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1ST SESSION

H. R. 961

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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

A BILL

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prisoners, and for other purposes.

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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