

## S 3649

### First Step Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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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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- **Nov 26, 2018:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 674.
- **Nov 15, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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