

## HR 5043

### Fresh Start Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 15, 2018

**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. (Feb 15, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5043>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 15, 2018
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 15, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes a process to expunge records related to certain nonviolent criminal offenses.

It defines the nonviolent offenses eligible for expungement; it establishes qualifications for an eligible offender; and it sets forth procedures for filing an expungement petition.

The bill increases by 5% the allocation of funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for a state that implements expungement procedures substantially similar to this bill. It decreases by 5% the JAG allocation for a state that fails to enact substantially similar expungement procedures.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 15, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E193-194)
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.