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Fix NICS Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1625	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-141.
115 S 2135	Related bill	Mar 14, 2018: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
115 HR 4343	Related bill	Dec 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 4434	Related bill	Dec 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 38	Related bill	Dec 7, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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(Sec. 2) 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.

(Sec. 3) The bill amends the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 to modify the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP). Specifically, it:

- establishes a domestic abuse and violence prevention initiative as a priority area for NARIP grant funding, and
- creates a funding preference for states that establish an implementation plan and use grant funds to upload felony conviction and domestic violence records.

(Sec. 4) It amends the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 to modify the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). Specifically, it:

- specifies that facilitating full participation in the NICS, as an allowable use of NCHIP grant funds, includes increasing efforts to pre-validate felony conviction and domestic violence records to expedite eligibility determinations; and
- permits the federal share of a grant to exceed 90% of program costs if a state complies with its implementation plan.

(Sec. 5) This section amends the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 to:

- direct the Department of Justice (DOJ), in coordination with each state or tribal government, to establish an implementation plan, including benchmarks, to maximize the automation and submission of mental health and criminal history records to the NICS;
- require DOJ to conduct, and publish the results of, compliance determinations for state and tribal governments;
- give preference to certain discretionary grant applicants that substantially comply with an implementation plan; and
- require the NICS to notify law enforcement agencies when a firearm is transferred to a person who is subsequently determined to be prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm.

(Sec. 6) DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance must report to Congress on the use of bump stocks in the commission of crimes, including the number of instances and the types of firearms.

(Sec. 7) The bill authorizes appropriations for FY2018-FY2022 to carry out activities under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-437.
- **Dec 5, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 322.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 6.