

## HR 1949

To authorize the court to depart from a statutory minimum in the case of a juvenile offender, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 28, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (May 3, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1949>

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### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 28, 2019)

This bill addresses the sentencing of juvenile offenders.

Specifically, the bill requires courts to consider the diminished culpability of juveniles compared to that of adults when sentencing juvenile offenders. It allows courts to impose a sentence below the mandatory minimum by up to 35% to reflect the juvenile's age and prospect for rehabilitation.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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