

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1712

To provide incentives to encourage stronger truth in sentencing of violent offenders, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 1996

Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide incentives to encourage stronger truth in sentencing of violent offenders, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Allowing Felons
5 Early Release Act (SAFER)”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR TRUTH IN SENTENCING INCEN-**
7 **TIVE GRANTS.**

8 Section 20102(b)(1) of the Violent Crime Control and
9 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13702(b)(1))
10 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(1) FORMULA ALLOCATION.—(A) From the
2 amount made available to carry out this section, the
3 Attorney General shall allocate for each eligible
4 State an amount in the ratio that the number of
5 part 1 violent crimes reported by such State to the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation for 1993 bears to
7 the number of part 1 violent crimes reported by all
8 States to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
9 1993.

10 “(B)(i) For each eligible State that has not en-
11 acted a statute meeting the requirements of this
12 subparagraph, the Attorney General shall reduce the
13 amount allocated under subparagraph (A) by 25
14 percent.

15 “(ii) A statute meets the requirements of this
16 subparagraph if it results in the elimination of pa-
17 role, good time credit release, and other forms of
18 early release for any person convicted of a violent
19 crime, with early release permitted only by approval
20 of the Governor of the State after a public hearing
21 in which representatives of the public and the pris-
22 oner’s victims have had an opportunity to be heard
23 regarding the proposed release.

24 “(iii) The total amount of the reductions under
25 clause (i) shall be allocated to each eligible State

1 that has enacted a statute meeting the requirements
2 of clause (ii) in accordance with the formula under
3 subparagraph (A).”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect
6 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

○