HR 2858

Sara’s Law and the Preventing Unfair Sentencing Act of 2021

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3946	Related bill	**Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-347.
117 HR 5150	Related bill	**Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2021)

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This bill modifies federal sentencing options for individuals who commit criminal offenses as juveniles.

Specifically, the bill authorizes federal sentencing courts to do the following:

- impose a sentence below the mandatory minimum for a juvenile who was convicted of a violent offense against a person who engaged in certain conduct (e.g., trafficking, abuse, or assault) against the juvenile,
- impose a sentence below the mandatory minimum by up to 35% to reflect the juvenile's age and prospect for rehabilitation, and
- reduce a prison term imposed on a defendant convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a juvenile if the defendant has served at least 20 years in custody and is not a danger to public safety.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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