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DESCRIPTION AND STATUS OF POLICY ITEMS

Criminal Background Checks

INTERSTATE LICENSING COMPACT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FBI AUTHORIZATION BILL, "SHARE ACT" (HR 2332/S 1101)

Summary: Would authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct criminal background checks on behalf of state licensing agencies for licensure reciprocity purposes under the interstate licensure compact. States would only be authorized to use FBI-provided information to afford licensing privileges and would be prohibited from sharing criminal history information with a compact's commission.

Status: Both versions are awaiting committee action

Sponsor: H: Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS)/S: Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

Cosponsors: H: 1 added, 27 total (19 Republicans, 8 Democrats)/S: 6 (2 Democratic, 3 Republican, 1 Independent)

BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THOSE WORKING WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BILL, "COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND INTEGRITY IN LICENSING AND DOCUMENTATION (CHILD) ACT" (HR 3100/S 1528)

Summary: Would expand nationwide background check access for individuals working with vulnerable populations. The bill would broaden the definition of "covered individuals" to again include contractors, volunteers, and those seeking licensing or certification so that organizations and businesses could request comprehensive checks.

Status: H: Awaiting committee action; S: Passed committee and awaiting Senate consideration

Sponsor: H: Rep. Russell Fry (R-SC)/S: Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Cosponsors: H: 3 (2 Republican, 1 Democratic)/S: 3 (2 Democratic, 1 Republican)

CRIMINAL RECORDS AUTOMATIC SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT FUNDING FOR STATES BILL, “FRESH START ACT” ([HR 3111](#))

Summary: Would establish grants that could be provided to states so that these could update criminal justice data infrastructure that would provide for automated sealing and expungement of records. States that receive grants would have to issue a report to the US Attorney General that provides information on:

- The number of individuals eligible for automatic expungement or sealing disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender;
- The number of individuals whose records have been expunged or sealed disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and
- The number of individuals who have applied for expungement or sealing is still pending, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender.

Status: Awaiting committee action
Sponsor: Rep. Laurel Lee (R-FL)
Cosponsors: 10 (7 Democratic, 3 Republican)

NON-VIOLENT CRIME RECORDS AUTOMATIC SEALING BILL, “CLEAN SLATE ACT” ([HR 3114](#))

Summary: Would require the automatic sealing of criminal records. Specifically, the bill would:

- Establish an automatic process for sealing federal records tied to nonviolent offenses involving simple possession, including marijuana-related charges;
- Require the automatic sealing of arrest records for individuals who were acquitted, exonerated, or not formally charged with a crime;
- Create a process by which individuals may petition federal courts to seal nonviolent offense records;
- Establish a two-year waiting period before individuals can reapply if their initial sealing petition is denied; and
- Provide legal liability to employers that may arise from employee misconduct if the conduct is tied to a sealed record.

Status: Awaiting committee action
Sponsor: Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA)
Cosponsors: 2 added, 5 total (3 Democratic, 2 Republican)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS EXPUNGEMENT BILL, “TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS RELIEF ACT” ([HR 4323](#))

Summary: Would establish a process to vacate convictions and expunge arrest records for criminal offenses committed by victims of human trafficking that directly result from having been a trafficking victim. The Government Accountability Office would have to assess the impact of this process. The bill is likely a reintroduction of [HR 7137](#) from the 118th Congress by the same sponsor.

Status: Awaiting committee action

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Sponsor: Rep. Russell Fry (R-SC)
Cosponsors: 19 (11 Republican, 8 Democratic)

DC YOUTH CRIMINAL OFFENDER COURT CONSIDERATION AS ADULT BILL ([HR 5140](#))

Summary: Would lower the age at which an individual may be tried as an adult within the District of Columbia (DC) to 14 years of age. Under current DC law, an individual who is under 18 years of age is tried as a juvenile in family court. However, an individual who is 16 years of age or older may be tried as an adult if the individual is charged with murder, first-degree sexual abuse, burglary in the first degree, robbery while armed, or assault with intent to commit any such offense. Additionally, an individual who is 15 years of age or older may be tried as an adult if the individual is alleged to have committed a felony, and it is determined that (1) it is in the interest of the public welfare to try the individual as an adult, and (2) there are no reasonable prospects for the individual's rehabilitation.

Status: Passed House of Representatives and awaiting Senate committee referral

Sponsor: Rep. Brandon Gill (R-TX)

Cosponsor: 6 (All Republican)

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS ACCESS FOR PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AGENCIES BILL, "PEACE OFFICER AND TRAINING AGENCY INFORMATION ACCESS AND CLARIFICATION ACT" ([HR 5211](#))

Summary: Would authorize peace officer training agencies to access criminal history records. Peace officer standards and training agencies are state agencies with the statutory authority to set standards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct, and retention of the law enforcement officers.

Status: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: Rep. Derek Schmidt (R-KS)

Cosponsors: 0

STATE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AGENCY ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS BILL, "CRIMINAL HISTORY ACCESS ACT" ([S 1712](#))

Summary: Would authorize peace officer standards and training agencies to access criminal history records. Peace officer standards training agencies are state agencies that set standards, training, and ethical conduct of law enforcement officers in a state through a certification process. This bill is likely a reintroduction of [S 5472](#) from the 118th Congress by the same sponsor.

Status: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)

Cosponsors: 2 (1 Republican, 1 Democratic)

AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT DATA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITATION GRANTS BILL CREATING, "FRESH SLATE ACT" ([S 2590](#))

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Summary: Would establish a grant program to provide funding to states so they can modernize data infrastructure that can facilitate automatic record expungement and sealing.

Status: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Cosponsors: Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Other Sports-Related Measures

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION BY THE SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH AND TITLE IX FUNDING PROHIBITION BILL, "PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS ACT" ([HR 28/S 9](#))

Summary: Would establish that it is a violation of Title IX for federally funded education programs to operate, sponsor, or facilitate athletic programs or activities that allow individuals of the male sex to participate in programs or activities that are designated for women or girls. These bills are a reintroduction of [HR 734](#) and [S 613](#) from the 118th Congress by the same sponsors.

Status: House version passed the House of Representatives; Senate version failed in its first vote before the Senate

Sponsor: H: Rep. Gregory Steube (R-FL)/S: Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

Cosponsors: H: 83 (All Republican)/S: 43 (All Republican)

OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS PARTICIPATION BY SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH BILL, "PROTECTION OF WOMEN IN OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT" ([HR 1028](#))

Summary: Would prohibit athletes assigned male at birth from participating or competing in Olympic or amateur sports competitions that are designated for women. The bill would modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports organizations so that these restrictions can be applied. This bill is a likely reintroduction of [HR 7187](#) from the 118th Congress by the same sponsor.

Status: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: Rep. Gregory Steube (R-FL)

Cosponsors: 5 added, 65 total (All Republican)

YOUTH SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ELIGIBILITY BILL, "YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES ACT" ([HR 2850/S 1419](#))

Summary: Would increase federal grant eligibility for communities so that these can improve youth and local sporting infrastructure through the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Status: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: H: Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)/S: Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)

Cosponsors: H: 6 (4 Republican, 2 Democratic)/S: Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)



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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS' WEEK RECOGNITION RESOLUTION ([H RES 673/S RES 375](#))

Summary: Would assert the House of Representatives recognizes the week of September 8-14, 2025, as "Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Week" and recognizes the role school athletic programs play in student leadership development. The resolution recognizes the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as the leading organization that prepares individuals who lead secondary school athletics throughout the United States.

Status: H: Awaiting committee action/S: Awaiting committee action

Sponsor: Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA)/S: Sen. John Husted (R-OH)

Cosponsors: H: 0/S: 0