

## HR 4335

### Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2009 - Amends the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act to: (1) eliminate the requirement of a prior showing of physical injury before a prisoner may bring a claim for mental or emotional injury suffered while in custody; and (2) provide for a 90-day stay of nonfrivolous claims relating to prison conditions to allow prison officials to consider such claims through the administrative process; and (3) exclude from the application of such Act prisoners under the age of 18.

Amends the federal criminal code to: (1) exempt prisoners under the age of 18 from the restrictions imposed by the Prison Litigation Reform Act; and (2) expand the discretionary authority of judges in awarding relief in actions involving prison conditions.

Amends the federal judicial code to: (1) exempt prisoners under the age of 18 from certain restrictions on in forma pauperis proceedings; (2) expand the number of in forma pauperis actions a prisoner may bring; and (3) revise requirements for assessing filing fees and costs against prisoners in such actions.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.