

HR 5124

Equal Justice Under Law Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (May 17, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 11, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 11, 2016
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 25, 2016
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		May 25, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 26, 2016
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 26, 2016
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		May 26, 2016
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 9, 2016
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2016
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 5, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2016
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3144	Related bill	Jul 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4917-4918)

Summary (as of Apr 29, 2016)

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This bill states that an indigent individual facing criminal prosecution or juvenile delinquency in a state court is entitled to the effective assistance of counsel, as guaranteed by the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments, at the state's expense.

The bill authorizes a federal class action lawsuit against a state for its systemic failure to guarantee the right to effective assistance of counsel. The assistance of counsel is ineffective when a class of individuals demonstrates that counsel's performance was not reasonable under prevailing professional norms.

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 17, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.