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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Booker (for himself, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Padilla, Mr. Fetterman, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Smith) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Re-Entry Support Through Opportunities for Resources and Essentials Act of 2023” or the “RESTORE Act of 2023”.

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SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN DRUG-
RELATED CONVICTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 115 of the Personal Re-
sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
1996 (21 U.S.C. 862a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
paragraph (1), by striking “for—” and all that fol-
lows through the period at the end of paragraph (2)
and inserting “for assistance under any State pro-
gram funded under part A of title IV of the Social
Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2);

(B) by striking the subsection designation
and heading and all that follows through “The
amount of” in paragraph (1) and inserting the
following:

“(b) PROGRAM OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES.—The amount of”; and

(C) by inserting “(42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)”
after “Social Security Act”; and

(3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
following:

“(e) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the
term ‘State’ has the meaning given the term in section
419 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 619), when re-
ferring to assistance provided under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).”.

(b) Effect on State Policies.—Any State law, policy, or regulation that imposes conditions on eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) based on an individual having a conviction for an offense related to a controlled substance shall have no force or effect.

(c) Modification of Definition of Household Under SNAP.—Section 3(m)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) Incarcerated individuals who are scheduled to be released from an institution within 30 days.”.