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Gideon's Promise Act

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1904-

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 19, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 822	Related bill	Nov 7, 2013: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2013)

Gideon's Promise Act - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require grant applicants under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to include in grant applications a comprehensive state-wide plan for the improvement of the administration of the criminal justice system. Makes it unlawful for government entities or their agents to engage in a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives indigent defendants of their constitutional rights to assistance of counsel in criminal proceedings.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1903-1904, S1905-1907)
- **Mar 18, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1904-1905)