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# H. R. 3963

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## 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 “Violent Repeat  
5 Offender Incarceration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

2 Chapter 319 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

5 “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney Gen-  
6 eral may make grants to individual States and to States,  
7 organized as multi-State compacts, to develop, expand,  
8 modify, or improve correctional facilities and programs to  
9 ensure that prison cell space is available for the confine-  
10 ment of violent repeat offenders.

11 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
12 under this Act a State or States, organized as multi-State  
13 compacts, shall submit an application to the Attorney  
14 General which includes—

15 “(1) assurances that the State or States, have  
16 implemented, or will implement, correctional policies  
17 and programs that are designed to provide suffi-  
18 ciently severe punishment for violent repeat offend-  
19 ers and that the prison time served is appropriately  
20 related to the determination that the inmate is a vio-  
21 lent repeat offender and for a period of time deemed  
22 necessary to protect the public;

23 “(2) assurances that the State or States have  
24 implemented policies that provide for the recognition  
25 of the rights and needs of crime victims;

1           “(3) assurances that funds received under this  
2 Act will be used to develop, expand, modify, or im-  
3 prove correctional facilities and programs to ensure  
4 that prison cell space is available for the confine-  
5 ment of violent repeat offenders;

6           “(4) assurances that the State or States have  
7 a comprehensive correctional plan which represents  
8 an integrated approach to the management and op-  
9 eration of correctional facilities and programs and  
10 which includes diversional programs, particularly  
11 drug diversion programs, community corrections  
12 programs, a prisoner screening and security classi-  
13 fication system, prisoner rehabilitation and treat-  
14 ment programs, prisoner work activities and job  
15 skills programs, a pre-release prisoner assessment to  
16 provide risk reduction management, post-release as-  
17 sistance, and an assessment of recidivism rates;

18           “(5) assurances that funds received under this  
19 section will be used to supplement, not supplant,  
20 other Federal, State, and local funds; and

21           “(6) documentation of the multi-State compact  
22 agreement that specifies the development, expansion,  
23 modification, or improvement of correctional facili-  
24 ties and programs.

1       “(c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Federal share  
2 of grants received under this Act may not exceed 75 per-  
3 cent of the costs of a proposal described in an application  
4 approved under this Act.”.

5 **SEC. 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

6       The Attorney General shall issue rules and regula-  
7 tions regarding the uses of grant funds received under this  
8 Act not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment  
9 of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

11       The Attorney General may request that the Director  
12 of the National Institute of Corrections and the Director  
13 of the Federal Bureau of Prisons provide technical assist-  
14 ance and training to a State or States that receive a grant  
15 under this Act to achieve the purposes of this Act.

16 **SEC. 5. EVALUATION.**

17       The Attorney General may request the Director of  
18 the National Institute of Corrections to assist with an  
19 evaluation of programs established with funds under this  
20 Act.

21 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22       There are authorized to be appropriated  
23 \$600,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994 through  
24 1999 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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