

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2029, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3),
2 amounts made available under the “General Operating
3 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” account for
4 fiscal year 2016 may be used by the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs to provide discretionary competitive grants for
6 State and local governments to establish or expand tech-
7 nology systems that develop a coordinated network of pri-
8 vate, public and nonprofit services and resources to better
9 serve veterans and their family members. A State or local
10 government awarded a grant under this section shall work
11 with an entity that has experience working with com-
12 prehensive coordinated networks, protects privacy of vet-
13 erans and their families, ensures the quality of providers,
14 and has a metrics system to effectively measure success
15 of the network.

16 (2) Amounts used as described in paragraph (1) may
17 not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate decrease
18 in the total amount made available by this Act for the

1 "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
2 Administration" account.

3 (3) Each grant made under paragraph (1) shall be
4 subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropria-
5 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

