

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 508

To authorize appropriations for occupational education and training programs of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Ensuring Work Oppor-
5 tunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED WORK PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
9 appropriated to the Bureau of Prisons \$210,000,000

for fiscal years 2024 through 2029 for occupational education and training programs.

(2) REPORTS.—Beginning on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to the Attorney General public annual reports, produced by the Program Review Division of the Bureau of Prisons, an independent governmental or nongovernmental agency, or a private auditor, that—

(A) includes a list of the programs that receive the funds appropriated under paragraph (1); and

(B) analyzes the efficacy of the programs described in subparagraph (A) in providing incarcerated workers with valuable job skills, improving their quality of life, and increasing their job prospects upon release.

(b) PRISON WORK PILOT PROJECTS.—Section 1761(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “50” and inserting “100”.

(c) VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

(1) OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968.—The Omnibus Crime Con-

1 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101
2 et seq.) is amended—

3 (A) in section 1001(a) (34 U.S.C.
4 10261(a)), by striking paragraph (28) and in-
5 serting the following:

6 “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated
7 to carry out section 3041(a)(4) of part NN
8 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
9 2029.”; and

10 (B) in section 2976(o) (34 U.S.C.
11 10631(o)), by striking paragraph (1) and in-
12 serting the following:

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,
14 there are authorized to be appropriated \$70,000,000
15 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.

16 (2) CAREERS TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION
17 GRANTS.—Section 115 of the Second Chance Act of
18 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60511) is amended by striking sub-
19 section (f) and inserting the following:

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.

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