

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. NADLER**

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insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “The One Stop Shop  
3 Community Reentry Program Act of 2020”.

**4 SEC. 2. COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

5       (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General  
6 is authorized to carry out a grant program to make grants  
7 to eligible entities for the purpose of creating community  
8 reentry centers.

9       (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each applica-  
10 tion for a grant under this section shall—

11           (1) demonstrate a plan to work with community  
12 leaders who interact with formerly incarcerated peo-  
13 ple and their families to—

14                   (A) identify specific strategies and ap-  
15 proaches to providing reentry services;

16                   (B) develop a needs assessment tool to sur-  
17 vey or conduct focus groups with community  
18 members in order to identify—

1 (i) the needs of individuals returning  
2 to the community after conviction or incar-  
3 ceration, and the barriers such individuals  
4 face; and

5 (ii) the needs of the families and com-  
6 munities to which such individuals are re-  
7 turning; and

8 (C) use the information gathered pursuant  
9 to subparagraph (B) to determine the reentry  
10 services to be provided by the community re-  
11 entry center;

12 (2) identify the correctional institutions from  
13 which individuals who are released from incarcer-  
14 ation are likely to reenter the community served by  
15 the community reentry center, and develop a plan, if  
16 feasible, to provide transportation for such released  
17 individuals to the community reentry center, to the  
18 individual's residence, or to a location where the in-  
19 dividual is ordered by a court to report;

20 (3) demonstrate a plan to provide accessible no-  
21 tice of the location of the reentry intake and coordi-  
22 nation center and the services that it will provide  
23 (either directly or on a referral basis), including,  
24 where feasible, within and outside of correctional in-  
25 stitutions identified under paragraph (1);

1           (4) demonstrate a plan to provide intake and  
2 reentry needs assessment that is trauma-informed  
3 and gender-responsive after an individual is released  
4 from a correctional institution, or, in the case of an  
5 individual who is convicted of an offense and not  
6 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, after such con-  
7 viction, and where feasible, before release, to ensure  
8 that the individuals served by the center are referred  
9 to appropriate reentry services based on the individ-  
10 ual's needs immediately upon release from a correc-  
11 tional institution or after conviction, and continu-  
12 ously thereafter as needed;

13           (5) demonstrate a plan to provide the reentry  
14 services identified in paragraph (1)(C);

15           (6) demonstrate a plan to continue to provide  
16 services (including through referral) for individuals  
17 served by the center who move to a different geo-  
18 graphic area to ensure appropriate case manage-  
19 ment, case planning, and access to continuous or  
20 new services, where necessary, and based on con-  
21 sistent reevaluation of needs; and

22           (7) identify specific methods that the commu-  
23 nity reentry center will employ to achieve perform-  
24 ance objectives among the individuals served by the  
25 center, including—

1 (A) increased access to and participation  
2 in reentry services;

3 (B) reduction in recidivism rates;

4 (C) increased numbers of individuals ob-  
5 taining and retaining employment;

6 (D) increased enrollment in and degrees  
7 earned from educational programs, including  
8 high school, GED, and institutions of higher  
9 education;

10 (E) increased numbers of individuals ob-  
11 taining and maintaining housing; and

12 (F) increased self-reports of successful  
13 community living, including stability of living  
14 situation and positive family relationships.

15 (c) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give  
16 preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek  
17 to employ individuals who have been convicted of an of-  
18 fense, or served a term of imprisonment and have com-  
19 pleted any court-ordered supervision, or that, to the extent  
20 allowable by law, employ such formerly incarcerated indi-  
21 viduals in positions of responsibility.

22 (d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

23 (1) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General shall  
24 enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization  
25 with expertise in analyzing data related to reentry

1 services and recidivism to monitor and evaluate each  
2 recipient of a grant and each community reentry  
3 center receiving funds under this section on an ongo-  
4 ing basis.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.—The nonprofit  
6 organization described in paragraph (1) shall provide  
7 administrative support to assist recipients of grants  
8 authorized by this Act to comply with the conditions  
9 associated with the receipt of funding from the De-  
10 partment of Justice.

11 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
12 date on which grants are initially made under this  
13 section, and annually thereafter, the Attorney Gen-  
14 eral shall submit to Congress a report on the pro-  
15 gram, which shall include—

16 (A) the number of grants made, the num-  
17 ber of eligible entities receiving such grants,  
18 and the amount of funding distributed to each  
19 eligible entity pursuant to this section;

20 (B) the location of each eligible entity re-  
21 ceiving such a grant, and the population served  
22 by the community reentry center;

23 (C) the number of persons who have par-  
24 ticipated in reentry services offered by a com-  
25 munity reentry center, disaggregated by type of

1 services, and success rates of participants in  
2 each service to the extent possible;

3 (D) the number of persons who have par-  
4 ticipated in reentry services for which they re-  
5 ceived a referral from a community reentry cen-  
6 ter, disaggregated by type of services, and suc-  
7 cess rates of participants in each service;

8 (E) recidivism rates within the population  
9 served by each community reentry center, both  
10 before and after receiving a grant under this  
11 section;

12 (F) the numbers of individuals obtaining  
13 and retaining employment within the population  
14 served by each community reentry center, both  
15 before and after receiving a grant under this  
16 section; and

17 (G) the number of individuals obtaining  
18 and maintaining housing within the population  
19 served by each community reentry center, both  
20 before and after receiving a grant under this  
21 section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “eligible entity” means a commu-  
24 nity-based nonprofit organization that—

1 (A) has expertise in the provision of re-  
2 entry services; and

3 (B) is located in a geographic area that  
4 has disproportionately high numbers of resi-  
5 dents, when compared to the local community,  
6 who—

7 (i) have been arrested;

8 (ii) have been convicted of a criminal  
9 offense; and

10 (iii) return to such geographic area  
11 after incarceration.

12 (2) The term “community reentry center”  
13 means a center that—

14 (A) offers intake, reentry needs assess-  
15 ments, case management, and case planning for  
16 reentry services for individuals returning to the  
17 community after conviction or incarceration;

18 (B) provides the reentry services identified  
19 under subsection (b)(1)(C) at a single location;  
20 and

21 (C) provides referrals to appropriate serv-  
22 ice providers based on the assessment of needs  
23 of the individuals.

24 (3) The term “reentry services” means com-  
25 prehensive and holistic services that improve out-

1 comes for individuals returning to the community  
2 after conviction or incarceration, and may include—

3 (A) seeking and maintaining employment,  
4 including through assistance with drafting re-  
5 sumes, establishing emails accounts, locating  
6 job solicitations, submitting of job applications,  
7 and preparing for interviews;

8 (B) placement in job placement programs  
9 that partner with private employers;

10 (C) obtaining free and low-cost job skills  
11 classes, including computer skills, technical  
12 skills, vocational skills, and any other job-re-  
13 lated skills;

14 (D) locating and maintaining housing,  
15 which may include counseling on public housing  
16 opportunities, assisting with applications for  
17 public housing benefits, locating and securing  
18 temporary or long-term shelter, and applying  
19 for home energy and utility assistance pro-  
20 grams;

21 (E) obtaining identification cards and driv-  
22 er's licenses;

23 (F) registering to vote, and applying for  
24 voting rights to be restored, where permitted by  
25 law;



1 (G) applying for or accessing GED  
2 courses;

3 (H) applying for loans for and admission  
4 to institutions of higher education;

5 (I) financial counseling;

6 (J) legal assistance or referrals for record  
7 expungement, forfeiture of property or assets,  
8 family law and custody matters, legal aid serv-  
9 ices (including other civil legal aid services),  
10 and relevant civil matters including housing and  
11 other issues;

12 (K) retrieving property or funds retained  
13 by the arresting agency or facility of incarcer-  
14 ation, or retrieving property or funds obtained  
15 while incarcerated;

16 (L) transportation, including through pro-  
17 vision of transit fare;

18 (M) familial counseling;

19 (N) problem-solving, in coordination with  
20 counsel where necessary, any difficulties in  
21 compliance with court-ordered supervision re-  
22 quirements, including restrictions on living with  
23 certain family members, contact with certain  
24 friends, bond requirements, location and resi-  
25 dency restrictions, electronic monitoring compli-

1           ance, court-ordered substance abuse, and other  
2           court-ordered requirements;

3           (O) communication needs, including pro-  
4           viding a mobile phone, mobile phone service or  
5           access, or internet access;

6           (P) applying for State or Federal govern-  
7           ment benefits, where eligible, and assisting in  
8           locating free or reduced cost food and suste-  
9           nance benefits;

10          (Q) life skills assistance;

11          (R) mentorship;

12          (S) medical and mental health services,  
13          and cognitive-behavioral programming;

14          (T) substance abuse treatment;

15          (U) reactivation, application for, and main-  
16          tenance of professional or other licenses; and

17          (V) providing case management services, in  
18          connection with court-orders terms of release,  
19          or other local publicly supported social work  
20          case management.

21          (4) The term “community leader” means an in-  
22          dividual who serves the community in a leadership  
23          role, including—

24                  (A) a school official;

25                  (B) a faith leader;

- 1 (C) a social service provider;
- 2 (D) a member of a neighborhood associa-
- 3 tion;
- 4 (E) a public safety representative;
- 5 (F) an employee of an organization that
- 6 provides reentry services;
- 7 (G) a member of a civic or volunteer group
- 8 related to the provision of reentry services;
- 9 (H) a health care professional; or
- 10 (I) an employee of a State, local, or tribal
- 11 government agency with expertise in the provi-
- 12 sion of reentry services.

13 (5) The term “success rate” means the rate of  
14 recidivism (as measured by a subsequent conviction  
15 or return to prison), job placement, permanent hous-  
16 ing placement, or completion of certification, trade,  
17 or other education program.

18 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
20 appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
21 2021 through 2025 to carry out this section.

22 (2) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—The Attorney  
23 General shall ensure that grants awarded under this  
24 section are equitably distributed among the geo-  
25 graphical regions and between urban and rural pop-

1       ulations, including Indian Tribes, consistent with the  
2       objective of reducing recidivism.

3       **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR REENTRY SERVICES ASSISTANCE HOT-**  
4                                   **LINES.**

5       (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

6               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is au-  
7       thorized to make grants to States and units of local  
8       government to operate reentry services assistance  
9       hotlines that are toll-free and operate 24 hours a  
10      day, 7 days a week.

11             (2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant made under  
12      paragraph (1) shall be for a period of not more than  
13      5 years.

14      (b) HOTLINE REQUIREMENTS.—A grant recipient  
15      shall ensure, with respect to a hotline funded by a grant  
16      under subsection (a), that—

17             (1) the hotline directs individuals to local re-  
18      entry services (as such term is defined in section  
19      2(e));

20             (2) any personally identifiable information that  
21      an individual provides to an agency of the State  
22      through the hotline is not directly or indirectly dis-  
23      closed, without the consent of the individual, to any  
24      other agency or entity, or person;

1           (3) the staff members who operate the hotline  
2           are trained to be knowledgeable about—

3                   (A) applicable Federal, State, and local re-  
4                   entry services; and

5                   (B) the unique barriers to successful re-  
6                   entry into the community after a person has  
7                   been convicted or incarcerated;

8           (4) the hotline is accessible to—

9                   (A) individuals with limited English pro-  
10                  ficiency, where appropriate; and

11                  (B) individuals with disabilities;

12           (5) the hotline has the capability to engage with  
13           individuals using text messages.

14           (c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Attorney General shall  
15           issue guidance to grant recipients on best practices for im-  
16           plementing the requirements of subsection (b).

17           (d) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give  
18           preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek  
19           to employ individuals to operate the hotline who have been  
20           convicted of an offense, or have served a term of imprison-  
21           ment and have completed any court-ordered supervision.

22           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23           authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of fis-  
24           cal years 2021 through 2025 to carry out this section.

