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H. R. 5053

To exempt juveniles from the requirements for suits by prisoners, and for other purposes.

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Juveniles Act”.

SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF JUVENILES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUITS BY PRISONERS.

Section 7 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (42 U.S.C. 1997e) is amended—
(1) in subsection (h), by striking “sentenced for, or adjudicated delinquent for,” and inserting “or sentenced for”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

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

“(1) brought by a prisoner who has not attained 22 years of age; or

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