

## S 597

Marijuana Justice Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 28, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/597>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1456	Identical bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 1893	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 697	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Marijuana Justice Act of 2019**

This bill decriminalizes marijuana.

Specifically, it removes marijuana from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled Substances Act and eliminates criminal penalties for an individual who imports, exports, manufactures, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute marijuana.

Additionally, the bill does the following:

- reduces federal funds for a state that has not legalized marijuana and has a disproportionate arrest rate or a disproportionate incarceration rate for marijuana offenses,
- directs federal courts to expunge convictions for marijuana use or possession, and
- establishes a fund—the Community Reinvestment Fund—to support grants in communities most affected by the war on drugs.

## **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.