

## HR 4035

Real Justice for Our Veterans Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 28, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4035>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Oct 15, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 25, 2021
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill expands data collection on the effectiveness of veteran treatment court programs, incentivizes local governments to improve retention rates in veteran treatment court programs and drug court programs, and expands options for veterans to participate in drug court programs.

First, the bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report on the effectiveness of veteran treatment court programs. The report must assess the population served by the programs, whether the programs use evidence-based treatments, the recidivism rates of participants, and program completion rates. The report must also assess whether women and racial and ethnic minorities have equal access to the programs and an equal opportunity to participate.

Second, the bill requires DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement a pilot program to make grants for local governments to improve retention in veteran treatment court programs and drug court programs.

Finally, this bill allows a veteran (including a veteran who is a violent offender) to participate in a drug court program instead of a veteran treatment court program if a jurisdiction does not operate a veteran treatment court program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 28, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5940-5942)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4035.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5940)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5940)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-154.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 112.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.