

## S 2156

### Equal Enforcement of Cocaine Laws Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 22, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jun 22, 2021)

#### Equal Enforcement of Cocaine Laws Act

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.

Under the bill, the same threshold quantity of crack cocaine and powder cocaine (e.g., 28 grams) triggers the same statutory criminal penalties.

The change applies to future cases and cases pending on the date of enactment. However, the change does not apply retroactively.

## **Actions Timeline**

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