

## S 516

### Fair Wages for Incarcerated Workers Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Feb 16, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 16, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/516>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6293	Identical bill	Nov 8, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

### Summary (as of Feb 16, 2023)

#### Fair Wages for Incarcerated Workers Act of 2023

This bill extends the protections under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, including minimum wage requirements, to incarcerated workers.

Incarcerated workers include individuals detained in a correctional facility who perform work offered or required by or through the correctional facility, including work associated with prison work programs, work release programs, federal prison industries (i.e., UNICOR program), state prison industries, public works programs, restitution centers, correctional facility operations and maintenance, and private entities.

## Actions Timeline

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