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To improve response to, and preparation for, extreme temperatures, in
Federal correctional facilities.

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Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FROST, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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temperatures, in Federal correctional facilities.

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 “Extreme Temperatures
5 Injustice in Prisons Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

7 Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons (herein-

1 after in this Act referred to as the “Director”) shall install
2 or update, as appropriate, heating, ventilation, and air
3 conditioning systems in each correctional facility operated
4 by the Director, including by installing temperature read-
5 ing devices in each space with a human occupant in such
6 a facility, including each prison cell therein, and those
7 commonly used by incarcerated individuals and staff.

8 **SEC. 3. INTERIM MONITORING.**

9 The Director shall regularly test and monitor the
10 temperature in each space referred to in section 2 during
11 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act
12 and ending on the date that in the interim of the installa-
13 tion of temperature reading devices across the facilities.

14 **SEC. 4. TEMPERATURE STANDARDS FOR INCARCERATED**
15 **INDIVIDUALS.**

16 The Director shall develop and enforce mandatory
17 written standards for applicable to all institutions admin-
18 istered by the Director regarding heat stress and cold
19 stress, as it pertains to specific institution work oper-
20 ations, recreational activities, and all conditions of con-
21 finement related to the prevention and management of
22 heat-related and cold-related illnesses.

1 **SEC. 5. STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES TO**
2 **PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Director of the Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention shall—

5 (1) study the effect of extreme temperature
6 conditions in correctional facilities operated by the
7 Director of the Bureau of Prisons, including the ef-
8 fect on the health and safety of incarcerated individ-
9 uals and consideration of physical regional vari-
10 ations; and

11 (2) shall develop recommendations for the Bu-
12 reau of Prisons regarding safer practices.

13 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES.—In accordance
14 with the Heat and Medication Guidance for Clinicians
15 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
16 the Director, in consultation with the Assistant Director
17 for the Health Services Division of the Bureau of Prisons
18 and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
19 Prevention, and not later than 1 year after the date of
20 enactment of this Act, shall finalize rules to establish and
21 enforce mandatory standards to protect the medically vul-
22 nerable populations in facilities operated by the Director
23 of the Bureau of Prisons.

1 **SEC. 6. TEMPERATURE STANDARDS FOR BUREAU OF PRIS-**
2 **ONS STAFF.**

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Director shall implement the use of the
5 wet-bulb globe temperature-based NIOSH Recommended
6 Exposure Limits and Recommended Alert Limits to ac-
7 count for humidity when protecting staff from the hazards
8 posed by occupational heat exposure.

9 **SEC. 7. REQUIRED AVAILABILITY OF MITIGATION OPTIONS.**

10 (a) HEAT AND SUMMER.—The Director shall ensure
11 that heat mitigation options, including cold-water bottles,
12 cooling fans, and cooling towels, are made available to in-
13 mates in all facilities operated by the Director, outside of
14 the commissary, at no cost, upon request, and in sufficient
15 supply when internal temperatures at correctional facili-
16 ties operated by the Director reach levels determined to
17 be dangerously high by the Director.

18 (b) COLD AND WINTER.—The Director shall ensure
19 that cold mitigation options, including winter clothing,
20 blankets, and other necessary thermal items are made
21 available to inmates in all facilities operated by the Direc-
22 tor, outside of prison commissary, at no cost, upon re-
23 quest, and in sufficient supply when internal temperatures
24 at correctional facilities operated by the Director reach
25 levels determined to be dangerously low by the Director.

1 **SEC. 8. ELECTRONIC RECORD KEEPING FOR SEASONAL**
2 **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

3 The Director shall establish an electronic record
4 keeping system for purposes of ensuring completion of sea-
5 sonal training requirements of personnel of the Bureau of
6 Prisons on winter mitigation practices and identifying
7 heat-related illness symptoms.

8 **SEC. 9. REPORT.**

9 (a) ON COSTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter,
11 the Director shall submit a report to Congress that sets
12 forth the estimated cost of maintenance of the heating,
13 ventilation, and air conditioning system of each correc-
14 tional facility operated by the Director and a progress up-
15 date on the installation or updating of the heating, ventila-
16 tion, and air conditioning system of each correctional facil-
17 ity operated by the Director.

18 (b) ON ILLNESSES.—Not later than 1 year after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
20 the Director shall submit a report to Congress that sets
21 forth information about temperature-related illnesses, in-
22 juries, and fatalities among vulnerable populations in fa-
23 cilities that the Director operates, including elderly people,
24 pregnant people, and those with compromised immune or
25 compromised thermoregulatory systems (including hyper-
26 thyroidism, hyperhidrosis).

1 **SEC. 10. ANNUAL OVERSIGHT.**

2 The Inspector General of the Department of Justice
3 shall, each year, conduct an oversight inspection of—

4 (1) each temperature reading device and each
5 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems in
6 each correctional facility operated by the Director,

7 (2) the number of heat or cold-related illnesses,
8 injuries, and fatalities in each such facility, and

9 (3) the implementation of mitigating options in
10 each such facility,

11 and publish a report thereon.

12 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2026 through
15 2031 to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to install
16 and update Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
17 systems in all facilities operated by the Director.

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