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BRICKS Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 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. (Jan 22, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/33>

### 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 | Jan 22, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action   |
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| 117 HR 687 | Identical bill | <b>Mar 22, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

## **Blocking Rioters and Insurrectionists from our Cities to Keep us Safe Act of 2021 or the BRICKS Act of 2021**

This bill increases criminal penalties for rioting and related offenses (e.g., inciting a riot).

First, the bill increases from 5 to 10 years the statutory maximum prison term for a rioting offense.

Second, it establishes higher statutory maximum penalties for rioting offenses that involve certain aggravating characteristics. Specifically, it provides

- a prison term of up to 25 years for a rioting offense that results in serious bodily injury or includes a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire; and
- a prison term of any years or for life for a rioting offense that results in death or includes kidnapping, attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse, attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or attempt to kill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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