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First Step Implementation Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 16, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 6, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 3, 2022
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 25, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 19, 2022
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 19, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3510	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill makes various changes related to federal sentencing law and requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish procedures to ensure the prompt release and accuracy of employment-related background check records.

The bill

- allows certain reduced mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses to be applied retroactively to offenders who committed their offenses on or before December 21, 2018;
- permits a court, in certain circumstances, to grant safety valve relief (i.e., impose a sentence without regard to the statutory mandatory minimum penalty for certain drug offenses) for an otherwise eligible defendant who does not meet the requirement pertaining to criminal history;
- permits a court to reduce a sentence imposed on a defendant convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a juvenile if the defendant has served at least 20 years of the sentence;
- establishes a process to seal and expunge certain records of juvenile nonviolent offenses; and
- requires DOJ to establish and enforce procedures to ensure that records exchanged for employment-related background checks are promptly released and accurate.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 12, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 98.
- **Jun 10, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S1820-1826)