

116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1557

To establish a grant program to incentivize States to reduce prison populations, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Reverse Mass Incarcer-  
5 ation Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime  
8 Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101  
9 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1           **“PART OO—STATE PRISON POPULATION**  
2                           **REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

3   **“SEC. 3051. GRANT PROGRAM.**

4           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make  
5 grants to States to assist States in reducing crime rates  
6 and incarcerations.

7           “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State shall be eligible to re-  
8 ceive a grant under this section if the State demonstrates  
9 that, during the 3-year period preceding the application  
10 for a grant under this section—

11                   “(1) the total number of individuals incarcer-  
12 ated in correctional or detention facilities in the  
13 State was reduced by not less than 7 percent; and

14                   “(2) the rate of crime within the State did not  
15 increase by more than 3 percent.

16           “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible State seeking a  
17 grant under this section shall submit to the Attorney Gen-  
18 eral an application in such form and manner and at such  
19 time as the Attorney General requires, which shall include  
20 a clear methodology based on population size and other  
21 factors.

22           “(d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant awarded  
23 under this section shall be used by a State to implement  
24 evidence-based programs designed to reduce crime rates  
25 and incarcerations.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)) is amended by  
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(29) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
6 carry out part OO \$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
7 2020 through 2029.”.

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