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First Step Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (42 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 26, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 27, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 27, 2018
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Nov 27, 2018
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 27, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 28, 2018
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 28, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 29, 2018
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 29, 2018
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Dec 5, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 5, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 6, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Dec 6, 2018
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 10, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 10, 2018
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 12, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 12, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Dec 13, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 18, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 18, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 18, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 18, 2018

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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 18, 2018

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

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 HR 5682	Related bill	May 23, 2018: Received in the Senate.
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 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)
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.

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 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 reduce mandatory minimum prison terms for certain nonviolent repeat drug offenses;
- to broaden the existing safety valve to permit a sentence below the mandatory minimum for certain nonviolent, cooperative drug offenders with a limited criminal history;
- to make the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 retroactive;
- to require prisoners to be placed within 500 miles of their 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 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 the BOP to establish pilot programs on youth mentorship and service to abandoned, rescued, or vulnerable animals; and
- to limit juvenile solitary confinement.

Actions Timeline

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