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To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Older Americans Act
5 Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

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1 SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act,
3 wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed
4 in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section
5 or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be
6 made to that section or other provision of the Older Amer-
7 icans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

8 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

9 In this Act, the terms “area agency on aging”, “As-
10 sistant Secretary”, “older individual”, and “Secretary”
11 have the meanings given such terms in section 102 of the
12 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

1 **TITLE I—STRENGTHENING THE**
2 **AGING NETWORK TO MEET**
3 **THE NEEDS OF OLDER INDI-**
4 **VIDUALS**

5 **SEC. 101. DECLARATION OF OBJECTIVES.**

6 Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 3001) is amended—

7 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
8 striking “of the following objectives:” and inserting
9 “of the objectives of—”;

10 (2) in each of paragraphs (1) through (10), by
11 amending the first word so that it begins with a low-
12 ercase letter;

13 (3) in each of paragraphs (1) through (8), by
14 striking the period at the end and inserting a semi-
15 colon;

16 (4) in each of paragraphs (9) and (10), by
17 striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

18 (5) in paragraph (2), by inserting “to improve
19 health outcomes and reduce health care expendi-
20 tures” after “economic status”;

21 (6) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
22 (10) as subparagraphs (A) through (J), respectively,
23 and adjusting the margins accordingly;

24 (7) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
25 (as so redesignated), by striking “our democratic so-

1 ciety, the older people” and inserting the following:

2 “our democratic society—

3 “(1) the older people”; and

4 (8) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) the families of older individuals and com-
6 munity-based organizations, including faith-based or-
7 ganizations, also play a vital role in supporting and
8 honoring older individuals and their happiness, dig-
9 nity, and independence.”.

10 **SEC. 102. ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE**

11 **USE DISORDERS AND COGNITIVE IMPAIR-**

12 **MENTS OF OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

13 Section 201(f) (42 U.S.C. 3011(f)) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 “(f)(1) The Assistant Secretary may designate an of-
16 ficer or employee who shall be responsible for the adminis-
17 tration of services for mental health and substance use
18 disorders and cognitive impairments authorized under this
19 Act and serve as an effective and visible advocate for the
20 related needs of older individuals within the Department
21 of Health and Human Services, including by ensuring that
22 relevant information disseminated and research conducted
23 or supported by the Department takes into consideration
24 such services.

1 “(2) It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary,
2 acting through the individual designated under paragraph
3 (1), and in consultation with the heads of relevant agen-
4 cies within the Department of Health and Human Serv-
5 ices, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
6 Services Administration, to develop objectives, priorities,
7 and a long-term plan for supporting State and local efforts
8 under this Act involving education about and prevention,
9 detection, and treatment of mental health and substance
10 use disorders and cognitive impairment, including age-re-
11 lated dementia, depression, and Alzheimer’s disease and
12 related neurological disorders with neurological and or-
13 ganic brain dysfunction.

14 “(3) Not later than 2 years after the date of enact-
15 ment of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of
16 2024, the Assistant Secretary shall report to the Com-
17 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
18 Senate, the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate,
19 and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of
20 the House of Representatives on the activities of the offi-
21 cer or employee designated under paragraph (1) in car-
22 rying out the requirements under this subsection, includ-
23 ing any activities to identify and reduce duplication and
24 gaps across the Department in such information dissemi-

1 nated and research conducted or supported by the Depart-
2 ment.”.

3 **SEC. 103. LIST OF NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS.**

4 Section 202 (42 U.S.C. 3012) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “Resource
6 Center on Elder Abuse” and inserting “Center”; and

7 (2) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(h)(1) The Assistant Secretary shall publish online
10 in a publicly accessible format, on an annual basis, a list
11 of national resource centers and demonstration projects
12 authorized, or administratively established through funds
13 provided under, this Act.

14 “(2) The Assistant Secretary shall ensure that the
15 list published pursuant to paragraph (1)—

16 “(A) includes—

17 “(i) a description of each such center and
18 demonstration project, including the projected
19 goals and activities of each such center and
20 demonstration project;

21 “(ii) a citation to the statutory authoriza-
22 tion of each such center and demonstration
23 project, or a citation to the statutory authority
24 that the Assistant Secretary relied upon to ad-

1 ministratively establish each such center and
2 demonstration project;

3 “(iii) the award amount for each such cen-
4 ter and demonstration project; and

5 “(iv) a summary of any evaluations re-
6 quired under this Act for each such center, in-
7 cluding a description of any measures of effec-
8 tiveness; and

9 “(B) is directly provided to State agencies, area
10 agencies on aging, and the Committee on Health,
11 Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Special
12 Committee on Aging of the Senate and the Com-
13 mittee on Education and the Workforce of the
14 House of Representatives.”.

15 **SEC. 104. AWARENESS OF RELEVANT FEDERAL PROGRAMS.**

16 Title II (42 U.S.C. 3011 et seq.) is amended by in-
17 serting after section 203A (42 U.S.C. 3013a) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 **“SEC. 203B. AWARENESS OF RELEVANT FEDERAL PRO-**
20 **GRAMS.**

21 “In carrying out section 203(a)(1), the Assistant Sec-
22 retary shall coordinate with the heads of relevant Federal
23 departments and agencies to ensure that the aging net-
24 work and individuals served under this Act are aware of,
25 and, subject to applicable eligibility criteria, have access

1 to, Federal programs that may advance the objectives of
2 this Act, including programs described in section 203(b)
3 and other programs to meet housing, health care, and
4 other supportive service needs to help such individuals age
5 in place.”.

6 **SEC. 105. EVALUATIONS AND SURVEYS.**

7 Section 206 (42 U.S.C. 3017) is amended—

8 (1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(d)(1) In carrying out evaluations under this sec-
11 tion, the Secretary shall—

12 “(A) award grants to, or enter into contracts
13 with, public or nonprofit private organizations or
14 academic or research institutions to survey State
15 agencies, area agencies on aging, and other program
16 and project participants about the strengths and
17 weaknesses of the programs and projects; and

18 “(B) conduct, where appropriate, evaluations
19 that compare the effectiveness of related programs
20 in achieving common objectives.

21 “(2) The surveys and evaluations under paragraph
22 (1) shall include information on programs, services, use
23 and sources of funding (including any transfer of funding
24 between area agencies on aging), identified unmet need
25 for services and related indicators, and any other chal-

1 lenges faced by State agencies and area agencies on aging
2 in carrying out the activities of this Act.

3 “(3) The Secretary shall, in carrying out the evalua-
4 tions under paragraph (1), consult with organizations con-
5 cerned with older individuals, including organizations that
6 represent minority individuals, older individuals residing
7 in rural areas, and older individuals with disabilities.”;
8 and

9 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “him” and in-
10 sserting “the Secretary”.

11 **SEC. 106. CONTRACTING AND GRANT AUTHORITY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 212 (42 U.S.C. 3020c) is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), this
17 Act shall not be construed to prevent a recipient of a grant
18 or a contract under this Act (other than title V) from en-
19 tering into an agreement with a profitmaking organization
20 for the recipient to provide services to individuals or enti-
21 ties not otherwise receiving services under this Act, pro-
22 vided that—

23 “(1) in the case funds provided under this Act
24 are used in developing or carrying out the agree-
25 ment—

1 “(A) such agreement guarantees that the
2 cost is reimbursed to the recipient;

3 “(B) if such agreement provides for the
4 provision of 1 or more services, of the type pro-
5 vided under this Act by or on behalf of such re-
6 cipient, to an individual or entity seeking to re-
7 ceive such services—

8 “(i) the individuals and entities may
9 only purchase such services at their fair
10 market rate;

11 “(ii) all costs incurred by the recipient
12 in providing such services (and not other-
13 wise reimbursed under subparagraph (A)),
14 are reimbursed to such recipient; and

15 “(iii) except in the case of an agree-
16 ment with a health plan or health care pro-
17 vider, the recipient reports the rates for
18 providing such services under such agree-
19 ment in accordance with subsection (c) and
20 the rates are consistent with the prevailing
21 market rate for provision of such services
22 in the relevant geographic area as deter-
23 mined by the State agency or area agency
24 on aging (as applicable); and

1 “(C) any amount of payment to the recipi-
 2 ent under the agreement that exceeds reim-
 3 bursement under this subsection of the recipi-
 4 ent’s costs is used to provide, or support the
 5 provision of, services under this Act; and

6 “(2) subject to subsection (e), in the case no
 7 funds provided under this Act are used in developing
 8 or carrying out the agreement—

9 “(A) not later than 45 days after the
 10 agreement first goes into effect, and annually
 11 thereafter until the termination of such agree-
 12 ment, the recipient of a grant or contract under
 13 this Act shall, in writing—

14 “(i) notify the State agency of—

15 “(I) the existence of the agree-
 16 ment; and

17 “(II) the services provided and
 18 populations served under the agree-
 19 ment; and

20 “(ii) provide assurances to the State
 21 agency that—

22 “(I) nothing in the agreement—

23 “(aa) undermines—

24 “(AA) the duties of the
 25 recipient under this Act; or

1 “(BB) the provision of
2 services in accordance with
3 this Act; or

4 “(bb) violates any other
5 terms and conditions of an award
6 received by the recipient under
7 this Act; and

8 “(II) any potential real or per-
9 ceived conflict of interest with respect
10 to the agreement has been prevented,
11 mitigated, or otherwise addressed, in-
12 cluding providing a description of any
13 such conflicts of interest and a de-
14 scription of the actions taken to miti-
15 gate such conflicts of interest; and

16 “(B) not later than 45 days after the pop-
17 ulation or services under the agreement sub-
18 stantially change due to an amendment to the
19 agreement, the recipient shall, in writing—

20 “(i) notify the State agency of such
21 change; and

22 “(ii) provide the assurances described
23 in subparagraph (A)(ii) with respect to
24 such change.”;

1 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) ENSURING APPROPRIATE USE OF FUNDS.—An
4 agreement—

5 “(1) described in subsection (a)(1) may not—

6 “(A) be made without the prior approval of
7 the State agency (or, in the case of a grantee
8 under title VI, without the prior recommenda-
9 tion of the Director of the Office for American
10 Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian
11 Aging and the prior approval of the Assistant
12 Secretary), after timely submission of all rel-
13 evant documents related to the agreement in-
14 cluding information on all costs incurred; or

15 “(B) directly or indirectly provide for, or
16 have the effect of, paying, reimbursing, sub-
17 sidizing, or otherwise compensating an indi-
18 vidual or entity in an amount that exceeds the
19 fair market value of the services subject to such
20 agreement; and

21 “(2) described in subsection (a) may not—

22 “(A) result in the displacement of services
23 otherwise available to an older individual with
24 greatest social need, an older individual with

1 greatest economic need, or an older individual
2 who is at risk for institutional placement; or

3 “(B) in any other way compromise, under-
4 mine, or be inconsistent with the objective of
5 serving the needs of older individuals, as deter-
6 mined by the Assistant Secretary.”;

7 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection
8 (a)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)”;

9 (4) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
10 section (f); and

11 (5) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(e) REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR
14 CERTAIN NON-OAA AGREEMENTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an agree-
16 ment described in subsection (a)(2), if the State
17 agency has a reasonable belief that an agreement
18 may violate the assurances provided under sub-
19 section (a)(2)(A)(ii), the State agency may request
20 additional information from the recipient of funds
21 under this Act that is a party to such agreement,
22 which may include a request for a copy of such
23 agreement. Such recipient shall make a good faith
24 effort to address such request for additional infor-
25 mation, except that such recipient shall not provide

1 agreements or other data that are restricted under
2 the terms of a non-disclosure agreement signed by
3 such recipient. If such recipient declines to provide
4 a copy of an agreement to a State agency, such re-
5 cipient shall provide a justification to the State
6 agency within 30 days of receiving such request.

7 “(2) CONFIDENTIALITY.—A State agency shall
8 keep confidential, as required by applicable Federal
9 and State law, all information received under this
10 subsection that is—

11 “(A) a trade secret;

12 “(B) commercial or financial information;

13 and

14 “(C) information obtained from an indi-
15 vidual that is privileged and confidential.”.

16 (b) AREA PLANS.—Section 306 (42 U.S.C. 3026) is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(13)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
20 “any service to older individuals” and inserting
21 “any service under this Act to older individuals
22 or caregivers”; and

23 (B) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “or
24 caregivers under this Act” after “older individ-
25 uals”; and

1 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting “, except as
2 provided under section 212(a)(2),” after “Nothing
3 in this Act”.

4 **SEC. 107. GUIDANCE ON TRANSFERS OF FUNDING BE-**
5 **TWEEN AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.**

6 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall disseminate guid-
8 ance to State agencies (as defined in section 102 of the
9 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002)) and area
10 agencies on aging on circumstances under which funds ap-
11 propriated pursuant to part B and subparts 1 and 2 of
12 part C of title III of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C.
13 3030d et seq., 42 U.S.C. 3030e et seq., 42 U.S.C. 3030f
14 et seq.) may be appropriate to transfer between area agen-
15 cies on aging, with the approval of the State agency and
16 the concurrence of any involved area agencies on aging,
17 within a budget year.

18 **SEC. 108. RIGHT TO FIRST REFUSAL.**

19 Section 305(b)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 3025(b)(5)(B)) is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “(B) Whenever a State agency designates a new area
22 agency on aging after the date of enactment of the Older
23 Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024, the State
24 agency shall give the right to first refusal to a unit of
25 general purpose local government if—

1 “(i) such unit can meet the requirements of
2 subsection (c);

3 “(ii)(I) such unit has demonstrated experience
4 administering services for older individuals; or

5 “(II) the State agency determines that there is
6 not another entity eligible under subsection (c)(1)
7 within the planning and service area with such dem-
8 onstrated experience; and

9 “(iii) the boundaries of such unit and the
10 boundaries of the planning and service area are rea-
11 sonably contiguous.”.

12 **SEC. 109. AREA AGENCY ON AGING CAPABILITIES.**

13 (a) ORGANIZATION.—Section 305(c) (42 U.S.C.
14 3025(c)) is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
16 (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively,
17 and moving such subparagraphs 2 ems to the right;

18 (2) by striking “shall be” and inserting the fol-
19 lowing: “shall—

20 “(1) be—”;

21 (3) in subparagraph (E), as so redesignated—

22 (A) by striking “(b)(5)” and inserting
23 “(b)(5)(A)”; and

24 (B) by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

25 and

1 (4) by striking “and shall provide assurance,
2 determined adequate by the State agency, that the
3 area agency on aging will have the ability to develop
4 an area plan and to carry out, directly or through
5 contractual or other arrangements, a program in ac-
6 cordance with the plan within the planning and serv-
7 ice area.” and inserting the following:

8 “(2) provide assurance, determined adequate by
9 the State agency, that the area agency on aging will
10 have the ability, and maintain the capabilities nec-
11 essary, to develop an area plan as required under
12 section 306(a), and carry out, directly or through
13 contractual or other arrangements, and oversee ac-
14 tivities in accordance with—

15 “(A) the plan within the planning and
16 service area;

17 “(B) any other relevant requirements of
18 this Act;

19 “(C) other applicable Federal and State
20 laws; and

21 “(D) other terms and conditions of awards
22 received under this Act.”.

23 (b) PLANS.—Section 306(f)(1) (42 U.S.C.
24 3026(f)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “the assurances required under
2 section 305(c)(2),” after “of this section,”; and

3 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
4 ing “, and if the State agency determines, in the dis-
5 cretion of the State agency, that an area agency on
6 aging failed in 2 successive years to comply with the
7 requirements under this title, then the State agency
8 may require the area agency on aging to submit a
9 plan for a 1-year period that meets such require-
10 ments, for subsequent years until the State agency
11 determines that the area agency on aging is in com-
12 pliance with such requirements.”.

13 **SEC. 110. SUPPORTING OLDER INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABIL-**
14 **ITIES THROUGH IMPROVED COORDINATION.**

15 (a) AREA PLANS.—Section 306(a)(5) (42 U.S.C.
16 3026(a)(5)) is amended by striking “with agencies that
17 develop or provide services for individuals with disabili-
18 ties” and inserting “with entities that develop or provide
19 services for individuals with disabilities, which may include
20 centers for independent living, relevant service providers,
21 and other community-based organizations, as appro-
22 priate”.

23 (b) SUPPORTING OLDER INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-
24 ABILITIES THROUGH IMPROVED COORDINATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
2 Administration for Community Living of the Depart-
3 ment of Health and Human Services (referred to in
4 this section as the “Administrator”) shall identify—

5 (A) opportunities to improve coordination
6 between the aging and disability networks,
7 which may include the formation of partner-
8 ships to serve individuals eligible for programs
9 under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
10 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.);

11 (B) lessons learned from disability net-
12 works, including centers for independent living,
13 State developmental disabilities councils, univer-
14 sity centers on excellence in developmental dis-
15 abilities, and State protection and advocacy
16 agencies that could improve operations and
17 service delivery within the aging network; and

18 (C) any technical assistance needs related
19 to subparagraphs (A) and (B).

20 (2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 2 years after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
22 shall issue guidance to State agencies and area
23 agencies on aging on strategies to leverage disability
24 networks, including centers for independent living,
25 State developmental disabilities councils, university

1 centers on excellence in developmental disabilities,
2 and State protection and advocacy agencies, as ap-
3 propriate, to strengthen the provision of services
4 under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
5 3001 et seq.).

6 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Adminis-
7 trator shall coordinate across the Administration for
8 Community Living to address any technical assist-
9 ance needs identified under paragraph (1)(C) in a
10 manner that does not unnecessarily duplicate other
11 technical assistance activities carried out prior to the
12 date of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 111. BUSINESS ACUMEN, FISCAL TRAINING, AND TECH-**
14 **NICAL ASSISTANCE.**

15 Section 307(a) (42 U.S.C. 3027(a)) is amended by
16 adding at the end the following:

17 “(31) The plan shall provide assurances that
18 the State agency may provide technical assistance,
19 as needed, for area agencies on aging related to the
20 development of business acumen, sound fiscal prac-
21 tices, capacity building, organizational development,
22 innovation, and other methods of growing and sus-
23 taining the capacity of the aging network to carry
24 out activities funded under this Act to serve older
25 individuals and caregivers most effectively.”.

1 **SEC. 112. ENHANCING ACCESS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY.**

2 Section 307(a) (42 U.S.C. 3027(a)), as amended by
3 section 111 of this Act, is further amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(32) The plan shall provide assurances that
6 the State will coordinate services, to the extent fea-
7 sible, with lead agencies designated to carry out
8 State assistive technology programs under the As-
9 sistive Technology Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 3001 et
10 seq.) and with area agencies on aging to assist eligi-
11 ble older individuals, including older individuals with
12 disabilities, in accessing and acquiring assistive tech-
13 nology.”.

14 **SEC. 113. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING.**

15 Title II of the Older Americans Act Amendments of
16 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3001 note; Public Law 100–175) is
17 amended by striking title II and inserting the following:

18 **“TITLE II—WHITE HOUSE**
19 **CONFERENCE ON AGING**

20 **“SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.**

21 “(a) **AUTHORITY TO CALL CONFERENCE.**—Not ear-
22 lier than January 21, 2025 and not later than December
23 31, 2025, the President shall convene the White House
24 Conference on Aging in order to fulfill the purpose set
25 forth in subsection (c) and to make fundamental policy
26 recommendations regarding programs that are important

1 to older individuals and to the families and communities
2 of such individuals.

3 “(b) PLANNING AND DIRECTION.—The Conference
4 described in subsection (a) shall be planned and conducted
5 under the direction of the Secretary, in cooperation with
6 the Assistant Secretary for Aging, the Director of the Na-
7 tional Institute on Aging, the Administrator of the Centers
8 for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Social Security
9 Administrator, and the heads of such other Federal agen-
10 cies serving older individuals as are appropriate. Planning
11 and conducting the Conference includes the assignment of
12 personnel.

13 “(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Conference de-
14 scribed in subsection (a) shall be to gather individuals rep-
15 resenting the spectrum of thought and experience in the
16 field of aging to—

17 “(1) evaluate the manner in which the objec-
18 tives of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
19 3001 et seq.) can be met by using the resources and
20 talents of older individuals, of families and commu-
21 nities of such individuals, and of individuals from
22 the public and private sectors;

23 “(2) evaluate the manner in which Federal poli-
24 cies, programs, and activities meet and respond to
25 the needs of older individuals, including an examina-

1 tion of innovative and fiscally responsible strategies
2 relating to retirement security, caregiving, nutrition
3 and supportive services, health care, elder justice,
4 and long term services and supports;

5 “(3) review the work and recommendations of
6 the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Healthy
7 Aging and Age-Friendly Communities, and evaluate
8 the recommendations of the Committee, which may
9 include implementation strategies for such rec-
10 ommendations;

11 “(4) develop recommendations to guide the
12 President, Congress, and Federal agencies in im-
13 proving Federal programs that serve older individ-
14 uals, which may relate to the prevention and mitiga-
15 tion of disease, injury, abuse, social isolation, loneli-
16 ness, and economic insecurity, including food insecu-
17 rity, and promotion of healthy aging in place.

18 “(d) CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND DELE-
19 GATES.—

20 “(1) PARTICIPANTS.—In order to carry out the
21 purposes of this section, the Conference shall bring
22 together—

23 “(A) representatives of Federal, State,
24 Tribal, and local governments;

1 “(B) professionals and volunteers who are
2 working in the field of aging; and

3 “(C) representatives of the general public,
4 particularly older individuals.

5 “(2) SELECTION OF DELEGATES.—The dele-
6 gates shall be selected without regard to political af-
7 filiation or past partisan activity and shall, to the
8 best of the appointing authority’s ability, be rep-
9 resentative of the spectrum of thought in the field
10 of aging. Delegates shall include older individuals,
11 individuals who are professionals in the field of
12 aging, individuals who are community leaders, mi-
13 nority individuals, individuals from rural areas, low-
14 income individuals, and representatives of Federal,
15 State, and local governments.

16 **“SEC. 202. CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION.**

17 “(a) ADMINISTRATION.—In administering this sec-
18 tion, the Secretary shall—

19 “(1) consult with relevant State, Tribal, and
20 local officials, stakeholders, and subject matter ex-
21 perts in planning the Conference;

22 “(2) request the cooperation and assistance of
23 the heads of such other Federal departments and
24 agencies, including such officials of the Interagency
25 Coordinating Committee on Healthy Aging and Age-

1 Friendly Communities, as may be appropriate in the
2 carrying out of this section;

3 “(3) make available for public comment a pro-
4 posed agenda for the Conference, which will reflect
5 to the greatest extent possible the major issues fac-
6 ing older individuals consistent with the provisions
7 of subsection (a);

8 “(4) prepare and make available such back-
9 ground materials for the use of delegates to the Con-
10 ference as the Secretary deems necessary; and

11 “(5) engage such additional personnel as may
12 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this sec-
13 tion without regard to provisions of title 5, United
14 States Code, governing appointments in the competi-
15 tive service, and without regard to chapter 51 and
16 subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating
17 to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

18 “(b) DUTIES.—The Secretary shall, in carrying out
19 the Secretary’s responsibilities and functions under this
20 section, and as part of the White House Conference on
21 Aging, ensure that—

22 “(1) the agenda prepared under subsection
23 (a)(3) for the Conference is published in the Federal
24 Register not later than 30 days after such agenda
25 is approved by the Secretary;

1 “(2) the personnel engaged under subsection
2 (a)(5) shall be fairly balanced in terms of points of
3 views represented and shall be appointed without re-
4 gard to political affiliation or previous partisan ac-
5 tivities;

6 “(3) the recommendations of the Conference
7 are not inappropriately influenced by any appointing
8 authority or by any special interest, but will instead
9 be the result of the independent judgment of the
10 Conference; and

11 “(4) current and adequate statistical data, in-
12 cluding decennial census data, and other information
13 on the well-being of older individuals in the United
14 States are readily available, in advance of the Con-
15 ference, to the delegates of the Conference, together
16 with such information as may be necessary to evalu-
17 ate Federal programs and policies relating to aging.
18 In carrying out this subparagraph, the Secretary is
19 authorized to make grants to, and enter into cooper-
20 ative agreements with, public agencies and nonprofit
21 private organizations.

22 “(c) GIFTS.—The Secretary may accept, on behalf of
23 the United States, gifts (in cash or in kind, including vol-
24 untary and uncompensated services), that shall be avail-
25 able to carry out this title. Gifts of cash shall be available

1 in addition to amounts appropriated to carry out this title.
2 Gifts may be earmarked by the donor for a specific pur-
3 pose.

4 “(d) RECORDS.—The Secretary shall maintain
5 records regarding—

6 “(1) the sources, amounts, and uses of gifts ac-
7 cepted under subsection (c); and

8 “(2) the identity of each person receiving assist-
9 ance to carry out this title, and the amount of such
10 assistance received by each such person.

11 **“SEC. 203. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.**

12 “(a) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than 100
13 days after the date on which the Conference adjourns, the
14 Secretary shall publish and deliver to the States a prelimi-
15 nary report on the Conference. Comments on the prelimi-
16 nary report of the Conference shall be accepted by the Sec-
17 retary.

18 “(b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date on which the Conference adjourns, the Secretary
20 shall publish and transmit to the President and to Con-
21 gress recommendations resulting from the Conference and
22 suggestions for any administrative action and legislation
23 necessary to implement the recommendations contained
24 within the report.

1 **“SEC. 204. DEFINITIONS.**

2 “In this title:

3 “(1) CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Conference’
4 means the White House Conference on Aging.5 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.7 “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means any of
8 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
9 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
10 Samoa, the Virgin Islands of the United States, the
11 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Com-
12 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.13 **TITLE II—IMPROVING HEALTH**
14 **OUTCOMES AND ENCOUR-**
15 **AGING INDEPENDENCE FOR**
16 **OLDER INDIVIDUALS**17 **SEC. 201. DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION**
18 **SERVICES.**

19 Section 102(14) (42 U.S.C. 3002(14)) is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “heart
21 rate, respiratory function,” after “hearing,”;22 (2) in subparagraph (K), by inserting “pro-
23 viding” before “information”;24 (3) by redesignating subparagraphs (L), (M),
25 (N), and (O), as subparagraphs (M), (N), (O), and
26 (P), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (K) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(L) providing information concerning
4 testing, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious
5 diseases, taking into consideration infectious
6 diseases for which older individuals are at in-
7 creased risk of infection or serious health out-
8 comes;”; and

9 (5) in subparagraph (P), as so redesignated, by
10 striking “subparagraphs (A) through (N)” and in-
11 sserting “subparagraphs (A) through (O)”.

12 **SEC. 202. IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

13 (a) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.—Sec-
14 tion 201 (42 U.S.C. 3011) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (c)(3)(B), by striking “in be-
16 half” and inserting “on behalf”; and

17 (2) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by inserting
19 “reduction of health care expenditures,” after
20 “quality of life,”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (7), by inserting “and
22 recommendations relating to further research,
23 evaluation, and demonstration projects con-
24 ducted under this section” after “title IV”.

1 (b) FALLS PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—Section
2 411(a)(15) (42 U.S.C. 3032(a)(15)) is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 “(15) bringing to scale and sustaining evidence-
5 based or evidence-informed falls prevention pro-
6 grams to reduce the number of falls, fear of falling,
7 and fall-related injuries affecting older individuals,
8 including older individuals with disabilities, which
9 programs shall—

10 “(A) provide training and technical assist-
11 ance to the aging network; and

12 “(B) share best practices with the aging
13 network, including the Aging and Disability Re-
14 source Centers;”.

15 (c) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON
16 HEALTHY AGING AND AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES.—
17 Section 203(c) (42 U.S.C. 3013(c)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (6)(B)—

19 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” after
20 the semicolon;

21 (B) in clause (iii), by inserting “and” after
22 the semicolon; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(iv) strategies to address social isolation,
25 including by promoting strong and stable con-

1 nections across different generations in a family
2 and in the community;” and

3 (2) in paragraph (7)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “and” at the end;

6 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
7 subparagraph (D); and

8 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
9 the following:

10 “(C) contains an assessment of the effec-
11 tiveness of relevant Federal efforts and pro-
12 grams, including implementation of best prac-
13 tices described in paragraph (6)(B); and”.

14 **SEC. 203. EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES.**

15 (a) DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION
16 SERVICES.—Section 361(a) (42 U.S.C. 3030m(a)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;

19 (2) in the first sentence, by inserting after
20 “promotion services” the following: “, or, as applica-
21 ble and appropriate, evidence-informed practices that
22 are likely to improve health outcomes,”; and

23 (3) by striking the second sentence and insert-
24 ing the following:

1 “(2) In carrying out such program, the Assistant Sec-
2 retary shall—

3 “(A) provide technical assistance on the delivery
4 of evidence-based disease prevention and health pro-
5 motion services, and, as applicable and appropriate,
6 such evidence-informed practices, in different set-
7 tings and for different populations;

8 “(B) develop, make publicly available, and up-
9 date on a regular basis a list of such evidence-in-
10 formed practices; and

11 “(C) consult with the Directors of the Centers
12 for Disease Control and Prevention and the National
13 Institute on Aging.”.

14 (b) FUNCTIONS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Section
15 202 (42 U.S.C. 3012) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(28), by inserting after
17 “promotion services” the following: “, or, as applica-
18 ble and appropriate, evidence-informed practices that
19 are likely to improve health outcomes”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)(9)(B), by inserting after
21 “services programs” the following: “, or, as applica-
22 ble and appropriate, evidence-informed practices that
23 are likely to improve health outcomes”.

24 (c) FALLS PREVENTION AND CHRONIC DISEASE
25 SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION.—Section 411(a) (42

1 U.S.C. 3032(a)) is amended, in paragraphs (15) and (16),
2 by inserting “or evidence-informed” after “evidence-
3 based”.

4 **SEC. 204. ENHANCING MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(a)(30) (42 U.S.C.
6 3012(a)(30)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “establishment, maintenance,
8 and” after “to support the”; and

9 (2) by inserting “and access to services pro-
10 vided at multipurpose senior centers” before the
11 semicolon at the end.

12 (b) AREA AGENCY ON AGING PLANS.—Section
13 306(a)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 3026(a)(2)(A)) is amended by in-
14 serting “, including those services provided at multipur-
15 pose senior centers, where appropriate” before the semi-
16 colon at the end.

17 (c) STATE PLANS.—Section 307(a)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C.
18 3027(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting “and, to the ex-
19 tent feasible, make such evaluation public” before the
20 semicolon at the end.

21 **SEC. 205. ADDRESSING HOME MODIFICATIONS.**

22 (a) INDOOR AIR QUALITY.—Section 361(c) (42
23 U.S.C. 3030m(c)) is amended by striking “buildings” and
24 all that follows and inserting “buildings and residences
25 where older individuals congregate or live”.

1 (b) WEATHERIZATION.—Section 321(a)(4) (42
 2 U.S.C. 3030d(a)(4)) is amended by striking subparagraph
 3 (A) and inserting “(A) to assist older individuals to obtain
 4 adequate housing, including residential repair and renova-
 5 tion projects, and (if assistance for weatherization projects
 6 does not unnecessarily duplicate other Federal assistance
 7 available) weatherization projects, designed to enable older
 8 individuals to maintain their homes in conformity with
 9 minimum housing and other relevant standards, in order
 10 to support such older individuals in aging in place and
 11 maintaining their health;”.

12 **SEC. 206. MULTIGENERATIONAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**
 13 **ACTIVITIES.**

14 Section 417 (42 U.S.C. 3032f) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 17 by striking “projects,” and all that follows and
 18 inserting the following: “projects to serve indi-
 19 viduals in younger generations and older indi-
 20 viduals by developing, carrying out, and pro-
 21 moting participation in multigenerational activi-
 22 ties, which projects may include—”;

23 (B) in paragraph (1), in the matter pre-
 24 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “provide”
 25 and inserting “providing”;

1 (C) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by striking “coordinate” and in-
3 sserting “coordinating”; and

4 (ii) by adding “and” at the end;

5 (D) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4)
6 and inserting the following:

7 “(3) promoting volunteerism, including by pro-
8 viding opportunities—

9 “(A) for older individuals to become men-
10 tors to individuals in younger generations; and

11 “(B) at facilities that serve older individ-
12 uals or individuals in younger generations, at
13 which multigenerational activities might
14 occur.”;

15 (2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “(4)” and
16 inserting “(3)”;

17 (3) in subsection (d)—

18 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and

19 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
20 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4); and

21 (4) in subsection (h)(1), by striking “or a fam-
22 ily support program.” and inserting “or a family
23 support program, or a program at a multipurpose
24 senior center, long-term care facility, or any other
25 residential facility for older individuals.”.

1 **SEC. 207. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON ACCESS TO HOUS-**
2 **ING FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

3 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
5 shall conduct, and submit to Congress a report describing
6 the results of, a study that analyzes housing programs and
7 services for older individuals under the Older Americans
8 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), including—

9 (1) an analysis of the Interagency Coordinating
10 Committee on Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly
11 Communities that—

12 (A) assesses any metrics used by the Com-
13 mittee to evaluate the success of the Commit-
14 tee’s activities and related Federal programs;

15 (B) evaluates interagency coordination of
16 Federal housing programs for older individuals;
17 and

18 (C) assesses the availability of affordable
19 housing for older individuals as the result of
20 interagency coordination;

21 (2) an analysis of any overlap between, and
22 gaps in, housing programs and services that assist
23 older individuals in obtaining accessible and afford-
24 able housing that achieves the objectives of the
25 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et
26 seq.), including programs under the Administration

1 for Community Living, the Department of Housing
2 and Urban Development, and other Federal pro-
3 grams, as applicable, and the availability, accessi-
4 bility, and demand for such services;

5 (3) an analysis of the availability of affordable
6 housing for such older individuals, to the extent such
7 information is available and taking into consider-
8 ation incomes and geographic and demographic
9 trends; and

10 (4) any recommendations to improve the sup-
11 ply, accessibility, and affordability of housing for
12 older individuals and coordination of services pro-
13 vided under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
14 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) and other related Federal pro-
15 grams, as applicable.

16 **SEC. 208. REPORT RELATING TO HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR**
17 **OLDER INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH OR NEAR**
18 **FAMILY MEMBERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prepare a re-
20 port that assesses—

21 (1) the health outcomes for older individuals
22 who live with, on the same property as, or otherwise
23 in the community in close geographic proximity, rel-
24 ative to the area, to family members; and

1 (2) the degree to which programs under the
2 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et
3 seq.) promote living in the settings described in
4 paragraph (1), as appropriate.

5 (b) INCLUSION.—The report described under sub-
6 section (a) shall include—

7 (1) an assessment of physical and mental health
8 outcomes of older individuals who live in the settings
9 described in subsection (a)(1) in comparison to phys-
10 ical and mental health outcomes of older individuals
11 who do not live in such settings;

12 (2) an assessment of the extent to which living
13 in such settings mitigates social isolation and loneli-
14 ness in older adults; and

15 (3) a description of the different types of such
16 settings and whether, and to what extent, findings
17 under paragraphs (1) and (2) vary across such dif-
18 ferent types.

19 (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 2 years after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
22 sions and the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate
23 and the Committee on Education and Workforce of the
24 House of Representatives the report required by sub-
25 section (a).

1 **SEC. 209. IMPROVING BROADBAND COORDINATION AND**
2 **REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall, as
4 appropriate, coordinate with the Assistant Secretary of
5 Commerce for Communications and Information of the
6 National Telecommunications and Information Adminis-
7 tration to ensure that the aging network (as defined in
8 section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
9 U.S.C. 3002)) and other relevant stakeholders are aware
10 of, and, subject to applicable eligibility criteria, have ac-
11 cess to, Federal programs relating to digital literacy and
12 the adoption of broadband that may support aging in place
13 for older individuals.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall pre-
16 pare, and submit to the Committee on Health, Education,
17 Labor, and Pensions, the Special Committee on Aging,
18 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
19 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Education and
20 the Workforce of the House of Representatives, a report
21 regarding any coordination efforts carried out pursuant to
22 subsection (a).

1 **TITLE III—ENHANCING INNOVA-**
2 **TION AND FLEXIBILITY IN NU-**
3 **TRITION SERVICES**

4 **SEC. 301. MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 102(14) (42 U.S.C.
6 3002(14)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, which
8 may include counseling related to the provision of
9 medically tailored meals” after “counseling”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “(includ-
11 ing from medically tailored meals)” after “improved
12 nutrition”.

13 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF NUTRITION SERVICES.—
14 Section 205(a)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 3016(a)(2)(A)) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in clause (vi), by inserting “, including
17 through the use of innovative approaches” after
18 “systems”; and

19 (2) in clause (viii), by inserting “and innovative
20 interventions” after “including strategies”.

21 (c) NUTRITION EDUCATION.—Section 214(2)(C) (42
22 U.S.C. 3020e(2)(C)) is amended by inserting “, including
23 interventions,” after “other activities”.

24 (d) NUTRITION SERVICES PURPOSES.—Section
25 330(3) (42 U.S.C. 3030d–21(3)) is amended by inserting

1 “, tailored to their individual medical and nutritional
2 needs to the extent feasible,” after “services”.

3 **SEC. 302. NUTRITION SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

4 Section 339 (42 U.S.C. 3030g-21)—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and
8 inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) where feasible, when selecting local nutri-
11 tion providers, give consideration to the capabilities
12 of community-based organizations if such organiza-
13 tions meet the requirements of subpart 1 or 2 and
14 can provide nutrition services in the designated
15 area.”.

16 **SEC. 303. GRAB-AND-GO MEALS.**

17 Section 308(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. 3028(b)(4)) is amended
18 by adding at the end the following:

19 “(E) A State may elect in its plan under section 307
20 to allow use of not more than 25 percent of the funds
21 received by such State under subpart 1 of part C, cal-
22 culated after any transfers under subparagraphs (A) and
23 (B) are completed, to make meals available at congregate
24 meal sites or other community locations for consumption
25 by older individuals outside such congregate meal sites.

1 A State electing to allow use of funds under the preceding
2 sentence shall—

3 “(i) ensure that such allowable use supplements
4 but does not supplant the delivery of services
5 through the congregate meals program under section
6 331; and

7 “(ii) notify the Assistant Secretary of such elec-
8 tion, including a description of the amount and per-
9 centage of funds received by such State under sub-
10 part 1 of part C to be used for such purposes.”.

11 **SEC. 304. NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN-**
12 **NOVATION.**

13 Section 311 (42 U.S.C. 3030a) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “subsection
15 (e)” and inserting “subsection (f)(1)”;

16 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
17 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

18 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(e)(1) Subject to subsection (f)(2), a State agency
21 or title VI grantee may implement innovative approaches,
22 including any approaches demonstrated to be effective
23 through an award under section 340, to achieve the pur-
24 poses described in section 330(1) by improving—

1 “(A) the quality, composition, preparation, mo-
2 dality, delivery, or location of meals provided to
3 older individuals under this Act; or

4 “(B) the efficiency and effectiveness of distrib-
5 uting, delivering, or otherwise making meals avail-
6 able to older individuals under this Act.

7 “(2) In implementing approaches under paragraph
8 (1), a State agency or title VI grantee may, with the ap-
9 proval of the Assistant Secretary, waive any requirements
10 of subparts 1 or 2 of part C or section 339 if the State
11 agency or title VI grantee determines that such require-
12 ments impede the ability of such State agency or title VI
13 grantee to successfully implement such approach. The As-
14 sistant Secretary shall approve a request for a waiver
15 under the preceding sentence unless the Assistant Sec-
16 retary determines that such waiver is not consistent with
17 the objectives of this Act or the purposes described in sec-
18 tion 330(1).

19 “(3) The authority to carry out activities described
20 in paragraph (1) shall expire on October 1, 2029.

21 “(4) Not later than September 30, 2028, the Assist-
22 ant Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on
23 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Special
24 Committee on Aging of the Senate and the Committee on
25 Education and the Workforce of the House of Representa-

1 tives describing any activities carried out by State agencies
 2 or title VI grantees under paragraph (1), an assessment
 3 of the outcomes of such activities, and recommendations
 4 for scaling implementation of any successful innovative ap-
 5 proaches within programs established under this section
 6 or subparts 1 and 2 of part C.”; and

7 (4) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

8 (A) by striking “There are” and inserting
 9 “(1) There are”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(2) If the amount appropriated to carry out this sec-
 12 tion for a fiscal year exceeds the amount appropriated to
 13 carry out this section for fiscal year 2024, a State agency
 14 and title VI grantee in receipt of an allotment under sub-
 15 section (b) may elect to use the difference between the
 16 allotment received for the fiscal year and the allotment
 17 received for fiscal year 2024 for activities described in sub-
 18 section (e).”.

19 **SEC. 305. GAO STUDY ON NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE**
 20 **PROGRAM.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
 22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
 23 of the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate the
 24 Nutrition Services Incentive Program under section 311

1 (42 U.S.C. 3030a) (referred to in this section as the “Pro-
2 gram”).

3 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study under this section—

4 (1) shall—

5 (A) include an assessment of how States
6 and Tribal organizations use funding provided
7 under the Program, including the degree to
8 which States and Tribal organizations use such
9 funding to procure food products from local or
10 regional producers for meals supported under
11 the Program; and

12 (B) identify any challenges or barriers to
13 increasing the use of local and regional pro-
14 ducers under the Program; and

15 (2) may make recommendations related to im-
16 proving the effectiveness of the Program, including
17 with respect to the use of local and regional pro-
18 ducers.

19 **SEC. 306. INNOVATIONS IN NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND**
20 **SERVICES.**

21 Subpart 3 of part C of title III (42 U.S.C. 3030g–
22 21 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 340. INNOVATIONS IN NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—From funds available under sub-
4 section (d), the Assistant Secretary shall make grants, on
5 a competitive basis, to eligible entities, to achieve the pur-
6 poses of section 330(1) by developing, implementing, and
7 evaluating innovative local or regional approaches to im-
8 prove the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes
9 of nutrition programs and services described in sections
10 311, 331, and 336.

11 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant
12 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

13 “(1) be—

14 “(A) a State agency, an area agency on
15 aging, an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, a
16 nutrition service provider, a multipurpose senior
17 center, a health care entity, an institution of
18 higher education, or an other public or non-
19 profit private entity; or

20 “(B) a partnership between any entities
21 described in subparagraph (A); and

22 “(2) submit an application at such time and in
23 such manner as the Assistant Secretary may require,
24 including—

1 “(A) a description of an innovative ap-
2 proach referred to in subsection (a) that the en-
3 tity proposes to implement under the grant;

4 “(B) a plan for evaluating the effective-
5 ness, including cost-effectiveness, of the innova-
6 tive approach proposed; and

7 “(C) as appropriate, plans for the publica-
8 tion of the results of such evaluation.

9 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
10 of enactment of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization
11 Act of 2024 and annually thereafter, the Assistant Sec-
12 retary shall submit a report to the Committee on Health,
13 Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Special Com-
14 mittee on Aging of the Senate and the Committee on Edu-
15 cation and the Workforce of the House of Representatives
16 describing any activities carried out under subsection (a),
17 an assessment of the outcomes of such activities, and rec-
18 ommendations for scaling implementation of any success-
19 ful innovative approaches implemented under this section,
20 through programs established under section 311, 331, or
21 336.

22 “(d) RESERVATION.—From the total of the amounts
23 made available for a fiscal year under paragraphs (1) and
24 (2) of section 303(b) and in section 311(e), the Assistant
25 Secretary shall reserve an amount equal to not more than

1 1 percent, to carry out activities described in subsection
 2 (a).”.

3 **TITLE IV—SUPPORTING FAMILY**
 4 **CAREGIVERS**

5 **SEC. 401. IMPROVING THE NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER**
 6 **SUPPORT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND COMMU-
 8 NITY PROGRAMS ON AGING GRANTS.—Section
 9 305(a)(3)(E) (42 U.S.C. 3025(a)(3)(E)) is amended—

10 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

11 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the
 12 end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(iii) available supports for family
 15 caregivers and older relative caregivers (as
 16 defined in section 372(a)).”.

17 (b) AREA PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
 18 306(a)(7)(D) (42 U.S.C. 3026(a)(7)(D)) is amended—

19 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

20 (2) in clause (ii), by adding “and” after the
 21 semicolon; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(iii) available supports for family
 24 caregivers and older relative caregivers (as
 25 defined in section 372(a));”.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL FAM-
2 ILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 372(a) (42 U.S.C.
4 3030s(a)) is amended—

5 (A) in paragraph (1)—

6 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
7 “The term” and inserting the following:

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
10 ignated), in the second sentence—

11 (I) by striking the period at the
12 end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (II) by striking “Such assess-
14 ment shall be administered through”
15 and inserting the following:

16 “(B) ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESS-
17 MENTS.—A caregiver assessment under sub-
18 paragraph (A) shall—

19 “(i) be administered through”; and

20 (III) by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(ii) take into account—

23 “(I) linguistic and cultural dif-
24 ferences;

1 “(II) the ease for the caregiver to
2 access information, supports, or serv-
3 ices, and the timeliness of access to
4 such information, supports, or serv-
5 ices;

6 “(III) barriers to accessing infor-
7 mation, supports, or services;

8 “(IV) the availability of informa-
9 tion, supports, or services in accessible
10 formats; and

11 “(V) the quality of information,
12 supports, or services received, and the
13 degree to which it is helpful to the
14 caregiver.”;

15 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(2) CHILD OR YOUTH.—The term ‘child or
18 youth’ means an individual who is not more than—

19 “(A) 18 years of age; or

20 “(B) 22 years of age, in the case of an in-
21 dividual who is enrolled in any form of school-
22 ing (including on a part-time basis), includ-
23 ing—

24 “(i) in high school or secondary school
25 (as such terms are defined in section 8101

1 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)); or

3 “(ii) in an institution of higher edu-
4 cation (as defined in section 102 of the
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1002)).”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (4)(B)(i), by inserting
8 “adult” after “or other”.

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Part E of
10 title III (42 U.S.C. 3030s et seq.) is amended—

11 (A) by inserting “or youth” after “child”
12 each place it appears (other than in section
13 372(a)(2) (as amended by paragraph (1)(B));
14 and

15 (B) by inserting “or youth” after “chil-
16 dren” each place it appears (other than in sec-
17 tion 373(c)(3)(A) (as amended by subsection
18 (d)(2)(B)).

19 (d) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Section 373 (42
20 U.S.C. 3030s–1) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

22 (A) by inserting “which may include trau-
23 ma-informed services, peer supports,” after “in-
24 dividual counseling,”; and

1 (B) by inserting “elder abuse prevention,”
2 after “nutrition,”;

3 (2) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
5 “PRIORITY” and inserting “PRIORITY; CONSID-
6 ERATION”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) CONSIDERATION.—In providing services
9 under this part, the State shall consider—

10 “(A) that older relative caregivers caring
11 for multiple children or youth may need greater
12 resources and supports; and

13 “(B) the circumstances and unique needs
14 of different types of caregivers, including the
15 needs of children and their older relative care-
16 givers whose families have been affected by sub-
17 stance use disorder, including opioid use dis-
18 order.”;

19 (3) in subsection (e)—

20 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
21 by striking “Not later than” and all that fol-
22 lows through “the Assistant Secretary shall”
23 and inserting “The Assistant Secretary shall,
24 on a regular basis”;

25 (B) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) by inserting “or evidence-in-
3 formed” after “evidence based”; and

4 (II) by striking “and” at the end;

5 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
6 (C) as subparagraph (D); and

7 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
8 (B) the following:

9 “(C) the use of caregiver assessments;
10 and”; and

11 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “make
12 available” and inserting “prepare, publish, and
13 disseminate”;

14 (4) in subsection (i)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, which
16 may include the improvement of the quality and
17 consistency of caregiver assessments and access
18 to other information, supports, or services”
19 after “section 631”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(in-
21 cluding outcome measures)” after “program
22 evaluation”; and

23 (5) in subsection (j)—

24 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
25 by striking “Not later than” and all that fol-

1 lows through “shall provide technical assist-
2 ance” and inserting “Beginning not later than
3 1 year after the date of enactment of the Older
4 Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024,
5 the Assistant Secretary, in consultation with
6 stakeholders with appropriate expertise and, as
7 appropriate, informed by the most recent strat-
8 egy developed under the RAISE Family Care-
9 givers Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s note) and the most
10 recent report developed under the Supporting
11 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act (Pub-
12 lic Law 115–196; 132 Stat. 1511), shall pro-
13 vide ongoing technical assistance”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
17 paragraph (4); and

18 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
19 following:

20 “(3) the quality and consistency of caregiver as-
21 sessments used across States; and”.

22 **SEC. 402. EMPHASIZING RESPITE CARE.**

23 Section 321(a)(19) (42 U.S.C. 3030d(a)(19)) is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 “(19) services, which may include respite care
2 through various models, designed to support family
3 members and other persons providing voluntary care
4 to older individuals that need long-term care serv-
5 ices, which may include older individuals with cog-
6 nitive impairments such as Alzheimer’s disease and
7 related disorders with neurological and organic brain
8 dysfunction;”.

9 **SEC. 403. CLARIFYING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

10 Section 321(a)(18) (42 U.S.C. 3030d(a)(18)) is
11 amended by striking “mentally impaired older individuals”
12 and inserting “older individuals with cognitive, physical,
13 or mental impairments”.

14 **SEC. 404. DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE RESOURCE CENTER.**

15 Section 411(a)(13) (42 U.S.C. 3032(a)(13)) is
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking subparagraph (B);

18 (2) by striking “(13)” and all that follows
19 through “(A) to” and inserting the following:

20 “(13) in coordination with the Secretary of
21 Labor and, as appropriate, the heads of other rel-
22 evant Federal departments and agencies, the estab-
23 lishment and operation of a national resource center
24 that supports the growth and professionalization of
25 the direct care workforce necessary to meet the

1 needs of older individuals and individuals with dis-
 2 abilities, and, in a manner that does not unneces-
 3 sarily duplicate the activities of other resource cen-
 4 ters supported by the Assistant Secretary, that ad-
 5 dresses training and other educational needs of fam-
 6 ily caregivers, which activities of the center may in-
 7 clude—

8 “(A) the provision of training and tech-
 9 nical assistance, including through the develop-
 10 ment and dissemination of educational mate-
 11 rials, to direct care workers and family care-
 12 givers; and

13 “(B) supporting the demonstration of new,
 14 and promoting existing, strategies for the re-
 15 cruitment, retention, career development, or ad-
 16 vancement of direct care workers to”; and

17 (3) in subparagraph (B), as so designated in
 18 paragraph (2), by striking “; and” at the end and
 19 inserting a semicolon.

20 **SEC. 405. SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND-**
 21 **CHILDREN ACT.**

22 (a) FINDINGS.—The Supporting Grandparents Rais-
 23 ing Grandchildren Act (Public Law 115–196; 132 Stat.
 24 1511) is amended by striking section 2.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—The Supporting Grandparents
 2 Raising Grandchildren Act is amended by redesignating
 3 section 4 as section 2 and moving the section so as to
 4 follow section 1.

5 (c) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 3 of the Sup-
 6 porting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act is
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
 11 (G) through (I) as subparagraphs (H)
 12 through (J);

13 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
 14 (F) the following:

15 “(G) The Assistant Secretary for Health.”;

16 (iii) in subparagraph (I), as so reded-
 17 igned, by striking “of children”; and

18 (iv) in subparagraph (J), as so reded-
 19 igned, by striking “relatives” and insert-
 20 ing “relative caregivers”; and

21 (B) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(3) LIMITATION ON NON-FEDERAL MEM-
 23 BERS.—Not more than 10 members of the Advisory
 24 Council may be individuals who are not Federal offi-
 25 cers or employees.”;

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

4 (I) in the matter preceding clause

5 (i), by striking “relatives” and insert-
6 ing “relative caregivers”; and

7 (II) in clause (i)—

8 (aa) by striking “the
9 health,” and inserting “the near-
10 and long-term health, including
11 mental health,”; and

12 (bb) by striking “care; and”
13 and inserting “care, including
14 any needs related to the cir-
15 cumstances that caused such
16 children to be raised by a grand-
17 parent or older relative caregiver;
18 and”; and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (I) by striking “(B)” and all that
21 follows through “In” and inserting
22 the following:

23 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In”; and

24 (II) by striking “needs of those
25 affected by the opioid crisis” and in-

1 serting “needs and challenges of indi-
2 viduals affected by substance use dis-
3 order, including opioid use disorder,
4 or, as applicable and appropriate,
5 needs and challenges of individuals re-
6 lated to other circumstances, which
7 may include public health emer-
8 gencies.”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), in the matter
11 preceding clause (i), by striking “enact-
12 ment of this Act” and inserting “enact-
13 ment of the Older Americans Act Reau-
14 thorization Act of 2024”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

16 (I) in clause (i)—

17 (aa) by striking “relatives”
18 and inserting “relative care-
19 givers”; and

20 (bb) by striking “needs of
21 children” and all that follows and
22 inserting “needs of children and
23 their older relative caregivers who
24 have been affected by substance

1 use disorder, including opioid use
2 disorder;”;

3 (II) in clause (ii), by striking the
4 “and” at the end;

5 (III) by redesignating clause (iii)
6 as clause (iv); and

7 (IV) by inserting after clause (ii)
8 the following:

9 “(iii) a description of any activities of
10 the Department of Health and Human
11 Services to evaluate the effectiveness of
12 supportive services in addressing the needs
13 of children and their older relative care-
14 givers, including those who have been af-
15 fected by substance use disorder, including
16 opioid use disorder, and any related find-
17 ings; and”;

18 (C) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
20 graph (A)—

21 (I) by striking “(3)” and all that
22 follows through “Not” and inserting
23 the following:

24 “(3) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—Not”;

1 (II) by striking “2 years” and in-
2 serting “180 days”; and

3 (III) by inserting after “sub-
4 mitted,” the following: “and every 2
5 years thereafter until the Advisory
6 Council terminates under subsection
7 (f),”; and

8 (D) in paragraph (4) by striking “rel-
9 atives” each place it appears and inserting “rel-
10 ative caregivers”;

11 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “the Federal
12 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” and in-
13 serting “chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code.”;
14 and

15 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “terminate”
16 and all that follows and inserting “terminate on Sep-
17 tember 30, 2029.”.

18 **SEC. 406. RAISE FAMILY CAREGIVERS ACT.**

19 (a) STRATEGY.—Section 3 of the RAISE Family
20 Caregivers Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s note) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
23 by inserting “(or the Secretary’s designee)”
24 after “The Secretary”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and
 2 made publicly available by the Secretary,” after
 3 “caregiver programs,”; and
 4 (2) in subsection (d)(2), by inserting “in” after
 5 “caregiver programs”.

6 (b) COUNCIL.—Section 5(e) of that Act (42 U.S.C.
 7 3030s note) is amended by striking “The Federal Advi-
 8 sory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” and inserting
 9 “Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code,”.

10 (c) SUNSET EXTENSION.—Section 6 of that Act (42
 11 U.S.C. 3030s note) is amended by striking “terminate”
 12 and all that follows and inserting “terminate on Sep-
 13 tember 30, 2029.”.

14 **TITLE V—COMMUNITY SERVICE**
 15 **SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES ACT**

16 **SEC. 501. IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOY-**
 17 **MENT PROGRAM.**

18 (a) PROGRAM.—Section 502(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
 19 3056(b)(1) is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “section
 21 513(a)(2)(E)” and inserting “section 513(a)(2)(F)”;
 22 and

23 (2) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “older in-
 24 dividuals,” after “youth,”.

1 (b) PERFORMANCE.—Section 513 (42 U.S.C. 3056k)
2 is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

4 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
5 subparagraph (F); and

6 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
7 the following:

8 “(E) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than
9 2 years after the date of enactment of the Older
10 Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024,
11 and every 2 years thereafter during the period
12 of the program described in section 502(a)(1),
13 the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the
14 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
15 Pensions and the Special Committee on Aging
16 of the Senate and the Committee on Education
17 and the Workforce of the House of Representa-
18 tives a report regarding the methodology used
19 to arrive at the expected levels of performance
20 described in subparagraph (B) for each grantee,
21 including the particular statistical model used
22 and other factors taken into account, as de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (D).”;

24 (2) in subsection (c) and paragraphs (1)(A),
25 (2)(A), (3)(A) of subsection (d), by striking “sub-

1 section (a)(2)(E)” and inserting “subsection
2 (a)(2)(F)”;

3 (3) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii), by adding at
5 the end the following: “For grants awarded on
6 or after the date that is 2 years after the date
7 of enactment of the Older Americans Act Reau-
8 thorization Act of 2024, any grantee who has
9 failed to meet the expected levels of perform-
10 ance for the 2 consecutive years prior to the
11 subsequent grant competition under section 514
12 shall not be allowed to compete in the subse-
13 quent grant competition under section 514 fol-
14 lowing the second consecutive year of failure
15 but may compete in the next such grant com-
16 petition after that subsequent competition.”;
17 and

18 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)(iii), by adding at
19 the end the following: “For grants awarded on
20 or after the date that is 2 years after the date
21 of enactment of the Older Americans Act Reau-
22 thorization Act of 2024, if the Secretary deter-
23 mines that the State fails to meet the expected
24 levels of performance described in subparagraph
25 (A) for 2 consecutive program years, the Sec-

1 retary shall provide for the conduct by the
2 State of a competition to award the funds allot-
3 ted to the State under section 506(e) for the
4 first full program year following the Secretary’s
5 determination.”.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 518(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.
7 3056p(a)(1)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(A) social, health, welfare, and edu-
9 cational services (including literacy tutoring and
10 services provided by the aging network), legal
11 and other counseling services and assistance
12 (including tax counseling and assistance and fi-
13 nancial counseling), and library, recreational,
14 and other similar services;”.

15 **SEC. 502. GAO REPORT ON ALIGNMENT WITHIN THE COM-**
16 **MUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.**

17 (a) REVIEW.—Not later than 18 months after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
19 of the United States shall complete a review in which the
20 Comptroller General—

21 (1) evaluates—

22 (A) the distinct differences and similarities
23 between the older American community service
24 employment program as authorized under title
25 V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42

1 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.) and the programs carried
2 out under title I of the Workforce Innovation
3 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111 et seq.);
4 and

5 (B) how the programs described in sub-
6 paragraph (A) serve older individuals in seeking
7 and obtaining community service employment;

8 (2) analyzes the efficacy and impacts of the in-
9 dicators of performance described in section 513(b)
10 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
11 3056k(b) and corrective measures described in sec-
12 tion 513(d) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
13 U.S.C. 3056k(d)) for the older American community
14 service employment program, compared with the ef-
15 ficacy and impacts of the indicators of performance
16 and corrective measures described in section 116 of
17 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
18 U.S.C. 3141) for programs authorized under title I
19 of such Act; and

20 (3) evaluates how the Department of Labor co-
21 ordinates delivery of services with State and national
22 grantees under title V of the Older Americans Act
23 of 1965 and States and local workforce development
24 areas under title I of the Workforce Innovation Op-
25 portunity Act to serve older individuals.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
3 General shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-
4 cation, Labor, and Pensions and the Special Committee
5 on Aging of the Senate and the Committee on Education
6 and the Workforce of the House of Representatives a re-
7 port on the results of such review.

8 **TITLE VI—IMPROVING SERVICES**
9 **FOR NATIVE ELDERS**

10 **SEC. 601. OLDER AMERICANS TRIBAL ADVISORY COM-**
11 **MITTEE.**

12 Section 201(c) (42 U.S.C. 3011(c)) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

14 “(4)(A) In addition to other methods of govern-
15 ment-to-government consultation between the Ad-
16 ministration and Indian tribes and conferring with
17 organizations representing Native Hawaiians, the
18 Assistant Secretary shall establish an advisory com-
19 mittee, to be known as the ‘Older Americans Tribal
20 Advisory Committee’ (referred to in this paragraph
21 as the ‘Committee’) to provide advice and guidance
22 to the Assistant Secretary on matters relating to the
23 needs of older individuals who are Native Americans
24 and implementation of related programs and activi-
25 ties under this Act.

1 “(B) The Committee shall be composed of 11
2 voting, non-Federal members, including—

3 “(i) geographically diverse individuals with
4 expertise on the range of issues affecting Indian
5 tribes, organizations representing Native Ha-
6 waiians, and older individuals who are Native
7 Americans;

8 “(ii) not less than 1 member who is an
9 Alaska Native; and

10 “(iii) not less than 1 member who is a Na-
11 tive Hawaiian.

12 “(C) The Committee shall include non-voting,
13 ex officio representatives of relevant Federal depart-
14 ments and agencies, including—

15 “(i) the Administration;

16 “(ii) the Indian Health Service;

17 “(iii) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
18 Services;

19 “(iv) the Department of the Interior;

20 “(v) the Department of Labor; and

21 “(vi) any other agency or office with sub-
22 ject matter expertise that the Assistant Sec-
23 retary determines appropriate.

24 “(D) The Committee shall meet in person not
25 less frequently than twice each year.

1 “(E) The Committee shall coordinate, as appro-
2 priate, with the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Com-
3 mittee of the Department of Health and Human
4 Services.

5 “(F)(i) Not less frequently than once each year,
6 the Committee shall submit to the Assistant Sec-
7 retary and make publicly available a report that de-
8 scribes—

9 “(I) the activities of the Committee during
10 the previous year; and

11 “(II) recommendations for administrative
12 action, including the identification of any statu-
13 tory barriers to carrying out such recommenda-
14 tions, for the following year.

15 “(ii) Not later than 60 days after the date on
16 which the Assistant Secretary receives a report
17 under clause (i), the Assistant Secretary shall sub-
18 mit to the Committee a written response to such re-
19 port.

20 “(G) Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, shall
21 not apply to the Committee.

22 “(H) In establishing, developing procedures for, and
23 operating the Committee, the Assistant Secretary shall—

24 “(i) consult with Indian tribes and confer with
25 organizations representing Native Hawaiians; and

1 “(ii) take into consideration best practices of
2 other tribal advisory committees operated by the De-
3 partment of Health and Human Services before the
4 date of enactment of the Older Americans Act Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2024.”.

6 **SEC. 602. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; SET ASIDE.**

7 (a) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Section 636 (42 U.S.C.
8 3057k–21) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “may” and in-
10 serting “shall, as practicable,”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “in-home
12 assistance” and inserting “in-home services”.

13 (b) FUNDING SET ASIDE.—Section 644 (42 U.S.C.
14 3057o) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “Of” and inserting “(a) IN
16 GENERAL.—Of”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 of enactment of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization
20 Act of 2024, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the
21 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
22 the Senate and the Committee on Education and the
23 Workforce of the House of Representatives, a report on
24 the use of funds under part D. Such report shall include—

1 “(1) the total amount of funds made available
2 under subsection (a) to carry out part D for each
3 fiscal year;

4 “(2) a list of award recipients under part D;
5 and

6 “(3) a summary of supportive services for
7 healthy aging and independence provided under part
8 D.”.

9 **SEC. 603. GAO REPORT ON TRIBAL SERVICES.**

10 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
11 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
12 shall submit to Congress a report that—

13 (1) evaluates and identifies barriers to Indian
14 Tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-
15 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
16 U.S.C. 5304)) and organizations serving Native Ha-
17 waiians accessing programs under title VI of the
18 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3057 et
19 seq.), and coordination of such programs under such
20 title VI with programs funded under titles III and
21 IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3021 et seq., 42 U.S.C.
22 3031 et seq.), including by—

23 (A) estimating the number of Native
24 Americans unserved by programs under such
25 title VI;

1 (B) identifying States making grants to
2 Indian Tribes under such title III; and

3 (C) providing estimates of funding nec-
4 essary to support programs under such title VI
5 for all Tribal organizations (as defined in sec-
6 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
7 Education Assistance Act) and organizations
8 serving Native Hawaiians that are not eligible
9 under such title VI (as in effect on the date of
10 enactment of this Act); and

11 (2) details how grantees under title V of the
12 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3056 et
13 seq.) are serving older individuals who are Native
14 Americans with funds received under such title V,
15 including by evaluating how the Secretary of Labor
16 coordinates with State and national grantees under
17 such title V to serve older individuals who are Native
18 Americans.

1 **TITLE VII—STRENGTHENING**
 2 **THE LONG-TERM CARE OM-**
 3 **BUDSMAN PROGRAMS AND**
 4 **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION**

5 **SEC. 701. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE**
 6 **OMBUDSMAN PROGRAMS.**

7 Section 201(d)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 3011(d)(2)(A)) is
 8 amended in the second sentence by inserting “serve on a
 9 full-time basis and” after “shall”.

10 **SEC. 702. LEGAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING RESOURCES RE-**
 11 **LATING TO ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION.**

12 Section 201(e)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 3011(e)(2)(A)) is
 13 amended by striking clause (v) and inserting the following:

14 “(v) establishing an information clear-
 15 ighthouse to collect, maintain, and dissemi-
 16 nate information concerning best practices
 17 and resources for training, technical assist-
 18 ance, and other activities, which may in-
 19 clude training resources for paralegals or
 20 law students who are under the direct su-
 21 pervision of an attorney, to assist Long-
 22 Term Care Ombudsman programs, adult
 23 protective services programs, and other
 24 legal services relating to defense of guard-
 25 ianship and the matters described in clause

1 (ii)(I), to assist States and communities to
 2 carry out evidence-based programs to pre-
 3 vent and address elder abuse, neglect, and
 4 exploitation;”.

5 **SEC. 703. IMPROVING TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS UNDER**
 6 **THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN**
 7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 712 (42 U.S.C. 3058g) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (h)(5)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

11 (A)—

12 (i) by striking “the representatives”
 13 and inserting “each type of representa-
 14 tive”; and

15 (ii) by inserting “types of” before
 16 “unpaid volunteers”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “for
 18 each such type of representative” before the
 19 semicolon at the end;

20 (C) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking
 21 “and” at the end;

22 (D) in subparagraph (C), by adding “and”
 23 at the end; and

24 (E) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(D) with respect to representatives of the
2 Office who are unpaid volunteers, take into con-
3 sideration the degree to which each such type of
4 unpaid volunteer performs activities requiring
5 specialized training, with a goal of reducing un-
6 necessary training requirements for prospective
7 unpaid volunteers;” and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(k) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNPAID VOL-
10 UNTEERS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing the model
12 standards described in subsection (h)(5), the Direc-
13 tor of the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman
14 Programs shall review and, as necessary, update
15 such model standards on a regular basis to tailor
16 such model standards to the individualized training
17 needs of each type of representative of the Office, in-
18 cluding each type of unpaid volunteer.

19 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out para-
20 graph (1), the Director of the Office of Long-Term
21 Care Ombudsman Programs shall take into consider-
22 ation the degree to which each type of representative
23 of the Office performs activities that require special-
24 ized training, with a goal of reducing unnecessary
25 training requirements for unpaid volunteers.”.

1 **SEC. 704. REPORTING ON STATE LONG-TERM CARE OM-**
2 **BUDSMAN PROGRAMS.**

3 Chapter 2 of subtitle A of title VII (42 U.S.C. 3058f
4 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 714. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

6 “Each year, the Assistant Secretary shall submit, to
7 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
8 sions and the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate
9 and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of
10 the House of Representatives, and make publicly available,
11 a report that—

12 “(1) aggregates all reports submitted under sec-
13 tion 712(h) for such year; and

14 “(2) provides a summary of the findings of
15 such reports.”.

16 **SEC. 705. STUDY ON STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN**
17 **PROGRAMS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall
19 seek to enter into a contract with the National Academies
20 of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (referred to in this
21 section as the “National Academies”) to conduct a study
22 on the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs car-
23 ried out under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
24 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), including an assessment of the effec-
25 tiveness of such programs and any related challenges, and
26 recommendations. The study shall include an assessment

1 of the current (as of the date on which the contract is
2 entered into) recommended staff-to-bed ratio for such pro-
3 grams, as appropriate.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
5 date on which a contract is entered into under subsection
6 (a), the National Academies shall publicly issue a report
7 on the findings of such study.

8 **TITLE VIII—AUTHORIZATIONS** 9 **OF APPROPRIATIONS**

10 **SEC. 801. ADMINISTRATION ON AGING.**

11 Section 216 (42 U.S.C. 3020f) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by striking
13 “\$43,937,410” and all that follows through “fiscal
14 year 2024” and inserting “\$55,469,968 for fiscal
15 year 2025, \$58,034,197 for fiscal year 2026,
16 \$60,716,964 for fiscal year 2027, \$63,523,747 for
17 fiscal year 2028, and \$66,460,281 for fiscal year
18 2029”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
21 “\$2,180,660” and all that follows through “fis-
22 cal year 2024” and inserting “\$2,753,033 for
23 fiscal year 2025, \$2,880,298 for fiscal year
24 2026, \$3,013,447 for fiscal year 2027,

1 \$3,152,751 for fiscal year 2028, and
2 \$3,298,494 for fiscal year 2029”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking
4 “\$1,988,060” and all that follows through “fis-
5 cal year 2024” and inserting “\$2,509,880 for
6 fiscal year 2025, \$2,625,905 for fiscal year
7 2026, \$2,747,294 for fiscal year 2027,
8 \$2,874,294 for fiscal year 2028, and
9 \$3,007,165 for fiscal year 2029”;

10 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking
11 “\$1,371,740” and all that follows through “fis-
12 cal year 2024” and inserting “\$1,731,790 for
13 fiscal year 2025, \$1,811,846 for fiscal year
14 2026, \$1,895,603 for fiscal year 2027,
15 \$1,983,232 for fiscal year 2028, and
16 \$2,074,911 for fiscal year 2029”; and

17 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking
18 “\$8,687,330” and all that follows through “fis-
19 cal year 2024” and inserting “\$10,967,554 for
20 fiscal year 2025, \$11,474,555 for fiscal year
21 2026, \$12,004,993 for fiscal year 2027,
22 \$12,559,952 for fiscal year 2028, and
23 \$13,140,565 for fiscal year 2029”.

1 **SEC. 802. GRANTS FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**
2 **ON AGING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 (42 U.S.C. 3023) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
6 “\$412,029,180” and all that follows through “fiscal
7 year 2024” and inserting “\$520,177,347 for fiscal
8 year 2025, \$544,223,762 for fiscal year 2026,
9 \$569,381,780 for fiscal year 2027, \$595,702,785 for
10 fiscal year 2028, and \$623,240,541 for fiscal year
11 2029”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
14 “\$530,015,940” and all that follows through
15 “fiscal year 2024” and inserting “\$669,132,913
16 for fiscal year 2025, \$700,065,148 for fiscal
17 year 2026, \$732,427,298 for fiscal year 2027,
18 \$766,285,465 for fiscal year 2028, and
19 \$801,708,804 for fiscal year 2029”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking
21 “\$268,935,940” and all that follows through
22 “fiscal year 2024” and inserting “\$339,525,428
23 for fiscal year 2025, \$355,220,786 for fiscal
24 year 2026, \$371,641,698 for fiscal year 2027,
25 \$388,821,705 for fiscal year 2028, and
26 \$406,795,899 for fiscal year 2029”;

1 (3) in subsection (d), by striking
2 “\$26,587,360” and all that follows through “fiscal
3 year 2024” and inserting “\$33,565,929 for fiscal
4 year 2025, \$35,117,593 for fiscal year 2026,
5 \$36,740,986 for fiscal year 2027, \$38,439,424 for
6 fiscal year 2028, and \$40,216,376 for fiscal year
7 2029”; and

8 (4) in subsection (e), by striking
9 “\$193,869,020” and all that follows through “fiscal
10 year 2024” and inserting “\$244,755,171 for fiscal
11 year 2025, \$256,069,552 for fiscal year 2026,
12 \$267,906,966 for fiscal year 2027, \$280,291,593 for
13 fiscal year 2028, and \$293,248,728 for fiscal year
14 2029”.

15 (b) NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—
16 Section 311 (42 U.S.C. 3030a), as amended by section
17 304 of this Act, is amended in subsection (f), by striking
18 “\$171,273,830” and all that follows through “fiscal year
19 2024” and inserting “\$216,229,264 for fiscal year 2025,
20 \$226,224,968 for fiscal year 2026, \$236,682,747 for fis-
21 cal year 2027, \$247,623,961 for fiscal year 2028, and
22 \$259,070,958 for fiscal year 2029”.

23 **SEC. 803. ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH, INDEPENDENCE, AND**
24 **LONGEVITY.**

25 Section 411(b) (42 U.S.C. 3032(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking
2 “\$37,102,560” and all that follows through “fiscal
3 year 2024” and inserting “\$47,028,435 for fiscal
4 year 2025, \$49,202,434 for fiscal year 2026,
5 \$51,476,932 for fiscal year 2027, \$53,856,574 for
6 fiscal year 2028, and \$56,346,220 for fiscal year
7 2029”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking
9 “\$10,759,920” and all that follows through “fiscal
10 year 2024” and inserting “\$13,584,151 for fiscal
11 year 2025, \$14,212,110 for fiscal year 2026,
12 \$14,869,098 for fiscal year 2027, \$15,556,457 for
13 fiscal year 2028, and \$16,275,591 for fiscal year
14 2029”.

15 **SEC. 806. ALLOTMENTS FOR ELDER RIGHTS PROTECTION**
16 **ACTIVITIES.**

17 Section 702 (42 U.S.C. 3058a) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking
19 “\$18,066,950” and all that follows through “fiscal
20 year 2024” and inserting “\$22,809,108 for fiscal
21 year 2025, \$23,863,512 for fiscal year 2026,
22 \$24,966,659 for fiscal year 2027, \$26,120,801 for
23 fiscal year 2028, and \$27,328,297 for fiscal year
24 2029”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “\$5,107,110”
2 and all that follows through “fiscal year 2024” and
3 inserting “\$6,447,609 for fiscal year 2025,
4 \$6,745,665 for fiscal year 2026, \$7,057,499 for fis-
5 cal year 2027, \$7,383,748 for fiscal year 2028, and
6 \$7,725,079 for fiscal year 2029”.

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