

HR 1693

EQUAL Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (56 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Spatz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 11, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		May 12, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 12, 2021
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		May 12, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 12, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 12, 2021
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		May 13, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 13, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 13, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 14, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 14, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 17, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 18, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		May 20, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2021

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Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Sep 14, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Sep 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 22, 2021
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 79	Identical bill	Jan 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Eliminating a Quantifiably Unjust Application of the Law Act of 2021 or the EQUAL Act of 2021

This bill eliminates the federal sentencing disparity between drug offenses involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

Currently, different threshold quantities of crack cocaine and powder cocaine (e.g., 28 grams of crack cocaine and 500 grams of powder cocaine) trigger the same statutory criminal penalties.

This bill eliminates the lower quantity thresholds for crack cocaine offenses. Under the bill, the same threshold quantities of crack cocaine and powder cocaine trigger the same statutory criminal penalties.

The change applies to future cases and cases pending on the date of enactment. With respect to past cases, the bill authorizes a sentencing court to impose a reduced sentence on a defendant who was convicted or sentenced for a specified crack cocaine offense before this bill's enactment. A defendant does not have to be present at the sentence reduction hearing. Finally, the bill prohibits the reduction of a sentence that was previously reduced.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Mr. Nadler moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5477-5481)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1693.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5492-5493)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 361 - 66 (Roll no. 297).(text: CR H5477)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 361 - 66 (Roll no. 297). (text: CR H5477)
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-128, Part I.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 92.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.