RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the federal government to immediately implement the First Step Act of 2018 by providing all necessary funding for its full implementation;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the federal government should engage the National Institute of Justice to choose a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, with expertise in risk and needs assessment, to host an Independent Review Committee to develop a risk-and-needs-assessment system necessary to implement the “earned time credits” provided for in the Act, so that certain federal prisoners can earn good-time credits by completing rehabilitative programming and engaging in productive activities that can be applied to pre-release custody or supervised release;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to enact legislation to apply retroactively all of the sentencing amelioration provisions of the Act;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to enact legislation to make effective immediately the increase in “good time credits” for federal prisoners from 47 days credit per year to 54 days per year; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges that, until legislation is adopted to make all of the sentencing amelioration provisions of the Act retroactive, the President and the Department of Justice should immediately implement a systemic program to consider commutation of the sentences of federal prisoners whose sentences would be lower if all of the ameliorative sentencing provisions of the Act were retroactive.

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