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Ensuring Work Opportunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 16, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2669	Identical bill	Apr 18, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill expands job training and education programs in correctional facilities.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the Bureau of Prisons to provide additional support for occupational education and training programs. The bill requires an annual report that (1) includes a list of programs receiving funding; and (2) analyzes the efficacy of these programs in providing incarcerated workers with valuable job skills, improving their quality of life, and increasing their job prospects upon release.

Additionally, the bill reauthorizes through FY2029 grant programs for (1) evaluating and improving educational methods at prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities; (2) offender reentry demonstration projects; and (3) career training demonstration projects.

The bill also increases the number of prison work pilot projects that may be designated by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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