

**§ 60553. Addressing the needs of children of incarcerated parents**

**(a) Best practices**

**(1) In general**

From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Attorney General may collect data and develop best practices of State corrections departments and child protection agencies relating to the communication and coordination between such State departments and agencies to ensure the safety and support of children of incarcerated parents (including those in foster care and kinship care), and the support of parent-child relationships between incarcerated (and formerly incarcerated) parents and their children, as appropriate to the health and well-being of the children.

**(2) Contents**

The best practices developed under paragraph (1) shall include information related to policies, procedures, and programs that may be used by States to address—

- (A) maintenance of the parent-child bond during incarceration;
- (B) parental self-improvement; and
- (C) parental involvement in planning for the future and well-being of their children.

**(b) Dissemination to States**

Not later than 1 year after the development of best practices described in subsection (a), the Attorney General shall disseminate to States and other relevant entities such best practices.

**(c) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that States and other relevant entities should use the best practices developed and disseminated in accordance with this section to evaluate and improve the communication and coordination between State corrections departments and child protection agencies to ensure the safety and support of children of incarcerated parents (including those in foster care and kinship care), and the support of parent-child relationships between incarcerated (and formerly incarcerated) parents and their children, as appropriate to the health and well-being of the children.

(Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §243, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 691.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 17553 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 60554. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-391, title V, § 504(d), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5233**

Section, Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §244, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 692, related to study of effectiveness of depot naltrexone for heroin addiction.

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**§ 60555. Authorization of appropriations for research**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out sections 60551,

60552, and 60553 of this title, \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

(Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §245, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 692; Pub. L. 115-391, title V, § 504(e), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5233.)

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**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-391 substituted “and 60553 of this title, \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023” for “60553, and 60554 of this title, \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010”.

**CHAPTER 607—PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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**§ 60701. Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “firearms offenses” means an offense under section 922 or 924 of title 18;

(2) the term “Program” means the Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program established under section 60702 of this title; and

(3) the term “transnational organized crime group” has the meaning given such term in section 2708(k)(6) of title 22.

(Pub. L. 115-185, §2, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

**§ 60702. Establishment**

The Attorney General of the United States is authorized to establish and carry out a program, to be known as the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program” within the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice.

(Pub. L. 115-185, §3, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

**§ 60703. Purpose**

**(a) Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program**

The purpose of the Program is to foster and improve existing partnerships between Federal, State, and local agencies, including the United States Attorney in each Federal judicial district, entities representing members of the community affected by increased violence, victims’ advocates, and researchers to create safer neighborhoods through sustained reductions in violent crimes by—

(1) developing and executing comprehensive strategic plans to reduce violent crimes, including the enforcement of gun laws, and prioritizing efforts focused on identified subsets of individuals or organizations responsible for increasing violence in a particular geographic area;

(2) developing evidence-based and data-driven intervention and prevention initiatives, in-

cluding juvenile justice projects and activities which may include street-level outreach, conflict mediation, provision of treatment and social services, and the changing of community norms, in order to reduce violence; and

(3) collecting data on outcomes achieved through the Program, including the effect on the violent crime rate, incarceration rate, and recidivism rate of the jurisdiction.

**(b) Additional purpose areas**

In addition to the purpose described in subsection (a), the Attorney General may use funds authorized under this chapter for any of the following purposes—

(1) competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence;

(2) the Edward Byrne criminal justice innovation program;<sup>1</sup>

(3) community-based violence prevention initiatives; or

(4) gang and youth violence education, prevention and intervention, and related activities.

(Pub. L. 115–185, § 4, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

**§ 60704. Rules and regulations**

**(a) In general**

The Attorney General shall issue guidance to create, carry out, and administer the Program in accordance with this section.

<sup>1</sup>So in original. Probably should be “Edward Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program;”.

**(b) Funds to be directed to local control**

Amounts made available as grants under the Program shall be, to the greatest extent practicable, locally controlled to address problems that are identified locally.

**(c) Task Forces**

Thirty percent of the amounts made available as grants under the Program each fiscal year shall be granted to Gang Task Forces in regions experiencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or transnational organizations engaging in high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.

**(d) Priority**

Amounts made available as grants under the Program shall be used to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of individuals who have an aggravating or leadership role in a criminal or transnational organization described in subsection (c).

(Pub. L. 115–185, § 5, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1486.)

**§ 60705. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out the Program \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

(Pub. L. 115–185, § 6, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1486.)