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Community-Based Sentencing Alternatives for Caretakers Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2277	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Apr 19, 2021)

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This bill requires sentencing courts to consider a community-based alternative sentence in the case of certain individuals who are caretakers (e.g., parents).

Current law sets forth seven factors that sentencing courts must consider when imposing a sentence.

This bill establishes a new, eighth factor that courts must consider when imposing a sentence on a caretaker for a nonviolent offense. Specifically, courts must consider a community-based alternative sentence, which is a sentence that may require the defendant to complete or participate in community-based programming, counseling, or treatment.

Actions Timeline

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