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H. R. 2228

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement
3 Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

5 (a) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Attorney
6 General shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and
7 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress
8 a report, which shall be made publicly available, on De-
9 partment of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs
10 mental health practices and services that could be adopted
11 by Federal, State, local, or tribal law enforcement agen-
12 cies.

13 (b) CASE STUDIES.—The Director of the Office of
14 Community Oriented Policing Services shall submit to
15 Congress a report—

16 (1) that is similar to the report entitled
17 “Health, Safety, and Wellness Program Case Stud-
18 ies in Law Enforcement” published by the Office of
19 Community Oriented Policing Services in 2015; and

20 (2) that focuses on case studies of programs de-
21 signed primarily to address officer psychological
22 health and well-being.

23 (c) PEER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM.—Section
24 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
25 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (21), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (22), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(23) to establish peer mentoring mental health
7 and wellness pilot programs within State, tribal, and
8 local law enforcement agencies.”.

9 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.**

10 The Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-
11 retary of Health and Human Services, shall develop re-
12 sources to educate mental health providers about the cul-
13 ture of Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement
14 agencies and evidence-based therapies for mental health
15 issues common to Federal, State, local, and tribal law en-
16 forcement officers.

17 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS.**

18 The Attorney General shall—

19 (1) in consultation with Federal, State, local,
20 and tribal law enforcement agencies—

21 (A) identify and review the effectiveness of
22 any existing crisis hotlines for law enforcement
23 officers;

24 (B) provide recommendations to Congress
25 on whether Federal support for existing crisis

1 hotlines or the creation of an alternative hotline
2 would improve the effectiveness or use of the
3 hotline; and

4 (C) conduct research into the efficacy of
5 an annual mental health check for law enforce-
6 ment officers;

7 (2) in consultation with the Secretary of Home-
8 land Security and the head of other Federal agencies
9 that employ law enforcement officers, examine the
10 mental health and wellness needs of Federal law en-
11 forcement officers, including the efficacy of expand-
12 ing peer mentoring programs for law enforcement
13 officers at each Federal agency;

14 (3) ensure that any recommendations, re-
15 sources, or programs provided under this Act protect
16 the privacy of participating law enforcement officers;
17 and

18 (4) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
19 actment of this Act, submit a report to Congress
20 containing findings from the review and research

- 1 under paragraphs (1) and (2), and final rec-
- 2 ommendations based upon those findings.

Passed the House of Representatives November 28,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.