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State Justice Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 3, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Mar 3, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2020

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6061	Identical bill	Mar 3, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 the State Justice Institute, a nonprofit corporation established by federal law, and authorizes the institute to award grants for the development and implementation of best policies and practices for the constitutional and equitable enforcement of fines, fees, and monetary bail.

Specifically, the institute may award these grants to state and local courts, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and other specified entities. The policies and practices must incorporate guidance that courts should, among other things, prohibit the use of monetary bail schedules and consider alternatives to incarceration for defendants who are unable to pay fines and monetary bail.

Actions Timeline

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