

HR 3019

Federal Prison Oversight Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 24, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 30, 2023
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Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 5, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Sep 5, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Sep 5, 2023
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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 17, 2023
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Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Dec 6, 2023
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Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 30, 2024
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 1, 2024
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 1, 2024
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2024
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 1, 2024
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 6, 2024
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 6, 2024
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		May 21, 2024
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		May 21, 2024
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 21, 2024
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 21, 2024
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jul 10, 2024
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 10, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3019	Identical bill	Jul 25, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-71.
118 S 1401	Identical bill	May 2, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2024)

Federal Prison Oversight Act

This act establishes an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General must conduct risk-based evaluations of BOP facilities.

An inspection of a facility may be announced or unannounced. Higher risk facilities must receive more frequent inspections.

The bill (1) provides for the establishment in DOJ of an ombudsman who may receive complaints, make inquiries and recommend actions, and decline to investigate or take action, as specified; and (2) prohibits BOP retaliation against any person or entity that has instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding, investigation, or inspection under this act.

The ombudsman shall coordinate with the BOP to educate incarcerated people, their representatives, and the public about the existence and functions of the ombudsman.

This act becomes effective 90 days after appropriations are made available to DOJ and the DOJ Office of Inspector General for the specific purpose of carrying out this act. On and after such effective date, BOP must ensure that non-custody correctional employees spend 90% of their work week in their primary positions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 25, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-71.
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 12, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4334-4337)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4334-4337)
- **May 22, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 21, 2024:** Ms. Mace moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 21, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3369-3374)
- **May 21, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3019.
- **May 21, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 21, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3388-3389)
- **May 21, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 2 (Roll no. 220). (text: CR H3369-3372)
- **May 21, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 392 - 2 (Roll no. 220). (text: CR H3369-3372)
- **May 21, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 10, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 1.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.