

LEGISLATIVE BOXSCORE

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| <p>Criminal Justice. H.R. 1809 and S. 860 would revise and reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). H.R. 2480, H.R. 2473, S. 1311 and S. 1312 are aimed at combating human trafficking. H.R. 510 and S. 139 would establish a system for the use of Rapid DNA. S.1917 would reform sentencing and corrections practices. S. 1994 would implement corrections reforms. H.R. 2899 would reauthorize the Second Chance Act. HR. 1795 would reform asset forfeiture laws.</p> | <p>House passed H.R. 1809 on 5/23/17. House passed H.R. 2473 on 5/23/17. Judiciary Cmte. approved H.R. 2480 on 6/28/17. House passed H.R. 510 on 5/16/17. H.R. 2899 was referred to Judiciary Cmte. on 7/19/17. H.R. 1795 was referred to House Judiciary Cmte. on 3/29/17.</p> | <p>Senate passed S. 860 and H.R. 510 on 8/1/17. Senate passed S. 1311 and S. 1312 on 9/11/17. S. 1917 was referred to Judiciary Cmte. on 10/4/17; S. 1994, on 10/19/17.</p> | <p>President signed P.L. 115-50 (H.R. 510) on 8/18/17.</p> | <p>Support sentencing and correction reform. Supports JJDPA and Second Chance Act reauthorization. Supports funding for federal and state indigent defense programs. Supports certain civil asset forfeiture reforms. Supports bills to combat human trafficking. Supports prompt collection and testing of DNA evidence.</p> |
| <p>Immigration. The president announced a new travel ban restricting entry into the country from eight countries. Federal judges temporarily blocked the ban for those seeking entry from six of the eight countries. The federal government is appealing the decisions. The president announced he is phasing out the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by March 2018. S. 1615 and H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, would continue the program.</p> | <p>H.R. 3440 was referred to Judiciary Cmte. on 7/26/17.</p> | <p>S. 1615 was referred to Judiciary Cmte. on 7/22/17.</p> | | <p>Supports improvements in the immigration court and adjudication system. Opposes mandatory detention and supports alternatives to detention. Supports access to counsel and due process safeguards. Supports the Dream Act.</p> |
| <p>Legal Services Corporation (LSC). President's FY 2018 budget issued on 5/23/17 included no funding for LSC, which is currently funded at \$385 million under P.L. 115-31 (H.R. 244).</p> | <p>House approved \$300 million for LSC on 9/14/17.</p> | <p>Senate Approps. Cmte approved \$385 million for LSC on 7/27/17.</p> | <p>President signed P.L. 115-31 (H.R. 244) on 5/5/17.</p> | <p>Supports an independent, well-funded LSC.</p> |
| <p>Tort Reform. H.R. 1215 would preempt state medical liability laws to impose caps on non-economic damages H.R. 985 would limit the ability of victims to file class action lawsuits. H.R. 720 would require mandatory monetary sanctions against lawyers who file non-meritorious lawsuits.</p> | <p>House passed H.R. 1215 on 6/28/17. House passed H.R. 985 on 3/9/17. House passed H.R. 720 on 3/10/17.</p> | | | <p>Opposes the bills. Opposes preemption of state medical liability laws and the bypassing of the Rules Enabling Act to amend the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.</p> |