

## S 3145

### Gideon Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jul 7, 2016

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure:

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CR S4917-4918) (Jul 7, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3145>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 7, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jul 7, 2016)

#### Clarence Gideon Full Access to Justice Act or the Gideon Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code by establishing the Defender Office for Supreme Court Advocacy as a private, nonmembership, nonprofit corporation. It must advocate on behalf of individuals in noncapital cases involving an issue of federal criminal statutory law or constitutional law before: (1) the Supreme Court of the United States, and (2) the highest courts in the states when resources permit. The office may also provide assistance to attorneys advocating on behalf of those individuals.

## Actions Timeline

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