

S 867

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (May 17, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 26, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 1, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 11, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 11, 2017
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 11, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 16, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 16, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 16, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 16, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2228	Identical bill	Jan 10, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-113.

Summary (as of May 16, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report on Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs mental health practices and services that could be adopted by law enforcement agencies.

Additionally, DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services must report on programs to address the psychological health and well-being of law enforcement officers.

The bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the allowable use of grant funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to include establishing peer mentoring mental health and wellness pilot programs within state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

(Sec. 3) DOJ must coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services to develop educational resources for mental health providers regarding the culture of law enforcement agencies and therapies for mental health issues common to law enforcement officers.

(Sec. 4) DOJ must also: (1) review existing crisis hotlines, recommend improvements, and research annual mental health checks; (2) examine the mental health and wellness needs of federal officers; and (3) ensure that recommendations, resources, or programs under this bill protect the privacy of participating officers.

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 17, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **May 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2955)
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- **May 16, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2955)
- **May 16, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2955)
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.