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# **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 “One Stop Shop Com-  
5 munity Reentry Program Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

7       (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General  
8 is authorized to carry out a grant program to make grants  
9 to eligible entities for the purpose of creating community  
10 reentry centers.

11       (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each applica-  
12 tion for a grant under this section shall—

13               (1) demonstrate a plan to work with community  
14 leaders who interact with formerly incarcerated peo-  
15 ple and their families to—

16                       (A) identify specific strategies and ap-  
17 proaches to providing reentry services;

18                       (B) develop a needs assessment tool to sur-  
19 vey or conduct focus groups with community  
20 members in order to identify—

21                               (i) the needs of individuals returning  
22 to the community after conviction or incar-  
23 ceration, and the barriers such individuals  
24 face; and

1 (ii) the needs of the families and com-  
2 munities to which such individuals are re-  
3 turning; and

4 (C) use the information gathered pursuant  
5 to subparagraph (B) to determine the reentry  
6 services to be provided by the community re-  
7 entry center;

8 (2) identify the correctional institutions from  
9 which individuals who are released from incarcer-  
10 ation are likely to reenter the community served by  
11 the community reentry center, and develop a plan, if  
12 feasible, to provide transportation for such released  
13 individuals to the community reentry center, to the  
14 individual's residence, or to a location where the in-  
15 dividual is ordered by a court to report;

16 (3) demonstrate a plan to provide accessible no-  
17 tice of the location of the reentry intake and coordi-  
18 nation center and the services that it will provide  
19 (either directly or on a referral basis), including,  
20 where feasible, within and outside of correctional in-  
21 stitutions identified under paragraph (1);

22 (4) demonstrate a plan to provide intake and  
23 reentry needs assessment that is trauma-informed  
24 and gender-responsive after an individual is released  
25 from a correctional institution, or, in the case of an

1 individual who is convicted of an offense and not  
2 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, after such con-  
3 viction, and where feasible, before release, to ensure  
4 that the individuals served by the center are referred  
5 to appropriate reentry services based on the individ-  
6 ual's needs immediately upon release from a correc-  
7 tional institution or after conviction, and continu-  
8 ously thereafter as needed;

9 (5) demonstrate a plan to provide the reentry  
10 services identified in paragraph (1)(C);

11 (6) demonstrate a plan to continue to provide  
12 services (including through referral) for individuals  
13 served by the center who move to a different geo-  
14 graphic area to ensure appropriate case manage-  
15 ment, case planning, and access to continuous or  
16 new services, where necessary, and based on con-  
17 sistent reevaluation of needs;

18 (7) identify specific methods that the commu-  
19 nity reentry center will employ to achieve perform-  
20 ance objectives among the individuals served by the  
21 center, including—

22 (A) increased access to and participation  
23 in reentry services;

24 (B) reduction in recidivism rates;

1 (C) increased numbers of individuals ob-  
2 taining and retaining employment;

3 (D) increased enrollment in and degrees  
4 earned from educational programs, including  
5 high school, GED, and institutions of higher  
6 education;

7 (E) increased numbers of individuals ob-  
8 taining and maintaining housing; and

9 (F) increased self-reports of successful  
10 community living, including stability of living  
11 situation and positive family relationships; and

12 (8) to the extent practicable, identify State,  
13 local, and private funds available to supplement the  
14 funds received under this section.

15 (c) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give  
16 preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek  
17 to employ individuals who have been convicted of an of-  
18 fense, or served a term of imprisonment and have com-  
19 pleted any court-ordered supervision, or that, to the extent  
20 allowable by law, employ such formerly incarcerated indi-  
21 viduals in positions of responsibility.

22 (d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

23 (1) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General shall  
24 enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization  
25 with expertise in analyzing data related to reentry

1 services and recidivism to monitor and evaluate each  
2 recipient of a grant and each community reentry  
3 center receiving funds under this section on an ongo-  
4 ing basis.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.—The nonprofit  
6 organization described in paragraph (1) shall provide  
7 administrative support to assist recipients of grants  
8 authorized by this Act to comply with the conditions  
9 associated with the receipt of funding from the De-  
10 partment of Justice.

11 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
12 date on which grants are initially made under this  
13 section, and annually thereafter, the Attorney Gen-  
14 eral shall submit to Congress a report on the pro-  
15 gram, which shall include—

16 (A) the number of grants made, the num-  
17 ber of eligible entities receiving such grants,  
18 and the amount of funding distributed to each  
19 eligible entity pursuant to this section;

20 (B) the location of each eligible entity re-  
21 ceiving such a grant, and the population served  
22 by the community reentry center;

23 (C) the number of persons who have par-  
24 ticipated in reentry services offered by a com-  
25 munity reentry center, disaggregated by type of

1 services, and success rates of participants in  
2 each service to the extent possible;

3 (D) the number of persons who have par-  
4 ticipated in reentry services for which they re-  
5 ceived a referral from a community reentry cen-  
6 ter, disaggregated by type of services, and suc-  
7 cess rates of participants in each service;

8 (E) recidivism rates within the population  
9 served by each community reentry center, both  
10 before and after receiving a grant under this  
11 section;

12 (F) the numbers of individuals obtaining  
13 and retaining employment within the population  
14 served by each community reentry center, both  
15 before and after receiving a grant under this  
16 section; and

17 (G) the number of individuals obtaining  
18 and maintaining housing within the population  
19 served by each community reentry center, both  
20 before and after receiving a grant under this  
21 section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COMMUNITY LEADER.—The term “commu-  
24 nity leader”—



1 (A) means an individual who serves the  
2 community in a leadership role; and

3 (B) includes—

4 (i) a school official;

5 (ii) a faith leader;

6 (iii) a social service provider;

7 (iv) a member of a neighborhood asso-  
8 ciation;

9 (v) a public safety representative;

10 (vi) an employee of an organization  
11 that provides reentry services;

12 (vii) a member of a civic or volunteer  
13 group related to the provision of reentry  
14 services;

15 (viii) a health care professional; and

16 (ix) an employee of a State, local, or  
17 tribal government agency with expertise in  
18 the provision of reentry services.

19 (2) COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER.—The term  
20 “community reentry center” means a center that—

21 (A) offers intake, reentry needs assess-  
22 ments, case management, and case planning for  
23 reentry services for individuals returning to the  
24 community after conviction or incarceration;

1 (B) provides the reentry services identified  
2 under subsection (b)(1)(C) at a single location;  
3 and

4 (C) provides referrals to appropriate serv-  
5 ice providers based on the assessment of needs  
6 of the individuals.

7 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
8 ty” means a community-based nonprofit organiza-  
9 tion that—

10 (A) has expertise in the provision of re-  
11 entry services; and

12 (B) is located in a geographic area that  
13 has disproportionately high numbers of resi-  
14 dents, when compared to the local community,  
15 who—

16 (i) have been arrested;

17 (ii) have been convicted of a criminal  
18 offense; and

19 (iii) return to such geographic area  
20 after incarceration.

21 (4) REENTRY SERVICES.—The term “reentry  
22 services”—

23 (A) means comprehensive and holistic serv-  
24 ices that improve outcomes for individuals re-

1 turning to the community after conviction or in-  
2 carceration; and

3 (B) includes—

4 (i) seeking and maintaining employ-  
5 ment, including through assistance with  
6 drafting resumes, establishing emails ac-  
7 counts, locating job solicitations, submit-  
8 ting of job applications, and preparing for  
9 interviews;

10 (ii) placement in job placement pro-  
11 grams that partner with private employers;

12 (iii) obtaining free and low-cost job  
13 skills classes, including computer skills,  
14 technical skills, vocational skills, and any  
15 other job-related skills;

16 (iv) locating and maintaining housing,  
17 which may include counseling on public  
18 housing opportunities, assisting with appli-  
19 cations for public housing benefits, locating  
20 and securing temporary or long-term shel-  
21 ter, and applying for home energy and util-  
22 ity assistance programs;

23 (v) obtaining identification cards and  
24 driver's licenses;

- 1 (vi) registering to vote, and applying  
2 for voting rights to be restored, where per-  
3 mitted by law;
- 4 (vii) applying for or accessing GED  
5 courses;
- 6 (viii) applying for loans for and ad-  
7 mission to institutions of higher education;
- 8 (ix) financial counseling;
- 9 (x) legal assistance or referrals for  
10 record expungement, forfeiture of property  
11 or assets, family law and custody matters,  
12 legal aid services (including other civil  
13 legal aid services), and relevant civil mat-  
14 ters including housing and other issues;
- 15 (xi) retrieving property or funds re-  
16 tained by the arresting agency or facility of  
17 incarceration, or retrieving property or  
18 funds obtained while incarcerated;
- 19 (xii) transportation, including through  
20 provision of transit fare;
- 21 (xiii) familial counseling;
- 22 (xiv) problem-solving, in coordination  
23 with counsel where necessary, any difficul-  
24 ties in compliance with court-ordered su-  
25 pervision requirements, including restric-

1 tions on living with certain family mem-  
2 bers, contact with certain friends, bond re-  
3 quirements, location and residency restric-  
4 tions, electronic monitoring compliance,  
5 court-ordered substance abuse, and other  
6 court-ordered requirements;

7 (xv) communication needs, including  
8 providing a mobile phone, mobile phone  
9 service or access, or internet access;

10 (xvi) applying for State or Federal  
11 government benefits, where eligible, and  
12 assisting in locating free or reduced cost  
13 food and sustenance benefits;

14 (xvii) life skills assistance;

15 (xviii) mentorship;

16 (xix) medical and mental health serv-  
17 ices, and cognitive-behavioral program-  
18 ming;

19 (xx) substance abuse treatment;

20 (xxi) reactivation, application for, and  
21 maintenance of professional or other li-  
22 censes; and

23 (xxii) providing case management  
24 services, in connection with court-ordered

1 terms of release, or other local publicly  
2 supported social work case management.

3 (5) SUCCESS RATE.—The term “success rate”  
4 means the rate of recidivism (as measured by a sub-  
5 sequent conviction or return to prison), job place-  
6 ment, permanent housing placement, or completion  
7 of certification, trade, or other education program.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
10 appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
11 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.

12 (2) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—The Attorney  
13 General shall ensure that grants awarded under this  
14 section are equitably distributed among the geo-  
15 graphical regions and between urban and rural pop-  
16 ulations, including Indian Tribes, consistent with the  
17 objective of reducing recidivism.

18 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR REENTRY SERVICES ASSISTANCE HOT-**

19 **LINES.**

20 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is au-  
22 thorized to make grants to States, Indian Tribes,  
23 and units of local government to operate reentry  
24 services assistance hotlines that are toll-free and op-  
25 erate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1           (2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant made under  
2           paragraph (1) shall be for a period of not more than  
3           5 years.

4           (b) HOTLINE REQUIREMENTS.—A grant recipient  
5           shall ensure, with respect to a hotline funded by a grant  
6           under subsection (a), that—

7           (1) the hotline directs individuals to local re-  
8           entry services (as such term is defined in section  
9           2(e));

10          (2) any personally identifiable information that  
11          an individual provides to an agency of the State or  
12          Indian Tribe through the hotline is not directly or  
13          indirectly disclosed, without the consent of the indi-  
14          vidual, to any other agency or entity, or person;

15          (3) the staff members who operate the hotline  
16          are trained to be knowledgeable about—

17                 (A) applicable Federal, State, Tribal, and  
18                 local reentry services; and

19                 (B) the unique barriers to successful re-  
20                 entry into the community after a person has  
21                 been convicted or incarcerated;

22          (4) the hotline is accessible to—

23                 (A) individuals with limited English pro-  
24                 ficiency, where appropriate; and

25                 (B) individuals with disabilities;

1           (5) the hotline has the capability to engage with  
2 individuals using text messages.

3           (c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Attorney General shall  
4 issue guidance to grant recipients on best practices for im-  
5 plementing the requirements of subsection (b).

6           (d) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give  
7 preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek  
8 to employ individuals to operate the hotline who have been  
9 convicted of an offense, or have served a term of imprison-  
10 ment and have completed any court-ordered supervision.

11          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
13 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the  
14 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
15 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

16           (2) STATE.—The term “State” means—

17                   (A) a State;

18                   (B) the District of Columbia;

19                   (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

20                   and

21                   (D) any other territory or possession of the  
22 United States.

23          (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of fis-  
25 cal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.





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