

## HR 1707

Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 12, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1435	Related bill	<b>Sep 4, 2003:</b> Became Public Law No: 108-79.
108 HR 1765	Identical bill	<b>Apr 22, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## Summary (as of Jul 18, 2003)

Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003 - (Sec. 4) Directs the Bureau of Justice Statistics to carry out, annually, a comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape. Requires: (1) the review and analysis to be based on a sample of not less than ten percent of all Federal, State, and county prisons, and a representative sample of municipal prisons, that includes at least one prison from each State; and (2) Federal, State, or local officials or facility administrators that receive a request from the Bureau to participate in the national survey and provide access to any inmates under their legal custody.

Establishes within the Department of Justice the Review Panel on Prison Rape to carry out, for each calendar year, public hearings concerning the operation of the three prisons with the highest incidence of prison rape and the two prisons with the lowest incidence in each category of facilities identified. Declares that the purpose of these hearings shall be to collect evidence to aid in the identification of common characteristics of: (1) victims and perpetrators of prison rape; (2) prisons and prison systems with a high incidence of prison rape; and (3) prisons and prison systems that appear to have been successful in deterring prison rape.

Requires the Attorney General to submit an annual report to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on Bureau and Panel activities regarding prison rape. Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2010.

(Sec. 5) Establishes within the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) a national clearinghouse for the provision of information, assistance, and training to Federal, State, and local authorities for the prevention, investigation, and punishment of prison rape.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Attorney General to make grants to to assist States in ensuring that budgetary circumstances do not compromise efforts to protect inmates and to safeguard the communities to which inmates return. Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2010, with a limitation.

(Sec. 7) Establishes the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission to: (1) study the impact of prison rape on Federal, State, and local governments and on communities and social institutions; and (2) report recommended national standards for enhancing the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Attorney General, within one year after receiving such report, to publish a final rule adopting national standards. Provides for a five percent reduction of any amount of grant funds for prisons that a State would otherwise receive for a fiscal year, unless the chief executive of the State submits to the Attorney General: (1) a certification that the State has adopted, and is in full compliance with, the national standards; or (2) an assurance that not less than five percent of such amount shall be used only to enable the State to adopt and achieve full compliance with such standards, so as to ensure that such certification may be submitted in future years. Requires the Attorney General to publish an annual report listing each grantee that is not in compliance with the standards.

(Sec. 9) Prohibits the receipt of Federal grants by penal facility accreditation organizations that fail to adopt accreditation standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 18, 2003:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-219.
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- **Jul 18, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 121.
- **Jul 9, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 9, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1371-1372)
- **Jun 12, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 12, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 29, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 22, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E758)
- **Apr 9, 2003:** Introduced in House
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