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To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

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 “America’s Call To Im-  
5       prove Opportunities Now for National Service Act” or the  
6       “ACTION for National Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES.**

2 (a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
3 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents; references.
- Sec. 3. Establishment of National and Community Service Administration.
- Sec. 4. Advisory Board.
- Sec. 5. Director.
- Sec. 6. National service educational awards.
- Sec. 7. Interagency working group.
- Sec. 8. National Service Foundation.
- Sec. 9. 21st Century American service outreach program.
- Sec. 10. Living allowance amounts.
- Sec. 11. Authorized benefits for Corps members.
- Sec. 12. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 13. Exclusion from gross income of national service educational awards.
- Sec. 14. Income tax exclusion for living allowance.
- Sec. 15. Conforming amendments to the National and Community Service Act  
of 1990.
- Sec. 16. Conforming amendments to the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of  
1973.

4 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly  
5 provided in this Act, wherever in this Act an amendment  
6 or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or  
7 repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall  
8 be considered to be made to that section or other provision  
9 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
10 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY**  
12 **SERVICE ADMINISTRATION.**

13 Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “a Corporation for National and  
15 Community Service” and inserting “the National  
16 and Community Service Administration, an inde-  
17 pendent agency in the executive branch,”; and

1           (2) by striking “The Corporation shall be a  
2           Government corporation, as defined in section 103”  
3           and inserting “The Administration shall have the  
4           same status as an executive department listed in sec-  
5           tion 101”.

6 **SEC. 4. ADVISORY BOARD.**

7           (a) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—Section 192 (42  
8           U.S.C. 12651a) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a)—

10                   (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
11                   ing the following:

12                   “(1) ADVISORY BOARD.—

13                           “(A) INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.—

14                                   “(i) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS  
15                                   ELECTING TO SERVE.—There shall be in  
16                                   the Administration an Advisory Board ini-  
17                                   tially composed of the voting members of  
18                                   the Board of Directors of the Corporation  
19                                   for National and Community Service (as in  
20                                   existence the day before the date of enact-  
21                                   ment of the ACTION for National Service  
22                                   Act) who elect to serve on the Advisory  
23                                   Board.

24                                   “(ii) APPOINTED INITIAL MEMBERS.—

25                                   If fewer than seven members of the Board

1 of Directors elect to serve, the Adminis-  
2 trator shall appoint additional members to  
3 achieve a total of seven members of the  
4 Advisory Board, to serve for the term of  
5 their predecessors. For purposes of this  
6 section, members appointed under this  
7 clause shall be treated as if they had been  
8 voting members described in clause (i).

9 “(iii) BOARD OF SEVEN MEMBERS.—  
10 After the expiration of the terms of the  
11 members described in clauses (i) and (ii),  
12 and the seven appointments set forth in  
13 subparagraph (B), the Advisory Board  
14 shall be composed of seven members.

15 “(B) APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT  
16 MEMBERS.—Upon the expiration of the term of  
17 any of the first seven members of the Advisory  
18 Board whose term shall expire, a new member  
19 of the Advisory Board shall be appointed as fol-  
20 lows:

21 “(i) The first three members shall be  
22 appointed by the President, and shall in-  
23 clude—

24 “(I) an individual not younger  
25 than 18 or older than 25 who—

1           “(aa) has served in a school-  
2           based or community-based serv-  
3           ice-learning program; or

4           “(bb) is or was a participant  
5           or a supervisor in a program; and

6           “(II) an individual who—

7           “(aa) is age 55 or older; and

8           “(bb) has served in the Na-  
9           tional Senior Service Corps, in a  
10          program carried out under title  
11          II of the Domestic Volunteer  
12          Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
13          5000 et seq.) or served in a serv-  
14          ice-based or community-based  
15          program under subtitle B of title  
16          I.

17          “(ii) The next member shall be ap-  
18          pointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19          Representatives.

20          “(iii) The next member shall be ap-  
21          pointed by the minority leader of the  
22          House of Representatives.

23          “(iv) The next member shall be ap-  
24          pointed by the majority leader of the Sen-  
25          ate.

1                   “(v) The next member shall be ap-  
2                   pointed by the minority leader of the Sen-  
3                   ate.

4                   “(C) EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF RE-  
5                   MAINING INITIAL MEMBERS.—Upon the expira-  
6                   tion of the terms on the Advisory Board of the  
7                   remaining members (after the first seven) who  
8                   served on the Board of Directors of the Cor-  
9                   poration for National and Community Service  
10                  (as in effect the day before the date of enact-  
11                  ment of the ACTION for National Service Act),  
12                  no new members shall be appointed to replace  
13                  those remaining members.”; and

14                  (B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking “the  
15                  Board” and inserting “the Advisory Board (re-  
16                  ferred to in this subtitle as the ‘Board’)”; and  
17                  (2) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and  
18                  inserting the following:

19                  “(c) TERMS.—Members appointed in accordance with  
20                  any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection (a)(1)(B) or  
21                  under subsection (d) shall serve for a term of 5 years.

22                  “(d) APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS AND VACAN-  
23                  CIES.—When the term of a member appointed in accord-  
24                  ance with any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection  
25                  (a)(1)(B) expires, or if a vacancy occurs on the Advisory

1 Board, a new member shall be appointed by the appointing  
2 individual and in the manner described in that clause, and,  
3 in the case of a vacancy, shall serve for the remainder  
4 of the term for which the predecessor of such member was  
5 appointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the  
6 remaining members to execute the duties of the Board.”.

7 (b) MEETINGS AND DUTIES.—Section 192A (42  
8 U.S.C. 12651b) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “3 times each  
10 year” and inserting “four times each year, with one  
11 of the four meetings being an annual meeting to re-  
12 view the Administration’s long-term and strategic  
13 goals,”; and

14 (2) by striking subsection (e), (f), and (g) and  
15 inserting the following:

16 “(e) ADVISORY DUTIES.—The Board shall have re-  
17 sponsibility for making recommendations to the Director  
18 concerning the programs and activities of the Administra-  
19 tion and the overall policy for the Administration and  
20 shall—

21 “(1) advise the Director with respect to policies,  
22 programs, and procedures for carrying out the Di-  
23 rector’s functions, duties, or responsibilities under  
24 this Act;

1           “(2) advise the Director on establishing require-  
2           ments and criteria for qualifying service programs,  
3           and on monitoring and evaluating the performance  
4           of personnel in carrying out programs and activities;

5           “(3) review applications of service programs for  
6           approval under this Act and make recommendations  
7           to the Director with respect to the approval of each  
8           program and the amount of financial assistance (if  
9           any) to provide to each program;

10          “(4) review and make recommendations to the  
11          Director—

12                 “(A) with respect to any grants, allot-  
13                 ments, contracts, financial assistance, or other  
14                 payment of the Administration; and

15                 “(B) regarding the regulations, standards,  
16                 policies, procedures, programs, and initiatives of  
17                 the Administration;

18          “(5) review, and advise the Director regarding,  
19          the actions of the Director with respect to the per-  
20          sonnel of the Administration, and with respect to  
21          such standards, policies, procedures, programs, and  
22          initiatives as are necessary or appropriate to carry  
23          out the programs and activities of the Administra-  
24          tion, including those carried out under the national



1 service laws on the day before the date of enactment  
2 of the ACTION for National Service Act;

3 “(6) make recommendations relating to a pro-  
4 gram of research for the Administration with respect  
5 to national and community service programs;

6 “(7) ensure effective dissemination of informa-  
7 tion regarding the programs and activities of the Ad-  
8 ministration;

9 “(8) prepare and make recommendations to the  
10 Director and the appropriate committees of Con-  
11 gress for changes in the national service laws result-  
12 ing from the studies and demonstrations conducted  
13 by the Administration, which recommendations shall  
14 be submitted to the Director and the appropriate  
15 committees of Congress not later than January 1 of  
16 each year;

17 “(9) make recommendations to the Director on  
18 candidates to serve on the Board of the National  
19 Service Foundation described in section 199P; and

20 “(10) advise on such other matters as the Di-  
21 rector may request.”.

22 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR.**

23 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 193(a) (42 U.S.C.  
24 12651c) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “an individual who shall serve as  
2 Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, and”  
3 and inserting “a Director,”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following: “and  
5 who shall hold the same rank and status as the head  
6 of an executive department listed in section 101 of  
7 title 5, United States Code.”.

8           (b) INTERIM DIRECTOR.—Until a Director is ap-  
9 pointed and confirmed in accordance with the amendments  
10 made by subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of the  
11 Corporation for National and Community Service (as in  
12 existence the day before the date of enactment of this Act)  
13 may, at the election of the Chief Executive Officer, serve  
14 as interim Director.

15 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

16           Section 147(a) (42 U.S.C. 12603(a)) is amended—

17           (1) by striking “Except as provided” and in-  
18 sserting the following:

19           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided”;

20           (2) by striking “shall receive a national service  
21 educational award” and all that follows through “ap-  
22 propriations)” and inserting “shall be entitled to a  
23 national service educational award equal to the  
24 award amount specified in paragraph (2)”;

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

1           “(2) AWARD AMOUNT.—The award referred to  
2           in paragraph (1), payable to an individual described  
3           in such paragraph, shall be in an amount that is  
4           equal to twice the amount of the national average of  
5           the cost for in-State tuition and fees at public, 4-  
6           year institutions of higher education, for the award  
7           year for which the national service position is ap-  
8           proved by the Administration.

9           “(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
10          ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning  
11          given the term in section 148(h).”.

12 **SEC. 7. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

13          The Director of the National and Community Service  
14          Administration, using funds made available under section  
15          501(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of  
16          1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)), shall establish an inter-  
17          agency working group to—

18               (1) evaluate and make recommendations re-  
19               garding a process for evaluating the eligibility, for  
20               national service educational awards, of individuals  
21               who have participated in national service programs  
22               that are not administered under this Act but are de-  
23               scribed in section 123(2) of that Act (42 U.S.C.  
24               12573(2));

1           (2) evaluate the feasibility and advisability of  
2           granting Federal hiring preference under chapter 33  
3           of title 5, United States Code, to an individual who  
4           has completed at least 1 year of service and is enti-  
5           tled to the award authorized under section 147(a)(2)  
6           of that Act (as amended by section 6 of this Act)  
7           for that service; and

8           (3) not later than 12 months after the date of  
9           enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to Con-  
10          gress a report containing the results of the evalua-  
11          tions described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

12 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.**

13          (a) **ELIMINATION OF CURRENT AUTHORITY FOR DO-**  
14 **NATIONS OF PROPERTY.**—Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C.  
15 12651g(a)) is amended—

16           (1) by striking paragraph (2);

17           (2) by redesignating clause (iii) of paragraph  
18          (1)(C) as paragraph (2); and

19           (3) in paragraph (2), as redesignated by para-  
20          graph (2) of this subsection, by striking all that pre-  
21          cedes “this term” and inserting the following:

22           “(2) **INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL FUNC-**  
23          **TION.**—As used in this subsection,”.

1 (b) FOUNDATION.—Title I (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.)  
2 is further amended by adding at the end the following new  
3 subtitle:

4 **“Subtitle K—National Service**  
5 **Foundation**

6 **“SEC. 199P. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to encourage pri-  
8 vate gifts of real and personal property or any income  
9 from that property or other interest in that property for  
10 the benefit of, or in connection with, the Administration,  
11 and its activities, services, or former participants, and  
12 through those gifts to further the mission and purpose of  
13 the Administration and to provide greater opportunities  
14 for volunteer service, there is established a charitable and  
15 nonprofit corporation to be known as the National Service  
16 Foundation (referred to in this subtitle as the ‘Founda-  
17 tion’) to accept and administer such gifts.

18 “(b) BOARD OF THE FOUNDATION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Service  
20 Foundation shall consist of a Board of the Founda-  
21 tion, having as members the Director of the Admin-  
22 istration, as an ex officio, nonvoting member, and  
23 not less than six individuals, who are not officers or  
24 employees of the Federal Government, appointed by

1 the Director after considering the recommendations  
2 of the Advisory Board described in section 192.

3 “(2) TERMS.—

4 “(A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—The terms of the  
5 initial members of the Board of the Foundation  
6 shall be staggered to assure continuity of ad-  
7 ministration.

8 “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEMBERS.—A subse-  
9 quent member shall serve for a term of 6 years.

10 “(C) VACANCIES.—If a vacancy occurs on  
11 the Board of the Foundation, a new member  
12 shall be appointed by Director and serve for the  
13 remainder of the term for which the predecessor  
14 of such member was appointed. The vacancy  
15 shall not affect the power of the remaining  
16 members to execute the duties of the Board of  
17 the Foundation.

18 “(3) CHAIRMAN.—The Director shall be the  
19 Chairman of the Board of the Foundation.

20 “(4) STATUS.—Members and staff of the Board  
21 of the Foundation shall not be considered to be offi-  
22 cers or employees of the Federal Government.

23 “(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
24 the Board of the Foundation serving at any one  
25 time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

1 business, and the Foundation shall have an official  
2 seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

3 “(6) MEETINGS.—The Board of the Founda-  
4 tion shall meet at the call of the Chairman, and not  
5 less often than once each year.

6 “(7) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EX-  
7 PENSES.—

8 “(A) COMPENSATION.—A member of the  
9 Board of the Foundation shall serve without  
10 compensation. Notwithstanding section 1342 of  
11 title 31, United States Code, the Board may ac-  
12 cept and use voluntary and uncompensated  
13 services as the Commission determines nec-  
14 essary.

15 “(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of  
16 the Board shall be allowed travel expenses (out  
17 of Foundation funds), including per diem in  
18 lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-  
19 ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chap-  
20 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while  
21 away from the member’s home or regular places  
22 of business in the performance of services for  
23 the Board.

24 “(c) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND USE GIFTS  
25 AND BEQUESTS.—The Foundation is authorized to ac-

1 cept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gifts,  
2 devises, or bequests, either absolutely or in trust of real  
3 or personal property or any income from the property or  
4 other interest in the property for the benefit of or in con-  
5 nection with, the Administration, its activities, or its serv-  
6 ices. The Foundation may not accept any such gift, devise,  
7 or bequest that entails any expenditure other than from  
8 the resources of the Foundation. An interest in such real  
9 property includes, among other things, easements or other  
10 rights for preservation, conservation, protection, or en-  
11 hancement by and for the public of natural, scenic, his-  
12 toric, scientific, educational, inspirational, or recreational  
13 resources. A gift, devise, or bequest relating to property  
14 may be accepted by the Foundation even though the prop-  
15 erty is encumbered, restricted, or subject to beneficial in-  
16 terests of private persons, if any current or future interest  
17 in the property is for the benefit of the Administration,  
18 its activities, or its services.

19 “(d) USE OF FUNDS, INVESTMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise re-  
21 quired by the instrument of transfer to the Founda-  
22 tion, the Foundation may sell, lease, invest, reinvest,  
23 retain, or otherwise dispose of or deal with any prop-  
24 erty transferred to the Foundation or income from  
25 the property as the Board of the Foundation may



1 from time to time determine to be appropriate. The  
2 Foundation shall not engage in any business, nor  
3 shall the Foundation make any investment, that may  
4 not lawfully be engaged in or made by a trust com-  
5 pany in the District of Columbia, except that the  
6 Foundation may make any investment authorized by  
7 the instrument of transfer, and may retain any  
8 property accepted by the Foundation.

9 “(2) SERVICES AND FACILITIES.—The Founda-  
10 tion may utilize the services and facilities of the Ad-  
11 ministration, and such services and facilities may be  
12 made available on request to the extent practicable  
13 without reimbursement.

14 “(e) SUCCESSION, LIABILITY, AND POWERS.—

15 “(1) SUCCESSION.—The Foundation shall have  
16 perpetual succession, with all the usual powers and  
17 obligations of a corporation acting as a trustee, in-  
18 cluding the power to sue and to be sued in its own  
19 name.

20 “(2) LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding paragraph  
21 (1), the members of the Board of the Foundation  
22 shall not be personally liable for acts or omissions  
23 related to the Foundation, except for malfeasance.

24 “(3) POWERS.—The Foundation shall have the  
25 power to enter into contracts, to execute instru-

1       ments, and generally to do any and all lawful acts  
2       necessary or appropriate to its purposes.

3       “(f) BYLAWS.—In carrying out the provisions of this  
4 Act, the Board of the Foundation may adopt bylaws, rules,  
5 and regulations necessary for the administration of its  
6 functions and enter into contracts for any necessary serv-  
7 ices.

8       “(g) TAX EXEMPT STATUS.—

9               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation and any  
10 income or property received or owned by it, and all  
11 transactions relating to such income or property,  
12 shall be exempt from all Federal, State, and local  
13 taxation.

14               “(2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERN-  
15 MENT.—The Foundation may, however, in the dis-  
16 cretion of the Board of the Foundation—

17                       “(A) contribute toward the costs of local  
18 government in amounts not in excess of those  
19 costs that it would be obligated to pay such  
20 government if it were not exempt from taxation  
21 because of this subsection or because of its sta-  
22 tus as a charitable and nonprofit corporation;  
23 and

24                       “(B) agree to so contribute property trans-  
25 ferred to the Foundation and the income de-

1           rived from the property if such agreement is a  
2           condition of the transfer.

3           “(3) USE OF THE UNITED STATES.—Contribu-  
4           tions, gifts, and other transfers made to or for the  
5           use of the Foundation shall be regarded as contribu-  
6           tions, gifts, or transfers to or for the use of the  
7           United States.

8           “(h) NONLIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.—The  
9           United States shall not be liable for any debts, defaults,  
10          acts, or omissions of the Foundation.

11          “(i) REPORTS.—The Foundation shall, as soon as  
12          practicable after the end of each fiscal year, prepare and  
13          submit to Congress an annual report on its proceedings  
14          and activities, including a full and complete statement of  
15          its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

16          “(j) INITIAL FUNDING.—For the purposes of assist-  
17          ing the Foundation in establishing an office and meeting  
18          initial administrative, project, and other startup expenses,  
19          there is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 for fis-  
20          cal year 2020. Such funds shall remain available to the  
21          Foundation until they are expended for authorized pur-  
22          poses.”.

1 **SEC. 9. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**  
 2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Subtitle F of title I (42 U.S.C. 12631 et seq.) is  
 4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 189E. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH**  
 6 **PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-  
 9 ered individual’ means an individual who is not  
 10 younger than age 17 or older than age 30.

11 “(2) NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term  
 12 ‘national service program’ means a program under—

13 “(A) the National and Community Service  
 14 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.); or

15 “(B) title I of the Domestic Volunteer  
 16 Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.).

17 “(b) PROGRAM.—In order to ensure that every cov-  
 18 ered individual who may want to participate in service pro-  
 19 grams is informed of the opportunities to participate, the  
 20 Administration shall—

21 “(1) determine how the Administration will  
 22 work with, and then work with, Federal or State  
 23 agencies and other entities to—

24 “(A) contact each covered individual upon  
 25 such individual’s 17th birthday to notify the in-  
 26 dividual about—

1           “(i) the individual’s eligibility to par-  
2           ticipate in national service programs;

3           “(ii) the national service programs  
4           and how to apply for a specific program;

5           “(iii) other service programs for which  
6           the individual may be eligible, including  
7           service with the Peace Corps (as estab-  
8           lished by the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
9           2501 et seq.)) and military service; and

10           “(iv) the individual’s option to opt out  
11           of receiving any notifications, or just noti-  
12           fications in a paper format, under this  
13           paragraph; and

14           “(B) after contacting an covered individual  
15           under subparagraph (A), notify the individual  
16           every 2 years thereafter of the information de-  
17           scribed in clauses (i) through (iv) of subpara-  
18           graph (A), unless—

19           “(i) the individual is serving in a na-  
20           tional service program or other program  
21           described in subparagraph (A); or

22           “(ii) the individual has opted out of  
23           receiving such notifications under subpara-  
24           graph (A)(iv);

1           “(2) determine how the Administration will en-  
 2           able covered individuals to, and then enable eligible  
 3           individuals to, apply for a specific national service  
 4           program and ensure that such application process is  
 5           the most effective process for the purpose of apply-  
 6           ing for such a program; and

7           “(3) develop a long-term strategy to gradually  
 8           increase the number of opportunities in national  
 9           service programs so that any covered individual who  
 10          applies to and is eligible to participate in a national  
 11          service program will be offered at least one service  
 12          position.”.

13 **SEC. 10. LIVING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS.**

14          (a) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF  
 15 1973.—Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service  
 16 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)(2)) is amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (2)—

18           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “95  
 19           percent” and inserting “150 percent”; and

20           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “105  
 21           percent” and inserting “210 percent”; and

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

23           “(4)(A) A stipend or allowance under this sub-  
 24           section shall not be increased as a result of amend-  
 25           ments made by the ACTION for National Service

1 Act, or any other amendment made to this sub-  
 2 section unless the funds appropriated for carrying  
 3 out this part are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal  
 4 year in question a number of participants to serve  
 5 under this part at least equal to the number of such  
 6 participants serving during the preceding fiscal year.

7 “(B) In the event that sufficient appropriations  
 8 for any fiscal year are not available to increase any  
 9 such stipend or allowance provided to the minimum  
 10 amount specified in paragraph (2), the Director  
 11 shall increase the stipend or allowance to such  
 12 amount as appropriations for such year permit con-  
 13 sistent with subparagraph (A).”.

14 (b) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF  
 15 1990.—

16 (1) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS  
 17 LIVING ALLOWANCES.—Section 158(b) (42 U.S.C.  
 18 12618(b)) is amended—

19 (A) by striking “The Director” the first  
 20 place it appears and inserting the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director”;

22 (B) by striking “100 percent” and insert-  
 23 ing “200 percent”; and

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

1           “(2) INCREASES LIMITED BY APPROPRIA-  
2 TIONS.—

3           “(A) LIMIT ON INCREASES.—An allowance  
4 under this subsection or section 140 shall not  
5 be increased as a result of amendments made  
6 by the ACTION for National Service Act, or  
7 any other amendment made to this subsection  
8 or section 140, respectively, unless the funds  
9 appropriated for carrying out this subtitle or  
10 subtitle C, respectively, are sufficient to main-  
11 tain for the fiscal year in question a number of  
12 participants to serve under this subtitle or sub-  
13 title C, respectively, at least equal to the num-  
14 ber of such participants serving during the pre-  
15 ceding fiscal year.

16           “(B) PARTIAL INCREASE.—In the event  
17 that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year  
18 are not available to increase an allowance under  
19 this subsection above the amount provided for  
20 fiscal year 2019 or under section 140 to the  
21 minimum amount specified in section 140, re-  
22 spectively, the Director shall increase the allow-  
23 ance to such amount as appropriations for such  
24 year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).”.



1           (2) GRANTS.—Section 189 (42 U.S.C. 12645c)  
2       is amended—

3           (A) in subsection (a), by striking  
4       “\$18,000” and inserting “\$30,000”;

5           (B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking  
6       “\$19,500” and inserting “\$39,000”; and

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

8       “(f) INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.—Notwith-  
9       standing the increased limitation on grant amounts per  
10       full-time equivalent position described in subsection (a)  
11       and the increased limitation described in subsection (e)(1)  
12       as a result of amendments made by the ACTION for Na-  
13       tional Service Act, or any other amendment made to this  
14       section, the amount of funds per full-time equivalent posi-  
15       tion approved by the Corporation for a grant, as described  
16       in those subsections, shall not be increased unless the  
17       funds appropriated for carrying out this subtitle are suffi-  
18       cient to make such increase while maintaining for the fis-  
19       cal year in question a number of approved national service  
20       positions at least equal to the number of such positions  
21       during the preceding fiscal year.”.

22       **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS.**

23       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide for  
24       members of the National Civilian Community Corps to re-  
25       ceive benefits authorized by this section.

1 (b) LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The Director shall provide  
2 a living allowance to members of the Corps for the period  
3 during which such members are engaged in training or  
4 any activity on a Corps project. The Director shall estab-  
5 lish the amount of the allowance at any amount not in  
6 excess of the amount equal to 200 percent of the poverty  
7 line that is applicable to a family of two (as defined by  
8 the Office of Management and Budget and revised annu-  
9 ally in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community  
10 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

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

12 Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
15 ing the following:

16 “(2) SUBTITLES C AND D.—

17 “(A) SUBTITLE C.—There are authorized  
18 to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2020  
19 through fiscal year 2029, such sums as may be  
20 necessary to provide financial assistance under  
21 subtitle C of title I for the number of partici-  
22 pants in programs and activities under subtitle  
23 C for fiscal year 2019.

24 “(B) SUBTITLE D.—There are authorized  
25 to be appropriated, and there are appropriated,

1 for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal  
2 year, such sums as may be necessary to provide  
3 national service educational awards under sub-  
4 title D of title I for the number of participants  
5 for whom the Administration recorded an obli-  
6 gation under section 149(a)(1)(B) for fiscal  
7 year 2019.”;

8 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “sub-  
9 section (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

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

11 “(7) SUBTITLE K.—There are authorized to be  
12 appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-  
13 cal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year to  
14 carry out subtitle K of title I.”;

15 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
16 section (c); and

17 (3) by adding after subsection (a) the following:

18 “(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
19 TIONS.—

20 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to  
21 be appropriated to the Administration to carry out  
22 its programs and functions, including the programs  
23 and activities carried out under this Act and the Do-  
24 mestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.

1 4950 et seq.), such additional sums as may be nec-  
2 essary to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph (2).

3 “(2) TEN-YEAR GOAL.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that sums appropriated under paragraph (1)  
5 should be sufficient to provide or facilitate the provi-  
6 sion of national service programs and activities  
7 under the national service laws (in addition to pro-  
8 grams and activities funded under subsection (a) for  
9 fiscal year 2020) for not fewer than 1,000,000 par-  
10 ticipants per year by September 30, 2029.

11 “(3) PLAN FOR APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE  
12 POSITIONS.—The Administration shall—

13 “(A) prepare a plan to—

14 “(i) establish the number of the ap-  
15 proved national service positions as  
16 250,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

17 “(ii) increase the number of the ap-  
18 proved positions in each fiscal year  
19 through fiscal year 2029, so that the num-  
20 ber of approved positions in fiscal year  
21 2029 is sufficient to support the goal in  
22 paragraph (2);

23 “(B) ensure that the increases described in  
24 subparagraph (A)(ii) are achieved through an

1 appropriate balance of full- and part-time serv-  
2 ice positions;

3 “(C) not later than 1 year after the date  
4 of enactment of the ACTION for National  
5 Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing  
6 committees on the status of the plan described  
7 in subparagraph (A);

8 “(D) not later than 8 years after the date  
9 of enactment of the ACTION for National  
10 Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing  
11 committees on the progress of the Administra-  
12 tion towards the goal described in paragraph  
13 (2), and the potential for exceeding that goal in  
14 fiscal year 2029 and beyond; and

15 “(E) subject to the availability of appro-  
16 priations and quality service opportunities, im-  
17 plement the plan described in subparagraph  
18 (A).”.

19 **SEC. 13. EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL**  
20 **SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 of the Internal Rev-  
22 enue Code of 1986 (relating to qualified scholarships) is  
23 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
24 section:

1       “(e) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—  
 2 Gross income shall not include any national service edu-  
 3 cational award described in subtitle D of title I of the Na-  
 4 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
 5 12601 et seq.).”.

6       (b) EXCLUSION OF DISCHARGE OF STUDENT LOAN  
 7 DEBT.—Subsection (f) of section 108 of such Code is  
 8 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
 9 graph:

10               “(6) PAYMENTS UNDER NATIONAL SERVICE  
 11 EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAMS.—In the case of  
 12 an individual, gross income shall not include any  
 13 amount received a national service educational  
 14 award under subtitle D of title I of the National and  
 15 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601  
 16 et seq.).”.

17       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 18 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the  
 19 date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 14. INCOME TAX EXCLUSION FOR LIVING ALLOWANCE.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-  
 22 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
 23 by inserting after section 139G the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 139H. LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE**  
 2 **PARTICIPANTS.**

3 “Gross income does not include the amount of any  
 4 living allowance provided under section 140 of the Na-  
 5 tional and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 7 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal  
 8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the  
 9 item relating to section 139G the following new item:

“Sec. 139H. Living allowance for national service participants.”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 12 the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 15. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL**  
 14 **AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511)  
 16 is amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the  
 18 following:

19 “(9) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
 20 the Director of the National and Community Service  
 21 Administration appointed under section 193.”;

22 (2) by striking paragraph (12) and inserting  
 23 the following:

1           “(12) ADMINISTRATION.—The term ‘Adminis-  
2           tration’ means the National and Community Service  
3           Administration established under section 191.”;

4           (3) by redesignating paragraphs (12), (1)  
5           through (8), (10), (11), and (9) as paragraphs (1)  
6           through (12), respectively; and

7           (4) by transferring the redesignated paragraphs  
8           so the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

9           (b) SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

10           (1) Section 113(a) (42 U.S.C. 12525(a)), sec-  
11           tion 114(c) (42 U.S.C. 12526(c)), and section  
12           116(a) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)) are amended, in the  
13           subsection headings, by striking “CORPORATION”  
14           and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

15           (2) Section 116(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)(2))  
16           is amended, in the paragraph heading, by striking  
17           “NONCORPORATION” and inserting “NONADMINIS-  
18           TRATION”.

19           (c) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM.—

20           (1) Section 121 is amended—

21           (A) in subsection (e)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
22           12571(e)(5)(B)), in the subparagraph heading,  
23           by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “AD-  
24           MINISTRATION”; and

25           (B) by striking subsection (f).



1           (2) Section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572) is amend-  
2 ed—

3           (A) in subsection (d)(1), in the paragraph  
4 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-  
5 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

6           (B) in subsection (f)(1)(A)—

7           (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
8 striking “CORPORATION” and inserting  
9 “ADMINISTRATION”; and

10           (ii) by striking “the strategic plan ap-  
11 proved under section 192A(g)(1,)” and in-  
12 serting “the strategic plan recommended  
13 by the Board during consultation under  
14 section 193A(b)(1),”.

15           (3) Section 129A(b) (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) and  
16 section 131(f) (42 U.S.C. 12583(f)) are amended, in  
17 the subsection headings, by striking “CORPORA-  
18 TION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

19           (d) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—Section 145 (42  
20 U.S.C. 12601) is amended, in subsections (a)(2) and  
21 (d)(1), by striking “section 196(a)(2)” and inserting “sec-  
22 tion 199P”.

23           (e) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.—

24           (1) Section 159 (42 U.S.C. 12619) is amend-  
25 ed—

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

2 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, in-  
3 cluding those recommended by the Board,”  
4 and inserting “, after consultation with the  
5 Board,”; and

6 (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and in-  
7 serting the following:

8 “(3) at the election of the Director, carry out  
9 any other activities recommended by the Board.”;  
10 and

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding “and”  
13 at the end;

14 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;  
15 and” and inserting a period; and

16 (iii) by striking paragraph (3).

17 (2) Section 165(1) (42 U.S.C. 12626(1)) is  
18 amended by striking “Board of Directors” and in-  
19 serting “Advisory Board”.

20 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) Section 172(b) (42 U.S.C. 12632(b)) is  
22 amended, in the subsection heading, by striking  
23 “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

24 (2) Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amend-  
25 ed—

1 (A) in subsection (c)(3), in the paragraph  
 2 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-  
 3 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

4 (B) in subsection (j)(1), in the paragraph  
 5 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-  
 6 serting “ADMINISTRATION”.

7 (g) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINIS-  
 8 TRATION.—

9 (1) Subtitle G of title I (42 U.S.C. 12651 et  
 10 seq.) is amended by striking the subtitle heading  
 11 and inserting the following:

12 **“Subtitle G—National and Commu-**  
 13 **nity Service Administration”.**

14 (2) Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended  
 15 in the section heading by striking “CORPORATION  
 16 FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE” and  
 17 inserting “NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE  
 18 ADMINISTRATION”.

19 (3) Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended  
 20 by striking the section heading and inserting the fol-  
 21 lowing:

22 **“SEC. 192. ADVISORY BOARD.”.**

23 (4) Section 192A (42 U.S.C. 12651b) is  
 24 amended by striking the section heading and insert-  
 25 ing the following:

1 **“SEC. 192A. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.”.**

2 (5) Section 193 (42 U.S.C. 12651c) and section  
3 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) are amended, in the sec-  
4 tion headings, by striking “**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-**  
5 **FICER**” and inserting “**DIRECTOR**”.

6 (6) Section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is  
7 amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are  
9 not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “,  
10 after consultation with the Board”;

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (3)(A),  
13 (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and  
14 submit to the Board” and inserting “after  
15 consultation with the Board, prepare and  
16 submit to the authorizing committees”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
18 “an approved proposal under section  
19 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal rec-  
20 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
21 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

22 (iii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking  
23 “an approved proposal under section  
24 192A(g)(3)” and inserting “a proposal rec-  
25 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
26 tion under subparagraph (A)”;

1 (iv) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking  
2 “an approved proposal under section  
3 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “a plan rec-  
4 ommended by the Board during consulta-  
5 tion under paragraph (A)”;

6 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking “pre-  
7 pare and submit to the authorizing com-  
8 mittees and the Board” and inserting  
9 “after consultation with the Board, pre-  
10 pare and submit to the authorizing com-  
11 mittees”;

12 (vi) in paragraph (9)(B)—

13 (I) in clause (i), by striking “ap-  
14 proved by the Board under section  
15 192A(g)(1)” and inserting “rec-  
16 ommended by the Board during con-  
17 sultation under paragraph (1)”;

18 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
19 “approved by the Board under para-  
20 graph (2) or (3) of section 192A(g)”  
21 and inserting “recommended by the  
22 Board during consultation under  
23 paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)”;

24 (III) in clause (iii), by striking  
25 “approved by the Board under section

1           192A(g)(4)” and inserting “rec-  
2           ommended by the Board during con-  
3           sultation under paragraph (4)(A)”;

4           (vii) in paragraph (10)(A), by striking  
5           “the services referred to in paragraph (1),  
6           and the money and property referred to in  
7           paragraph (2), of section 196(a)” and in-  
8           serting “the services referred to in section  
9           196(a)(1), and the money and property re-  
10          ferred to in section 199P,”;

11          (viii) in paragraph (11), by striking  
12          “prepare and submit to the Board” and in-  
13          serting “, after consultation with the  
14          Board, prepare and submit to the author-  
15          izing committees”; and

16          (ix) in paragraph (12)—

17               (I) by striking “members of the  
18               Board and”;

19               (II) by striking “each member of  
20               the Board and”; and

21               (III) by striking “such member  
22               of the Board or”; and

23          (C) in subsection (d), by striking para-  
24          graph (3).

1           (7) Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amend-  
2 ed—

3           (A) in subsection (c), in the subsection  
4 heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and in-  
5 serting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

6           (B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “The  
7 Chief Executive Officer, acting upon the rec-  
8 ommendation of the Board, may establish advi-  
9 sory committees in the Corporation to advise  
10 the Board” and inserting “The Director may  
11 establish advisory committees in the Corpora-  
12 tion to advise the Director”.

13           (8) Sections 196A (42 U.S.C. 12651h) and 198  
14 (42 U.S.C. 12653) are amended in the section head-  
15 ings by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting  
16 “ADMINISTRATION”.

17           (h) INVESTMENT FOR QUALITY AND INNOVATION.—  
18 Part I of subtitle H of title I (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.)  
19 is amended by striking the part heading and inserting the  
20 following:

21           **“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION**  
22 **ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.**

23           (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
24 501(a)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)(B)) is amended, in

1 the subparagraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION”  
 2 and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

3 (j) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CORPORATION.—Ex-  
 4 cept in section 101(21)(A)(ii), section 132(b), or section  
 5 601(b) of the National and Community Service Act of  
 6 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(21)(A)(ii), 12584(b)), and except  
 7 as provided in the table of contents or any heading of the  
 8 Act, the Act is amended by striking “Corporation” each  
 9 place it appears and inserting “Administration”.

10 (k) GLOBAL REFERENCES TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-  
 11 FICER.—Except as provided in the table of contents or any  
 12 heading of the National and Community Service Act of  
 13 1990, the Act is amended by striking “Chief Executive  
 14 Officer” each place it appears and inserting “Director”.

15 (l) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
 16 section 1(b) (42 U.S.C. 12501 note) is amended—

17 (1) in the items relating to subtitle G of title  
 18 I—

19 (A) by striking the item relating to the  
 20 subtitle heading for subtitle G and inserting the  
 21 following:

“Subtitle G—National and Community Service Administration”;

22 (B) by striking the item relating to section  
 23 191 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 191. National and Community Service Administration.”;



1 (C) by striking the item relating to section  
2 193 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 193. Director.”;

3 (D) by striking the item relating to section  
4 193A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 193A. Authorities and duties of the Director.”;

5 and

6 (E) by striking the item relating to section  
7 196A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 196A. Administration State offices.”;

8 (2) in the items relating to part I of subtitle H  
9 of title I—

10 (A) by striking the item relating to the  
11 part heading and inserting the following:

“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL  
SERVICE”;

12 and

13 (B) by striking the item relating to section  
14 198 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 198. Additional Administration activities to support national service.”;

15 and

16 (3) in the items relating to title I, by adding at  
17 the end the following:

“Subtitle K—National Service Foundation

“Sec. 199P. National Service Foundation.”.

1 **SEC. 16. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC**  
2 **VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 421 of the Domestic Vol-  
4 unteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
7 following:

8 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
9 the National and Community Service Administration  
10 appointed under section 193 of the National and  
11 Community Service Act of 1990;”;

12 (2) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the  
13 following:

14 “(7) the term ‘Administration’ means the Na-  
15 tional and Community Service Administration estab-  
16 lished under section 191 of the National and Com-  
17 munity Service Act of 1990;”;

18 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (20), (1),  
19 (8), (9), (10), (11), (13), (12), (3), (4), (6), (5),  
20 (14), (15), (16), (17), (2), (18), and (19) as para-  
21 graphs (1) through (20), respectively; and

22 (4) transferring such redesignated paragraphs  
23 so that the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

24 (b) REFERENCES TO NAMES.—The Domestic Volun-  
25 teer Service Act of 1973 is amended—

1           (1) in section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 4950(b)), by  
2 striking “Corporation for National and Community  
3 Service” and inserting “Director of the National and  
4 Community Service Administration”;

5           (2) except as provided in subsection (a) and  
6 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by striking “Cor-  
7 poration” each place it appears and inserting “Ad-  
8 ministration”; and

9           (3) in section 201(h) (42 U.S.C. 5001(h)), by  
10 striking “Chief Executive Officer” and inserting  
11 “Director”.

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