



H.R.3356 - Prison Reform and Redemption Act (115th Congress)

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Title	Prison Reform and Redemption Act “A Bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison.”
Introduced by	Doug Collins, R-GA
Co-sponsors	Bob Goodlatte, R-VA; James Sensenbrenner, R-WI; Tom Marino, R-PA; Darrell Issa, R-CA; Mark Walker, R-NC. Hakeem Jeffries, D-NY; John Conyers Jr., D-MI; Sheila Jackson Lee, D-TX; Cedric Richmond, D-LA; Karen Bass, D-CA.
Bill History	Introduced in House 7/24/2017. Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary 7/24/2017. Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security Investigations 9/6/2017.
Committee	House Judiciary
Companion Bills	None
Summary of Bill	This Bill would allow qualified federal prisoners to participate in "recidivism reduction programs" by earning "time credits" making them eligible for sentence reductions. It also seeks to increase prisoners' visitation and phone privileges and requires de-escalation training for prison staff.
Key Provisions	<p>Section 101 requires the Attorney General to develop a post-sentencing risk and needs assessment system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each federal prisoner's risk of recidivism will be assessed. ○ Reevaluation will occur periodically. <p>Section 102 requires all federal prisoners to be assigned to recidivism reduction programs based on their recidivism risk. It also incentivizes prisoners to reduce their risk of recidivism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prisoners earn "time credits" for participating in recidivism reduction programs and productive activities. ○ "Time credit means the equivalent of one day of a prisoner's sentence, such that a prisoner shall be eligible for one day of prerelease custody for each credit earned." (Sec. 106) ○ Prisoners will earn 10 days of time credit for every 30 days of successful participation in a recidivism reduction program or activity. ○ After two consecutive reassessments show that a prisoner has reduced their risk of recidivism, a bonus of 5 days is added for each 30 days that the prisoner successfully participates in a recidivism program. ○ Prisoners determined to have low or no risk of recidivism after two consecutive reassessments can receive 5 days of time credits for each 30 days that they successfully participate in a recidivism program. ○ Excludes all prisoners convicted of violent offenses or drug crimes, which resulted in serious bodily injury or death.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allows for increased access to visitation and phone privileges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prisoners who participate in reduction programs can receive up to 900 phone minutes per month (no more than 30 minutes per day). ▪ The warden determines additional time for visitation. <p>Section 301 prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant offenders unless they pose a serious threat.</p> <p>Section 401 requires de-escalation training for correctional staff.</p> <p>Section 402 requires reports and plans for opioid and heroin abuse treatment.</p> <p>Section 403 prohibits the monitoring of communications between prisoners and their lawyers or other legal representative.</p> <p>Section 404 requires the Bureau of Prisons to establish pilot programs for rehabilitation.</p> <p>Section 406 requires the Bureau of Prisons to annually collect statistical and demographic information and provide it to Congress.</p>
Related Federal Bills	S.1084 Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act ¹
Action in States	<p>Texas’s Diligent Participation Credit Bill H.B. 1546 (would award “diligent participation credits” to state jail felonies).² Last Action: Effective on 9/1/2015</p> <p>Texas’s Reducing Recidivism Bill H.B. 1396 (encourages the use of evidence-based programs to lower prisoners’ recidivism rates).³ Last Action: Effective on 9/1/2015</p> <p>Texas’s Appropriations in Reducing Recidivism Bill H.B. 1.⁴ Last Action: Effective on 9/1/2007</p>
Related Partner Reports (with hyperlinks)	FAMM (Detailed Summary of the Bill) Prison Reform and Redemption Act
Other Sources and Publications (with hyperlinks)	FreedomWorks (Article by President, Adam Brandon, 7.24.17) Support the Prison Reform and Redemption Act
For Actions on criminal justice reform: [Link TBA]	

¹ S. 1084 - “A Bill To amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.” See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1084/text>.

² <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=84R&Bill=HB1546#>.

³ <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=84R&Bill=HB1396>.

⁴ <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=80R&Bill=HB1>.