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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to the Pilot Program for Small Business
6 Development by Ex-Offenders; to establish the pilot program
7 under the Board of Pardons and Paroles; and to repeal Section
8 41-29-320, Code of Alabama 1975.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) In this section, program means the
11 Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex-Offenders.

12 (b) (1) On or before October 1, 2022, subject to the
13 availability of funds, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, in
14 consultation with the Department of Corrections, shall
15 establish the PREP pilot program to assist individuals exiting
16 the correctional system by providing both of the following:

17 a. Training in consultation with J. F. Ingram State
18 Technical College, in how to establish small businesses.

19 b. Assistance in obtaining funding to establish
20 small businesses.

21 (2) The Board of Pardons and Paroles and the
22 Department of Corrections may coordinate with other entities,
23 including, J. F. Ingram State Technical College, that offer to
24 provide resources for the program, including funding,
25 training, and mentoring services.

1 (3) Assist the individual in obtaining financing for
2 the individual's small business through the Alabama Small
3 Business Incubator Act, Sections 41-23-60 to 41-23-66,
4 inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, or through other sources.

5 (c) The Board of Pardons and Paroles in consultation
6 with the Department of Corrections shall develop an evaluation
7 process for the program that includes a mechanism to evaluate
8 whether the program developed and operated by the Department
9 of Corrections has operated to encourage the establishment of
10 stable small businesses by individuals who:

11 (1) Have completed the Prison Entrepreneurship
12 Training Program during the last 2 years of incarceration.

13 (2) Have identified an interest or a skill set that
14 indicates a likelihood of successful implementation of the
15 business plan proposed by the individual.

16 (d) An individual selected to participate in the
17 program shall receive training and mentoring in the
18 development of a business plan and related business subjects.

19 (e) The Board of Pardons and Paroles and the
20 Department of Corrections shall develop an evaluation process
21 as prescribed in this section for the program developed and
22 operated by the Board of Pardons and Paroles that does all the
23 following:

1 (1) Provide training locations, participants, and
2 funding for individuals that did not receive entrepreneurship
3 training during incarceration.

4 (2) That need training on how to start a business.

5 (3) Partner an individual participating in the
6 program with a mentor who will guide the individual over a
7 three-year period following the implementation of the
8 individual's business plan.

9 (g) The Board of Pardons and Paroles and the
10 Department of Corrections, shall report to the Legislature and
11 the Legislative Services Agency annually by the fifth
12 legislative day of each regular session of the Legislature, on
13 the effectiveness of the pilot program established under this
14 section in assisting individuals who have completed the Prison
15 Entrepreneurship Training Program and who have been recently
16 released from the correctional system in establishing
17 successful, stable small businesses.

18 (h) This section shall take effect July 1, 2022. It
19 shall remain effective for a period of five years and six
20 months. On December 31, 2027, with no further action required
21 by the Legislature, this section shall be repealed and of no
22 further force and effect.

23 (i) Any funds appropriated by the Legislature for
24 this program shall be designated to the Board of Pardons and

1 Paroles, the Department of Corrections, and J. F. Ingram State
2 Technical College.

3 Section 2. Section 41-29-320, Code of Alabama 1975,
4 is repealed.

5 Section 3. This act shall become effective
6 immediately following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Singleton