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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _______________________

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bend Toward Justice Act of 2020”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW

MENS REA STANDARD.

Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “willfully” and inserting “recklessly”.