

S 2795

FIRST STEP Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 7, 2018
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Aug 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 7, 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 3747	Related bill	Dec 13, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 731.
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 613	Related bill	May 16, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 S 2471	Related bill	Feb 28, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 S 1084	Related bill	May 10, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Formerly Incarcerated Reenter Society Transformed Safely Transitioning Every Person Act or the FIRST STEP Act

This bill amends various provisions of law and sets forth new provisions:

- to require the Department of Justice to establish and the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to implement a risk and needs assessment system to assess prisoner recidivism risk; guide housing, grouping, and program assignments; and incentivize and reward participation in and completion of recidivism reduction programs and productive activities;
- to modify the computation of good time credit;
- to allow federal correctional officers to securely store and carry concealed firearms on BOP premises outside the security perimeter of a prison;
- to limit the use of restraints on federal prisoners who are pregnant or in postpartum recovery;
- to require a prisoner to be placed at a facility not more than 500 driving miles away from the prisoner's primary residence;
- to require low-risk prisoners to be placed on home confinement for the maximum amount of time permitted;
- to reauthorize through FY2022 and modify eligibility for an elderly offender early release pilot program;
- to require the BOP to help prisoners obtain identification documents prior to release, to incorporate de-escalation procedures into training programs, and to make tampons and sanitary napkins available free of charge;
- to repeal the National Institute of Corrections;
- to authorize Federal Prison Industries to sell products to additional markets;
- to require probation and pretrial services officers to perform court-directed supervision of sex offenders conditionally released from civil commitment;
- to require auditors who monitor compliance with national prison rape standards be certified; and
- to require the BOP to establish pilot programs on youth mentorship and service to abandoned, rescued, or vulnerable animals.

Actions Timeline

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