

# SB-84

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Mukalazi of Massachusetts introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

Shifts federal prisons' focus from retribution to rehabilitation, and decriminalizes several minor drug offenses, in hopes to treat addiction as a disease instead of a crime.

*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Drug and Rehabilitation Act".

### SECTION 2. BUDGET CHANGE FOR FEDERAL PRISONS.

Shall pledge a fourth of federal prisons budgets (20.175 billion dollars) to mental health services and rehabilitation programs within said prisons. Such as

(A) The hiring of mental health professionals, psychologists, and funding for harm reduction services, including access to sterile syringes, methadone maintenance therapy and other medication-assisted treatments needed to treat individuals that were convicted of low-level drug-related crimes.

(B)The hiring of work professionals that help teach these individuals how to adapt into the workplace upon their release.

### **SECTION 3. PRISON WAGE REFORM**

Shall require all federal prisoners that work for companies or create products while they are incarcerated must be paid 10 dollars an hour for their labor, as reported by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, federal inmates presently only earn between 12 to 40 cents an hour for their work.

### **SECTION 4. REHABILITATION CHOICE FOR PLEA DEALS**

Shall grant an increased number of individuals that plead guilty in federal court on counts of drug possession and/or use, the choice to

(A)Enter rehabilitation centers, but must initially reside in said rehabilitation for the amount of time they would have been sentenced,

(B) Or enter the rehabilitation program at the federal prison which they are assigned.

### **SECTION 5. BUDGET REALLOCATION FOR FEDERAL POLICE**

All funds from federal police shall be relocated towards state sponsored rehabilitation programs and mental health divisions to respond to psychological crises, as

(A)Studies show currently, federal police are overstrained dealing with mental health crises they are not equipped to encounter effectively.

(B)This lack of training endangers both police officers and the mentally ill.

### **SECTION 6. TERMINATION**

Upon enactment, effect shall take place exactly one year from the date of said enactment. Furthermore, any and all laws that come into conflict with said act shall be considered void.