

HR 3963

Emergency GRACE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 18, 2021
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 2095	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Emergency Grants of Release And Compassion Effectively Act of 2021 or the Emergency GRACE Act

This bill sets forth provisions to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19 in federal correctional facilities (e.g., prisons) and state prison systems.

Among the provisions, the bill

- expands access to temporary release on furlough and compassionate release for federal prisoners during a public health emergency;
- allows Medicaid payment for medical services furnished to an incarcerated individual during the 30-day period preceding the individual's release; and
- requires federal correctional facilities, including contract facilities, to follow the procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for limiting the spread of the coronavirus.

Additionally, the bill provides FY2021 and FY2022 supplemental appropriations to help state prison systems expand testing of inmates and facilitate the compassionate release of high-risk inmates. The supplemental appropriations are designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Budget, 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.