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To reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. WALKER, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. TAYLOR, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was 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 2017”.

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

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797w)
2 is amended—

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

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

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

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

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

22 “(8) promoting employment opportunities con-
23 sistent with the Transitional Jobs strategy (as de-
24 fined in section 4 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
25 (42 U.S.C. 17502)).”;

1 (3) by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(d) COMBINED GRANT APPLICATION; PRIORITY
4 CONSIDERATION.—

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

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

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

18 “(B) serve as a baseline for purposes of
19 the evaluation.

20 “(e) PLANNING GRANTS.—

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

1 juvenile offender reentry demonstration project as
2 described in subsection (h) that includes—

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

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

8 “(C) the activities proposed;

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

11 “(E) a description of the personnel nec-
12 essary to complete the activities described in
13 subparagraph (C).

14 “(2) MAXIMUM TOTAL GRANTS AND GEO-
15 GRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

16 “(A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Attorney
17 General may not make initial planning grants
18 and implementation grants to 1 eligible entity
19 in a total amount that is more than a
20 \$1,000,000.

21 “(B) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The At-
22 torney General shall make every effort to en-
23 sure equitable geographic distribution of grants
24 under this section and take into consideration

1 the needs of underserved populations, including
2 rural and tribal communities.

3 “(3) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A planning grant
4 made under this subsection shall be for a period of
5 not longer than 1 year, beginning on the first day
6 of the month in which the planning grant is made.

7 “(f) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

8 “(1) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring
9 an implementation grant under this subsection shall
10 submit to the Attorney General an application
11 that—

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

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

24 “(C) describes the evidence-based method-
25 ology and outcome measures that will be used

1 to evaluate the program funded with a grant
2 under this subsection, and specifically explains
3 how such measurements will provide valid meas-
4 ures of the impact of that program; and

5 “(D) describes how the project could be
6 broadly replicated if demonstrated to be effec-
7 tive.

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

11 “(A) reflects explicit support of the chief
12 executive officer, or their designee, of the State,
13 unit of local government, territory, or Indian
14 tribe applying for a grant under this subsection;

15 “(B) provides discussion of the role of
16 Federal corrections, State corrections depart-
17 ments, community corrections agencies, juvenile
18 justice systems, and tribal or local jail systems
19 in ensuring successful reentry of offenders into
20 their communities;

21 “(C) provides evidence of collaboration
22 with State, local, or tribal government agencies
23 overseeing health, housing, child welfare, edu-
24 cation, substance abuse, victims services, and

1 employment services, and with local law en-
2 forcement agencies;

3 “(D) provides a plan for analysis of the
4 statutory, regulatory, rules-based, and practice-
5 based hurdles to reintegration of offenders into
6 the community;

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

11 “(F) provides a plan for continued collabo-
12 ration with a local evaluator as necessary to
13 meeting the requirements under subsection (h);
14 and

15 “(G) demonstrates that the applicant par-
16 ticipated in the planning grant process or en-
17 gaged in comparable planning for the reentry
18 project.

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

22 “(A) focus initiative on geographic areas
23 with a disproportionate population of offenders
24 released from prisons, jails, and juvenile facili-
25 ties;

1 “(B) include—

2 “(i) input from nonprofit organiza-
3 tions, in any case where relevant input is
4 available and appropriate to the grant ap-
5 plication;

6 “(ii) consultation with crime victims
7 and offenders who are released from pris-
8 ons, jails, and juvenile facilities;

9 “(iii) coordination with families of of-
10 fenders;

11 “(iv) input, where appropriate, from
12 the juvenile justice coordinating council of
13 the region;

14 “(v) input, where appropriate, from
15 the reentry coordinating council of the re-
16 gion; or

17 “(vi) input, where appropriate, from
18 other interested persons;

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

23 “(i) planning for prerelease transi-
24 tional housing and community release that
25 begins upon admission for juveniles and

1 jail inmates, and, as appropriate, for pris-
2 on inmates, depending on the length of the
3 sentence;

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

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

19 “(D) review the process by which the ap-
20 plicant adjudicates violations of parole, proba-
21 tion, or supervision following release from pris-
22 on, jail, or a juvenile facility, taking into ac-
23 count public safety and the use of graduated,
24 community-based sanctions for minor and tech-
25 nical violations of parole, probation, or super-

1 vision (specifically those violations that are not
2 otherwise, and independently, a violation of
3 law);

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

9 “(F) target moderate and high-risk offend-
10 ers for reentry programs through validated as-
11 sessment tools; or

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

21 “(4) 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 target goal for recidivism reduction during the 3-
13 year period beginning on the date of implementation
14 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)”;

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 2018 through 2022.”; 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, including
4 medication-assisted treatment, from a provider
5 that is approved by the State or Indian tribe,
6 and licensed, if necessary, to provide medical
7 and other health services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 “(A) housing assistance;

23 “(B) education;

24 “(C) job training;

25 “(D) conflict resolution skills training;

1 “(E) batterer intervention programs; and

2 “(F) other appropriate social services; and

3 “(6) establishes and implements graduated
4 sanctions and incentives.”.

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

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

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

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

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

22 “(2) with the local corrections agencies, which
23 shall be documented by a written agreement that de-
24 tails the terms of access to facilities and participants
25 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 2018 through 2022.”.

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

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART MM—GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE AND**
2 **IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL METHODS AT PRIS-**
3 **ONS, JAILS, AND JUVENILE FACILITIES**

4 **“SEC. 3031. GRANT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE**
5 **EDUCATIONAL METHODS AT PRISONS, JAILS,**
6 **AND JUVENILE FACILITIES.**

7 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney
8 General may carry out a grant program under which the
9 Attorney General may make grants to States, units of
10 local government, territories, Indian Tribes, and other
11 public and private entities to—

12 “(1) evaluate methods to improve academic and
13 vocational education for offenders in prisons, jails,
14 and juvenile facilities;

15 “(2) identify, and make recommendations to the
16 Attorney General regarding, best practices relating
17 to academic and vocational education for offenders
18 in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities, based on the
19 evaluation under paragraph (1);

20 “(3) improve the academic and vocational edu-
21 cation programs (including technology career train-
22 ing) available to offenders in prisons, jails, and juve-
23 nile facilities; and

24 “(4) implement methods to improve academic
25 and vocational education for offenders in prisons,

1 jails, and juvenile facilities consistent with the best
2 practices identified in subsection (c).

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
4 this part, a State or other entity described in subsection
5 (a) shall submit to the Attorney General an application
6 in such form and manner, at such time, and accompanied
7 by such information as the Attorney General specifies.

8 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of enactment of the Second Chance Reau-
10 thorization Act of 2017, the Attorney General shall iden-
11 tify and publish best practices relating to academic and
12 vocational education for offenders in prisons, jails, and ju-
13 venile facilities. The best practices shall consider the eval-
14 uations performed and recommendations made under
15 grants made under subsection (a) before the date of enact-
16 ment of the Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017.

17 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the last
18 day of the final fiscal year of a grant under this part,
19 each entity described in subsection (a) receiving such a
20 grant shall submit to the Attorney General a detailed re-
21 port of the progress made by the entity using such grant,
22 to permit the Attorney General to evaluate and improve
23 academic and vocational education methods carried out
24 with grants under this part.”; and

1 (3) in section 1001(a) of part J of title I of the
2 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
3 1968 (42 U.S.C. (a)), by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated
6 to carry out section 3031(a)(4) of part MM
7 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018, 2019,
8 2020, 2021, and 2022.”.

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

12 (1) in the heading, by striking “**TECHNOLOGY**
13 **CAREERS**” and inserting “**CAREERS**”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)—

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

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

22 (3) in subsection (b)—

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

25 (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 (4) by striking subsection (e);

5 (5) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
6 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

7 (6) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing:

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

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

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

19 “(3) demonstrates connections to employers
20 within the local community; or

21 “(4) tracks and monitors employment out-
22 comes.”; and

23 (7) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020,
2 2021, and 2022.”.

3 (e) OFFENDER REENTRY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
4 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION PROGRAM.—Section
5 201(f)(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
6 17521(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
8 appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

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

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

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

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

24 (C) in subsection (b), by striking para-
25 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 each of
17 fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

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 title I of the Omnibus Crime
21 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
22 3791);

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

1 “(4) the term ‘Transitional Jobs strategy’
2 means an employment strategy for youth and adults
3 who are chronically unemployed or those that have
4 barriers to employment that—

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

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

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

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

1 training, child support-related services, job re-
2 tention support and incentives, and other simi-
3 lar activities;

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

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

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

“Sec. 4. Definitions.”.

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

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

22 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

23 (1) the term “covered grant program” means
24 grants awarded under section 115, 201, or 211 of

1 the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17511,
2 17521, and 17531);

3 (2) the term “covered grantee” means a recipi-
4 ent of a grant from a covered grant program;

5 (3) the term “nonprofit”, when used with re-
6 spect to an organization, means an organization that
7 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
8 enue Code of 1986, and is exempt from taxation
9 under section 501(a) of such Code; and

10 (4) the term “unresolved audit finding” means
11 an audit report finding in a final audit report of the
12 Inspector General of the Department of Justice that
13 a covered grantee has used grant funds awarded to
14 that grantee under a covered grant program for an
15 unauthorized expenditure or otherwise unallowable
16 cost that is not closed or resolved during a 12-month
17 period prior to the date on which the final audit re-
18 port is issued.

19 (b) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—Beginning in fiscal year
20 2018, and annually thereafter, the Inspector General of
21 the Department of Justice shall conduct audits of covered
22 grantees to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds
23 awarded under covered grant programs. The Inspector
24 General shall determine the appropriate number of cov-
25 ered grantees to be audited each year.

1 (c) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A grantee that is
2 found to have an unresolved audit finding under an audit
3 conducted under subsection (b) may not receive grant
4 funds under a covered grant program in the fiscal year
5 following the fiscal year to which the finding relates.

6 (d) REIMBURSEMENT.—If a covered grantee is
7 awarded funds under the covered grant program from
8 which it received a grant award during the 1-fiscal-year
9 period during which the covered grantee is ineligible for
10 an allocation of grant funds under subsection (c), the At-
11 torney General shall—

12 (1) deposit into the General Fund of the Treas-
13 ury an amount that is equal to the amount of the
14 grant funds that were improperly awarded to the
15 covered grantee; and

16 (2) seek to recoup the costs of the repayment
17 to the Fund from the covered grantee that was im-
18 properly awarded the grant funds.

19 (e) PRIORITY OF GRANT AWARDS.—The Attorney
20 General, in awarding grants under a covered grant pro-
21 gram shall give priority to eligible entities that during the
22 2-year period preceding the application for a grant have
23 not been found to have an unresolved audit finding.

24 (f) NONPROFIT REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) PROHIBITION.—A nonprofit organization
2 that holds money in offshore accounts for the pur-
3 pose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a)
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, shall not be
5 eligible to receive, directly or indirectly, any funds
6 from a covered grant program.

7 (2) DISCLOSURE.—Each nonprofit organization
8 that is a covered grantee shall disclose in its applica-
9 tion for such a grant, as a condition of receipt of
10 such a grant, the compensation of its officers, direc-
11 tors, and trustees. Such disclosure shall include a
12 description of the criteria relied on to determine
13 such compensation.

14 (g) PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts made available
16 under a covered grant program may not be used by
17 any covered grantee to—

18 (A) lobby any representative of the Depart-
19 ment of Justice regarding the award of grant
20 funding; or

21 (B) lobby any representative of the Federal
22 Government or a State, local, or tribal govern-
23 ment regarding the award of grant funding.

1 (2) PENALTY.—If the Attorney General deter-
2 mines that a covered grantee has violated paragraph
3 (1), the Attorney General shall—

4 (A) require the covered grantee to repay
5 the grant in full; and

6 (B) prohibit the covered grantee from re-
7 ceiving a grant under the covered grant pro-
8 gram from which it received a grant award dur-
9 ing at least the 5-year period beginning on the
10 date of such violation.

11 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL REENTRY IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

15 (b) FEDERAL PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE.—
16 Section 231 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
17 17541) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (g)—

19 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “carried
20 out during fiscal years 2009 and 2010” and in-
21 serting “carried out during fiscal years 2018
22 through 2022”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (5)(A)(ii), by striking
24 “the greater of 10 years or”;

25 (2) by striking subsection (h);

1 (3) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
2 (h); and

3 (4) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
4 striking “2009 and 2010” and inserting “2018
5 through 2022”.

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

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

14 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking “the Second
15 Chance Act of 2007” and inserting “the Second
16 Chance Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

17 (d) TERMINATION OF STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF
18 DEPOT NALTREXONE FOR HEROIN ADDICTION.—Section
19 244 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17554)
20 is repealed.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RE-
22 SEARCH.—Section 245 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
23 (42 U.S.C. 17555) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “243, and 244” and inserting
25 “and 243”; and

1 (2) by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of the
2 fiscal years 2009 and 2010” and inserting
3 “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2018, 2019,
4 2020, 2021, and 2022”.

5 (f) FEDERAL PRISONER RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
6 PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENT.—

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

9 (A) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
10 section (h); and

11 (B) by inserting after subsection (f) the
12 following:

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

15 “(1) DEFINITION.—The term ‘demonstrated to
16 reduce recidivism’ means that the Director of Bu-
17 reau of Prisons has determined that appropriate re-
18 search has been conducted and has validated the ef-
19 fectiveness of the type of program on recidivism.

20 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
21 PARTNERSHIP.—A faith-based or community-based
22 nonprofit organization that provides mentoring or
23 other programs that have been demonstrated to re-
24 duce recidivism is eligible to enter into a recidivism

1 reduction partnership with a prison or community-
2 based facility operated by the Bureau of Prisons.

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

11 “(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Director
12 of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to Congress
13 an annual report on the last day of each fiscal year
14 that—

15 “(A) details, for each prison and commu-
16 nity-based facility for the fiscal year just
17 ended—

18 “(i) the number of recidivism reduc-
19 tion partnerships under this section that
20 were in effect;

21 “(ii) the number of volunteers that
22 provided recidivism reduction program-
23 ming; and

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

1 “(B) explains any disparities between fa-
2 cilities in the numbers reported under subpara-
3 graph (A).”.

4 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
5 by paragraph (1) shall take effect 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act.

7 (g) REPEALS.—

8 (1) Section 2978 of title I of the Omnibus
9 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
10 U.S.C. 3797w–2) is repealed.

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.) is repealed.

14 **SEC. 5. FEDERAL INTERAGENCY REENTRY COORDINATION.**

15 (a) REENTRY COORDINATION.—The Attorney Gen-
16 eral, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and
17 Urban Development, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary
18 of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
19 ices, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of
20 Agriculture, and the heads of such other agencies of the
21 Federal Government as the Attorney General considers
22 appropriate, and in collaboration with interested persons,
23 service providers, nonprofit organizations, and State, trib-
24 al, and local governments, shall coordinate on Federal pro-
25 grams, policies, and activities relating to the reentry of

1 individuals returning from incarceration to the commu-
2 nity, with an emphasis on evidence-based practices and
3 protection against duplication of services.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in con-
6 sultation with the Secretaries listed in subsection (a), shall
7 submit to Congress a report summarizing the achieve-
8 ments under subsection (a), and including recommenda-
9 tions for Congress that would further reduce barriers to
10 successful reentry.

11 **SEC. 6. CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES.**

12 (a) LIMITATION.—No amounts authorized to be ap-
13 propriated to the Department of Justice under this Act,
14 or any amendments made by this Act, may be used by
15 the Attorney General, or by any individual or organization
16 awarded discretionary funds under this Act, or any
17 amendments made by this Act, to host or support any ex-
18 penditure for conferences that uses more than \$20,000 in
19 Department funds, unless the Deputy Attorney General
20 or such Assistant Attorney Generals, Directors, or prin-
21 cipal deputies as the Deputy Attorney General may des-
22 ignate, provides prior written authorization that the funds
23 may be expended to host a conference. A conference that
24 uses more than \$20,000 in such funds, but less than an
25 average of \$500 in such funds for each attendee of the

1 conference, shall not be subject to the limitations of this
2 section.

3 (b) WRITTEN APPROVAL.—Written approval under
4 subsection (a) shall include a written estimate of all costs
5 associated with the conference, including the cost of all
6 food and beverages, audiovisual equipment, honoraria for
7 speakers, and any entertainment.

8 (c) REPORT.—The Deputy Attorney General shall
9 submit an annual report to the Committee on the Judici-
10 ary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of
11 the House of Representatives on all approved conference
12 expenditures referenced in this section.

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