

S 1524

Dignity Act

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Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 19, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 14, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5575	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act of 2017 or the Dignity Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code to establish requirements for the treatment of prisoners.

It directs the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to place prisoners as close to their children as possible, provide videoconferencing free of charge, provide trauma-informed care to prisoners diagnosed with trauma, and make specified health products (e.g., tampons) available free of charge.

Additionally, with respect to prisoners who are primary caretaker parents, the BOP must provide parenting classes, allow visitation from family members, and establish a pilot program to allow overnight visits from family members.

Finally, the bill allows a prisoner who is pregnant or a primary caretaker parent to participate in a residential substance abuse treatment program, even if the individual failed to disclose a substance abuse problem.

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