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# H. R. 5053

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Justice for Juveniles  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF JUVENILES FROM THE REQUIRE-**  
7 **MENTS FOR SUITS BY PRISONERS.**

8 Section 7 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Per-  
9 sons Act (42 U.S.C. 1997e) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (h), by striking “sentenced  
2           for, or adjudicated delinquent for,” and inserting  
3           “or sentenced for”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(i) EXEMPTION OF JUVENILE PRISONERS.—This  
6           section shall not apply to an action pending on the date  
7           of enactment of the Justice for Juveniles Act or filed on  
8           or after such date if such action is—

9           “(1) brought by a prisoner who has not at-  
10          tained 22 years of age; or

11          “(2) brought by any prisoner with respect to a  
12          prison condition that occurred before the prisoner  
13          attained 22 years of age.”.

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