

## HR 4261

SAFE Justice Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 6, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Nov 21, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4261>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Dec 21, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 10, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 21, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 6, 2017)

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### Safe, Accountable, Fair, Effective Justice Act or the SAFE Justice Act

This bill alters various provisions of federal sentencing laws to expand the existing safety valve, expand eligibility for early release, and reduce mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug offenses.

The bill also makes several other changes, including the following:

- to limit the application of drug offense mandatory minimums to leaders, organizers, or employees of drug trafficking organizations;
- to establish a post-sentencing risk and needs assessment system for use in federal prison facilities;
- to allow prisoners to earn up to 54 days per year of the sentence imposed (instead of 54 days per year of the sentence actually served); and
- to permit prisoners to earn additional time credits for successful completion of recidivism reduction risk programs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Nov 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.