

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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”.

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), service 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 initial planning grants
15 and implementation grants to 1 eligible entity
16 in a total amount that is more than
17 \$1,000,000.

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

24 “(3) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A planning grant
25 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 discussion of the role of
12 Federal corrections, State corrections depart-
13 ments, community corrections agencies, juvenile
14 justice systems, and tribal or local jail systems
15 in ensuring successful reentry of offenders into
16 their communities;

17 “(C) provides evidence of collaboration
18 with State, tribal, and local government agen-
19 cies overseeing health, housing, child welfare,
20 education, substance abuse, victims services,
21 and 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; or

14 “(vi) input, where appropriate, from
15 other interested persons;

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; or

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; or

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) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A grant made under
19 this subsection shall be effective for a 2-year pe-
20 riod—

21 “(A) beginning on the date on which the
22 planning grant awarded under subsection (e)
23 concludes; or

24 “(B) in the case of an implementation
25 grant awarded to an eligible entity that did not

1 receive a planning grant, beginning on the date
2 on which the implementation grant is award-
3 ed.”;

4 (4) in subsection (h)—

5 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
6 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

7 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
8 ing the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving
10 financial assistance under subsection (f), each appli-
11 cation shall develop a comprehensive reentry stra-
12 tegic plan that—

13 “(A) contains a plan to assess inmate re-
14 entry needs and measurable annual and 3-year
15 performance outcomes;

16 “(B) uses, to the maximum extent possible,
17 randomly assigned and controlled studies, or
18 rigorous quasi-experimental studies with
19 matched comparison groups, to determine the
20 effectiveness of the program funded with a
21 grant under subsection (f); and

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

1 “(2) LOCAL EVALUATOR.—A partnership with a
2 local evaluator described in subsection (d)(2) shall
3 require the local evaluator to use the baseline data
4 and target population characteristics developed
5 under a subsection (e) planning grant to derive a
6 target goal for recidivism reduction during the 3-
7 year period beginning on the date of implementation
8 of the program.”;

9 (5) in subsection (i)(1)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
11 (A), by striking “under this section” and insert-
12 ing “under subsection (f)”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
14 section (e)(4)” and inserting “subsection
15 (f)(2)(D)”;

16 (6) in subsection (j)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for an
18 implementation grant under subsection (f)”
19 after “applicant”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
22 “, where appropriate” after “support”; and

23 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (F),
24 (G), and (H), and inserting the following:

1 “(F) increased number of staff trained to
2 administer reentry services;

3 “(G) increased proportion of individuals
4 served by the program among those eligible to
5 receive services;

6 “(H) increased number of individuals re-
7 ceiving risk screening needs assessment, and
8 case planning services;

9 “(I) increased enrollment in, and comple-
10 tion of treatment services, including substance
11 abuse and mental health services among those
12 assessed as needing such services;

13 “(J) increased enrollment in and degrees
14 earned from educational programs, including
15 high school, GED, vocational training, and col-
16 lege education;

17 “(K) increased number of individuals ob-
18 taining and retaining employment;

19 “(L) increased number of individuals ob-
20 taining and maintaining housing;

21 “(M) increased self-reports of successful
22 community living, including stability of living
23 situation and positive family relationships;

24 “(N) reduction in drug and alcohol use;
25 and

1 “(O) reduction in recidivism rates for indi-
2 viduals receiving reentry services after release,
3 as compared to either baseline recidivism rates
4 in the jurisdiction of the grantee or recidivism
5 rates of the control or comparison group.”;

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

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

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

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

17 (8) in subsection (l)—

18 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “begin-
19 ning on the date on which the most recent im-
20 plementation grant is made to the grantee
21 under subsection (f)” after “2-year period”;
22 and

23 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “over a
24 2-year period” and inserting “during the 2-year
25 period described in paragraph (2)”;

1 (9) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “appropriated” and all that follows and inserting the following: “appropriated \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal
2 years 2016 through 2020.”; and
3

4 (10) by adding at the end the following:
5

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

8 “(1) monitors juvenile and adult eligible offenders reentering the community;
9

10 “(2) provides continual judicial supervision;

11 “(3) provides juvenile and adult eligible offenders reentering the community with coordinated and
12 comprehensive reentry services and programs, such
13 as—
14

15 “(A) drug and alcohol testing and assessment for treatment;
16

17 “(B) assessment for substance abuse from a substance abuse professional who is approved
18 by the State or Indian tribe and licensed by the
19 appropriate entity to provide alcohol and drug
20 addiction treatment, as appropriate;
21

22 “(C) substance abuse treatment, including
23 medication assisted treatment, from a provider
24 that is approved by the State or Indian tribe,

1 and licensed, if necessary, to provide medical
2 and other health services;

3 “(D) health (including mental health) serv-
4 ices and assessment;

5 “(E) aftercare and case management serv-
6 ices that—

7 “(i) facilitate access to clinical care
8 and related health services; and

9 “(ii) coordinate with such clinical care
10 and related health services; and

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

12 “(4) convenes community impact panels, victim
13 impact panels, or victim impact educational classes;

14 “(5) provides and coordinates the delivery of
15 community services to juvenile and adult eligible of-
16 fenders, including—

17 “(A) housing assistance;

18 “(B) education;

19 “(C) job training;

20 “(D) conflict resolution skills training;

21 “(E) batterer intervention programs; and

22 “(F) other appropriate social services; and

23 “(6) establishes and implements graduated
24 sanctions and incentives.”.

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

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

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

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

16 “(1) within the judiciary and prosecutorial
17 agencies; or

18 “(2) with the local corrections agencies, which
19 shall be documented by a written agreement that de-
20 tails the terms of access to facilities and participants
21 and provides information on the history of the orga-
22 nization of working with correctional populations.”;
23 and

24 (3) by striking section 2926(a) (42 U.S.C.
25 3797s–5(a)), and inserting the following:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
2 propriated to carry out this part \$10,000,000 for each of
3 fiscal years 2016 through 2020.”.

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

9 (1) by redesignating part KK (42 U.S.C.
10 3797ee et seq.) as part LL;

11 (2) by redesignating the second part designated
12 as part JJ, as added by the Second Chance Act of
13 2007 (Public Law 110–199; 122 Stat. 677), relating
14 to grants to evaluate and improve educational meth-
15 ods, as part KK;

16 (3) by redesignating the second section des-
17 ignated as section 3001 and section 3002 (42 U.S.C.
18 3797dd and 3797dd–1), as added by the Second
19 Chance Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–199; 122
20 Stat. 677), relating to grants to evaluate and im-
21 prove educational methods, as sections 3005 and
22 3006, respectively;

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

24 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

3 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;
5 and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(4) implement methods to improve academic
9 and vocational education for offenders in prisons,
10 jails, and juvenile facilities consistent with the best
11 practices identified in subsection (c).”;

12 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
13 section (d); and

14 (C) by inserting after subsection (b), the
15 following:

16 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of enactment of the Second Chance Reau-
18 thorization Act, the Attorney General shall identify and
19 publish best practices relating to academic and vocational
20 education for offenders in prisons, jails, and juvenile facili-
21 ties. The best practices shall consider the evaluations per-
22 formed and recommendations made under grants made
23 under subsection (a) before the date of enactment of the
24 Second Chance Reauthorization Act .”; and

1 (5) in section 3006, as so redesignated, by
2 striking “to carry” and all that follows through
3 “2010” and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2016,
4 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 for grants for purposes
5 described in section 3005(a)(4)”.

6 (d) CAREERS TRAINING DEMONSTRATION
7 GRANTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 115 of the Second
9 Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17511) is amend-
10 ed—

11 (A) in the heading, by striking “**TECH-**
12 **NOLOGY CAREERS**” and inserting “**CA-**
13 **REERS**”;

14 (B) in subsection (a)—

15 (i) by striking “and Indian” and in-
16 sserting “nonprofit organizations, and In-
17 dian”; and

18 (ii) by striking “technology career
19 training to prisoners” and inserting “ca-
20 reer training, including subsidized employ-
21 ment, when part of a training program, to
22 prisoners and reentering youth and
23 adults”;

24 (C) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) by striking “technology careers
2 training”;

3 (ii) by striking “technology-based”;
4 and

5 (iii) by inserting “, as well as upon
6 transition and reentry into the commu-
7 nity” after “facility”;

8 (D) by striking subsection (e);

9 (E) by redesignating subsections (c) and
10 (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

11 (F) by inserting after subsection (b) the
12 following:

13 “(c) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—Priority consider-
14 ation shall be given to any application under this section
15 that—

16 “(1) provides assessment of local demand for
17 employees in the geographic areas to which offenders
18 are likely to return;

19 “(2) conducts individualized reentry career
20 planning upon the start of incarceration or post-re-
21 lease employment planning for each offender served
22 under the grant;

23 “(3) demonstrates connections to employers
24 within the local community; or

1 “(4) tracks and monitors employment out-
2 comes.”; and

3 (G) by inserting after subsection (e), as re-
4 designated, the following:

5 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018,
8 2019, and 2020.”.

9 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The
10 table of contents in section 2 of the Second Chance
11 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17501 note) is amended by
12 striking the item relating to section 115 and insert-
13 ing the following:

“Sec. 115. Careers training demonstration grants.”.

14 (e) OFFENDER REENTRY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
15 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION PROGRAM.—Section
16 201(f)(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
17 17521(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
19 appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000
20 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.”.

21 (f) COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING AND TRANSI-
22 TIONAL SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-
23 TIONS.—

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

4 (A) in the header, by striking “**MEN-**
5 **TORING GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANI-**
6 **ZATIONS**” and inserting “**COMMUNITY-**
7 **BASED MENTORING AND TRANSITIONAL**
8 **SERVICE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANI-**
9 **ZATIONS**”;

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

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

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

17 “(A) educational, literacy, and vocational,
18 services and the Transitional Jobs strategy;

19 “(B) substance abuse treatment and serv-
20 ices;

21 “(C) coordinated supervision and com-
22 prehensive services for offenders, including
23 housing and mental and physical health care;

24 “(D) family services; and

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

3 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “this sec-
4 tion” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
5 lowing: “this section \$15,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2016 through 2020.”.

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

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

12 (g) DEFINITIONS.—

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

16 **“SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 “**In this Act—**

18 “(1) the term ‘exoneree’ means an individual
19 who—

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

23 “(B) has served a term of imprisonment
24 for not less than 6 months in a Federal, tribal,
25 or State prison or correctional facility as a re-

1 sult of the conviction described in subparagraph
2 (A); and

3 “(C) has been determined to be factually
4 innocent of the offense described in subpara-
5 graph (A);

6 “(2) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning
7 given in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus Crime
8 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
9 3791);

10 “(3) the term ‘offender’ includes an exoneree;

11 “(4) the term ‘recidivism’ shall be defined in ac-
12 cordance with the measure selected by the Director
13 of the Bureau of Justice Statistics under section
14 231(d)(3)(B); and

15 “(5) the term ‘Transitional Jobs strategy’
16 means an employment strategy for youth and adults
17 who are chronically unemployed or those that have
18 barriers to employment that—

19 “(A) is conducted by State, tribal, and
20 local governments, State, tribal, and local work-
21 force boards, and nonprofit organizations;

22 “(B) provides time-limited employment
23 using individual placements, team placements,
24 and social enterprise placements, without dis-
25 placing existing employees;

1 “(C) pays wages in accordance with appli-
2 cable law, but in no event less than the higher
3 of the rate specified in section 6(a)(1) of the
4 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
5 206(a)(1)) or the applicable State or local min-
6 imum wage law, which are subsidized, in whole
7 or in part, by public funds;

8 “(D) combines time-limited employment
9 with activities that promote skill development,
10 remove barriers to employment, and lead to un-
11 subsidized employment such as a through ori-
12 entation and individual assessment, job readi-
13 ness and life skills training, case management
14 and supportive services, adult education and
15 training, child support-related services, job re-
16 tention support and incentives, and other simi-
17 lar activities;

18 “(E) places participants into unsubsidized
19 employment; and

20 “(F) provides job retention, re-employment
21 services, and continuing and vocational edu-
22 cation to ensure continuing participation in un-
23 subsidized employment and identification of op-
24 portunities for advancement.”.

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

“Sec. 4. Definitions.”.

6 (h) EXTENSION OF THE LENGTH OF SECTION 2976
7 GRANTS.—Section 6(1) of the Second Chance Act of 2007
8 (42 U.S.C. 17504(1)) is amended by inserting “or under
9 section 2976 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
10 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797w)” after “and 212”.

11 **SEC. 3. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GRANTEEES.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13 (1) the term “covered grant program” means—

14 (A) grants awarded under section 115 of
15 the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
16 17511);

17 (B) grants awarded under section 201 of
18 the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
19 17521); and

20 (C) grants awarded under section 211 of
21 the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
22 17431);

23 (2) the term “covered grantee” means a recipi-
24 ent of a grant from a covered grant program; and

1 (3) the term “unresolved audit finding” means
2 an audit report finding in a final audit report of the
3 Inspector General of the Department of Justice that
4 a covered grantee has used grant funds awarded to
5 that grantee under a covered grant program for an
6 unauthorized expenditure or otherwise unallowable
7 cost that is not closed or resolved during the 12-
8 month period beginning on the date on which the
9 final audit report is issued.

10 (b) **AUDIT REQUIREMENT.**—Beginning in fiscal year
11 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Inspector Gen-
12 eral of the Department of Justice shall conduct audits of
13 covered grantees to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of
14 such funds. The Inspector General shall determine the ap-
15 propriate number of covered grantees to be audited each
16 year.

17 (c) **MANDATORY EXCLUSION.**—A grantee that is
18 found to have an unresolved audit finding under an audit
19 conducted under subsection (b) may not receive grant
20 funds under a covered grant program in the fiscal year
21 following the fiscal year to which the finding relates.

22 (d) **REIMBURSEMENT.**—If a covered grantee is
23 awarded funds under the covered grant program from
24 which it received a grant award during the 2-fiscal year
25 period during which the covered grantee is ineligible for

1 an allocation of grant funds as a result of subsection (b),
2 the Attorney General shall—

3 (1) deposit an amount equal to the amount of
4 the grant funds that were improperly awarded to the
5 covered grantee into the General Fund of the Treas-
6 ury; and

7 (2) seek to recoup the costs of the repayment
8 to the Fund from the covered grantee that was erro-
9 neously awarded grant funds.

10 (e) PRIORITY OF GRANT AWARDS.—The Attorney
11 General, in awarding grants under a covered grant pro-
12 gram shall give priority to eligible entities that during the
13 2-year period preceding the application for a grant have
14 not been found to have an unresolved audit finding.

15 (f) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (1) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
17 section, the term “nonprofit”, when used with re-
18 spect to an organization, means an organization that
19 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
20 enue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation
21 under section 501(a) of such Code.

22 (2) PROHIBITION.—A nonprofit organization
23 that holds money in offshore accounts for the pur-
24 pose of avoiding paying the tax described in section
25 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, shall

1 not be eligible to receive, directly or indirectly, any
2 funds from a covered grant program.

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

10 (g) CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES.—

11 (1) LIMITATION.—No amounts authorized to be
12 appropriated to the Department of Justice under
13 this Act, or any amendments made by this Act, may
14 be used by the Attorney General, or by any indi-
15 vidual or organization awarded discretionary funds
16 through a cooperative agreement under this Act, or
17 any amendments made by this Act, to host or sup-
18 port any expenditure for conferences that uses more
19 than \$20,000 in Department funds, unless the Dep-
20 uty Attorney General or such Assistant Attorney
21 Generals, Directors, or principal deputies as the
22 Deputy Attorney General may designate, provides
23 prior written authorization that the funds may be
24 expended to host a conference. A conference that
25 uses more than \$20,000 in such funds, but less than

1 an average of \$500 in such funds for each attendee
2 of the conference, shall not be subject to the limita-
3 tions of this paragraph.

4 (2) WRITTEN APPROVAL.—Written approval
5 under paragraph (1) shall include a written estimate
6 of all costs associated with the conference, including
7 the cost of all food and beverages, audiovisual equip-
8 ment, honoraria for speakers, and any entertain-
9 ment.

10 (3) REPORT.—The Deputy Attorney General
11 shall submit an annual report to the Committee on
12 the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on
13 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on all
14 approved conference expenditures referenced in this
15 paragraph.

16 (h) PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITY.—

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

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

23 (B) lobby any representative of the Federal
24 Government or a State, local, or tribal govern-
25 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 the heading, by striking “ELDERLY
20 AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR CERTAIN
21 NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS PILOT PROGRAM”
22 and inserting “PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN AGING
23 OFFENDERS”;

24 (B) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
2 read as follows:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General
4 shall conduct a program to place eligible aging
5 offenders from Bureau of Prisons facilities on
6 home detention until the expiration of the pris-
7 on terms of the offenders.”;

8 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (I) by striking “pilot”;

10 (II) by striking “elderly” and in-
11 sserting “aging”; and

12 (III) by inserting “, upon written
13 request from either the Bureau of
14 Prisons or an eligible aging offender”
15 after “to home detention”; and

16 (iii) in subparagraph (C)—

17 (I) by striking “elderly” and in-
18 sserting “aging”; and

19 (II) by striking “pilot”;

20 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “elderly”
21 and inserting “aging”;

22 (D) by striking paragraph (3);

23 (E) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
24 (5) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

25 (F) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

- 1 (i) by striking “elderly” each place the
2 term appears and inserting “aging”; and
- 3 (ii) in the first sentence, by striking
4 “Congress” and all that follows through
5 “paragraph (3).” and inserting the fol-
6 lowing: “Congress annually the number of
7 inmates who applied for consideration
8 under the program; the number of applica-
9 tions approved and the number denied at
10 the facility level and the number of appli-
11 cations approved and the number denied
12 by the Director; for those denied at either
13 point, the statutory basis for the denial;
14 the average length of time to adjudicate an
15 application, from initial filing to final de-
16 termination; and the cost savings associ-
17 ated with releasing aging inmates to home
18 detention and additional ways to increase
19 savings that could be achieved under the
20 program without endangering public safe-
21 ty.”;
- 22 (G) in paragraph (4), as redesignated—
- 23 (i) in subparagraph (A)—
- 24 (I) in the heading, by striking
25 “ELDERLY” and inserting “AGING”;

1 (II) in the matter preceding
2 clause (i), by striking “elderly” and
3 inserting “aging”;

4 (III) in clause (i), by striking
5 “65 years” and inserting “60 years”;
6 and

7 (IV) in clause (ii)—

8 (aa) by striking “that is not
9 life imprisonment”;

10 (bb) by striking “the greater
11 of 10 years or 75 percent” and
12 inserting “2/3”; and

13 (cc) by inserting “, or in the
14 case of an offender sentenced to
15 life in prison, the offender has
16 served 30 years” after “was sen-
17 tenced”;

18 (V) by striking clause (iii);

19 (VI) by redesignating clauses (iv)
20 through (vii) as clauses (iii) through
21 (vi), respectively;

22 (VII) in clause (iii), as redesign-
23 ated, by inserting “while in the cus-
24 tody of the Bureau of Prisons” after
25 “clause (ii)”; and

1 (VIII) in clause (vi), as redesignig-
2 nated, by inserting “, after reviewing
3 the offender’s age, health, and behav-
4 ioral record in custody,” after “Pris-
5 ons”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
7 “April 9, 2008” and inserting “November
8 1, 2014”; and

9 (H) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(5) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
11 date of enactment of the Second Chance Reauthor-
12 ization Act, the Attorney General shall submit to
13 Congress a report on the state of accessibility for in-
14 mates with mobility impairments at facilities oper-
15 ated by the Bureau of Prisons, which shall include
16 a description of efforts being made to address any
17 lack of accessibility identified.”;

18 (2) by striking subsection (h);

19 (3) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
20 (h); and

21 (4) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
22 striking “2009 and 2010” and inserting “2016
23 through 2020”.

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

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

9 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking “the Second
10 Chance Act of 2007” and inserting “the Second
11 Chance Reauthorization Act”.

12 (d) TERMINATION OF STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF
13 DEPOT NALTREXONE FOR HEROIN ADDICTION.—Section
14 244 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17554)
15 is repealed.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RE-
17 SEARCH.—Section 245 of the Second Chance Act of 2007
18 (42 U.S.C. 17555) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “243, and 244” and inserting
20 “and 243”; and

21 (2) by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of the
22 fiscal years 2009 and 2010” and inserting
23 “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2016, 2017,
24 2018, 2019, and 2020”.

1 (f) FEDERAL PRISONER RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
2 PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENT.—

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

5 (A) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (B) by inserting after subsection (f) the
8 following:

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

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

16 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR RECIDIVISM REDUCTION
17 PARTNERSHIP.—A faith-based or community-based
18 nonprofit organization that provides mentoring or
19 other programs that have been demonstrated to re-
20 duce recidivism is eligible to enter into a recidivism
21 reduction partnership with a prison or community-
22 based facility operated by the Bureau of Prisons.

23 “(3) RECIDIVISM REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS.—
24 The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall develop
25 policies to require wardens of prisons and commu-

1 nity-based facilities to enter into recidivism reduc-
2 tion partnerships with faith-based and community-
3 based nonprofit organizations that are willing to pro-
4 vide, on a volunteer basis, programs described in
5 paragraph (2).

6 “(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Director
7 of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to Congress
8 an annual report on the last day of each fiscal year
9 that—

10 “(A) details, for each prison and commu-
11 nity-based facility for the fiscal year just
12 ended—

13 “(i) the number of recidivism reduc-
14 tion partnerships under this section that
15 were in effect;

16 “(ii) the number of volunteers that
17 provided recidivism reduction program-
18 ming; and

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

21 “(B) explains any disparities between fa-
22 cilities in the numbers reported under subpara-
23 graph (A).”.

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

4 (g) **REPEALS.**—

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

8 (2) Part CC of title I of the Omnibus Crime
9 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
10 3797q et seq.) is repealed.

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

12 (a) **REENTRY COORDINATION.**—The Attorney Gen-
13 eral, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and
14 Urban Development, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary
15 of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
16 ices, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of
17 Agriculture, and the heads of such other agencies of the
18 Federal Government as the Attorney General considers
19 appropriate, and in collaboration with interested persons,
20 service providers, nonprofit organizations, and State, trib-
21 al, and local governments, shall coordinate on Federal pro-
22 grams, policies, and activities relating to the reentry of
23 individuals returning from incarceration to the commu-
24 nity, with an emphasis on evidence-based practices and
25 protection against duplication of services.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in con-
3 sultation and coordination with the participating agencies,
4 shall provide a report to Congress summarizing achieve-
5 ments and including recommendations for Congress that
6 would further reduce barriers to successful reentry.