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To prohibit the District of Columbia government from appointing individuals convicted of crimes of violence or dangerous crimes as employees of the government or from entering into contracts with vendors who employ individuals convicted of crimes of violence or dangerous crimes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “No Convicts Running
5 the Capital Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT WITH DISTRICT OF CO-**
2 **LUMBIA GOVERNMENT OF INDIVIDUALS CON-**
3 **VICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—An employing authority of an of-
5 fice of the District of Columbia government may not ap-
6 point an individual to a position in the District of Colum-
7 bia government unless the individual certifies that the in-
8 dividual has not been finally convicted of a crime of vio-
9 lence or a dangerous crime.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; TERMINATION OF CURRENT
11 EMPLOYEES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
13 with respect to an individual appointed to a position
14 in the District of Columbia government after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (2) TERMINATION.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Dis-
18 trict of Columbia shall terminate the employment of
19 any individual who has been finally convicted of a
20 crime of violence or a dangerous crime who holds a
21 position in the District of Columbia government on
22 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERN-**
2 **MENT FROM ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS**
3 **WITH VENDORS EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS**
4 **CONVICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—An office of the District of Co-
6 lumbia government may not enter into a contract with a
7 vendor for the provision of goods or services unless the
8 vendor certifies that the vendor is not a covered vendor.

9 (b) COVERED VENDOR DEFINED.—In this section, a
10 vendor is a “covered vendor” with respect to a contract
11 if either of the following applies:

12 (1) In the case of a vendor who is an individual,
13 the vendor has been finally convicted of a crime of
14 violence or a dangerous crime.

15 (2) In the case of a vendor who is an entity—

16 (A) the vendor employs an individual who
17 has been finally convicted of a crime of violence
18 or a dangerous crime to provide goods or serv-
19 ices under the contract;

20 (B) an individual who has been finally con-
21 victed of a crime of violence or a dangerous
22 crime serves as an officer or director of the ven-
23 dor, including by serving on the vendor’s board
24 of directors; or

25 (C) an individual who has been finally con-
26 victed of a crime of violence or a dangerous

1 crime has a controlling ownership interest in
2 the vendor.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; TERMINATION OF CURRENT
4 CONTRACTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
6 with respect to contracts entered into after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act.

8 (2) TERMINATION.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Dis-
10 trict of Columbia shall terminate any contract with
11 a vendor who is a covered vendor which is in effect
12 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

15 (1) The term “crime of violence” has the mean-
16 ing given such term in section 23–1331(4), District
17 of Columbia Official Code, except that such term in-
18 cludes an offense under Federal, State, or local law
19 which is substantially similar to an offense described
20 in such section.

21 (2) The term “dangerous crime” has the mean-
22 ing given such term in section 23–1331(3), District
23 of Columbia Official Code, except that such term in-
24 cludes an offense under Federal, State, or local law

1 which is substantially similar to an offense described
2 in such section.

3 (3) The term “finally convicted” means a con-
4 viction—

5 (A) which has not been appealed and is no
6 longer appealable because the time for taking
7 an appeal has expired; or

8 (B) which has been appealed and the ap-
9 peals process for which is completed.

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