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119TH CONGRESS
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To authorize appropriations for occupational education and training programs of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Ensuring Work Opportunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. EXPANDED WORK PROGRAMS.

(a) OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Prisons $210,000,000 for fiscal years 2027 through 2032 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 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 1001(a) (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)), by striking paragraph (28) and inserting the following:

''(28) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 3041(a)(4) of part NN $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.''; and

(B) in section 2976(o) (34 U.S.C. 10631(o)), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated $70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.''.

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

''(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.''.