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To give Federal courts additional discretion to determine whether pretrial detention is appropriate for defendants charged with nonviolent drug offenses in Federal criminal cases.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 24, 2026

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. MFUME, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. SCANLON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Smarter Pretrial Detention for Drug Charges Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. RELEASE CONDITIONS AND DETENTION IN FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASES.

Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''(42 U.S.C. 14135a)'' each place it appears and inserting ''(34 U.S.C. 40702)''; and

(2) in subsection (e)(3)—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A); and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively.

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