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Dignity Act

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 2, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 2, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2034	Identical bill	May 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act of 2019 or the Dignity Act

This bill establishes requirements for the treatment of prisoners.

The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) must provide adequate health care, provide videoconferencing free of charge, train employees to identify trauma-related health needs, and make specified health products (e.g., tampons) available free of charge.

Additionally, with respect to prisoners who are primary caretaker parents, the BOP must provide parenting classes, allow visitation from family members, and establish a pilot program to allow overnight visits from family members.

Finally, the bill allows a prisoner who is pregnant or a primary caretaker parent to participate in a residential substance abuse treatment program, even if the individual failed to disclose a substance abuse problem.

Actions Timeline

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