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GRACE Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 756	Related bill	**Dec 21, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-391.
115 S 3649	Related bill	**Nov 26, 2018:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 674.
115 HR 5682	Related bill	**May 23, 2018:** Received in the Senate.
115 S 2795	Related bill	**May 7, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR 5/9/2018 S2580-2581; text of measure as introduced: CR S2518-2527)

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2018)

Granting Release And Compassion Effectively Act of 2018 or the GRACE Act

The bill amends the Second Chance Act of 2007 to modify provisions that authorize the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to reduce the prison term (i.e., release early) certain federal prisoners.

Specifically, in the case of a defendant diagnosed with a terminal illness, the bill requires the BOP to comply with new requirements. Among other things, the BOP must

- notify the defendant's representatives of the terminal illness and opportunity to request a reduced sentence, and
- allow family members to visit the defendant.

Actions Timeline

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