

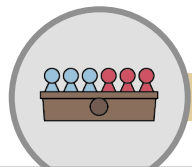
# Senators Reveal Compromise on Criminal Justice Reform Legislation in Hopes of Reaching the Floor

## Next Steps for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2015

S. 1169



Introduced in the House  
April 2015



Reported by Committee  
July 2015



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- Introduced by:**
  - Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
- Notable Democratic cosponsor:**
  - Dick Durbin (D-IL)
- Notable cosponsors in recent weeks:**
  - Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
  - Steve Daines (R-MT)
  - Mark Kirk (R-IL)
  - Thad Cochran (R-MS)
  - Michael Bennet (D-CO)
  - Joe Manchin (D-WV)
  - Bill Nelson (D-FL)

### Analysis

- The original version of the bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee in October, but some conservatives worried the bill was not tough enough on criminals with violent criminal records
- The compromise might not satisfy all Republicans but it has swayed a handful
- The revisions now say that criminals with a serious violent felony will not receive reduced mandatory minimum sentences, and it adds enhanced mandatory sentences for crimes involving an opioid drug
- The next step for supporters of the bill is to persuade Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to take up the legislation this year

Source: Seung Min Kim, "Compromise Struck on Criminal Justice Reform," Politico, April 28, 2016.