

## HR 121

Fresh Start Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jan 3, 2019
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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jan 3, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Fresh Start Act of 2019**

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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- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.