

HR 5035

Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 17, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 460	Related bill	Jun 6, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1208)
110 HR 79	Related bill	Feb 2, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Jan 17, 2008)

Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2008 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to eliminate: (1) increased and mandatory minimum penalties for drug offenses involving mixtures or substances which contain cocaine base (i.e., crack cocaine); and (2) restrictions on judicial authority to grant probation or suspended sentences for certain cocaine offenses.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2013 for federal pretrial diversion and post conviction drug courts.

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize appropriations for FY2009-FY2013 for the drug courts grant program.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 17, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 17, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 17, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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