domestic abuse and violence prevention initiative; and
- create a funding preference under the NARIP program for states that establish an implementation plan and use grant funds to upload felony conviction and domestic violence records.

It amends the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 to reauthorize through FY2022 the NCHIP program. If a state complies with its implementation plan, then the federal share of an NCHIP grant may exceed 90% of program costs.

Actions Timeline

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