

## S 1248

Safer Detention Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 20, 2023
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Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 23, 2024
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Safer Detention Act of 2023**

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.

Second, the bill expands eligibility for the compassionate release process to prisoners sentenced before November 1, 1987. The compassionate release process authorizes federal courts to reduce a prisoner's sentence and impose a term of probation or supervised released in certain circumstances.

## **Actions Timeline**

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