

(B) Contents

At a minimum, an application for a grant under this section shall include—

- (i) the identification of the eligible area that is to be served and a description of the need for support in such area;
- (ii) a description of the mentoring, job training and job placement, and other services to be provided;
- (iii) a description of partnerships that have been established with the criminal justice system (including coordination with demonstration projects carried out under section 3797w of this title, as amended by this Act, where applicable), the local workforce development boards established under section 3122 of title 29, and housing authorities that will be used to assist in carrying out grant activities under this section; and
- (iv) a description of how other Federal, State, local, or private funding will be leveraged to provide support services that are not directly funded under this section, such as mental health and substance abuse treatment and housing.

(2) Eligible area

In this subsection, the term “eligible area” means an area that—

- (A) is located within an urbanized area or urban cluster, as determined by the Bureau of the Census in the most recently available census;
- (B) has a large number of prisoners returning to the area each year; and
- (C) has a high rate of recidivism among prisoners returning to the area.

(e) Performance outcomes**(1) Core indicators**

Each nonprofit organization receiving a grant under this section shall report to the Secretary of Labor on the results of services provided to eligible offenders with that grant with respect to the following indicators of performance:

- (A) Rates of recidivism.
- (B) Entry into employment.
- (C) Retention in employment.
- (D) Average earnings.

(2) Additional indicators

In addition to the indicators described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor may require a nonprofit organization receiving a grant under this section to report on additional indicators of performance.

(f) Reports

Each nonprofit organization receiving a grant under this section shall maintain such records and submit such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Secretary of Labor may require regarding the activities carried out under this section.

(g) Technical assistance

The Secretary of Labor may reserve not more than 4 percent of the amounts appropriated to carry out this section to provide technical assistance and for management information systems to assist grantees under this section.

(h) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Labor to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

(Pub. L. 110–199, title II, §212, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 680; Pub. L. 113–128, title V, §512(bb)(1), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1717.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3797w of this title, as amended by this Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(B)(iii), is section 3797w of this title, as amended by Pub. L. 110–199.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 113–128, §512(bb)(1)(A), substituted “in coordination with the one-stop partners and one-stop operators (as such terms are defined in section 3102 of title 29) that provide services at any center operated under a one-stop delivery system established under section 3151(e) of title 29,” for “in coordination with the one-stop partners and one-stop operators (as such terms are defined in section 2801 of title 29) that provide services at any center operated under a one-stop delivery system established under section 2864(c) of title 29,”.

Subsec. (d)(1)(B)(iii). Pub. L. 113–128, §512(bb)(1)(B), substituted “the local workforce development boards established under section 3122 of title 29,” for “the local workforce investment boards established under section 2832 of title 29,”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113–128 effective on the first day of the first full program year after July 22, 2014 (July 1, 2015), see section 506 of Pub. L. 113–128, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3101 of Title 29, Labor.

§ 17533. Bureau of Prisons policy on mentoring contacts**(a) In general**

Not later than 90 days after April 9, 2008, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall, in order to promote stability and continued assistance to offenders after release from prison, adopt and implement a policy to ensure that any person who provides mentoring services to an incarcerated offender is permitted to continue such services after that offender is released from prison. That policy shall permit the continuation of mentoring services unless the Director demonstrates that such services would be a significant security risk to the released offender, incarcerated offenders, persons who provide such services, or any other person.

(b) Report

Not later than September 30, 2009, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to Congress a report on the extent to which the policy described in subsection (a) has been implemented and followed.

(Pub. L. 110–199, title II, §213, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 683.)

§ 17534. Bureau of Prisons policy on chapel library materials**(a) In general**

Not later than 30 days after April 9, 2008, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall discontinue the Standardized Chapel Library

project, or any other project by whatever designation that seeks to compile, list, or otherwise restrict prisoners' access to reading materials, audiotapes, videotapes, or any other materials made available in a chapel library, except that the Bureau of Prisons may restrict access to—

- (1) any materials in a chapel library that seek to incite, promote, or otherwise suggest the commission of violence or criminal activity; and
- (2) any other materials prohibited by any other law or regulation.

(b) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section shall be construed to impact policies of the Bureau of Prisons related to access by specific prisoners to materials for security, safety, sanitation, or disciplinary reasons.

(Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §214, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 683.)

PART C—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE REFORMS
SUBPART 1—IMPROVING FEDERAL OFFENDER
REENTRY

§ 17541. Federal prisoner reentry initiative

(a) In general

The Attorney General, in coordination with the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, conduct the following activities to establish a Federal prisoner reentry initiative:

- (1) The establishment of a Federal prisoner reentry strategy to help prepare prisoners for release and successful reintegration into the community, including, at a minimum, that the Bureau of Prisons—
 - (A) assess each prisoner's skill level (including academic, vocational, health, cognitive, interpersonal, daily living, and related reentry skills) at the beginning of the term of imprisonment of that prisoner to identify any areas in need of improvement prior to reentry;
 - (B) generate a skills development plan for each prisoner to monitor skills enhancement and reentry readiness throughout incarceration;
 - (C) determine program assignments for prisoners based on the areas of need identified through the assessment described in subparagraph (A);
 - (D) ensure that priority is given to the reentry needs of high-risk populations, such as sex offenders, career criminals, and prisoners with mental health problems;
 - (E) coordinate and collaborate with other Federal agencies and with State, Tribal, and local criminal justice agencies, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations to help effectuate a seamless reintegration of prisoners into communities;
 - (F) collect information about a prisoner's family relationships, parental responsibilities, and contacts with children to help prisoners maintain important familial relationships and support systems during incarceration and after release from custody; and

(G) provide incentives for prisoner participation in skills development programs.

(2) Incentives for a prisoner who participates in reentry and skills development programs which may, at the discretion of the Director, include—

- (A) the maximum allowable period in a community confinement facility; and
- (B) such other incentives as the Director considers appropriate (not including a reduction of the term of imprisonment).

(b) Identification and release assistance for Federal prisoners

(1) Obtaining identification

The Director shall assist prisoners in obtaining identification (including a social security card, driver's license or other official photo identification, or birth certificate) prior to release.

(2) Assistance developing release plan

At the request of a direct-release prisoner, a representative of the United States Probation System shall, prior to the release of that prisoner, help that prisoner develop a release plan.

(3) Direct-release prisoner defined

In this section, the term "direct-release prisoner" means a prisoner who is scheduled for release and will not be placed in prerelease custody.

(c) Improved reentry procedures for Federal prisoners

The Attorney General shall take such steps as are necessary to modify the procedures and policies of the Department of Justice with respect to the transition of offenders from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to the community—

- (1) to enhance case planning and implementation of reentry programs, policies, and guidelines;
- (2) to improve such transition to the community, including placement of such individuals in community corrections facilities; and
- (3) to foster the development of collaborative partnerships with stakeholders at the national, State, and local levels to facilitate the exchange of information and the development of resources to enhance opportunities for successful offender reentry.

(d) Duties of the Bureau of Prisons

(1) Omitted

(2) Measuring the removal of obstacles to reentry

(A) Coding required

The Director shall ensure that each institution within the Bureau of Prisons codes the reentry needs and deficits of prisoners, as identified by an assessment tool that is used to produce an individualized skills development plan for each inmate.

(B) Tracking

In carrying out this paragraph, the Director shall quantitatively track the progress in responding to the reentry needs and deficits of individual inmates.

(C) Annual report

On an annual basis, the Director shall prepare and submit to the Committee on the