

HR 4943

Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2002

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 107 S 2619 | Identical bill | Jul 31, 2002: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. |

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2002)

Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2002 - Directs the Bureau of Justice Statistics to carry out an annual, comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape. Establishes within the Bureau the Review Panel on Prison Rape. Directs the Panel to request the public testimony of Federal, State, and local officials who bear responsibility for the prevention, detection, and punishment of prison rape at specified entities. Provides for a reduction in Federal funds for entities whose officials refuse to testify.

Requires the Bureau to submit an annual report to Congress, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on its activities regarding prison rape, including: (1) statistical, sociological, and psychological data regarding the effects of prison rape; and (2) statistical data regarding the incidence of prison rape.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) carry out a program to collect complaints of prison rape from inmates, transmit complaints to the appropriate authorities, and provide for periodic reviews of responses; and (2) establish a national information clearinghouse, conduct periodic training and education programs, and make grants with respect to prison rape prevention, investigation, and prosecution.

Establishes the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission to: (1) study the impact of prison rape on Federal, State, and local governments and communities and social institution; and (2) report recommended national standards for reducing prison rape and protocols for preserving evidence and treating victims.

Directs: (1) the Attorney General to publish a notice of proposed rule-making for the adoption of national standards; and (2) the Secretary to complete a review of model programs and protocols for the response to and treatment of acute trauma for rape victims within prisons and jails.

Actions Timeline

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