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### **Congress Approves Appropriations for Key Criminal Justice Programs**

*New York*—The House and Senate have passed an omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3288) for the remainder of fiscal year 2010 that includes funding for the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill provides \$114 million to the Department of Justice for prisoner reentry, including \$14 million for reentry initiatives in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and \$100 million for Second Chance Act programs, including

- \$37 million for reentry demonstration projects under Sec. 101 of the Second Chance Act
- \$15 million for mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations under Sec. 211
- \$10 million for reentry courts under Sec. 111
- \$7.5 million for family-based substance abuse treatment under Sec. 113
- \$2.5 million for grants to evaluate and improve education in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities under Sec. 114
- \$5 million for technology careers training demonstration grants under Sec. 115
- \$13 million for reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration under Sec. 201
- \$10 million for reentry research under Sec. 245

The omnibus bill also provides \$108,493,000 to the Department of Labor for ex-offender activities under the Second Chance Act and the Workforce Investment Act, including \$15 million for a transitional jobs grant program. The bill also includes funding for the following programs:

- \$12 million for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act
- \$10 million for a justice reinvestment grant program, which will provide technical assistance, incentive grants, and other activities in support of comprehensive, evidence-based criminal justice reform and recidivism-reduction efforts by states
- \$519 million for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- \$40 million for the Byrne Competitive Grant Program
- \$45 million for drug courts
- \$330 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
- \$30 million for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)
- \$1.7986 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant
- \$202.2 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
- \$454.63 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, including \$67.6 million for programs in CSAT's Criminal Justice portfolio

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- \$1.0598 billion for the National Institute on Drug Abuse
- \$1.4894 billion for the National Institute of Mental Health
- \$462.35 million for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

For more information on the Second Chance Act and its grantees, please visit the [National Reentry Resource Center](#) website or the [Reentry Policy Council](#). For more information about the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, click [here](#). For more information about Justice Reinvestment, click [here](#).

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