

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1645

To establish an Oleoresin Capsicum Spray Pilot Program in the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

Mr. CASEY 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 “Federal Correctional
5 Officer Protective Equipment Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Director of
8 the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall conduct a pilot pro-
9 gram to determine the effectiveness of the routine issuance
10 of Oleoresin Capsicum spray to staff.

1 (b) SCOPE OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Director of the
2 Federal Bureau of Prisons shall have the discretion to—

3 (1) select the specific Bureau of Prisons institu-
4 tions, which shall include high security and adminis-
5 trative facilities, to participate in the pilot program;

6 (2) determine the length of the pilot program,
7 not to exceed 12 months;

8 (3) select the type of Oleoresin Capsicum spray
9 device utilized in the pilot program; and

10 (4) determine which Bureau of Prisons staff
11 will be authorized to participate in the pilot pro-
12 gram, which shall include bargaining unit employees
13 and not only include supervisors and managers.

14 (c) REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF
15 APPROPRIATIONS.—The requirements of this section are
16 subject to the availability of appropriations.

17 (d) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the date on which the pilot program ends, the Comptroller
19 General of the United States shall submit to Congress an
20 evaluation of the effects of the pilot program and provide
21 to Congress any research and analysis that the Comp-
22 troller General determines appropriate on tools to improve
23 officer safety in Federal prisons.

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