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To require the Bureau of Justice Statistics to report on recidivism rates of Federal prisoners who are released early, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. PERDUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Criminal Consequences
5 of Early Release Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. BIENNIAL REPORT ON RECIDIVISM.**

7 Section 302(g) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
8 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3732(g))
9 is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Not later” and inserting “(1)
2 ANNUAL REPORT ON CRIMES IN INDIAN COUNTRY.—
3 ”; and

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

5 “(2) BIENNIAL REPORT ON RECIDIVISM.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
7 months after the date of enactment of this
8 paragraph, and once every 6 months thereafter,
9 the Director shall submit to Congress a report
10 on—

11 “(i) recidivism rates among Federal
12 prisoners released early under retroactive
13 revisions to the Sentencing Guidelines that
14 the United States Sentencing Commission
15 implemented in 2007, 2010, and 2014;

16 “(ii) recidivism rates among Federal
17 prisoners released early under any retro-
18 active revisions to the Sentencing Guide-
19 lines implemented by the United States
20 Sentencing Commission after the date of
21 enactment of this paragraph; and

22 “(iii) recidivism rates among Federal
23 prisoners released early under any retro-
24 active revisions to mandatory minimum

1 sentences required by law after the date of
2 enactment of this paragraph.

3 “(B) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The data
4 required to be reported under subparagraph (A)
5 shall be reported in a manner that shows—

6 “(i) the total number of Federal pris-
7 oners released early nationally and broken
8 down by State;

9 “(ii) the number and types of offenses
10 for which early released Federal prisoners
11 were imprisoned;

12 “(iii) the number of offenses, arrests,
13 and convictions of early released Federal
14 prisoners that occur after their early re-
15 lease;

16 “(iv) the types of offenses leading to
17 arrests and convictions of Federal pris-
18 oners after early release; and

19 “(v) the information described in
20 clauses (iii) and (iv), broken down by
21 State.”.

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