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2D SESSION

S. 4136

To include a Federal defender as a nonvoting member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2026

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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the United States Sentencing Commission.

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 “Sentencing Commis-
5 sion Improvements Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL DEFENDER AS A NONVOTING MEMBER OF**
7 **THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMIS-**
8 **SION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 991(a) of title 28, United
10 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “one non-
2 voting member” and inserting “2 nonvoting mem-
3 bers”; and

4 (2) in the fifth sentence, by striking “shall be
5 an ex officio, nonvoting member” and inserting “and
6 a Federal public defender, or a community defender,
7 designated by the Defender Services Office of the
8 Administrative Office of the United States Courts,
9 shall be ex officio, nonvoting members”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 235(b)(5)
11 of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 (18 U.S.C. 3551
12 note) is amended, in the third sentence, by striking “nine
13 members, including two” and inserting “10 members, in-
14 cluding 3”.

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