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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the establishment of defender organizations by Federal judicial districts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Access to Justice Act
5 of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFENDER ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 Section 3006A(g)(1) of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “QUALIFICA-
2 TIONS” and inserting “REQUIREMENT”;

3 (2) in the first sentence, by striking “or a part
4 of a district in which at least two hundred persons
5 annually require the appointment of counsel may”
6 and inserting “shall”; and

7 (3) by striking the second sentence and insert-
8 ing the following: “Notwithstanding the preceding
9 sentence, 2 adjacent districts or parts of districts
10 may establish a single defender organization to serve
11 both areas.”.