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H. R. 2865

To establish a grant program to incentivize States to reduce prison populations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a grant program to incentivize States to reduce prison populations, and for other purposes.

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 “Reverse Mass Incarcer-
5 ation Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
8 Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et
9 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART OO—STATE PRISON POPULATION**
2 **REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

3 **“SEC. 3051. GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make
5 grants to States to assist States in reducing crime rates
6 and incarcerations.

7 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State shall be eligible to re-
8 ceive a grant under this section if the State demonstrates
9 that, during the 3-year period preceding the application
10 for a grant under this section—

11 “(1) the total number of individuals incarcer-
12 ated in correctional or detention facilities in the
13 State was reduced by not less than 7 percent; and

14 “(2) the rate of crime within the State did not
15 increase by more than 3 percent.

16 “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible State seeking a
17 grant under this section shall submit to the Attorney Gen-
18 eral an application in such form and manner and at such
19 time as the Attorney General requires, which shall include
20 a clear methodology based on population size and other
21 factors.

22 “(d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant awarded
23 under this section shall be used by a State to implement
24 evidence-based programs designed to reduce crime rates
25 and incarcerations.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
2 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated to
6 carry out part OO \$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years
7 2020 through 2029.”.

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