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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Gaetz) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment**

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3                   Delete lines 21 - 42

4 and insert:

5 requirements provided in under subsection (8) may be admitted to  
6 a veterans treatment court program at any stage of a criminal  
7 proceeding. Entry into a veterans treatment court program must  
8 be based upon the sentencing court's assessment of the  
9 defendant's criminal history, substance abuse screening outcome,  
10 amenability to the services of the program, total sentence



11 points, the recommendation of the state attorney and the victim,  
12 if any, and the defendant's agreement to enter the program. A  
13 defendant seeking to participate in a veterans treatment court  
14 program must submit an application to the state attorney. The  
15 state attorney must review each application and determine  
16 whether the defendant meets the eligibility requirements in  
17 subsection (8).

18 (8) ELIGIBILITY.—

19 (a) A defendant may participate in a veterans treatment  
20 court program if he or she is approved by the multidisciplinary  
21 team state attorney, in consultation with the court, and meets  
22 the following criteria:

23 1. The defendant has a service-related mental health  
24 condition, service-related traumatic brain injury, service-  
25 related substance use disorder, or service-related psychological  
26 problem or has experienced military sexual trauma.

27 2. The defendant's participation in the veterans treatment  
28 court program is in the interest of justice and of benefit to  
29 the defendant and the community.

30 (b) In making the determination under subparagraph (a)2.,  
31 the multidisciplinary team the state attorney, in consultation  
32 with the court, must consider: