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To restrict the authority of the Attorney General to enter into contracts for Federal correctional facilities and community confinement facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “End For-Profit Pris-
5 ons Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CONTRACTING FOR FEDERAL**
2 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND COMMU-**
3 **NITY CONFINEMENT FACILITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 4015. No contracting out of Federal prison facili-**
8 **ties or community confinement facilities**

9 “(a) FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES GEN-
10 ERALLY.—Beginning on the date that is 6 years after the
11 date of the enactment of the End For-Profit Prisons Act
12 of 2019—

13 “(1) all core correctional services at each cor-
14 rectional facility which is used by the Bureau of
15 Prisons for the confinement of persons serving sen-
16 tences of imprisonment for Federal offenses shall be
17 performed by employees of the Federal Government;
18 and

19 “(2) all core correctional services at each cor-
20 rectional facility which is used by the United States
21 Marshals Service for the confinement of persons in
22 the custody of the United States Marshals Service
23 shall be performed by employees of the Federal Gov-
24 ernment, except that the United States Marshals
25 Service may enter and maintain a contract with a

1 facility operated by a State or unit of local govern-
2 ment if—

3 “(A) the core correctional services at such
4 correctional facility are performed by employees
5 of such State or unit of local government; and

6 “(B) the facility meets all constitutional,
7 Federal statutory, United States Marshals
8 Service, and any applicable State or local stand-
9 ards.

10 “(b) FEDERAL COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT FACILI-
11 TIES.—Beginning on the date that is 8 years after the
12 date of the enactment of the End For-Profit Prisons Act
13 of 2019, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons may not
14 enter into or maintain any contract with any for-profit en-
15 tity to provide or manage any community confinement fa-
16 cility.

17 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘community confinement facility’
19 has the meaning given that term in section 115.5 of
20 title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
21 the date of the enactment of the End For-Profit
22 Prisons Act of 2019).

23 “(2) The term ‘core correctional services’ means
24 the housing, safeguarding, protecting, and dis-

1 ciplining of individuals charged with or convicted of
2 an offense.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 301 of title 18, United States
5 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 item:

“4015. No contracting out of Federal prison facilities or community confinement facilities.”.

7 **SEC. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—The At-
9 torney General shall take appropriate action to phase out
10 existing Bureau of Prisons and United States Marshals
11 Service contracts for core correctional services which, at
12 the conclusion of the transition period, will be prohibited
13 under section 4015 of title 18, United States Code.

14 (b) FEDERAL COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT FACILI-
15 TIES.—The Attorney General shall take appropriate ac-
16 tion to phase out existing Bureau of Prisons contracts for
17 community confinement facilities which, at the conclusion
18 of the transition period, will be prohibited under section
19 4015 of title 18, United States Code.

20 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

21 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Attor-
23 ney General shall submit to Congress a report which de-
24 scribes and evaluates the prison population in the custody

1 of the Bureau of Prisons. The report shall include infor-
2 mation regarding the race, gender, age, and nationality
3 of such persons, as well as the location of the custody of
4 such persons.

5 **SEC. 5. RESEARCH ON PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT RE-**
6 **DUCE RECIDIVISM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall con-
8 duct research to evaluate the effectiveness at improving
9 community reintegration of programs operated by, and
10 policies of, community confinement facilities (as such term
11 is defined in section 4015 of title 18, United States Code),
12 and shall develop guidelines based on such research for
13 the use of such programs and policies at community con-
14 finement facilities.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, and every 4 years thereafter,
17 the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report
18 which describes the results of the research conducted
19 under subsection (a), the guidelines developed pursuant to
20 such research, and how such guidelines are being incor-
21 porated into any contract for the provision or management
22 of a community confinement facility to which the Bureau
23 of Prisons is a party.

1 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL INSPECTION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILI-**
2 **TIES USED FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF PER-**
3 **SONS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE UNITED**
4 **STATES MARSHALS SERVICE.**

5 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the United
7 States Marshals Service shall conduct a thorough inspec-
8 tion of each correctional facility which is used by the
9 United States Marshals Service for the confinement of
10 persons in the custody of the United States Marshals
11 Service to ensure that each such facility meets all constitu-
12 tional, Federal statutory, United States Marshals Service,
13 and any other applicable standards, including any State
14 or local standards.

15 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATING TO**
16 **THE RELEASE OF FEDERAL PRISONERS.**

17 Section 3624 of title 18, United States Code, is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(h) PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COUN-
20 SELING.—The Attorney General shall make rules to as-
21 sure that each prisoner released from Federal custody
22 upon the expiration of that prisoner’s term of imprison-
23 ment for an offense, including a prisoner who resides in
24 a community confinement facility (as such term is defined
25 in section 4015), receives information and appropriate
26 counseling about each of the following:

1 “(1) Any right the prisoner may have to have
2 the prisoner’s criminal record expunged.

3 “(2) The availability of programs to remove em-
4 ployment barriers.

5 “(3) Relevant vocational and educational reha-
6 bilitation programs that are available to the pris-
7 oner.

8 “(4) A detailed record of participation in edu-
9 cational, employment, and treatment programs com-
10 pleted while incarcerated.

11 “(5) Assistance with applications for the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(A) Programs providing nutritional as-
14 sistance.

15 “(B) Medicaid.

16 “(C) Social Security.

17 “(D) Driver’s license.

18 “(E) Registering to vote.”.

19 **SEC. 8. DUTIES OF BUREAU OF PRISONS REGARDING RE-**
20 **LEASED PRISONERS.**

21 Section 4042 of title 18, United States Code, is
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(e) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO RELEASED
24 PRISONERS.—In carrying out the duties set forth in sub-
25 section (a)(6) and (a)(7), the Director of the Bureau of

1 Prisons shall ensure that each prisoner receives informa-
2 tion and counseling during prerelease procedures regard-
3 ing each area described in subsection (a)(6) and (a)(7).
4 The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall provide each
5 released prisoner, including a prisoner who resides in a
6 community confinement facility (as such term is defined
7 in section 4015), with information regarding fines, assess-
8 ments, surcharges, restitution, other penalties due from
9 the prisoner in connection with the conviction, which it
10 shall be the duty of the appropriate judicial officers to pro-
11 vide to the Bureau.”.

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