

NOTICE TO INMATE POPULATION

On December 21, 2018, the President signed the First Step Act of 2018. Among other provisions, the First Step Act makes changes related to inmate requests for reduction in sentence/compassionate release.

Inmates who believe they are eligible for a reduction in sentence are reminded that they may initiate the Bureau review process by submitting a request in writing to the Warden. Requests may also be submitted by an inmate's spouse, partner, family member, or attorney.

Policy has been updated to include First Step Act requirements. Criteria used in evaluating such requests, along with the procedures for the review process, are described in Program Statement 5050.50, Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence: Procedures for Implementation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 3582 and 4205(g). The Program Statement will be available on the TRULINCS Bulletin Board until the next issuance of the Electronic Law Library, or is available upon request.

The First Step Act provides inmates sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 ("new law" inmates) with the right to bring a motion requesting a reduction in sentence with the relevant sentencing court, following the earlier of:

- (a) the denial of the request and the exhaustion of all administrative appeals, in this case receiving a denial from the Office of General Counsel; or
- (b) the lapse of 30 days from the receipt of the request by the Warden.

In all cases, Bureau staff will properly process properly submitted requests for reductions in sentences, and inmates are encouraged to work with institution staff regarding the processing of such requests.