

S 657

Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act of 2013

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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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. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 22, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 14, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of State to report annually to Congress for 6 years describing prison and detention facility conditions in at least 30 countries receiving U.S. assistance or under U.S. sanction selected as a result of the Secretary's determination that such conditions raise the most serious human rights or humanitarian concerns.

Urges the Secretary and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide assistance to eliminate inhumane conditions in prisons and other detention facilities. Prohibits such funds from being used to construct new prisons.

Directs the Secretary to enter into negotiations to achieve the purposes of this Act with a government listed in the report as not making significant compliance efforts. Authorizes the Secretary and the Administrator to restructure or reduce U.S. assistance to such government in order to achieve such purposes.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish within the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor a full-time equivalent Deputy Assistant Secretary level position to advance the purposes of this Act; and (2) provide training for Foreign Service officers in assessing foreign prison and detention facility conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 246.
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 22, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2335-2336)
- **Mar 22, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.