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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Reverse Mass Incarceration Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“PART MM—STATE PRISON POPULATION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

“SEC. 3031. GRANT PROGRAM.

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

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

“(1) the total number of individuals incarcerated in correctional or detention facilities in the State was reduced by not less than 7 percent; and

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

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

“(d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this section shall be used by a State to implement evidence-based programs designed to reduce crime rates and incarcerations.”.
(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(28) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part MM $2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2027.”.