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To report data on COVID–19 in Federal, State, and local correctional facilities, and for other purposes.

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Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To report data on COVID–19 in Federal, State, and local correctional facilities, and for other purposes.

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 “COVID–19 in Correc-
5 tions Data Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COVID-19.—The term “COVID-19”
2 means Coronavirus Disease 2019.

3 (2) COVID-19 DIAGNOSTIC TEST.—The term
4 “COVID-19 diagnostic test” means a test—

5 (A) that is an in vitro diagnostic product
6 (as defined in section 809.3 of title 21, Code of
7 Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto)
8 for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diag-
9 nosis of the virus that causes COVID-19; and

10 (B) the administration of which—

11 (i) is approved, cleared, or authorized
12 under section 510(k), 513, 515, or 564 of
13 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
14 (21 U.S.C. 360(k), 360c, 360e, 360bbb-3);

15 (ii) the developer has requested, or in-
16 tends to request, emergency use authoriza-
17 tion under section 564 of the Federal
18 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
19 360bbb-3), unless and until the emergency
20 use authorization request under such sec-
21 tion 564 has been denied or the developer
22 of such test does not submit a request
23 under such section within a reasonable
24 timeframe;

1 (iii) is developed in and authorized by
2 a State that has notified the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services of its inten-
4 tion to review tests intended to diagnose
5 COVID–19; or

6 (iv) is another test that the Secretary
7 determines appropriate in guidance.

8 (3) COVID–19 EMERGENCY DATA COLLECTION
9 PERIOD.—The term “COVID–19 emergency data
10 collection period” means the period beginning on the
11 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the
12 date that is 1 year after date on which the public
13 health emergency declaration under section 319 of
14 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d),
15 with respect to COVID–19, terminates.

16 (4) STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACIL-
17 ITY.—The term “State or local correctional facil-
18 ity”—

19 (A) means a correctional facility within the
20 jurisdiction of a State or unit of local govern-
21 ment; and

22 (B) includes—

23 (i) a municipal, regional, or county
24 jail;

25 (ii) a State prison;

- 1 (iii) a State-run boot camp prison;
2 (iv) a boot camp prison that is con-
3 tracted out by the State;
4 (v) a State or local contract facility;
5 (vi) a juvenile detention facility;
6 (vii) a juvenile secure correctional fa-
7 cility; and
8 (viii) any other local or State correc-
9 tional facility, including any juvenile facil-
10 ity.

11 **SEC. 3. BUREAU OF PRISONS AND UNITED STATES MAR-**
12 **SHALS SERVICE DATA COLLECTION.**

13 (a) BUREAU OF PRISONS.—The Director of the Bu-
14 reau of Prisons shall—

15 (1) on a daily basis during the COVID–19
16 emergency data collection period, make available to
17 the public on the website of the Bureau of Prisons
18 a report on the information described in section 6,
19 with respect to incarcerated persons and staff; and

20 (2) not later than 14 days after the date on
21 which the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
22 trol and Prevention publishes the guidance required
23 under section 5(a), but in no case later than 45 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less
25 frequently than once every 7 days thereafter until

1 the date on which the COVID–19 emergency data
2 collection period ends, submit to Director of the
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention every 7
4 days, a report on the information described in sec-
5 tion 6, with respect to incarcerated persons and
6 staff.

7 (b) UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE.—The Di-
8 rector of the United States Marshals Service shall—

9 (1) on a daily basis during the COVID–19
10 emergency data collection period, make available to
11 the public on the website of the United States Mar-
12 shals Service a report on the information described
13 in section 6, with respect to incarcerated persons in
14 the custody of the United States Marshals Service,
15 including individuals held at or employed by a State
16 or local correctional facility contracted by Federal
17 entities; and

18 (2) not later than 14 days after the date on
19 which the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
20 trol and Prevention publishes the guidance required
21 under section 5(a), but in no case later than 45 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less
23 frequently than once every 7 days thereafter until
24 the date on which the COVID–19 emergency data
25 collection period ends, submit to Director of the

1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention every 7
2 days, a report on the information described in sec-
3 tion 6, with respect to incarcerated persons and
4 staff.

5 **SEC. 4. STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DATA**
6 **COLLECTION.**

7 (a) STATE AND LOCAL REPORTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after
9 the date on which the Director of the Centers for
10 Disease Control and Prevention publishes the guid-
11 ance required under section 5(a), but in no case
12 later than 45 days after the date of enactment of
13 this Act, and not less frequently than once every 7
14 days thereafter until the date on which the COVID–
15 19 emergency data collection period ends—

16 (A) the head of each State department of
17 corrections and the head of each State juvenile
18 justice agency shall make available to the public
19 on the website of the department, and submit
20 to the public health authority of the State, the
21 data described in section 6, with respect to in-
22 carcerated persons and staff; and

23 (B) the head of each State or local correc-
24 tional facility shall submit to the public health
25 authority of the State or unit of local govern-

1 ment, as the case may be, the data described in
2 section 6, with respect to incarcerated persons
3 and staff.

4 (2) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE
5 CDC.—Not later than 24 hours after a State or local
6 public health authority receives data under para-
7 graph (1), the head of the public health authority
8 shall submit the data to the Director of the Centers
9 for Disease Control and Prevention.

10 (3) BYRNE GRANT AMOUNTS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a State or jurisdic-
12 tion within a State fails to comply with the re-
13 quirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) in a
14 fiscal year, the amount the State would other-
15 wise be awarded in the following fiscal year
16 under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Om-
17 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
18 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et seq.) shall be re-
19 duced by 10 percent.

20 (B) REPORT ON COMPLIANCE TO DOJ.—
21 For purposes of carrying out this paragraph,
22 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
23 and Prevention shall, not later than 30 days
24 after the date on which the Director first re-
25 ceives data from a State or local public health

1 authority and once every 30 days thereafter,
2 submit to the Attorney General a report detail-
3 ing which States, if any, are not in compliance
4 with this Act.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated to the Director of the Cen-
7 ters for Disease Control such sums as are necessary to
8 carry out this section.

9 **SEC. 5. CDC REPORTS.**

10 (a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Centers
12 for Disease Control and Prevention shall issue guidance
13 for Federal, State, and local correctional facilities on—

14 (1) the categories of data required to be re-
15 ported under this Act; and

16 (2) how the Director will determine whether a
17 State is in compliance with this Act.

18 (b) PUBLICATION ON WEBSITE.—Not later than 7
19 days after data is reported to Centers for Disease Control
20 and Prevention under section 3 or 4, the Director of the
21 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall make the
22 data available to the public on the website of the Centers
23 for Disease Control and Prevention, including all data re-
24 ported by the Bureau of Prisons, the United States Mar-
25 shals Service, and State and local correctional facilities.

1 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 30 days
3 thereafter until the date on which the COVID–19 emer-
4 gency data collection period ends, the Director of the Cen-
5 ters for Disease Control and Prevention shall compile and
6 submit to Congress, including the Committees on the Ju-
7 diciary and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
8 Senate and the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy
9 and Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report
10 on the information submitted by the Bureau of Prisons,
11 the United States Marshals Service, and the head of each
12 State department of corrections under sections 3 and 4,
13 respectively.

14 **SEC. 6. COVID–19 DATA.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The data described in this section
16 is the following data for each Federal, State, or local cor-
17 rectional facility within a State:

18 (1) TESTING NUMBERS.—COVID–19 diagnostic
19 testing, including cumulative and new (since the pre-
20 vious report) counts of—

21 (A) the number of incarcerated persons
22 tested for COVID–19, disaggregated by first-
23 time COVID–19 diagnostic tests and retests;

24 (B) the number of correctional facility
25 staff tested for COVID–19, disaggregated by

1 first-time COVID–19 diagnostic tests and
2 retests; and

3 (C) the COVID–19 diagnostic test devel-
4 oper and test name for each COVID–19 diag-
5 nostic test conducted.

6 (2) TEST RESULTS.—COVID–19 diagnostic
7 testing outcomes, including cumulative and new
8 (since the previous report) counts of—

9 (A) the number of confirmed active cases
10 of COVID–19 among incarcerated persons,
11 disaggregated by first-time COVID–19 diag-
12 nostic tests and retests;

13 (B) the number of confirmed negative
14 cases of COVID–19 among incarcerated per-
15 sons, disaggregated by first-time COVID–19 di-
16 agnostic tests and retests;

17 (C) the number of confirmed active cases
18 of COVID–19 among correctional facility staff,
19 disaggregated by first-time COVID–19 diag-
20 nostic tests and retests;

21 (D) the number of confirmed negative
22 cases of COVID–19 among correctional facility
23 staff, disaggregated by first-time COVID–19 di-
24 agnostic tests and retests;

1 (E) the number of COVID–19 diagnostic
2 tests pending results, disaggregated by incarcer-
3 ated persons and correctional facility staff;

4 (F) the average time between testing an
5 incarcerated person for COVID–19 and receiv-
6 ing the results of the COVID–19 diagnostic
7 test; and

8 (G) the average time between testing a
9 correctional facility employee for COVID–19
10 and receiving the results of the COVID–19 di-
11 agnostic test.

12 (3) CASE OUTCOMES.—COVID–19 case out-
13 comes, including cumulative and new (since the pre-
14 vious report) counts of—

15 (A) the number of incarcerated persons
16 hospitalized for a case of COVID–19;

17 (B) the number of incarcerated persons
18 who have recovered from COVID–19;

19 (C) the number of incarcerated persons
20 currently in quarantine or medical isolation for
21 infection with or exposure to COVID–19;

22 (D) the number of incarcerated persons
23 who have completed quarantine or been released
24 from medical isolation;

1 (E) the number of incarcerated persons
2 who have died from a case of COVID–19;

3 (F) the number of correctional facility
4 staff hospitalized for a case of COVID–19;

5 (G) the number of correctional facility
6 staff who have recovered from COVID–19; and

7 (H) the number of correctional facility
8 staff who have died from a case of COVID–19.

9 (4) RELEASE OF INCARCERATED PERSONS.—In
10 the case of incarcerated persons, data related to the
11 release of such incarcerated persons, including indi-
12 viduals released to home confinement and pursuant
13 to compassionate release, as a result of the COVID–
14 19 public health emergency.

15 (5) DAILY POPULATION.—Average daily popu-
16 lation for the week preceding the COVID–19 emer-
17 gency data collection period and for all weeks during
18 this period.

19 (b) DISAGGREGATION OF DATA.—The data described
20 in this section shall be disaggregated by sex, sexual ori-
21 entation, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, disability,
22 and geography (including county and State).

23 (c) INCARCERATED PERSONS DATA.—The data de-
24 scribed in this section with respect to incarcerated persons
25 who are serving a term of imprisonment and who are in-

1 fected with COVID–19 shall include, to the extent prac-
2 ticable, the term of imprisonment imposed on such incar-
3 cerated persons and the time served on such term of im-
4 prisonment.

5 **SEC. 7. PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.**

6 Any data collected, stored, received, or published
7 under this Act shall—

8 (1) be so collected, stored, received, or pub-
9 lished in a manner that protects the privacy of indi-
10 viduals whose information is included in such data;

11 (2) be de-identified or anonymized in a manner
12 that protects the identity of all individuals whose in-
13 formation is included in such data;

14 (3) comply with privacy protections provided
15 under the regulations promulgated under section
16 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Ac-
17 countability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note);
18 and

19 (4) be limited in use for the purpose of public
20 health and be protected from all other internal use
21 by any entity that collects, stores, or receives the
22 data, including use of such data in determinations of
23 eligibility (or continued eligibility) in health plans,
24 and from any other inappropriate uses.

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