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H. R. 2228

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PASCARELL, and Mr. REICHERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Law Enforcement
5 Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017”.

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

7 (a) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Attorney
8 General shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and
9 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress

1 a report, which shall be made publicly available, on De-
2 partment of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs
3 mental health practices and services that could be adopted
4 by Federal, State, local, or tribal law enforcement agen-
5 cies.

6 (b) CASE STUDIES.—The Director of the Office of
7 Community Oriented Policing Services shall submit to
8 Congress a report—

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

13 (2) that focuses on case studies of programs de-
14 signed primarily to address officer psychological
15 health and well-being.

16 (c) PEER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM.—Section
17 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
18 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(b)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS.**

13 The Attorney General shall—

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

16 (A) identify and review the effectiveness of
17 any existing crisis hotlines for law enforcement
18 officers;

19 (B) provide recommendations to Congress
20 on whether Federal support for existing crisis
21 hotlines or the creation of an alternative hotline
22 would improve the effectiveness or use of the
23 hotline; and

1 (C) conduct research into the efficacy of
2 an annual mental health check for law enforce-
3 ment officers;

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

11 (3) ensure that any recommendations, re-
12 sources, or programs provided under this Act protect
13 the privacy of participating law enforcement officers.

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