

Union Calendar No. 507

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8354

[Report No. 116–618]

To establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mr.
CORREA, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. NEGUSE

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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary; committed to the Committee
of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemembers and
5 Veterans Initiative Act of 2020.”

6 **SEC. 2. SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
8 Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil
9 Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

10 (b) DUTIES.—The Servicemembers and Veterans Ini-
11 tiative shall—

12 (1) serve as legal and policy advisor to the At-
13 torney General on the Department of Justice’s ef-
14 forts to enforce criminal and civil laws that impact
15 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

16 (2) develop policy recommendations for the At-
17 torney General on how the Department of Justice
18 may improve enforcement of Federal law to support
19 servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

20 (3) serve as the liaison and point of contact be-
21 tween the Department of Justice and the military
22 departments;

23 (4) provide counsel to the Assistant Attorney
24 General for the Office of Justice Programs to ensure

1 funding decisions take into account servicemembers,
2 veterans, and their families;

3 (5) consult with components of the Department
4 of Justice to promote the provision of civil legal aid
5 to servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

6 (6) serve as a liaison with the Assistant Attor-
7 ney General for the Criminal Division to coordinate
8 the prosecution of Federal crimes involving fraud
9 that target servicemembers; and

10 (7) enforce other Federal laws that protect
11 servicemembers and veterans, as the Attorney Gen-
12 eral determines appropriate.

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