

HR 3669

COVID–19 Safer Detention Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Aug 10, 2021
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Aug 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 312	Identical bill	Jun 8, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 68.
117 HR 929	Related bill	Apr 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill expands statutory authority for federal prisoners to be released before completing their sentences or to be placed in the community to serve the final portion of their sentences.

First, the bill makes changes to the early release pilot program. The early release pilot program authorizes the Bureau of Prisons to release early and place on home confinement elderly offenders and terminally ill offenders who meet eligibility criteria. This bill

- expands eligibility to offenders serving time for an offense under the laws of the District of Columbia,
- expands eligibility to offenders who have served at least one-half (currently, two-thirds) of their prison term,
- reduces the amount of time an offender must serve by the good time credits earned by the offender, and
- creates a judicial review process for prisoners and shortens the waiting period for judicial review during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Second, the bill modifies the compassionate release process. The compassionate release process authorizes federal courts to reduce a prisoner's sentence and impose a term of probation or supervised release in certain circumstances. This bill

- expands eligibility to prisoners sentenced before November 1, 1987,
- specifies that vulnerability to COVID-19 is a basis for compassionate release, and
- shortens the waiting period for judicial review during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.