

## S 329

### MERCY Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 7, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/329>

### Sponsor

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

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 5, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1906	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 S 827	Related bill	<b>Apr 5, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 901	Identical bill	<b>Mar 9, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Maintaining dignity and Eliminating unnecessary Restrictive Confinement of Youths Act of 2017 or the MERCY Act**

This bill amends the federal criminal code to prohibit juvenile solitary confinement, except as a temporary response to behavior that poses a serious and immediate risk of harm.

**Actions Timeline**

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