

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3845

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

Mr. CÁRDENAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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prison populations, 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 “Reverse Mass Incarcer-
5 ation Act of 2017”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime
8 Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et
9 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART MM—STATE PRISON POPULATION**

2 **REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM**

3 **“SEC. 3031. 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 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:
5 “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated to
6 carry out part MM \$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years
7 2018 through 2027.”.

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