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To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to cease all immigration detention operations at the Delaney Hall Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. KIM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Delaney Hall Closure
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
2 means the Department of Homeland Security.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

5 **SEC. 3. CLOSURE OF DELANEY HALL DETENTION CENTER.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—

7 (1) not later than 90 days after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, shall cease all immigration
9 detention operations at the Delaney Hall Detention
10 Center in Newark, New Jersey; and

11 (2) shall not enter into any contract or agree-
12 ment to operate the Delaney Hall Detention Center
13 in Newark, New Jersey, as a facility to detain aliens
14 in the custody of the Secretary.

15 (b) TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the Government’s inter-
17 est, the Secretary shall terminate any contract for
18 the operation of the Delaney Hall Detention Center
19 in Newark, New Jersey.

20 (2) LIABILITY.—The Department shall be liable
21 only for payment under the payment provisions of a
22 contract described in paragraph (1) for services ren-
23 dered before the date on which the termination of
24 such contract becomes effective.

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