

## 2020 PEACEBUILDING & VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGISLATION in the CONGRESS

In addition to H.R. 1111 – The U.S. Department of Peacebuilding Act

### Legislation in the House of Representatives (as of 9/14/20 in order by bill number)

[H.R. 1799](#) —**Voting Rights Amendment Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. \[R-WI-5\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (20) - Establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices take effect.

[H.R. 2457](#) —**National De-Escalation of Violence and Community Safety Training Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Moore, Gwen \[D-WI-4\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (38) – Provides that the Secretary of Education develop standards for training individuals in effective and evidence-based de-escalation techniques so they have greater skills to resolve conflicts, manage anger, and control implicit bias without force.

[H.R. 3104](#) —**Partnership Fund for Peace Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Lowey, Nita M. \[D-NY-17\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (47) Related bill to S. 1727 - To establish the Partnership Fund for Peace to promote joint economic development ventures between Palestinian, U.S. and Israeli businesses to improve economic cooperation and peacebuilding people-to-people programs between Israelis and Palestinians.

[H.R. 3180](#) – **Resilience Investment, Support, and Expansion from Trauma Act** **Sponsor:** [Rep. Davis, Danny K. \[D-IL-7\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (13) - To improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma.

[H.R. 4022](#) —**Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Espaillat, Adriano \[D-NY-13\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (57) - To abolish the death penalty under Federal law

[H.R. 4904](#) —**Smarter Approaches to Nuclear Expenditures Act** **Sponsor:** [Rep. Blumenauer, Earl \[D-OR-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (8) Related bill to S. 2727 - To reduce spending on nuclear weapons and related defense spending and to prohibit the procurement and deployment of low-yield nuclear warheads.

[H.R. 6174](#) —**Youth, Peace, and Security Act** of 2020 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Meng, Grace \[D-NY-6\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (4) - Requires the Department of State to coordinate development and implementation of a whole-of-government strategy to promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of youth in peace building and conflict prevention, management, and resolution.

[H.R.5 282](#) —**Military Family Parole in Place Act** **Sponsor:** [Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. \[D-CA-39\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (5) companion bill to S. 2797 - Prevents deportation of Undocumented immigrant veterans and active duty service members

[H.Res. 990 & H.Con.Res. 100](#) - Propose a **Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Commission** - Encourages the United States to address a legacy of oppression beginning 400 years ago with slavery. It would then offer recommendations to catalyze progress in education, health care, employment, Social Security and veteran benefits, land ownership, financial assistance, food security, wages, voting rights, the justice system, and many other tenets of American life distorted by the lasting impacts of racism.

## **Legislation in the Senate** (as of 9/14/20 in order by bill number)

**S. 1727** — **Partnership Fund for Peace Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Sen. Coons, Christopher A. \[D-DE\]](#)  
**Cosponsors:** (9) Related bill to H.R.3104 - To establish the Partnership Fund for Peace to promote joint economic development ventures between Palestinian, U.S. and Israeli businesses to improve economic cooperation and people-to-people peacebuilding programs between Israelis and Palestinians.

**S. 1770** – **RISE from Trauma Act** **Sponsor:** [Sen Durbin, Richard J. \[D-IL\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (3) - To improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma.

**S. 2390** A bill to **prohibit the imposition of the death penalty for any violation of Federal law**, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** [Sen. Durbin, Richard J. \[D-IL\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (11)

**S. 2727** — **Smarter Approaches to Nuclear Expenditures Act** **Sponsor:** [Sen. Markey, Edward J. \[D-MA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (1) Related bill to H.R. 4904 - To reduce spending on nuclear weapons and related defense spending and to prohibit the procurement and deployment of low-yield nuclear warheads, and for other purposes.

**S.2797** — **Military Family Parole in Place Act** **Sponsor:** [Sen. Duckworth, Tammy \[D-IL\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (11)  
Companion bill to H.R.5282 - Prevents deportation of Undocumented immigrant veterans and active duty service members

**S. 2843** — **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (46)

**S. 4263** — **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** **Sponsor:** [Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. \[D-VT\]](#)  
**Cosponsors:** (47) - Strengthens voting rights for all and extends them to Native Americans.

**H.R. 727**– **Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act** of 2019 **Sponsor:** Rep Hastings, Alcee L [D-FL-20] **Passed the House. Now in the Senate** - To eliminate the use of corporal punishment in schools, ensure the safety of all students and school personnel in schools and promote a positive school culture and climate, and assist States and local agencies and schools in identifying and implementing effective evidence-based models to prevent and reduce corporal punishment in schools and aversive behavior interventions that compromise health.

**H.R. 1309** – **Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act** **Sponsor:** [Rep. Courtney, Joe \[D-CT-2\]](#) **Passed the House. Now in the Senate** - Requires the Department of Labor to promulgate an occupational safety and health standard requiring certain employers to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for protecting health care workers, social service workers, and other personnel from workplace violence.

**H.R. 7120** — **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act** of 2020 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Bass, Karen \[D-CA-37\]](#)  
**Passed the House. Now in the Senate** - This bill addresses a wide range of policies and issues regarding policing practices and law enforcement accountability. It includes measures to increase accountability for law enforcement misconduct, to enhance transparency and data collection, and to eliminate discriminatory policing practices.