

“(a) EVALUATION OF THE SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2018], the National Institute of Justice shall evaluate the effectiveness of grants used by the Department of Justice to support offender reentry and recidivism reduction programs at the State, local, Tribal, and Federal levels. The National Institute of Justice shall evaluate the following:

“(1) The effectiveness of such programs in relation to their cost, including the extent to which the programs improve reentry outcomes, including employment, education, housing, reductions in recidivism, of participants in comparison to comparably situated individuals who did not participate in such programs and activities.

“(2) The effectiveness of program structures and mechanisms for delivery of services.

“(3) The impact of such programs on the communities and participants involved.

“(4) The impact of such programs on related programs and activities.

“(5) The extent to which such programs meet the needs of various demographic groups.

“(6) The quality and effectiveness of technical assistance provided by the Department of Justice to grantees for implementing such programs.

“(7) Such other factors as may be appropriate.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR EVALUATION.—Not more than 1 percent of any amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Second Chance Act grant program shall be made available to the National Institute of Justice each year to evaluate the processes, implementation, outcomes, costs, and effectiveness of the Second Chance Act grant program in improving reentry and reducing recidivism. Such funding may be used to provide support to grantees for supplemental data collection, analysis, and coordination associated with evaluation activities.

“(c) TECHNIQUES.—Evaluations conducted under this section shall use appropriate methodology and research designs. Impact evaluations conducted under this section shall include the use of intervention and control groups chosen by random assignment methods, to the extent possible.

“(d) METRICS AND OUTCOMES FOR EVALUATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Institute of Justice shall consult with relevant stakeholders and identify outcome measures, including employment, housing, education, and public safety, that are to be achieved by programs authorized under the Second Chance Act grant program and the metrics by which the achievement of such outcomes shall be determined.

“(2) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the National Institute of Justice identifies metrics and outcomes under paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall publish such metrics and outcomes identified.

“(e) DATA COLLECTION.—As a condition of award under the Second Chance Act grant program (including a subaward under section 3021(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701(b))), grantees shall be required to collect and report to the Department of Justice data based upon the metrics identified under subsection (d). In accordance with applicable law, collection of individual-level data under a pledge of confidentiality shall be protected by the National Institute of Justice in accordance with such pledge.

“(f) DATA ACCESSIBILITY.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Institute of Justice shall—

“(1) make data collected during the course of evaluation under this section available in de-identified form in such a manner that reasonably protects a pledge of confidentiality to participants under subsection (e); and

“(2) make identifiable data collected during the course of evaluation under this section available to

qualified researchers for future research and evaluation, in accordance with applicable law.

“(g) PUBLICATION AND REPORTING OF EVALUATION FINDINGS.—The National Institute of Justice shall—

“(1) not later than 365 days after the date on which the enrollment of participants in an impact evaluation is completed, publish an interim report on such evaluation;

“(2) not later than 90 days after the date on which any evaluation is completed, publish and make publicly available such evaluation; and

“(3) not later than 60 days after the completion date described in paragraph (2), submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on such evaluation.

“(h) SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANT PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Second Chance Act grant program’ means any grant program reauthorized under this title [see section 501 of Pub. L. 115-391, set out as a Short Title of 2018 Amendment note under section 10101 of this title] and the amendments made by this title.”

Executive Documents

PROMOTING REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

Memorandum of President of the United States, Apr. 29, 2016, 81 F.R. 26993, which established the Federal Interagency Reentry Council and directed agencies to take certain measures to reduce barriers to employment for formerly incarcerated individuals, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 13826, § 5, Mar. 7, 2018, 83 F.R. 10773.

§ 60502. Definitions

In this Act—

(1) the term “exoneree” means an individual who—

(A) has been convicted of a Federal, tribal, or State offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year;

(B) has served a term of imprisonment for not less than 6 months in a Federal, tribal, or State prison or correctional facility as a result of the conviction described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) has been determined to be factually innocent of the offense described in subparagraph (A);

(2) the term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given in section 10251 of this title;

(3) the term “offender” includes an exoneree; and

(4) the term “Transitional Jobs strategy” means an employment strategy for youth and adults who are chronically unemployed or those that have barriers to employment that—

(A) is conducted by State, tribal, and local governments, State, tribal, and local workforce boards, and nonprofit organizations;

(B) provides time-limited employment using individual placements, team placements, and social enterprise placements, without displacing existing employees;

(C) pays wages in accordance with applicable law, but in no event less than the higher of the rate specified in section 206(a)(1) of title 29 or the applicable State or local minimum wage law, which are subsidized, in whole or in part, by public funds;

(D) combines time-limited employment with activities that promote skill develop-

ment, remove barriers to employment, and lead to unsubsidized employment such as a thorough orientation and individual assessment, job readiness and life skills training, case management and supportive services, adult education and training, child support-related services, job retention support and incentives, and other similar activities;

(E) places participants into unsubsidized employment; and

(F) provides job retention, re-employment services, and continuing and vocational education to ensure continuing participation in unsubsidized employment and identification of opportunities for advancement.

(Pub. L. 110-199, §4, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 660; Pub. L. 115-391, title V, §502(g)(1), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5231.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 110-199, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 657, known as the Second Chance Act of 2007: Community Safety Through Recidivism Prevention and also as the Second Chance Act of 2007. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2008 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 17502 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-391 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this Act, the term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given that term in section 10251 of this title.”

§ 60503. Submission of reports to Congress

Not later than January 31 of each year, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives each report required by the Attorney General under this Act or an amendment made by this Act during the preceding year.

(Pub. L. 110-199, §5, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 660.)

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§ 60504. Rule of construction

Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed as creating a right or entitlement to assistance or services for any individual, program, or grant recipient. Each

grant made under this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall—

(1) be made as competitive grants¹ to eligible entities for a 12-month period, except that grants awarded under section 113², section 60521 of this title, section 60531 of this title, and section 60532² of this title or under section 10631 of this title may be made for a 24-month period; and

(2) require that services for participants, when necessary and appropriate, be transferred from programs funded under this Act or the amendment made by this Act, respectively, to State and community-based programs not funded under this Act or the amendment made by this Act, respectively, before the expiration of the grant.

(Pub. L. 110-199, §6, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 660; Pub. L. 115-391, title V, §502(h), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5231.)

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Section 113, referred to in par. (1), means section 113 of Pub. L. 110-199. For complete classification of section 113 of Pub. L. 110-199 to the Code, see Tables.

Section 60532 of this title, referred to in par. (1), was repealed by Pub. L. 115-391, title V, §504(a), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5233.

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Section was formerly classified to section 17504 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Par. (1). Pub. L. 115-391 inserted “or under section 10631 of this title” after “section 60532 of this title”.

§ 60505. Audit and accountability of grantees

(a) Definitions

In this section—

(1) the term “covered grant program” means grants awarded under section 60511, 60521, or 60531 of this title, as amended by this title;¹

(2) the term “covered grantee” means a recipient of a grant from a covered grant program;

(3) the term “nonprofit”, when used with respect to an organization, means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26, and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such title; and

(4) the term “unresolved audit finding” means an audit report finding in a final audit report of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice that a covered grantee has used grant funds awarded to that grantee under a covered grant program for an unau-

¹ So in original. Probably should be “as a competitive grant”.

² See References in Text note below.

³ See References in Text note below.