

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

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

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

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

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

3 (2) REPORTS.—Beginning on the date that is 2
4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
5 Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to
6 the Attorney General public annual reports, pro-
7 duced by the Program Review Division of the Bu-
8 reau of Prisons, an independent governmental or
9 nongovernmental agency, or a private auditor,
10 that—

11 (A) includes a list of the programs that re-
12 ceive the funds appropriated under paragraph
13 (1); and

14 (B) analyzes the efficacy of the programs
15 described in subparagraph (A) in providing in-
16 carcerated workers with valuable job skills, im-
17 proving their quality of life, and increasing
18 their job prospects upon release.

19 (b) PRISON WORK PILOT PROJECTS.—Section
20 1761(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended
21 by striking “50” and inserting “100”.

22 (c) VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

23 (1) OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE
24 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.”.