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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4137, AS REPORTED**OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA** and Ms. Sánchez
of California (CA-39)**Path to success**

Page 679, line 13, strike the close quotation marks and following period and after such line insert the following new part:

1 “PART R—PATH TO SUCCESS PROGRAM**2 “SEC. 887. PATH TO SUCCESS.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this part is to en-
4 courage community supported programs that—

5 “(1) leverage and enhance community support
6 for at-risk young adults by facilitating the transition
7 of such young adults who are eligible individuals into
8 productive learning environments where such young
9 adults can obtain the life, social, academic, and vo-
10 cational skills and credentials necessary to strength-
11 en the Nation’s workforce;

12 “(2) provide counseling, as appropriate, for eli-
13 gible individuals participating in the programs to
14 allow such individuals to build a relationship with
15 one or more guidance counselors during the period
16 that the individuals are enrolled in the programs, in-
17 cluding providing referrals and connections to com-

1 community resources that help eligible individuals tran-
2 sition back into the community with the necessary
3 life, social, academic, and vocational skills after
4 being in detention, or incarcerated, particularly re-
5 sources related to health, housing, job training, and
6 work-place readiness;

7 “(3) provide training and education for eligible
8 individuals participating in the programs, to allow
9 such individuals to assist community officials and
10 law enforcement agencies with the deterrence and
11 prevention of gang and youth violence by partici-
12 pating in seminars, training, and workshops
13 throughout the community; and

14 “(4) provide each eligible youth participating in
15 the programs with individual attention based on a
16 curriculum that matches the interests and abilities
17 of the individual to the resources of the program.

18 “(b) REENTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM.—

19 “(1) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The
20 Secretary is authorized to award grants to commu-
21 nity colleges to enter into and maintain partnerships
22 with juvenile detention centers and secure juvenile
23 justice residential facilities to provide assistance,
24 services, and education to eligible individuals who re-
25 enter the community and pursue, in accordance with

1 the requirements of this part, at least one of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(A) A certificate of graduation from a
4 school providing secondary education, a general
5 equivalency diploma (GED), or another recog-
6 nized equivalent of such a certificate or di-
7 ploma.

8 “(B) A certificate of completion for a spe-
9 cialized area of study, such as vocational train-
10 ing and other alternative post-secondary edu-
11 cational programs.

12 “(C) An associate’s degree.

13 “(2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant awarded under
14 this part shall be for one 2-year period, and may be
15 renewed for an additional period as the Secretary
16 determines to be appropriate.

17 “(3) APPLICATION.—A community college de-
18 siring to receive a grant under this section shall sub-
19 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in
20 such manner, and containing such information as
21 the Secretary shall require, which shall include—

22 “(A) an assessment of the existing commu-
23 nity resources available to serve at-risk youth;

1 “(B) a detailed description of the program
2 and activities the community college will carry
3 out with such grant; and

4 “(C) a proposed budget describing how the
5 community college will use the funds made
6 available by such grant.

7 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
8 part, the Secretary of Education shall give priority
9 to community colleges that accept the highest num-
10 ber of eligible individuals from high-risk areas, and
11 among such community colleges, shall give priority
12 to community colleges that the Secretary determines
13 will best carry out the purposes of this part, based
14 on the applications submitted in accordance with
15 paragraph (3).

16 “(c) ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS.—A community
17 college awarded a grant under this part may use such
18 grant to—

19 “(1) pay for tuition and transportation costs of
20 eligible individuals;

21 “(2) establish and carry out an education pro-
22 gram that includes classes for eligible individuals
23 that—

24 “(A) provide marketable life and social
25 skills to such individuals;

1 “(B) meet the education program require-
2 ments under subsection (d);

3 “(C) promote the civic engagement of such
4 individuals; and

5 “(D) facilitate a smooth reentry of such in-
6 dividuals into the community;

7 “(3) create and carry out a mentoring pro-
8 gram—

9 “(A) that is specifically designed to help el-
10 igible individuals with the potential challenges
11 of the transitional period from detention to re-
12 lease;

13 “(B) is created in consultation with guid-
14 ance counselors, academic advisors, law enforce-
15 ment officials, and other community resources;
16 and

17 “(C) that is administered by a program co-
18 ordinator, selected and employed by the commu-
19 nity college, who shall oversee each individual’s
20 development and shall serve as the immediate
21 supervisor and reporting officer to whom the
22 academic advisors, guidance counselors, and
23 volunteers shall report regarding the progress
24 of each such individual;

1 “(4) facilitate employment opportunities for eli-
2 gible individuals by entering into partnerships with
3 public and private entities to provide opportunities
4 for internships, apprenticeships, and permanent em-
5 ployment, as possible, for such individuals; and

6 “(5) provide training for eligible individuals
7 participating in the programs, to allow such individ-
8 uals to assist community officials and law enforce-
9 ment agencies with the deterrence and prevention of
10 gang and youth violence by participating in seminars
11 and workshop series throughout the community.

12 “(d) EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—An
13 education program established and carried out under sub-
14 section (c) shall—

15 “(1) include classes that are required for com-
16 pletion of a certificate, diploma, or degree described
17 in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection
18 (b)(1);

19 “(2) provide a variety of academic programs,
20 with various completion requirements, to accommo-
21 date the distinctive academic backgrounds, learning
22 curves, and concentration interests of the eligible in-
23 dividuals who participate in the program;

24 “(3) offer flexible academic programs that are
25 designed to improve the academic development and

1 achievement of eligible individuals, and to avoid high
2 attrition rates for such individuals; and

3 “(4) provide for a uniquely designed education
4 plan for each eligible individual participating in the
5 program, which shall require such individual to re-
6 ceive, at a minimum, a certificate or diploma de-
7 scribed in subparagraph (A) of subsection (b)(1) to
8 successfully complete such program.

9 “(e) REPORTS.—Each community college awarded a
10 grant under this part shall submit to the Secretary of
11 Education a report—

12 “(1) documenting the results of the program
13 carried out with such grant; and

14 “(2) evaluating the effectiveness of activities
15 carried out through such program.

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this part:

17 “(1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term ‘com-
18 munity college’ means a public or nonprofit institu-
19 tion of higher education (as such term is defined in
20 section 101 or 102(a)(2)(B)), that—

21 “(A) provides an educational program of
22 not less than two years; and

23 “(B) that is accredited by a regional ac-
24 crediting agency or association.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
2 individual’ means an individual who—

3 “(A) is 16 to 25 years of age;

4 “(B) has been convicted of a gang-related
5 offense, and has served a period of detention in
6 a juvenile detention center for such offense; and

7 “(C) is detained in, or has been released
8 from, such center.

9 “(3) GANG-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term
10 ‘gang-related offense’ means conduct constituting
11 any Federal or State crime, punishable by imprison-
12 ment in any of the following categories:

13 “(A) A crime of violence.

14 “(B) A crime involving obstruction of jus-
15 tice, tampering with or retaliating against a
16 witness, victim, or informant, or burglary.

17 “(C) A crime involving the manufacturing,
18 importing, distributing, possessing with intent
19 to distribute, or otherwise dealing in a con-
20 trolled substance or listed chemical (as those
21 terms are defined in section 102 of the Con-
22 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)).

23 “(4) GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.—The term ‘guid-
24 ance counselor’ means an individual who works with
25 at-risk youth on a one-on-one basis, to establishing

1 a supportive relationship with such at-risk youth and
2 to provide such at-risk youth with academic assist-
3 ance and exposure to new experiences that enhance
4 their ability to become responsible citizens.

5 “(5) HIGH-RISK AREA.—The term ‘high-risk
6 area’ means a specified area within a State where
7 there is a disproportionately high number of gang-
8 related activities reported to State and local law en-
9 forcement authorities.”.