HR 2289

Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 6, 2009)

Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2009 - Requires states to: (1) enact laws and adopt policies to grant child offenders who are serving a life sentence a meaningful opportunity for parole or supervised release at least once during their first 15 years of incarceration and at least once every three years thereafter; and (2) provide notice of such laws and policies to the public and to victims of child offenders. Defines "child offender who is serving a life sentence" as an individual who is convicted of a criminal offense before attaining the age of 18 and sentenced to a term of imprisonment for life or a term exceeding 15 years.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) establish and implement a system of early release for each child offender who is under a life sentence in a federal prison; and (2) award grants to states to improve legal representation and other services for child defendants charged with an offense carrying a possible sentence of life in prison.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 5, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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