



AJA April Report

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Reentry in Congress

Two pieces of legislation remain on the ledger regarding Medicaid and inmate reentry.

1. Due Process Continuity of Care Act – Sen. Cassidy (R-LA) / Sen. Merkley (D-OR) – Unlike the Reentry Act, this bill does not have a House companion at this time. Lobbyit has reached out to Senator Cassidy’s team for a meeting and will set up with the AJA team when they give us times. We also should encourage him to sign on to the Reentry Act.

2. Reentry Act of 2023 – S 1165 / HR 2400 – Rep Tonko (D-NY) / Sen Baldwin (D-WI) – While the House and Senate versions each have bipartisan support, there has been no action in either chamber to advance the legislation.

Lobbyit met with staff from the Senate Finance Committee to gather intel on the path forward but was not able to get many specifics. As we have signed onto the coalition letter, Lobbyit recommends we send a letter of support to the House and Senate committee leadership and schedule a fly-in day ASAP to encourage support from relevant members.

Additionally, we recommend preparing written testimony in support of the legislation to be submitted when a hearing does come up.

CMS Actions on Reentry

HHS Releases New Guidance to Encourage States to Apply for New Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity to Increase Health Care for People Leaving Incarceration Facilities

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing the following guidance for designing demonstration projects under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. § 1315) to improve care transitions for certain individuals who are soon-to-be former inmates of a public institution (hereinafter referred to as incarcerated individuals, except when quoting from statute) and who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid. This letter also provides guidance to interested states about development and submission of the associated section 1115 demonstration application.

Lobbyit is working to set up a meeting with CMS to gather more information on this directive.

Senator Booker Continues to Focus on Criminal Justice

Senator Booker continued his focus on reforming the criminal justice system, focusing on over-incarceration in jails and prisons by addressing sentencing. The Smart Sentencing Adjustments Act (S 1342 – Sen. Booker D-NJ / HR 2931 – Rep. Cardenas – D-CA) would, according to Booker's team:

Specifically, the Smart Sentencing Adjustments Act would:

- Provide grants to states to study the drivers of unnecessary incarceration and additional money to reduce prison populations;
- Provide \$2 billion over 10 years for states that are able to demonstrate a reduction in their prison population by 20 percent over three years with an additional three years of funding if implementation is successful;
- Prohibit states from enacting overly punitive sentencing laws that do not have evidence-based effects on crime, such as mandatory minimum rules or truth-in-sentencing statutes, during the grant period;
- Establish subgrants for organizations led by formerly incarcerated individuals or that primarily serve people who have been arrested or convicted.

As a reminder, Sen. Booker also introduced the following bills earlier this year:

-Fair Wages for Incarcerated workers Act (S 516) - ensures incarcerated workers are paid the federal minimum wage for their work. It also eliminates certain wage deductions while ensuring incarcerated people can still fulfill important legal and financial obligations.

-Correctional Facilities Occupational Safety and Health Act of 2023 (S 518) - extends federal workplace safety and health protections to incarcerated workers in federal, state, or local correctional facilities who perform work offered or required by the facility. The bill requires states with approved workplace safety and health plans to include protections for incarcerated workers and establishes a grant program to assist states with implementing and enforcing these protections. The bill also requires regular reporting on workplace and safety conditions at correctional facilities.

-Ensuring Work Opportunities in Correctional Facilities Medicaid Reentry Act of 2023 (S 508) - advances job and educational opportunities in prisons to prepare returning citizens to successfully reenter society and to reduce recidivism.

Engagements on the Hill

- Lobbyit has been in contact with Senator Booker's team and they are aware of AJA's positions on mental health and Medicaid reentry and noted many of their proposals would not impact local jails. We will stay in contact with them and continue to update them on any positions AJA chooses to take.

HR 3019 / S 1401 Federal Prison Oversight Reform Act – Rep. McBath (D-GA) / Sen. Ossoff (D-GA)

Senators Ossoff and Durbin led the effort to reintroduce the bipartisan and bicameral Federal Prison oversight reform act. As a reminder, this bill requires the Department of Justice's Inspector General to conduct comprehensive, risk-based inspections of the BOP's 122 correctional facilities, provide recommendations to fix problems and assign each facility a risk score, with higher-risk facilities required to be inspected more often. The IG must also report its findings and recommendations to Congress and the public, and the BOP must respond to all inspection reports within 60 days with a corrective action plan. The bill would also establish an independent Ombudsman to investigate the health, safety, welfare, and rights of incarcerated people and staff. The Ombudsman would create a secure hotline and online form for family members, friends, and representatives of incarcerated people to submit complaints and inquiries.

As it stands, this legislation would only impact federal facilities overseen by the Bureau of Prisons. Last year, Sen. Ossoff introduced the Senate Prison Policy Working Group, aimed at increasing oversight of federal prisons. However, in a press release, Sen. Ossoff referenced the "dysfunction" of jails as part of the group's oversight. We will continue to meet with his staff to ensure AJA is up to speed on anything that may impact jail operations.

Lobbyit will continue to build on the positive relationship AJA as established with the Senators office.

Washington Update

Debt Ceiling

Secretary Janet Yellen advised that Congress will need to raise the debt limit by early June in a letter to congressional leaders noting that action may even be needed before June 1. After that date, the Treasury Department estimates there's a real risk of running out of cash and accounting maneuvers to continue paying bondholders and other U.S. financial obligations on time.

Outstanding U.S. debt already reached the statutory \$31.4 trillion borrowing limit in January, and Treasury has been using "extraordinary measures" since then to keep spending without breaching the cap. At the time Treasury began deploying those accounting tools, Yellen said how long they would last was subject to "considerable uncertainty."

President Joe Biden and Speaker Kevin McCarthy didn't appear to get any closer to agreement on how to raise the debt ceiling in a May meeting which was their first since February 1.

But despite familiar rhetoric from both parties, Biden and congressional leaders plan to continue meeting and staff from both sides of the aisle continue to discuss how to bridge the partisan divide over spending curbs that Republicans want.

As the country barrels toward running out of borrowing room and being unable to pay all its bills on time as early as June 1, both sides are still dug in. Biden and congressional Democrats want a clean debt ceiling increase, while McCarthy and other Republicans are demanding concessions.

Biden said he wouldn't rule out a short-term debt limit patch to buy more time for talks on a longer-term solution.

McConnell told reporters after the meeting that the U.S. will not "default" on its debt. When asked the same question, McCarthy said he can only control what the House does and that his chamber has already acted. House Republicans passed a bill last month to raise the debt limit in exchange for spending curbs and a slew of other Republican priorities.

It's important to remember that breaching the debt-ceiling doesn't mean defaulting on the national debt. Rather, it means the federal government will have to prioritize spending on the discretionary side of the ledger. In other words, the spending bill passed late last year would be vastly altered if no agreement can be reached.

Limit, Save, Grow Act

Speaker Kevin McCarthy helped himself considerably—and quieted more than a few of his critics—by muscling a debt ceiling plan through the House in early May. But the good feelings may recede as the fine print gets more scrutiny. The proposed spending caps in the House-passed bill are too low to be taken seriously and would be risky for the country if they were.

McCarthy's plan—the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023—pairs a \$1.5 trillion increase in the limit on federal borrowing, or a suspension through March 2024 if new borrowing at that point is less than \$1.5 trillion, with numerous GOP budget and policy priorities.

Among other things, the bill would repeal many climate-related subsidies enacted in last year's Inflation Reduction Act. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the full plan, including reduced interest payments on the debt, would lower federal borrowing over 10 years by \$4.8 trillion (a Rules Committee modification produced modest changes to the original estimate).

Bills by Issue

[American Jail Association \(41\)](#)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HCONRES 5	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	13.3% 68.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Expressing support for the Nation's law enforcement agencies and condemning any efforts to defund or dismantle law enforcement agencies.

Description

This concurrent resolution offers sincere gratitude and appreciation for the nation's law enforcement officers. It also recognizes the sacrifices of law enforcement officers and rejects efforts to defund and dismantle state and local law enforcement agencies.

Primary Sponsors

Tom Tiffany

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 27	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	5.6% 74.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act

Description

Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act This bill requires certain state and local prosecutors to report data on criminal referrals and outcomes of cases involving murder or non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, or any offense involving the illegal use or possession of a firearm. The reporting requirement applies to state and local prosecutors in a jurisdiction with 380,000 or more persons that receives funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. The report must contain data on * cases referred for prosecution, * cases declined for prosecution, * cases resulting in a plea agreement with the defendant, * cases initiated against defendants with previous arrests or convictions, and * defendants charged who were released or eligible for bail.

Primary Sponsors

Nicole Malliotakis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 44	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	8.5% 65.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09
 Kalief's Law

Description

Effective and Humane Treatment of Youth Act of 2023 or Kalief's Law This bill establishes requirements for the treatment of youth in the criminal justice system at the federal, state, and local levels. A youth is an individual who is 21 years of age or younger. At the federal level, the bill * requires federal law enforcement officers to record youth custodial interrogations, * limits the use of solitary confinement for youth at federal facilities, and * limits the use of restraints on youth during federal court proceedings. At the state and local levels, the bill places conditions on existing grants and establishes a new grant to incentivize the implementation of similar policies with respect to youth. First, the bill reauthorizes the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program for FY2023-FY2027. To be eligible for grant funds, state and local governments must implement policies that, with respect to youth, provide a right to speedy trial, provide a right to timely bail consideration, and restrict the use of solitary confinement. Second, a state or local government that receives funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program or the Community Oriented Policing Services program must implement policies and training on police-youth interaction. Third, the bill directs the Department of Justice to award grants to help state and local governments record youth custodial interrogations.

Primary Sponsors

Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 46	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On The Judiciary For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	7.4% 68.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09
Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2023

Description

Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2023 This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration to (1) increase access to mental health care treatment and services, and (2) promote reporting of mental health information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. (This system is used to query federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial criminal history record information and other records to determine an individual's eligibility to receive, transfer, or possess firearms.)

Primary Sponsors

Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 50	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	8.5% 65.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09
Terry Technical Correction Act

Description

Terry Technical Correction Act This bill broadens the scope of crack cocaine offenders who are eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act of 2018. The First Step Act made the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 retroactive and authorized sentencing reductions for certain crack cocaine offenders convicted and sentenced before the Fair Sentencing Act became effective. Under current law, crack cocaine offenders whose conduct triggered a mandatory minimum sentence are eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act. However, in 2021, the Supreme Court held in Terry v. United States that low-level crack cocaine offenders whose conduct did not trigger a mandatory minimum sentence are not eligible for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act. This bill extends eligibility for a retroactive sentencing reduction under the First Step Act to all crack cocaine offenders convicted and sentenced before the Fair Sentencing Act became effective, including low-level offenders whose conduct did not trigger a mandatory minimum sentence.

Primary Sponsors

Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 54	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	8.4% 66.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09
Federal Prison Bureau Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2023

Description
Federal Prison Bureau Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2023 This bill establishes a new early release option for certain federal prisoners. Specifically, the Bureau of Prisons must release early an offender who has completed at least half of his or her sentence if such offender has attained age 45, has never been convicted of a crime of violence, and has not received any institutional disciplinary violations.

Primary Sponsors
Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 56	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	8.6% 66.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-09
RAISE Act of 2023

Description
Reforming Alternatives to Incarceration and Sentencing to Establish a Better Path for Youth Act of 2023 or the RAISE Act of 2023 This bill modifies requirements and procedures related to the sentencing, confinement, and release of youth who are involved in the federal criminal justice system. The term youth means an individual who is prosecuted or sentenced for a criminal offense committed at age 21 or younger. The bill modifies federal sentencing options for youth, including by allowing courts * to depart from the statutory mandatory minimum for certain nonviolent offenses, * to reduce the prison term of a youth who has completed 20 years of the sentence, and * to treat as discretionary a sentence of imprisonment for life. Additionally, it requires the Bureau of Prisons to separately designate youth correctional facilities, minimize contact between youth and other offenders, and establish programs regarding youth education, skills training, reentry, and mental and emotional health. Finally, the bill promotes reentry and reintegration into the community, including by * providing an early release option for youth offenders who complete one half or more of their prison term and meet certain criteria; * authorizing home confinement for a longer period of time; * limiting the maximum prison term for technical violations of probation; * establishing pilot programs for mentorship, government service, and animal service; and * establishing pilot programs for diversion of high-risk, victimized, and primary caretaker youth.

Primary Sponsors
Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 62	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On The Judiciary For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 01 09	In House	None	None	7.4% 69.4%

Title
SHIELD Act

Introduction Date: 2023-01-09

Description

Safeguard Healthcare Industry Employees from Litigation and Distress Act or the SHIELD Act This bill establishes a framework to limit interference with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health services at the state level. For the purposes of this summary, interference with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health services includes acts to prevent, restrict, impede, or retaliate against * a health care provider who provides reproductive health care services, * any person or entity who helps health care providers to provide such services, * any person who seeks to access such services, or * any person or entity who helps another person to access such services. First, the bill reduces the allocation of funds under certain law enforcement grant programs for a state that has in effect a law authorizing state or local officers or employees to interfere with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health services. Second, the bill prohibits interference with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health care services * by state or local officers or employees acting under color of law in any manner that would have a discriminatory effect on a woman, and * by persons who are not state or local officers or employees and are attempting to implement or enforce a state law in circumstances affecting interstate commerce. The bill authorizes civil remedies for a violation, including damages and injunctive relief. Additionally, it authorizes criminal penalties for a violation involving the use of a deadly or dangerous weapon or the infliction of bodily injury.

Primary Sponsors

Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 238	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 10	In House	None	None	8.7% 66.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-10
Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act of 2023

Description
Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act of 2023 This bill revises and reauthorizes through FY2027 grants for residential substance use disorder treatment programs at state and local correctional and detention facilities. Among the revisions, the bill * replaces statutory references to substance abuse with substance use disorder, * specifies that the term residential substance use disorder treatment program includes a medication-assisted treatment program, * requires the chief medical officer or other staff overseeing a program to complete training on the science of addiction and the latest research and clinical guidance on treating substance use disorders in criminal justice settings, and * allows people who are awaiting trial or in pretrial detention to participate in the programs.

Primary Sponsors
Sheila Jackson Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 355	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 13	In House	None	None	5.6% 69.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-13
Back the Blue Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Don Bacon

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 444	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 01 20	In House	None	None	5.1% 62.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-01-20
End For-Profit Prisons Act of 2023

Description
End For-Profit Prisons Act of 2023 This bill establishes a framework to phase out existing Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and U.S. Marshals Service contracts with private companies for correctional facilities and community confinement facilities (e.g., halfway houses). The bill requires the Department of Justice to develop guidelines for community reintegration programs at community confinement facilities. In carrying out prerelease and reentry planning procedures, the bill requires the BOP to ensure prisoners receive information and counseling about criminal record expungement; educational, employment, and treatment programs; and applications for public assistance programs, a driver's license, and voter registration. The BOP must also provide prisoners with postrelease information about fines, assessments, surcharges, restitution, and other penalties.

Primary Sponsors
Bonnie Watson Coleman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 898	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 09	In House	None	None	5.6% 59.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-09
Recruit and Retain Act of 2023

Description
Recruit and Retain Act of 2023 This bill allows funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services grant program to be used to recruit and retain law enforcement officers for community-oriented policing.

Primary Sponsors
John Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 982	Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary And In Addition To The Committee On The Budget For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 02 10	In House	None	None	5.7% 76.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-10
Pregnant Women in Custody Act

Primary Sponsors
Sydney Kamlager-Dove

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 1359	Referred To The Subcommittee On Health 2023 03 10	In House	None	None	8.5% 77.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-03
 Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act

Description
 Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act This bill expands access to methadone for an individual's unsupervised use to treat opioid use disorder (OUD). (Typically, methadone must be dispensed to individuals in person through opioid treatment programs.) The bill (1) waives provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that require qualified practitioners to obtain a separate registration from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe and dispense methadone to treat OUD, and (2) requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the DEA to jointly report on the waiver. Additionally, the bill directs the DEA to register certain practitioners to prescribe methadone that is dispensed through a pharmacy for an individual's unsupervised use. Qualified practitioners must be licensed or authorized to prescribe controlled substances, and they must either work for an opioid treatment program or be a physician or psychiatrist with a specialty certification in addiction medicine. A state may request that the DEA stop registering such practitioners in its jurisdiction. Individuals who receive methadone for unsupervised use must continue to have access to other care through an opioid treatment program. For purposes of the waiver, the bill also requires the exclusive use of electronic prescribing, establishes prescription limits, and sets out requirements for informed consent. Further, the bill permits the use of telehealth to provide methadone treatment and related services if the state and the Department of Health and Human Services jointly determine the use is feasible and appropriate.

Primary Sponsors
 Donald Norcross

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 1490	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 03 09	In House	None	None	5.4% 64.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-09
 Preventing Violence Against Female Inmates Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
 Rick Crawford

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 1776	Referred To The House Committee On Foreign Affairs 2023 03 24	In House	None	None	13.8% 78.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-24
End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Ami Bera

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2380	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2023 03 29	In House	None	None	5.2% 62.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-29
Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023

Description
Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023 This bill allows a state or federal correctional facility to operate a jamming system to interfere with cellphone signals within inmate housing facilities.

Primary Sponsors
David Kustoff

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2400	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2023 03 30	In House	None	None	7.1% 77.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-30
Reentry Act of 2023

Description
Reentry Act of 2023 This bill allows for Medicaid payment of medical services furnished to an incarcerated individual during the 30-day period preceding the individual's release. The Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Payment and Access Commission must report on specified information relating to the accessibility and quality of health care for incarcerated individuals, including the impact of the bill's changes.

Primary Sponsors
Paul Tonko

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2669	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 04 18	In House	None	None	5.1% 61.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-18
Ensuring Work Opportunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Emanuel Cleaver

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2825	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 04 25	In House	None	None	7.2% 71.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-25
Prison Libraries Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Emanuel Cleaver

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2931	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 04 27	In House	None	None	4.3% 66.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-27
Smart Sentencing Adjustments Act

Primary Sponsors
Tony Cardenas

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2954	Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary And In Addition To The Committees On Ways And Means And Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 04 27	In House	None	None	5.3% 76.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-27
Women in Criminal Justice Reform Act

Primary Sponsors
Sydney Kamlager-Dove

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2994	Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 04 28	In House	None	None	8.9% 74.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-28
Returning Home Act

Primary Sponsors
Nanette Barragan

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 3019	Referred To The House Committee On Oversight And Accountability 2023 04 28	In House	None	None	12.0% 75.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-28
Federal Prison Oversight Act

Primary Sponsors
Lucy McBath

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 3074	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2023 05 02	In House	None	None	4.2% 76.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-05-02
To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the Medicaid coverage exclusion for inmates in custody pending disposition of charges, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
David Trone

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 3220	Referred To The Committee On Education And The Workforce And In Addition To The Committee On The Judiciary For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2023 05 11	In House	None	None	0.0% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-05-11
To enhance coverage and oversight of occupational safety and health standards in correctional facilities, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Emanuel Cleaver

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HRES 115	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 09	In House	None	None	5.8% 68.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-09

Establishing a Women's Bill of Rights to reaffirm legal protections afforded to women under Federal law.

Description

This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that (1) for purposes of federal law, a person's sex means the person's biological sex at birth; and (2) distinctions between the sexes are justified in certain settings, laws, and policies.

Primary Sponsors

Debbie Lesko

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HRES 285	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2023 04 10	In House	None	None	3.6% 72.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-10

Establishing a "Bill of Rights" to support United States law enforcement personnel nationwide in their work to protect our communities.

Description

This resolution recognizes law enforcement agencies and officers for their tireless work to protect us and make our communities safer. It also condemns calls to defund, disband, dismantle, or abolish the police.

Primary Sponsors

Anthony D'Esposito

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 508	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	5.2% 71.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

Ensuring Work Opportunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Cory Booker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 516	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	20.8% 70.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

Fair Wages for Incarcerated Workers Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Cory Booker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 517	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	7.2% 68.2%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-16

Combating Workplace Discrimination in Correctional Facilities Act
of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Cory Booker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 518	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 16	In Senate	None	None	6.4% 71.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-16
 Correctional Facilities Occupational Safety and Health Act of 2023

Description
 Correctional Facilities Occupational Safety and Health Act of 2023
 This bill extends federal workplace safety and health protections to incarcerated workers. These are individuals who (1) are incarcerated or detained in a federal, state, or local correctional facility (or a private facility operating under government contract); and (2) perform work offered or required by the correctional facility, such as prison work programs or work release programs. States and territories that enforce their own workplace safety and health laws and standards under a plan approved by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration must include workplace protections for incarcerated workers in the plan. In addition, the Department of Labor must establish a grant program to assist states with amending their occupational safety and health laws to cover incarcerated workers and with enforcing those laws. Furthermore, the Bureau of Prisons must ensure that its workplace safety and health program applies to incarcerated workers in the same manner as it applies to employees of the bureau. Additionally, states and localities that participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program must have workplace safety and health protections for incarcerated workers that are appropriately monitored and enforced. The bill reserves a portion of the grants for recipients to use to set up workplace safety and health protections for incarcerated workers. The bill also requires periodic reports to Congress and the Department of Justice about the workplace and safety conditions at correctional facilities, including any potential noncompliance with relevant standards.

Primary Sponsors
 Cory Booker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 546	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 02 28	In Senate	None	None	21.8% 77.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-02-28
 Recruit and Retain Act

Primary Sponsors
 Deb Fischer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 644	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2023 03 02	In Senate	None	None	15.5% 77.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-02

Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act

Description

Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act This bill expands access to methadone for an individual's unsupervised use to treat opioid use disorder (OUD). (Typically, methadone must be dispensed to individuals in person through opioid treatment programs.) The bill (1) waives provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that require qualified practitioners to obtain a separate registration from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe and dispense methadone to treat OUD, and (2) requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the DEA to jointly report on the waiver. Additionally, the bill directs the DEA to register certain practitioners to prescribe methadone that is dispensed through a pharmacy for an individual's unsupervised use. Qualified practitioners must be licensed or authorized to prescribe controlled substances, and they must either work for an opioid treatment program or be a physician or psychiatrist with a specialty certification in addiction medicine. A state may request that the DEA stop registering such practitioners in its jurisdiction. Individuals who receive methadone for unsupervised use must continue to have access to other care through an opioid treatment program. For purposes of the waiver, the bill also requires the exclusive use of electronic prescribing, establishes prescription limits, and sets out requirements for informed consent. Further, the bill permits the use of telehealth to provide methadone treatment and related services if the state and the Department of Health and Human Services jointly determine the use is feasible and appropriate.

Primary Sponsors

Ed Markey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 713	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 03 08	In Senate	None	None	15.9% 68.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-08

No Early Release for Carjackers Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors

Tom Cotton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 971	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2023 03 23	In Senate	None	None	8.5% 79.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-23
Due Process Continuity of Care Act

Description
Due Process Continuity of Care Act This bill allows an otherwise eligible individual who is in custody pending disposition of charges (i.e., pretrial detainees) to receive Medicaid benefits at the option of the state. The bill also provides for state planning grants to support the provision of such benefits.

Primary Sponsors
Bill Cassidy

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1047	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation 2023 03 29	In Senate	None	None	16.2% 70.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-03-29
Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023

Description
Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023 This bill allows a state or federal correctional facility to operate a jamming system to interfere with cellphone signals within inmate housing facilities.

Primary Sponsors
Tom Cotton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1165	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2023 04 17	In Senate	None	None	4.8% 77.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-17
Reentry Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Tammy Baldwin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1248	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary Text Cr S 1296 1297 2023 04 20	In Senate	None	None	5.3% 74.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-20
Safer Detention Act of 2023

Primary Sponsors
Dick Durbin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1342	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 04 27	In Senate	None	None	8.9% 70.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-04-27
Smart Sentencing Adjustments Act

Primary Sponsors
Cory Booker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1401	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2023 05 02	In Senate	None	None	10.1% 79.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2023-05-02
Federal Prison Oversight Act

Primary Sponsors
Jon Ossoff