

S 5062

Prison Staff Safety Enhancement Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Sep 17, 2024

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 20, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/5062>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA] | D · GA | | Sep 17, 2024 |
| Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR] | R · AR | | Sep 25, 2024 |
| Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Sep 25, 2024 |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] | R · IA | | Dec 4, 2024 |
| Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL] | R · AL | | Dec 11, 2024 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 20, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 10160 | Identical bill | Nov 18, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. |

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This bill establishes requirements for the Department of Justice (DOJ) and component agencies to assess and respond to incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault by incarcerated individuals against Bureau of Prisons (BOP) staff.

Specifically, the bill requires DOJ to adopt national standards for the prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual harassment and sexual assault by incarcerated individuals against correctional officers or other employees of the BOP.

Additionally, the bill requires the BOP to fully implement the recommendations of the DOJ Inspector General contained in the report titled *Evaluation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Efforts to Address Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Committed by Inmates Toward Staff*.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7222-7223; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7222-7223)
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.