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Corrections and Recidivism Reduction Act of 2016

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Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jul 20, 2015
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2015
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 16, 2016
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 12, 2016
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 10, 2016
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 18, 2016
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Dec 8, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 5, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 238	Related bill	Mar 9, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-133.
114 HR 1545	Related bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 HR 1592	Related bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 HR 472	Related bill	Feb 19, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 S 368	Related bill	Feb 4, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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TITLE I--RECIDIVISM RISK REDUCTION

Recidivism Risk Reduction Act

(Sec. 102) This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to: (1) develop a prisoner risk and needs assessment system; (2) develop recommendations regarding recidivism reduction programs and productive activities; and (3) conduct ongoing research regarding data analysis on best practices, needs assessment tools, and recidivism reduction programs.

(Sec. 103) The bill establishes requirements regarding the assessment system and DOJ's recommendations.

(Sec. 106) The bill amends the federal criminal code to establish procedures for implementation of the assessment system and DOJ's recommendations by the Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

TITLE II--RESTRAINTS ON PREGNANT PRISONERS PROHIBITED

(Sec. 201) With specified exceptions, the bill prohibits the use of restraints on federal prisoners who are pregnant or in postpartum recovery.

TITLE III--BUREAU OF PRISONS USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY

Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act of 2016

(Sec. 302) The bill requires the BOP to issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees who respond to emergency situations at high-security, medium-security, and administrative facilities. Officers and employees may use pepper spray to reduce violent acts by prisoners and visitors.

(Sec. 303) The Government Accountability Office shall: (1) evaluate the effectiveness of issuance of pepper spray issued pursuant to this bill and the advisability of its use in minimum- or low-security prisons, and (2) make recommendations to improve the safety of BOP officers and employees.

TITLE IV--BUREAU OF PRISONS SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE

Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2016

(Sec. 403) The BOP must ensure that each chief executive officer of a federal penal or correctional institution: (1) allows qualified law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms beyond the institution's secure perimeter, and (2) either provides such officers with a secure firearm-storage area beyond the perimeter or allows them to store firearms in a BOP-approved vehicle lockbox.

TITLE V--MISCELLANEOUS

(Sec. 501) The BOP must incorporate specialized and comprehensive de-escalation training into its training programs.

(Sec. 503) The bill generally prohibits the monitoring of electronic communications between a prisoner in a BOP facility and the prisoner's attorney.

(Sec. 504) The BOP shall establish pilot programs related to: (1) pairing incarcerated youth with volunteer mentors; and (2) equipping prisoners with skills to provide training and therapy to abandoned, rescued, or otherwise vulnerable animals.

(Sec. 505) The bill requires supervision by probation officers and pretrial services officers, when directed by the court, of conditionally released persons determined to be sexually dangerous.

(Sec. 506) The bill expands data collection requirements regarding the National Prisoner Statistics Program.

(Sec. 507) The bill reauthorizes through FY2020, and revises, the Federal Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

A defendant may make a motion for modification of an imposed term of imprisonment if the BOP does not make such a motion within 30 days of a defendant's request.

(Sec. 508) The BOP must designate a release preparation coordinator at each BOP facility that houses prisoners.

Each prisoner shall, with individualized assistance, develop a comprehensive release plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-894.
- **Dec 23, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 704.
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 11, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 5, 2016:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.