

# S 1152

Smarter Sentencing Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 30, 2023)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 30, 2023
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 2, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8672	Related bill	<b>Jun 7, 2024:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Smarter Sentencing Act of 2023**

This bill reduces statutory mandatory minimum penalties for certain drug offenses, requires reporting on the impact of cost savings from the reductions, and establishes a public database of federal criminal offenses.

First, the bill reduces statutory mandatory minimum penalties for two types of offenders: (1) individuals who manufacture, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance; and (2) couriers who import or export a controlled substance.

Second, the bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report on how the reduced expenditures on federal corrections and cost savings from the reductions in mandatory minimum sentences help to reduce overcrowding in federal prisons, increase investment in law enforcement and crime prevention, and reduce recidivism.

Third, the bill requires DOJ and federal agencies to report on and create public databases of all criminal offenses—criminal statutory offenses and criminal regulatory offenses.

## **Actions Timeline**

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