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To reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

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 “Second Chance Reau-
5 thORIZATION Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) REAUTHORIZATION OF ADULT AND JUVENILE
8 OFFENDER STATE AND LOCAL DEMONSTRATION
9 PROJECTS.—Section 2976 of title I of the Omnibus Crime
10 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797w)
11 is amended—

1 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney Gen-
4 eral shall make grants to States, local governments, terri-
5 tories, or Indian tribes, or any combination thereof (in this
6 section referred to as an ‘eligible entity’), in partnership
7 with interested persons (including Federal corrections and
8 supervision agencies), services providers, and nonprofit or-
9 ganizations for the purpose of strategic planning and im-
10 plementation of adult and juvenile offender reentry
11 projects.”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or re-
14 entry courts,” after “community,”;

15 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at
16 the end;

17 (C) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (D) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(8) promoting employment opportunities con-
21 sistent with the Transitional Jobs strategy (as de-
22 fined in section 4 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
23 (42 U.S.C. 17502)).”;

24 (3) by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f) and
25 inserting the following:

1 “(d) COMBINED GRANT APPLICATION; PRIORITY
2 CONSIDERATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
4 develop a procedure to allow applicants to submit a
5 single application for a planning grant under sub-
6 section (e) and an implementation grant under sub-
7 section (f).

8 “(2) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—The Attorney
9 General shall give priority consideration to grant ap-
10 plications under subsections (e) and (f) that include
11 a commitment by the applicant to partner with a
12 local evaluator to identify and analyze data that
13 will—

14 “(A) enable the grantee to target the in-
15 tended offender population; and

16 “(B) serve as a baseline for purposes of
17 the evaluation.

18 “(e) PLANNING GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
20 graph (3), the Attorney General may make a grant
21 to an eligible entity of not more than \$75,000 to de-
22 velop a strategic, collaborative plan for an adult or
23 juvenile offender reentry demonstration project as
24 described in subsection (h) that includes—

25 “(A) a budget and a budget justification;

1 “(B) a description of the outcome meas-
2 ures that will be used to measure the effective-
3 ness of the program in promoting public safety
4 and public health;

5 “(C) the activities proposed;

6 “(D) a schedule for completion of the ac-
7 tivities described in subparagraph (C); and

8 “(E) a description of the personnel nec-
9 essary to complete the activities described in
10 subparagraph (C).

11 “(2) MAXIMUM TOTAL GRANTS AND GEO-
12 GRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

13 “(A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Attorney
14 General may not make planning grants and im-
15 plementation grants to 1 eligible entity in a
16 total amount that is more than a \$1,000,000.

17 “(B) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The At-
18 torney General shall make every effort to en-
19 sure equitable geographic distribution of grants
20 under this section and take into consideration
21 the needs of underserved populations, including
22 rural and tribal communities.

23 “(3) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A planning grant
24 made under this subsection shall be for a period of

1 not longer than 1 year, beginning on the first day
2 of the month in which the planning grant is made.

3 “(f) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

4 “(1) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring
5 an implementation grant under this subsection shall
6 submit to the Attorney General an application
7 that—

8 “(A) contains a reentry strategic plan as
9 described in subsection (h), which describes the
10 long-term strategy and incorporates a detailed
11 implementation schedule, including the plans of
12 the applicant to fund the program after Federal
13 funding is discontinued;

14 “(B) identifies the local government role
15 and the role of governmental agencies and non-
16 profit organizations that will be coordinated by,
17 and that will collaborate on, the offender re-
18 entry strategy of the applicant, and certifies the
19 involvement of such agencies and organizations;

20 “(C) describes the evidence-based method-
21 ology and outcome measures that will be used
22 to evaluate the program funded with a grant
23 under this subsection, and specifically explains
24 how such measurements will provide valid meas-
25 ures of the impact of that program; and

1 “(D) describes how the project could be
2 broadly replicated if demonstrated to be effec-
3 tive.

4 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Attorney General
5 may make a grant to an applicant under this sub-
6 section only if the application—

7 “(A) reflects explicit support of the chief
8 executive officer, or their designee, of the State,
9 unit of local government, territory, or Indian
10 tribe applying for a grant under this subsection;

11 “(B) provides extensive discussion of the
12 role of Federal corrections, State corrections
13 departments, community corrections agencies,
14 juvenile justice systems, and tribal or local jail
15 systems in ensuring successful reentry of of-
16 fenders into their communities;

17 “(C) provides extensive evidence of collabo-
18 ration with State and local government agencies
19 overseeing health, housing, child welfare, edu-
20 cation, substance abuse, victims services, and
21 employment services, and with local law en-
22 forcement agencies;

23 “(D) provides a plan for analysis of the
24 statutory, regulatory, rules-based, and practice-

1 based hurdles to reintegration of offenders into
2 the community;

3 “(E) includes the use of a State, local, ter-
4 ritorial, or tribal task force, described in sub-
5 section (i), to carry out the activities funded
6 under the grant;

7 “(F) provides a plan for continued collabo-
8 ration with a local evaluator as necessary to
9 meeting the requirements under subsection (h);
10 and

11 “(G) demonstrates that the applicant par-
12 ticipated in the planning grant process or en-
13 gaged in comparable planning for the reentry
14 project.

15 “(3) PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS.—The Attor-
16 ney General shall give priority to grant applications
17 under this subsection that best—

18 “(A) focus initiative on geographic areas
19 with a disproportionate population of offenders
20 released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facili-
21 ties;

22 “(B) include—

23 “(i) input from nonprofit organiza-
24 tions, in any case where relevant input is

1 available and appropriate to the grant ap-
2 plication;

3 “(ii) consultation with crime victims
4 and offenders who are released from pris-
5 ons, jails, and juvenile facilities;

6 “(iii) coordination with families of of-
7 fenders;

8 “(iv) input, where appropriate, from
9 the juvenile justice coordinating council of
10 the region;

11 “(v) input, where appropriate, from
12 the reentry coordinating council of the re-
13 gion; and

14 “(vi) other interested persons, as ap-
15 propriate;

16 “(C) demonstrate effective case assessment
17 and management abilities in order to provide
18 comprehensive and continuous reentry, includ-
19 ing—

20 “(i) planning for prerelease transi-
21 tional housing and community release that
22 begins upon admission for juveniles and
23 jail inmates, and, as appropriate, for pris-
24 on inmates, depending on the length of the
25 sentence;

1 “(ii) establishing prerelease planning
2 procedures to ensure that the eligibility of
3 an offender for Federal, tribal, or State
4 benefits upon release is established prior to
5 release, subject to any limitations in law,
6 and to ensure that offenders obtain all nec-
7 essary referrals for reentry services, includ-
8 ing assistance identifying and securing
9 suitable housing; and

10 “(iii) delivery of continuous and ap-
11 propriate mental health services, drug
12 treatment, medical care, job training and
13 placement, educational services, vocational
14 services, and any other service or support
15 needed for reentry;

16 “(D) review the process by which the ap-
17 plicant adjudicates violations of parole, proba-
18 tion, or supervision following release from pris-
19 on, jail, or a juvenile facility, taking into ac-
20 count public safety and the use of graduated,
21 community-based sanctions for minor and tech-
22 nical violations of parole, probation, or super-
23 vision (specifically those violations that are not
24 otherwise, and independently, a violation of
25 law);

1 “(E) provide for an independent evaluation
2 of reentry programs that include, to the max-
3 imum extent possible, random assignment and
4 controlled studies to determine the effectiveness
5 of such programs;

6 “(F) target moderate and high-risk offend-
7 ers for reentry programs through validated as-
8 sessment tools; and

9 “(G) target offenders with histories of
10 homelessness, substance abuse, or mental ill-
11 ness, including a prerelease assessment of the
12 housing status of the offender and behavioral
13 health needs of the offender with clear coordi-
14 nation with mental health, substance abuse, and
15 homelessness services systems to achieve stable
16 and permanent housing outcomes with appro-
17 priate support service.

18 “(4) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant made
19 under this subsection may not be more than
20 \$925,000.

21 “(5) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A grant made under
22 this subsection shall be effective for a 2-year pe-
23 riod—

1 “(A) beginning on the date on which the
2 planning grant awarded under subsection (e)
3 concludes; or

4 “(B) in the case of an implementation
5 grant awarded to an eligible entity that did not
6 receive a planning grant, beginning on the date
7 on which the implementation grant is award-
8 ed.”;

9 (4) in subsection (h)—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
11 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

12 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving
15 financial assistance under subsection (f), each appli-
16 cation shall develop a comprehensive reentry stra-
17 tegic plan that—

18 “(A) contains a plan to assess inmate re-
19 entry needs and measurable annual and 3-year
20 performance outcomes;

21 “(B) uses, to the maximum extent possible,
22 randomly assigned and controlled studies, or
23 rigorous quasi-experimental studies with
24 matched comparison groups, to determine the

1 effectiveness of the program funded with a
2 grant under subsection (f); and

3 “(C) includes as a goal of the plan to re-
4 duce the rate of recidivism for offenders re-
5 leased from prison, jail or a juvenile facility
6 with funds made available under subsection (f).

7 “(2) LOCAL EVALUATOR.—A partnership with a
8 local evaluator described in subsection (d)(2) shall
9 require the local evaluator to use the baseline data
10 and target population characteristics developed
11 under a subsection (e) planning grant to derive a
12 feasible and meaningful target goal for recidivism re-
13 duction during the 3-year period beginning on the
14 date of implementation of the program.”;

15 (5) in subsection (i)(1)—

16 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
17 (A), by striking “under this section” and insert-
18 ing “under subsection (f)”; and

19 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
20 section (e)(4)” and inserting “subsection
21 (f)(2)(D)”;

22 (6) in subsection (j)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for an
24 implementation grant under subsection (f)”
25 after “applicant”;

- 1 (B) in paragraph (2)—
- 2 (i) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
- 3 “, where appropriate” after “support”; and
- 4 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (F),
- 5 (G), and (H), and inserting the following:
- 6 “(F) increased number of staff trained to
- 7 administer reentry services;
- 8 “(G) increased proportion of individuals
- 9 served by the program among those eligible to
- 10 receive services;
- 11 “(H) increased number of individuals re-
- 12 ceiving risk screening needs assessment, and
- 13 case planning services;
- 14 “(I) increased enrollment in, and comple-
- 15 tion of treatment services, including substance
- 16 abuse and mental health services among those
- 17 assessed as needing such services;
- 18 “(J) increased enrollment in and degrees
- 19 earned from educational programs, including
- 20 high school, GED, vocational training, and col-
- 21 lege education;
- 22 “(K) increased number of individuals ob-
- 23 taining and retaining employment;
- 24 “(L) increased number of individuals ob-
- 25 taining and maintaining housing;

1 “(M) increased self-reports of successful
2 community living, including stability of living
3 situation and positive family relationships;

4 “(N) reduction in drug and alcohol use;
5 and

6 “(O) reduction in recidivism rates for indi-
7 viduals receiving reentry services after release,
8 as compared to either baseline recidivism rates
9 in the jurisdiction of the grantee or recidivism
10 rates of the control or comparison group.”;

11 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “facili-
12 ties.” and inserting “facilities, including a cost-
13 benefit analysis to determine the cost effective-
14 ness of the reentry program.”;

15 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “this sec-
16 tion” and inserting “subsection (f)”;

17 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “this sec-
18 tion” and inserting “subsection (f)”;

19 (7) in subsection (k)(1), by striking “this sec-
20 tion” each place the term appears and inserting
21 “subsection (f)”;

22 (8) in subsection (l)—

23 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “begin-
24 ning on the date on which the most recent im-
25 plementation grant is made to the grantee

1 under subsection (f)” after “2-year period”;
2 and

3 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “over a
4 2-year period” and inserting “during the 2-year
5 period described in paragraph (2)”;

6 (9) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “appro-
7 priated” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
8 lowing: “appropriated \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal
9 years 2014 through 2018.”; and

10 (10) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(p) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘reentry
12 court’ means a program that—

13 “(1) monitors juvenile and adult eligible offend-
14 ers reentering the community;

15 “(2) provides continual judicial supervision;

16 “(3) provides juvenile and adult eligible offend-
17 ers reentering the community with coordinated and
18 comprehensive reentry services and programs, such
19 as—

20 “(A) drug and alcohol testing and assess-
21 ment for treatment;

22 “(B) assessment for substance abuse from
23 a substance abuse professional who is approved
24 by the State or Indian tribe and licensed by the

1 appropriate entity to provide alcohol and drug
2 addiction treatment, as appropriate;

3 “(C) substance abuse treatment from a
4 provider that is approved by the State or Indian
5 tribe, and licensed, if necessary, to provide med-
6 ical and other health services;

7 “(D) health (including mental health) serv-
8 ices and assessment;

9 “(E) aftercare and case management serv-
10 ices that—

11 “(i) facilitate access to clinical care
12 and related health services; and

13 “(ii) coordinate with such clinical care
14 and related health services; and

15 “(F) any other services needed for reentry;

16 “(4) convenes community impact panels, victim
17 impact panels, or victim impact educational classes;

18 “(5) provides and coordinates the delivery of
19 community services to juvenile and adult eligible of-
20 fenders, including—

21 “(A) housing assistance;

22 “(B) education;

23 “(C) job training;

24 “(D) conflict resolution skills training;

25 “(E) batterer intervention programs; and

1 “(F) other appropriate social services; and
2 “(6) establishes and implements graduated
3 sanctions and incentives.”.

4 (b) GRANTS FOR FAMILY-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE
5 TREATMENT.—Part DD of title I of the Omnibus Crime
6 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797s
7 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 2921 (42 U.S.C. 3797s), in the
9 matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “non-
10 profit organizations,” before “and Indian”;

11 (2) in section 2923 (42 U.S.C. 3797s–2), by
12 adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS.—The Attorney
14 General shall give priority consideration to grant applica-
15 tions for grants under section 2921 that are submitted
16 by a nonprofit organization that demonstrates a relation-
17 ship with State and local criminal justice agencies, includ-
18 ing—

19 “(1) within the judiciary and prosecutorial
20 agencies; or

21 “(2) with the local corrections agencies, which
22 shall be documented by a written agreement that de-
23 tails the terms of access to facilities and participants
24 and provides information on the history of the orga-

1 nization of working with correctional populations.”;
2 and

3 (3) by striking section 2926(a) (42 U.S.C.
4 3797s–5(a)), and inserting the following:

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
6 propriated to carry out this part \$10,000,000 for each of
7 fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”.

8 (c) GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE
9 EDUCATIONAL METHODS AT PRISONS, JAILS, AND JUVE-
10 NILE FACILITIES.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
11 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.)
12 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating part KK (42 U.S.C.
14 3797ee et seq.) as part LL;

15 (2) by redesignating the second part designated
16 as part JJ, as added by the Second Chance Act of
17 2007 (Public Law 110–199; 122 Stat. 677), relating
18 to grants to evaluate and improve educational meth-
19 ods, as part KK;

20 (3) by redesignating the second section des-
21 ignated as section 3001 and section 3002 (42 U.S.C.
22 3797dd and 3797dd–1), as added by the Second
23 Chance Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–199; 122
24 Stat. 677), relating to grants to evaluate and im-

1 prove educational methods, as sections 3005 and
2 3006, respectively;

3 (4) in section 3005, as so redesignated—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking
6 “and” at the end;

7 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking the
8 period at the end and inserting “; and”;
9 and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(4) implement methods to improve academic
13 and vocational education for offenders in prisons,
14 jails, and juvenile facilities consistent with the best
15 practices identified in subsection (c).”;

16 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
17 section (d); and

18 (C) by inserting after subsection (b), the
19 following:

20 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of enactment of the Second Chance Reau-
22 thorization Act of 2013, the Attorney General shall iden-
23 tify and publish best practices relating to academic and
24 vocational education for offenders in prisons, jails, and ju-
25 venile facilities. The best practices shall consider the eval-

1 uations performed and recommendations made under
 2 grants made under subsection (a) before the date of enact-
 3 ment of the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of
 4 2013.”; and

5 (5) in section 3006, as so redesignated, by
 6 striking “to carry” and all that follows through
 7 “2010” and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2014,
 8 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 for grants for purposes
 9 described in section 3005(a)(4)”.

10 (d) CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION
 11 GRANTS.—Section 115 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
 12 (42 U.S.C. 17511) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) by striking “and Indian” and inserting
 15 “nonprofit organizations, and Indian”; and

16 (B) by striking “technology career training
 17 to prisoners” and inserting “career training, in-
 18 cluding subsidized employment, when part of a
 19 training program, to prisoners and reentering
 20 youth and adults”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) by striking “technology careers train-
 23 ing”;

24 (B) by striking “technology-based”; and

1 (C) by inserting “, as well as upon transi-
2 tion and reentry into the community” after “fa-
3 cility”;

4 (3) by striking subsections (c) and (e);

5 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(c) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—Priority consider-
8 ation shall be given to any application under this section
9 that—

10 “(1) provides assessment of local demand for
11 employees in the geographic areas to which offenders
12 are likely to return;

13 “(2) conducts individualized reentry career
14 planning upon the start of incarceration or post-re-
15 lease employment planning for each offender served
16 under the grant;

17 “(3) demonstrates connections to employers
18 within the local community; or

19 “(4) tracks and monitors employment out-
20 comes.”; and

21 (5) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016,
25 2017, and 2018.”.

1 (e) OFFENDER REENTRY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
 2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION PROGRAM.—Section
 3 201(f)(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
 4 17521(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
 6 appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000
 7 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”.

8 (f) COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING AND TRANSI-
 9 TIONAL SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
 10 TIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 211 of the Second
 12 Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17531) is amend-
 13 ed—

14 (A) in the header, by striking “**MEN-**
 15 **TORING GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANI-**
 16 **ZATIONS**” and inserting “**COMMUNITY-**
 17 **BASED MENTORING AND TRANSITIONAL**
 18 **SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANI-**
 19 **ZATIONS**”;

20 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “men-
 21 toring and other”;

22 (C) in subsection (b), by striking para-
 23 graph (2) and inserting the following:

1 “(2) transitional services to assist in the re-
2 integration of offenders into the community, includ-
3 ing—

4 “(A) educational, literacy, and vocational,
5 services and the Transitional Jobs strategy;

6 “(B) substance abuse treatment and serv-
7 ices;

8 “(C) coordinated supervision and com-
9 prehensive services for offenders, including
10 housing and mental and physical health care;

11 “(D) family services; and

12 “(E) validated assessment tools to assess
13 the risk factors of returning inmates; and”;

14 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “this sec-
15 tion” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
16 lowing: “this section \$15,000,000 for fiscal
17 years 2014 through 2018.”.

18 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The
19 table of contents in section 2 of the Second Chance
20 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17501 note) is amended by
21 striking the item relating to section 211 and insert-
22 ing the following:

“Sec. 211. Community-based mentoring and transitional service grants.”.

23 (g) DEFINITIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Second
2 Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17502) is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

5 “In this Act—

6 “(1) the term ‘exoneree’ means an individual
7 who—

8 “(A) has been convicted of a Federal, trib-
9 al, or State offense that is punishable by a term
10 of imprisonment of more than 1 year;

11 “(B) has served a term of imprisonment
12 for not less than 6 months in a Federal, tribal,
13 or State prison or correctional facility as a re-
14 sult of the conviction described in subparagraph
15 (A); and

16 “(C) has been determined to be factually
17 innocent of the offense described in subpara-
18 graph (A);

19 “(2) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning
20 given in section 901 of the Omnibus Crime Control
21 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3791);

22 “(3) the term ‘offender’ includes an exoneree;
23 and

24 “(4) the term ‘Transitional Jobs strategy’
25 means an employment strategy for youth and adults

1 who are chronically unemployed or those that have
2 barriers to employment that—

3 “(A) is conducted by State, tribal, and
4 local governments, State, tribal, and local work-
5 force boards, and nonprofit organizations;

6 “(B) provides time-limited employment
7 using individual placements, team placements,
8 and social enterprise placements, without dis-
9 placing existing employees;

10 “(C) pays wages in accordance with appli-
11 cable law, but in no event less than the higher
12 of the rate specified in section 6(a)(1) of the
13 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
14 206(a)(1)) or the applicable State or local min-
15 imum wage law, which are subsidized, in whole
16 or in part, by public funds;

17 “(D) combines time-limited employment
18 with activities that promote skill development,
19 remove barriers to employment, and lead to un-
20 subsidized employment such as a thorough ori-
21 entation and individual assessment, job readi-
22 ness and life skills training, case management
23 and supportive services, adult education and
24 training, child support-related services, job re-

1 tention support and incentives, and other simi-
2 lar activities;

3 “(E) places participants into unsubsidized
4 employment; and

5 “(F) provides job retention, re-employment
6 services, and continuing and vocational edu-
7 cation to ensure continuing participation in un-
8 subsidized employment and identification of op-
9 portunities for advancement.”.

10 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The
11 table of contents in section 2 of the Second Chance
12 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17501 note) is amended by
13 striking the item relating to section 4 and inserting
14 the following:

“Sec. 4. Definitions.”.

15 (h) EXTENSION OF THE LENGTH OF SECTION 2976
16 GRANTS.—Section 6(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007
17 (42 U.S.C. 17504(1)) is amended by inserting “or under
18 section 2976 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
19 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797w)” after “and 212”.

20 **SEC. 3. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GRANTEES.**

21 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “unre-
22 solved audit finding” means an audit report finding or rec-
23 ommendation that a grantee has used grant funds for an
24 unauthorized expenditure or otherwise unallowable cost
25 that is not closed or resolved during a 1-year period begin-

1 ning on the date of an initial notification of the finding
2 or recommendation.

3 (b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—Beginning in fiscal year
4 2013, and every 3 years thereafter, the Inspector General
5 of the Department of Justice shall conduct an audit of
6 not less than 5 percent of all grantees that are awarded
7 funding under—

8 (1) section 2976(b) of title I of the Omnibus
9 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
10 U.S.C. 3797w(b));

11 (2) part CC of title I of the Omnibus Crime
12 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
13 3797q et seq.), as amended by this Act;

14 (3) part DD of title I of the Omnibus Crime
15 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
16 3797s et seq.);

17 (4) part JJ of title I of the Omnibus Crime
18 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
19 3797dd et seq.); or

20 (5) section 115, 201, or 211 of the Second
21 Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17511, 17521, and
22 17531).

23 (c) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A grantee that is
24 found to have an unresolved audit finding under an audit
25 conducted under subsection (b) may not receive grant

1 funds under the grant programs described in paragraphs
2 (1) through (5) of subsection (b) in the fiscal year fol-
3 lowing the fiscal year to which the finding relates.

4 (d) PRIORITY OF GRANT AWARDS.—The Attorney
5 General, in awarding grants under the programs described
6 in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (b) shall give
7 priority to eligible entities that during the 2-year period
8 preceding the application for a grant have not been found
9 to have an unresolved audit finding.

10 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL REENTRY IMPROVEMENTS.**

11 (a) RESPONSIBLE REINTEGRATION OF OFFEND-
12 ERS.—Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42
13 U.S.C. 17532) is repealed.

14 (b) FEDERAL PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE.—
15 Section 231 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
16 17541) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “carried
19 out during fiscal years 2009 and 2010” and in-
20 serting “carried out during fiscal years 2014
21 through 2018”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (5)(A)—

23 (i) in clause (i), by striking “65
24 years” and inserting “60 years”; and

1 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “or 75
2 percent” and inserting “or $\frac{2}{3}$ ”;

3 (2) by striking subsection (h);

4 (3) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
5 (h); and

6 (4) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
7 striking “2009 and 2010” and inserting “2014
8 through 2018”.

9 (c) ENHANCING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PER-
10 TAINING TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.—Section 3624(c)
11 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (5), in the second sentence, by
13 inserting “, and number of prisoners not being
14 placed in community corrections facilities for each
15 reason set forth” before “, and any other informa-
16 tion”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking “the Second
18 Chance Act of 2007” and inserting “the Second
19 Chance Reauthorization Act of 2013”.

20 (d) TERMINATION OF STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF
21 DEPOT NALTREXONE FOR HEROIN ADDICTION.—Section
22 244 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17554)
23 is repealed.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RE-
2 SEARCH.—Section 245 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
3 (42 U.S.C. 17555) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “243, and 244” and inserting
5 “and 243”; and

6 (2) by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of the
7 fiscal years 2009 and 2010” and inserting
8 “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014, 2015,
9 2016, 2017, and 2018”.

10 (f) FEDERAL PRISONER RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
11 PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3621 of title 18,
13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
15 section (h); and

16 (B) by inserting after subsection (f) the
17 following:

18 “(g) PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO RE-
19 ENTRY PROGRAMS PROVEN TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM.—

20 “(1) DEFINITION.—The term ‘demonstrated to
21 reduce recidivism’ means that the Director of Bu-
22 reau of Prisons has determined that appropriate re-
23 search has been conducted and has validated the ef-
24 fectiveness of the type of program on recidivism.

1 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
2 PARTNERSHIP.—A faith-based or community-based
3 nonprofit organization that provides mentoring or
4 other programs that have been demonstrated to re-
5 duce recidivism is eligible to enter into a recidivism
6 reduction partnership with a prison or community-
7 based facility operated by the Bureau of Prisons.

8 “(3) RECIDIVISM REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS.—
9 The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall develop
10 policies to require wardens of prisons and commu-
11 nity-based facilities to enter into recidivism reduc-
12 tion partnerships with faith-based and community-
13 based nonprofit organizations that are willing to pro-
14 vide, on a volunteer basis, programs described in
15 paragraph (2).

16 “(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Director
17 of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to Congress
18 an annual report on the last day of each fiscal year
19 that—

20 “(A) details, for each prison and commu-
21 nity-based facility for the fiscal year just
22 ended—

23 “(i) the number of recidivism reduc-
24 tion partnerships under this section that
25 were in effect;

1 “(ii) the number of volunteers that
2 provided recidivism reduction program-
3 ming; and

4 “(iii) the number of recidivism reduc-
5 tion programming hours provided; and

6 “(B) explains any disparities between fa-
7 cilities in the numbers reported under subpara-
8 graph (A).”.

9 (2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made
10 by paragraph (1) shall take effect 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act.

12 (g) **REPEALS.**—

13 (1) Section 2978 of title I of the Omnibus
14 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
15 U.S.C. 3797w-2) is repealed.

16 (2) Part CC of title I of the Omnibus Crime
17 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
18 3797q et seq.) is repealed.

19 **SEC. 5. TASK FORCE ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVI-**
20 **TIES RELATING TO REENTRY OF OFFENDERS.**

21 (a) **TASK FORCE REQUIRED.**—The Attorney General,
22 in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban
23 Development, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of
24 Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
25 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture, and the heads of such other agencies of the Fed-
2 eral Government as the Attorney General considers appro-
3 priate, and in collaboration with interested persons, serv-
4 ice providers, nonprofit organizations, States, tribal, and
5 local governments, shall establish an interagency task
6 force on Federal programs and activities relating to the
7 reentry of offenders into the community (referred to in
8 this section as the “Task Force”).

9 (b) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

10 (1) identify such programs and activities that
11 may be resulting in overlap or duplication of serv-
12 ices, the scope of such overlap or duplication, and
13 the relationship of such overlap and duplication to
14 public safety, public health, and effectiveness and ef-
15 ficiency;

16 (2) identify methods to improve collaboration
17 and coordination of such programs and activities;

18 (3) identify areas of responsibility in which im-
19 proved collaboration and coordination of such pro-
20 grams and activities would result in increased effec-
21 tiveness or efficiency;

22 (4) develop innovative interagency or intergov-
23 ernmental programs, activities, or procedures that
24 would improve outcomes of reentering offenders and
25 children of offenders;

1 (5) develop methods for increasing regular com-
2 munication among agencies that would increase
3 interagency program effectiveness;

4 (6) identify areas of research that can be co-
5 ordinated across agencies with an emphasis on ap-
6 plying evidence-based practices to support, treat-
7 ment, and intervention programs for reentering of-
8 fenders;

9 (7) identify funding areas that should be co-
10 ordinated across agencies and any gaps in funding;
11 and

12 (8) in collaboration with the National Adult and
13 Juvenile Offender Reentry Resources Center, iden-
14 tify successful programs currently operating and col-
15 lect best practices in offender reentry from dem-
16 onstration grantees and other agencies and organiza-
17 tions, determine the extent to which such programs
18 and practices can be replicated, and make informa-
19 tion on such programs and practices available to
20 States, localities, nonprofit organizations, and oth-
21 ers.

22 (c) REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Task

1 Force shall submit a report, including recommenda-
2 tions, to Congress on barriers to reentry.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall identify Federal and other bar-
5 riers to successful reentry of offenders into the com-
6 munity and analyze the effects of such barriers on
7 offenders and on children and other family members
8 of offenders, including—

9 (A) admissions and evictions from Federal
10 housing programs;

11 (B) child support obligations and proce-
12 dures;

13 (C) Social Security benefits, veterans bene-
14 fits, food stamps, and other forms of Federal
15 public assistance;

16 (D) Medicaid Program and Medicare Pro-
17 gram procedures, requirements, regulations,
18 and guidelines;

19 (E) education programs, financial assist-
20 ance, and full civic participation;

21 (F) Temporary Assistance for Needy Fam-
22 ilies program funding criteria and other welfare
23 benefits;

24 (G) employment and training;

1 (H) reentry procedures, case planning, and
2 transitions of persons from the custody of the
3 Federal Bureau of Prisons to a Federal parole
4 or probation program or community corrections;

5 (I) laws, regulations, rules, and practices
6 that may require a parolee to return to the
7 same county that they were living in before
8 their arrest and therefore prevent offenders
9 from changing their setting upon release; and

10 (J) trying to establish pre-release planning
11 procedures for prisoners to ensure that a pris-
12 oner's eligibility for Federal or State benefits
13 (including Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security
14 and veterans benefits) upon release is estab-
15 lished prior to release, subject to any limita-
16 tions in law, and to ensure that prisoners are
17 provided with referrals to appropriate social and
18 health services or are referred to appropriate
19 nonprofit organizations.

20 (d) UPDATED REPORTS.—On an annual basis, the
21 Task Force shall submit to Congress an updated report
22 on the activities of the Task Force, including specific rec-
23 ommendations on issues described in subsections (b) and
24 (c).

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