## In the Senate of the United States,

July 25, 2000.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4040) entitled "An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, and for other purposes.", do pass with the following

## **AMENDMENTS:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

# 1 TITLE I—FEDERAL LONG-TERM 2 CARE INSURANCE

- 3 SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This title may be cited as the "Long-Term Care Secu-
- 5 rity Act".
- 6 SEC. 1002. LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.
- 7 (a) In General.—Subpart G of part III of title 5,
- 8 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 9 following:

# "CHAPTER 90—LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

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``Sec.

	"9001. Definitions. "9002. Availability of insurance. "9003. Contracting authority. "9004. Financing. "9005. Preemption. "9006. Studies, reports, and audits. "9007. Jurisdiction of courts. "9008. Administrative functions. "9009. Cost accounting standards.
3	"§ 9001. Definitions
4	For purposes of this chapter:
5	"(1) Employee.—The term 'employee' means—
6	"(A) an employee as defined by section
7	8901(1); and
8	"(B) an individual described in section
9	2105(e),
10	but does not include an individual employed by the
11	government of the District of Columbia.
12	"(2) Annuitant.—The term 'annuitant' has the
13	meaning such term would have under paragraph (3)
14	of section 8901 if, for purposes of such paragraph, the
15	term 'employee' were considered to have the meaning
16	given to it under paragraph (1) of this subsection.
17	"(3) Member of the uniformed services.—
18	The term 'member of the uniformed services' means a
19	member of the uniformed services, other than a retired
20	member of the uniformed services, who is—

1	"(A) on active duty or full-time National
2	Guard duty for a period of more than 30 days;
3	and
4	"(B) a member of the Selected Reserve.
5	"(4) Retired member of the uniformed
6	SERVICES.—The term 'retired member of the uni-
7	formed services' means a member or former member
8	of the uniformed services entitled to retired or re-
9	tainer pay, including a member or former member re-
10	tired under chapter 1223 of title 10 who has attained
11	the age of 60 and who satisfies such eligibility re-
12	quirements as the Office of Personnel Management
13	prescribes under section 9008.
14	"(5) Qualified relative.—The term 'qualified
15	relative' means each of the following:
16	"(A) The spouse of an individual described
17	in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).
18	"(B) A parent, stepparent, or parent-in-law
19	of an individual described in paragraph (1) or
20	(3).
21	"(C) A child (including an adopted child, a
22	stepchild, or, to the extent the Office of Personnel
23	Management by regulation provides, a foster
24	child) of an individual described in paragraph

1	(1), (2), (3), or (4), if such child is at least 18
2	years of age.
3	"(D) An individual having such other rela-
4	tionship to an individual described in paragraph
5	(1), (2), (3), or (4) as the Office may by regula-
6	tion prescribe.
7	"(6) Eligible individual.—The term 'eligible
8	individual' refers to an individual described in para-
9	graph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5).
10	"(7) QUALIFIED CARRIER.—The term 'qualified
11	carrier' means an insurance company (or consortium
12	of insurance companies) that is licensed to issue long-
13	term care insurance in all States, taking any subsidi-
14	aries of such a company into account (and, in the
15	case of a consortium, considering the member compa-
16	nies and any subsidiaries thereof, collectively).
17	"(8) State.—The term 'State' includes the Dis-
18	trict of Columbia.
19	"(9) Qualified long-term care insurance
20	CONTRACT.—The term 'qualified long-term care insur-
21	ance contract' has the meaning given such term by
22	section 7702B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
23	"(10) Appropriate secretary.—The term 'ap-
24	propriate Secretary' means—

1	"(A) except as otherwise provided in this
2	paragraph, the Secretary of Defense;
3	"(B) with respect to the Coast Guard when
4	it is not operating as a service of the Navy, the
5	Secretary of Transportation;
6	"(C) with respect to the commissioned corps
7	of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
8	ministration, the Secretary of Commerce; and
9	"(D) with respect to the commissioned corps
10	of the Public Health Service, the Secretary of
11	Health and Human Services.
12	"§ 9002. Availability of insurance
13	"(a) In General.—The Office of Personnel Manage-
14	ment shall establish and, in consultation with the appro-
15	priate Secretaries, administer a program through which an
16	individual described in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5)
17	of section 9001 may obtain long-term care insurance cov-
18	erage under this chapter for such individual.
19	"(b) General Requirements.—Long-term care in-
20	surance may not be offered under this chapter unless—
21	"(1) the only coverage provided is under quali-
22	fied long-term care insurance contracts; and
23	"(2) each insurance contract under which any
24	such coverage is provided is issued by a qualified car-
25	rier.

"(c) Documentation Requirement.—As a condition 1 for obtaining long-term care insurance coverage under this 3 chapter based on one's status as a qualified relative, an ap-4 plicant shall provide documentation to demonstrate the relationship, as prescribed by the Office. 6 "(d) Underwriting Standards.— 7 "(1) Disqualifying condition.—Nothing in 8 this chapter shall be considered to require that long-9 term care insurance coverage be made available in the 10 case of any individual who would be eligible for bene-11 fits immediately. 12 "(2) Spousal parity.—For the purpose of un-13 derwriting standards, a spouse of an individual de-14 scribed in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 15 9001 shall, as nearly as practicable, be treated like that individual. 16 17 "(3) Guaranteed issue.—Nothing in 18 chapter shall be considered to require that long-term 19 care insurance coverage be guaranteed to an eligible 20 individual. 21 "(4) Requirement that contract be fully 22 INSURED.—In addition to the requirements otherwise 23 applicable under section 9001(9), in order to be con-24 sidered a qualified long-term care insurance contract

for purposes of this chapter, a contract must be fully

- insured, whether through reinsurance with other com panies or otherwise.
- 3 "(5) Higher standards allowable.—Nothing
  4 in this chapter shall, in the case of an individual ap5 plying for long-term care insurance coverage under
  6 this chapter after the expiration of such individual's
  7 first opportunity to enroll, preclude the application of
  8 underwriting standards more stringent than those
  9 that would have applied if that opportunity had not
  10 yet expired.
- 11 "(e) Guaranteed Renewability.—The benefits and 12 coverage made available to eligible individuals under any insurance contract under this chapter shall be guaranteed renewable (as defined by section 7A(2) of the model regula-14 15 tions described in section 7702B(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), including the right to have insurance 16 remain in effect so long as premiums continue to be timely made. However, the authority to revise premiums under 18 this chapter shall be available only on a class basis and 19 only to the extent otherwise allowable under section 9003(b). 20

## 21 "§ 9003. Contracting authority

"(a) In General.—The Office of Personnel Management shall, without regard to section 5 of title 41 or any other statute requiring competitive bidding, contract with one or more qualified carriers for a policy or policies of

I	long-term care insurance. The Office shall ensure that each
2	resulting contract (hereafter in this chapter referred to as
3	a 'master contract') is awarded on the basis of contractor
4	qualifications, price, and reasonable competition.
5	"(b) Terms and Conditions.—
6	"(1) In general.—Each master contract under
7	this chapter shall contain—
8	"(A) a detailed statement of the benefits of-
9	fered (including any maximums, limitations, ex-
10	clusions, and other definitions of benefits);
11	"(B) the premiums charged (including any
12	limitations or other conditions on their subse-
13	$quent\ adjustment);$
14	"(C) the terms of the enrollment period; and
15	"(D) such other terms and conditions as
16	may be mutually agreed to by the Office and the
17	carrier involved, consistent with the requirements
18	of this chapter.
19	"(2) Premiums.—Premiums charged under each
20	master contract entered into under this section shall
21	reasonably and equitably reflect the cost of the benefits
22	provided, as determined by the Office. The premiums
23	shall not be adjusted during the term of the contract
24	unless mutually agreed to by the Office and the car-
25	rier

1	"(3) Nonrenewability.—Master contracts
2	under this chapter may not be made automatically
3	renewable.
4	"(c) Payment of Required Benefits; Dispute
5	Resolution.—
6	"(1) In general.—Each master contract under
7	this chapter shall require the carrier to agree—
8	"(A) to provide payments or benefits to an
9	eligible individual if such individual is entitled
10	thereto under the terms of the contract; and
11	"(B) with respect to disputes regarding
12	claims for payments or benefits under the terms
13	of the contract—
14	"(i) to establish internal procedures de-
15	signed to expeditiously resolve such dis-
16	putes; and
17	"(ii) to establish, for disputes not re-
18	solved through procedures under clause (i),
19	procedures for one or more alternative
20	means of dispute resolution involving inde-
21	pendent third-party review under appro-
22	priate circumstances by entities mutually
23	acceptable to the Office and the carrier.
24	"(2) Eligibility.—A carrier's determination as
25	to whether or not a particular individual is eliaible

1	to obtain long-term care insurance coverage under
2	this chapter shall be subject to review only to the ex-
3	tent and in the manner provided in the applicable
4	master contract.
5	"(3) OTHER CLAIMS.—For purposes of applying
6	the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 to disputes arising
7	under this chapter between a carrier and the Office—
8	"(A) the agency board having jurisdiction
9	to decide an appeal relative to such a dispute
10	shall be such board of contract appeals as the Di-
11	rector of the Office of Personnel Management
12	shall specify in writing (after appropriate ar-
13	rangements, as described in section 8(c) of such
14	Act); and
15	"(B) the district courts of the United States
16	shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with
17	the United States Court of Federal Claims, of
18	any action described in section $10(a)(1)$ of such
19	Act relative to such a dispute.
20	"(4) Rule of construction.—Nothing in this
21	chapter shall be considered to grant authority for the
22	Office or a third-party reviewer to change the terms
23	of any contract under this chapter.
24	"(d) Duration.—

"(1) In General.—Each master contract under this chapter shall be for a term of 7 years, unless terminated earlier by the Office in accordance with the terms of such contract. However, the rights and responsibilities of the enrolled individual, the insurer, and the Office (or duly designated third-party administrator) under such contract shall continue with respect to such individual until the termination of coverage of the enrolled individual or the effective date of a successor contract thereto.

#### "(2) Exception.—

- "(A) SHORTER DURATION.—In the case of a master contract entered into before the end of the period described in subparagraph (B), paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting 'ending on the last day of the 7-year period described in paragraph (2)(B)' for 'of 7 years'.
- "(B) DEFINITION.—The period described in this subparagraph is the 7-year period beginning on the earliest date as of which any long-term care insurance coverage under this chapter becomes effective.
- "(3) Congressional notification.—No later than 180 days after receiving the second report required under section 9006(c), the President (or his

designee) shall submit to the Committees on Government Reform and on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Governmental Affairs and on Armed Services of the Senate, a written recommendation as to whether the program under this chapter should be continued without modification, terminated, or restructured. During the 180-day period following the date on which the President (or his designee) submits the recommendation required under the preceding sentence, the Office of Personnel Management may not take any steps to rebid or otherwise contract for any coverage to be available at any time following the expiration of the 7-year period described in paragraph (2)(B).

"(4) Full portability.—Each master contract under this chapter shall include such provisions as may be necessary to ensure that, once an individual becomes duly enrolled, long-term care insurance coverage obtained by such individual pursuant to that enrollment shall not be terminated due to any change in status (such as separation from Government service or the uniformed services) or ceasing to meet the requirements for being considered a qualified relative (whether as a result of dissolution of marriage or otherwise).

## 1 "§ 9004. Financing

2	"(a) In General.—Each eligible individual obtaining
3	long-term care insurance coverage under this chapter shall
4	be responsible for 100 percent of the premiums for such cov-
5	erage.
6	"(b) Withholdings.—
7	"(1) In general.—The amount necessary to
8	pay the premiums for enrollment may—
9	"(A) in the case of an employee, be withheld
10	from the pay of such employee;
11	"(B) in the case of an annuitant, be with-
12	held from the annuity of such annuitant;
13	"(C) in the case of a member of the uni-
14	formed services described in section 9001(3), be
15	withheld from the pay of such member; and
16	"(D) in the case of a retired member of the
17	uniformed services described in section 9001(4),
18	be withheld from the retired pay or retainer pay
19	payable to such member.
20	"(2) Voluntary withholdings for qualified
21	RELATIVES.—Withholdings to pay the premiums for
22	enrollment of a qualified relative may, upon election
23	of the appropriate eligible individual (described in
24	section 9001(1)-(4)), be withheld under paragraph
25	(1) to the same extent and in the same manner as if
26	enrollment were for such individual.

1	"(c) DIRECT PAYMENTS.—All amounts withheld under
2	this section shall be paid directly to the carrier.
3	"(d) Other Forms of Payment.—Any enrollee who
4	does not elect to have premiums withheld under subsection
5	(b) or whose pay, annuity, or retired or retainer pay (as
6	referred to in subsection (b)(1)) is insufficient to cover the
7	withholding required for enrollment (or who is not receiving
8	any regular amounts from the Government, as referred to
9	in subsection (b)(1), from which any such withholdings may
10	be made, and whose premiums are not otherwise being pro-
11	vided for under subsection (b)(2)) shall pay an amount
12	equal to the full amount of those charges directly to the car-
13	rier.
14	"(e) Separate Accounting Requirement.—Each
15	carrier participating under this chapter shall maintain
16	records that permit it to account for all amounts received
17	under this chapter (including investment earnings on those
18	amounts) separate and apart from all other funds.
19	"(f) Reimbursements.—
20	"(1) Reasonable initial costs.—
21	"(A) In General.—The Employees' Life
22	Insurance Fund is available, without fiscal year
23	limitation, for reasonable expenses incurred by
24	the Office of Personnel Management in admin-
25	istering this chapter before the start of the 7-year

period described in section 9003(d)(2)(B), in cluding reasonable implementation costs.

"(B) Reimbursement requirement.—
Such Fund shall be reimbursed, before the end of
the first year of that 7-year period, for all
amounts obligated or expended under subparagraph (A) (including lost investment income).
Such reimbursement shall be made by carriers,
on a pro rata basis, in accordance with appropriate provisions which shall be included in
master contracts under this chapter.

## "(2) Subsequent costs.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established in the Employees' Life Insurance Fund a Long-Term Care Administrative Account, which shall be available to the Office, without fiscal year limitation, to defray reasonable expenses incurred by the Office in administering this chapter after the start of the 7-year period described in section 9003(d)(2)(B).

"(B) REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENT.—
Each master contract under this chapter shall include appropriate provisions under which the carrier involved shall, during each year, make such periodic contributions to the Long-Term

Care Administrative Account as necessary to ensure that the reasonable anticipated expenses of the Office in administering this chapter during such year (adjusted to reconcile for any earlier overestimates or underestimates under this subparagraph) are defrayed.

## "§ 9005. Preemption

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"The terms of any contract under this chapter which relate to the nature, provision, or extent of coverage or beneto fits (including payments with respect to benefits) shall supersede and preempt any State or local law, or any regulation issued thereunder, which relates to long-term care insurance or contracts.

## 14 "§ 9006. Studies, reports, and audits

15 "(a) Provisions Relating to Carriers.—Each
16 master contract under this chapter shall contain provisions
17 requiring the carrier—

"(1) to furnish such reasonable reports as the Office of Personnel Management determines to be necessary to enable it to carry out its functions under this chapter; and

"(2) to permit the Office and representatives of the General Accounting Office to examine such records of the carrier as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

- 1 "(b) Provisions Relating to Federal Agen-
- 2 CIES.—Each Federal agency shall keep such records, make
- 3 such certifications, and furnish the Office, the carrier, or
- 4 both, with such information and reports as the Office may
- 5 require.
- 6 "(c) Reports by the General Accounting Of-
- 7 FICE.—The General Accounting Office shall prepare and
- 8 submit to the President, the Office of Personnel Manage-
- 9 ment, and each House of Congress, before the end of the
- 10 third and fifth years during which the program under this
- 11 chapter is in effect, a written report evaluating such pro-
- 12 gram. Each such report shall include an analysis of the
- 13 competitiveness of the program, as compared to both group
- 14 and individual coverage generally available to individuals
- 15 in the private insurance market. The Office shall cooperate
- 16 with the General Accounting Office to provide periodic eval-
- 17 uations of the program.

## 18 "§ 9007. Jurisdiction of courts

- 19 "The district courts of the United States have original
- 20 jurisdiction of a civil action or claim described in para-
- 21 graph (1) or (2) of section 9003(c), after such administra-
- 22 tive remedies as required under such paragraph (1) or (2)
- 23 (as applicable) have been exhausted, but only to the extent
- 24 judicial review is not precluded by any dispute resolution
- $25 \ \ \textit{or other remedy under this chapter}.$

## 1 "§ 9008. Administrative functions

1	3 3000. Manutisti atte functions
2	"(a) In General.—The Office of Personnel Manage-
3	ment shall prescribe regulations necessary to carry out this
4	chapter.
5	"(b) Enrollment Periods.—The Office shall provide
6	for periodic coordinated enrollment, promotion, and edu-
7	cation efforts in consultation with the carriers.
8	"(c) Consultation.—Any regulations necessary to ef-
9	fect the application and operation of this chapter with re-
10	spect to an eligible individual described in paragraph (3)
11	or (4) of section 9001, or a qualified relative thereof, shall
12	be prescribed by the Office in consultation with the appro-
13	priate Secretary.
14	"(d) Informed Decisionmaking.—The Office shall
15	ensure that each eligible individual applying for long-term
16	care insurance under this chapter is furnished the informa-
17	tion necessary to enable that individual to evaluate the ad-
18	vantages and disadvantages of obtaining long-term care in-
19	surance under this chapter, including the following:
20	"(1) The principal long-term care benefits and
21	coverage available under this chapter, and how those
22	benefits and coverage compare to the range of long-
23	term care benefits and coverage otherwise generally
24	available.
25	"(2) Representative examples of the cost of long-

term care, and the sufficiency of the benefits available

1	under this chapter relative to those costs. The infor-
2	mation under this paragraph shall also include—
3	"(A) the projected effect of inflation on the
4	value of those benefits; and
5	"(B) a comparison of the inflation-adjusted
6	value of those benefits to the projected future
7	costs of long-term care.
8	"(3) Any rights individuals under this chapter
9	may have to cancel coverage, and to receive a total or
10	partial refund of premiums. The information under
11	this paragraph shall also include—
12	"(A) the projected number or percentage of
13	individuals likely to fail to maintain their cov-
14	erage (determined based on lapse rates experi-
15	enced under similar group long-term care insur-
16	ance programs and, when available, this chap-
17	ter); and
18	"(B)(i) a summary description of how and
19	when premiums for long-term care insurance
20	under this chapter may be raised;
21	"(ii) the premium history during the last
22	10 years for each qualified carrier offering long-
23	term care insurance under this chapter; and

1	"(iii) if cost increases are anticipated, the
2	projected premiums for a typical insured indi-
3	vidual at various ages.
4	"(4) The advantages and disadvantages of long-
5	term care insurance generally, relative to other means
6	of accumulating or otherwise acquiring the assets that
7	may be needed to meet the costs of long-term care,
8	such as through tax-qualified retirement programs or
9	other investment vehicles.
10	"§ 9009. Cost accounting standards
11	"The cost accounting standards issued pursuant to sec-
12	tion 26(f) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act
13	(41 U.S.C. 422(f)) shall not apply with respect to a long-
14	term care insurance contract under this chapter.".
15	(b) Conforming Amendment.—The analysis for part
16	III of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding
17	at the end of subpart G the following:
	"90. Long-Term Care Insurance
18	SEC. 1003. EFFECTIVE DATE.
19	The Office of Personnel Management shall take such
20	measures as may be necessary to ensure that long-term care
21	insurance coverage under title 5, United States Code, as
22	amended by this title, may be obtained in time to take effect
23	not later than the first day of the first applicable pay period
24	of the first fiscal year which begins after the end of the 18-

- 1 month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
- 2 *Act*.

## 3 TITLE II—FEDERAL RETIREMENT

## 4 COVERAGE ERRORS CORREC-

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- 6 SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 7 (a) Short Title.—This title may be cited as the
- 8 "Federal Erroneous Retirement Coverage Corrections Act".
- 9 (b) Table of Contents for
- 10 this title is as follows:

#### TITLE II—FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE ERRORS CORRECTION

Sec. 2001. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2002. Definitions.

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Sec. 2004. Irrevocability of elections.

Subtitle A—Description of Retirement Coverage Errors to Which This Title
Applies and Measures for Their Rectification

Chapter 1—Employees and Annuitants Who Should Have Been FERS Covered, but Who Were Erroneously CSRS Covered or CSRS-Offset Covered Instead, and Survivors of Such Employees and Annuitants

Sec. 2101. Employees.

Sec. 2102. Annuitants and survivors.

Chapter 2—Employee Who Should Have Been FERS Covered, CSRS-Offset Covered, or CSRS Covered, but Who Was Erroneously Social Security-Only Covered Instead

Sec. 2111. Applicability.

Sec. 2112. Correction mandatory.

Chapter 3—Employee Who Should or Could Have Been Social Security-Only Covered but Who Was Erroneously CSRS-Offset Covered or CSRS Covered Instead

Sec. 2121. Employee who should be Social Security-Only covered, but who is erroneously CSRS or CSRS-Offset covered instead.

#### Chapter 4—Employee Who Was Erroneously FERS Covered

- Sec. 2131. Employee who should be Social Security-Only covered, CSRS covered, or CSRS-Offset covered and is not FERS-Eligible, but who is erroneously FERS covered instead.
- Sec. 2132. FERS-Eligible employee who should have been CSRS covered, CSRS-Offset covered, or Social Security-Only covered, but who was erroneously FERS covered instead without an election.
- Sec. 2133. Retroactive effect.
- Chapter 5—Employee Who Should Have Been CSRS-Offset Covered, but Who Was Erroneously CSRS Covered Instead
- Sec. 2141. Applicability.
- Sec. 2142. Correction mandatory.
  - Chapter 6—Employee Who Should Have Been CSRS Covered, but Who Was Erroneously CSRS-Offset Covered Instead
- Sec. 2151. Applicability.
- Sec. 2152. Correction mandatory.

#### Subtitle B—General Provisions

- Sec. 2201. Identification and notification requirements.
- Sec. 2202. Information to be furnished to and by authorities administering this title.
- Sec. 2203. Service credit deposits.
- Sec. 2204. Provisions related to Social Security coverage of misclassified employees
- Sec. 2205. Thrift Savings Plan treatment for certain individuals.
- Sec. 2206. Certain agency amounts to be paid into or remain in the CSRDF.
- Sec. 2207. CSRS coverage determinations to be approved by OPM.
- Sec. 2208. Discretionary actions by Director.
- Sec. 2209. Regulations.

#### Subtitle C—Other Provisions

- Sec. 2301. Provisions to authorize continued conformity of other Federal retirement systems.
- Sec. 2302. Authorization of payments.
- Sec. 2303. Individual right of action preserved for amounts not otherwise provided for under this title.

#### Subtitle D—Effective Date

Sec. 2401. Effective date.

#### 1 SEC. 2002. DEFINITIONS.

- 2 For purposes of this title:
- 3 (1) Annuitant.—The term "annuitant" has the
- 4 meaning given such term under section 8331(9) or
- 5 8401(2) of title 5, United States Code.

1	(2) CSRS.—The term "CSRS" means the Civil
2	Service Retirement System.
3	(3) CSRDF.—The term "CSRDF" means the
4	Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.
5	(4) CSRS covered.—The term "CSRS cov-
6	ered", with respect to any service, means service that
7	is subject to the provisions of subchapter III of chap-
8	ter 83 of title 5, United States Code, other than serv-
9	ice subject to section 8334(k) of such title.
10	(5) CSRS-offset covered.—The term "CSRS-
11	Offset covered", with respect to any service, means
12	service that is subject to the provisions of subchapter
13	III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, and
14	to section 8334(k) of such title.
15	(6) Employee.—The term "employee" has the
16	meaning given such term under section 8331(1) or
17	8401(11) of title 5, United States Code.
18	(7) Executive director.—The term "Execu-
19	tive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Invest-
20	ment Board" or "Executive Director" means the Ex-
21	ecutive Director appointed under section 8474 of title
22	5, United States Code.
23	(8) FERS.—The term "FERS" means the Fed-

eral Employees' Retirement System.

1	(9) FERS COVERED.—The term "FERS cov-
2	ered", with respect to any service, means service that
3	is subject to chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.
4	(10) Former employee.—The term "former
5	employee" means an individual who was an em-
6	ployee, but who is not an annuitant.
7	(11) OASDI TAXES.—The term "OASDI taxes"
8	means the OASDI employee tax and the OASDI em-
9	ployer tax.
10	(12) OASDI EMPLOYEE TAX.—The term
11	"OASDI employee tax" means the tax imposed under
12	section 3101(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
13	(relating to Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insur-
14	ance).
15	(13) OASDI EMPLOYER TAX.—The term
16	"OASDI employer tax" means the tax imposed under
17	section 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
18	(relating to Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insur-
19	ance).
20	(14) OASDI TRUST FUNDS.—The term "OASDI
21	trust funds" means the Federal Old-Age and Sur-
22	vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Dis-
23	ability Insurance Trust Fund.
24	(15) Office.—The term "Office" means the Of-
25	fice of Personnel Management.

1	(16) Retirement coverage determination.—
2	The term "retirement coverage determination" means
3	a determination by an employee or agent of the Gov-
4	ernment as to whether a particular type of Govern-
5	ment service is CSRS covered, CSRS-Offset covered,
6	FERS covered, or Social Security-Only covered.
7	(17) Retirement coverage error.—The term
8	"retirement coverage error" means an erroneous re-
9	tirement coverage determination that was in effect for
10	a minimum period of 3 years of service after Decem-
11	ber 31, 1986.
12	(18) Social Security-only Covered.—The
13	term "Social Security-Only covered", with respect to
14	any service, means Government service that—
15	(A) constitutes employment under section
16	210 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 410);
17	and
18	(B)(i) is subject to OASDI taxes; but
19	(ii) is not subject to CSRS or FERS.
20	(19) Survivor.—The term "survivor" has the
21	meaning given such term under section 8331(10) or
22	8401(28) of title 5, United States Code.
23	(20) Thrift savings fund.—The term "Thrift
24	Savings Fund" means the Thrift Savings Fund estab-

- 1 lished under section 8437 of title 5, United States
- 2 Code.
- 3 SEC. 2003. APPLICABILITY.
- 4 (a) In General.—This title shall apply with respect
- 5 to retirement coverage errors that occur before, on, or after
- 6 the date of enactment of this Act.
- 7 (b) Limitation.—Except as otherwise provided in this
- 8 title, this title shall not apply to any erroneous retirement
- 9 coverage determination that was in effect for a period of
- 10 less than 3 years of service after December 31, 1986.
- 11 SEC. 2004. IRREVOCABILITY OF ELECTIONS.
- 12 Any election made (or deemed to have been made) by
- 13 an employee or any other individual under this title shall
- 14 be irrevocable.

1	Subtitle A—Description of Retire-
2	ment Coverage Errors to Which
3	This Title Applies and Measures
4	for Their Rectification
5	CHAPTER 1—EMPLOYEES AND ANNU-
6	ITANTS WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN
7	FERS COVERED, BUT WHO WERE ERRO-
8	NEOUSLY CSRS COVERED OR CSRS-
9	OFFSET COVERED INSTEAD, AND SUR-
10	VIVORS OF SUCH EMPLOYEES AND AN-
11	NUITANTS
12	SEC. 2101. EMPLOYEES.
13	(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply in the
14	case of any employee or former employee who should be (or
15	should have been) FERS covered but, as a result of a retire-
16	ment coverage error, is (or was) CSRS covered or CSRS-
17	Offset covered instead.
18	(b) Uncorrected Error.—
19	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies if
20	the retirement coverage error has not been corrected
21	before the effective date of the regulations described
22	under paragraph (3). As soon as practicable after dis-
23	covery of the error, and subject to the right of an elec-
24	tion under paragraph (2), if CSRS covered or CSRS-
25	Offset covered, such individual shall be treated as

1	CSRS-Offset covered, retroactive to the date of the re-
2	tirement coverage error.
3	(2) Coverage.—
4	(A) Election.—Upon written notice of a
5	retirement coverage error, an individual may
6	elect to be CSRS-Offset covered or FERS covered,
7	effective as of the date of the retirement coverage
8	error. Such election shall be made not later than
9	180 days after the date of receipt of such notice.
10	(B) Nonelection.—If the individual does
11	not make an election by the date provided under
12	subparagraph (A), a CSRS-Offset covered indi-
13	vidual shall remain CSRS-Offset covered and a
14	CSRS covered individual shall be treated as
15	$CSRS ext{-}Offset\ covered.$
16	(3) Regulations.—The Office shall prescribe
17	regulations to carry out this subsection.
18	(c) Corrected Error.—
19	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies if
20	the retirement coverage error was corrected before the
21	effective date of the regulations described under sub-
22	section (b).
23	(2) Coverage.—
24	(A) Election.—

1	(i) CSRS-offset covered.—Not
2	later than 180 days after the date of enact-
3	ment of this Act, the Office shall prescribe
4	regulations authorizing individuals to elect,
5	during the 18-month period immediately
6	following the effective date of such regula-
7	tions, to be CSRS-Offset covered, effective as
8	of the date of the retirement coverage error.
9	(ii) Thrift savings fund contribu-
10	TIONS.—If under this section an individual
11	elects to be CSRS-Offset covered, all em-
12	ployee contributions to the Thrift Savings
13	Fund made during the period of FERS cov-
14	erage (and earnings on such contributions)
15	may remain in the Thrift Savings Fund in
16	accordance with regulations prescribed by
17	the Executive Director, notwithstanding
18	any limit that would otherwise be applica-
19	ble.
20	(B) Previous settlement payment.—An
21	individual who previously received a payment
22	ordered by a court or provided as a settlement of
23	claim for losses resulting from a retirement cov-
24	erage error shall not be entitled to make an elec-

tion under this subsection unless that amount is

1	waived in whole or in part under section 2208,
2	and any amount not waived is repaid.
3	(C) Ineligibility for election.—An in-
4	dividual who, subsequent to correction of the re-
5	tirement coverage error, received a refund of re-
6	tirement deductions under section 8424 of title 5,
7	United States Code, or a distribution under sec-
8	tion 8433 (b), (c), or (h)(1)(A) of title 5, United
9	States Code, may not make an election under
10	this subsection.
11	(3) Corrective action to remain in ef-
12	FECT.—If an individual is ineligible to make an elec-
13	tion or does not make an election under paragraph
14	(2) before the end of any time limitation under this
15	subsection, the corrective action taken before such time
16	limitation shall remain in effect.
17	SEC. 2102. ANNUITANTS AND SURVIVORS.
18	(a) In General.—This section shall apply in the case
19	of an individual who is—
20	(1) an annuitant who should have been FERS
21	covered but, as a result of a retirement coverage error,
22	was CSRS covered or CSRS-Offset covered instead; or
23	(2) a survivor of an employee who should have
24	been FERS covered but, as a result of a retirement

coverage error, was CSRS covered or CSRS-Offset
 covered instead.

## (b) Coverage.—

- (1) Election.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office shall prescribe regulations authorizing an individual described under subsection (a) to elect CSRS-Offset coverage or FERS coverage, effective as of the date of the retirement coverage error.
- (2) Time limitation.—An election under this subsection shall be made not later than 18 months after the effective date of the regulations prescribed under paragraph (1).

#### (3) Reduced Annuity.—

(A) Amount in account.—If the individual elects CSRS-Offset coverage, the amount in the employee's Thrift Savings Fund account under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, on the date of retirement that represents the Government's contributions and earnings on those contributions (whether or not such amount was subsequently distributed from the Thrift Savings Fund) will form the basis for a reduction in the individual's annuity, under regulations prescribed by the Office.

(B) REDUCTION.—The reduced annuity to which the individual is entitled shall be equal to an amount which, when taken together with the amount referred to in subparagraph (A), would result in the present value of the total being ac-tuarially equivalent to the present value of an unreduced CSRS-Offset annuity that would have been provided the individual.

## (4) Reduced Benefit.—If—

- (A) a surviving spouse elects CSRS-Offset benefits; and
- (B) a FERS basic employee death benefit under section 8442(b) of title 5, United States Code, was previously paid;

then the survivor's CSRS-Offset benefit shall be subject to a reduction, under regulations prescribed by the Office. The reduced annuity to which the individual is entitled shall be equal to an amount which, when taken together with the amount of the payment referred to under subparagraph (B) would result in the present value of the total being actuarially equivalent to the present value of an unreduced CSRS-Offset annuity that would have been provided the individual.

- 1 (5) Previous settlement payment.—An indi2 vidual who previously received a payment ordered by
  3 a court or provided as a settlement of claim for losses
  4 resulting from a retirement coverage error may not
  5 make an election under this subsection unless repay6 ment of that amount is waived in whole or in part
  7 under section 2208, and any amount not waived is
  8 repaid.
- 9 (c) Nonelection.—If the individual does not make 10 an election under subsection (b) before any time limitation 11 under this section, the retirement coverage shall be subject 12 to the following rules:
- 13 (1) Corrective action previously taken.—If 14 corrective action was taken before the end of any time 15 limitation under this section, that corrective action 16 shall remain in effect.
- 17 (2) CORRECTIVE ACTION NOT PREVIOUSLY
  18 TAKEN.—If corrective action was not taken before
  19 such time limitation, the employee shall be CSRS-Off20 set covered, retroactive to the date of the retirement
  21 coverage error.

1	CHAPTER 2—EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD
2	HAVE BEEN FERS COVERED, CSRS-OFF-
3	SET COVERED, OR CSRS COVERED,
4	BUT WHO WAS ERRONEOUSLY SOCIAL
5	SECURITY-ONLY COVERED INSTEAD
6	SEC. 2111. APPLICABILITY.
7	This chapter shall apply in the case of any employee
8	who—
9	(1) should be (or should have been) FERS cov-
10	ered but, as a result of a retirement coverage error,
11	is (or was) Social Security-Only covered instead;
12	(2) should be (or should have been) CSRS-Offset
13	covered but, as a result of a retirement coverage error,
14	is (or was) Social Security-Only covered instead; or
15	(3) should be (or should have been) CSRS cov-
16	ered but, as a result of a retirement coverage error,
17	is (or was) Social Security-Only covered instead.
18	SEC. 2112. CORRECTION MANDATORY.
19	(a) Uncorrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
20	error has not been corrected, as soon as practicable after
21	discovery of the error, such individual shall be covered
22	under the correct retirement coverage, effective as of the date
23	of the retirement coverage error.

1	(b) Corrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
2	error has been corrected, the corrective action previously
3	taken shall remain in effect.
4	CHAPTER 3—EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD OR
5	COULD HAVE BEEN SOCIAL SECURITY-
6	ONLY COVERED BUT WHO WAS ERRO-
7	NEOUSLY CSRS-OFFSET COVERED OR
8	CSRS COVERED INSTEAD
9	SEC. 2121. EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD BE SOCIAL SECURITY-
10	ONLY COVERED, BUT WHO IS ERRONEOUSLY
11	CSRS OR CSRS-OFFSET COVERED INSTEAD.
12	(a) Applicability.—This section applies in the case
13	of a retirement coverage error in which a Social Security-
14	Only covered employee was erroneously CSRS covered or
15	CSRS-Offset covered.
16	(b) Uncorrected Error.—
17	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies if
18	the retirement coverage error has not been corrected
19	before the effective date of the regulations described in
20	paragraph (3).
21	(2) Coverage.—In the case of an individual
22	who is erroneously CSRS covered, as soon as prac-
23	ticable after discovery of the error, and subject to the
24	right of an election under paragraph (3), such indi-

1	vidual shall be CSRS-Offset covered, effective as of the
2	date of the retirement coverage error.
3	(3) Election.—
4	(A) In general.—Upon written notice of a
5	retirement coverage error, an individual may
6	elect to be CSRS-Offset covered or Social Secu-
7	rity-Only covered, effective as of the date of the
8	retirement coverage error. Such election shall be
9	made not later than 180 days after the date of
10	receipt of such notice.
11	(B) Nonelection.—If the individual does
12	not make an election before the date provided
13	under subparagraph (A), the individual shall re-
14	main CSRS-Offset covered.
15	(C) Regulations.—The Office shall pre-
16	scribe regulations to carry out this paragraph.
17	(c) Corrected Error.—
18	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies if
19	the retirement coverage error was corrected before the
20	effective date of the regulations described under sub-
21	section $(b)(3)$ .
22	(2) Election.—Not later than 180 days after
23	the date of enactment of this Act, the Office shall pre-
24	scribe regulations authorizing individuals to elect,

during the 18-month period immediately following

1	the effective date of such regulations, to be CSRS-Off-
2	set covered or Social Security-Only covered, effective
3	as of the date of the retirement coverage error.
4	(3) Nonelection.—If an eligible individual
5	does not make an election under paragraph (2) before
6	the end of any time limitation under this subsection,
7	the corrective action taken before such time limitation
8	shall remain in effect.
9	CHAPTER 4—EMPLOYEE WHO WAS
10	ERRONEOUSLY FERS COVERED
11	SEC. 2131. EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD BE SOCIAL SECURITY-
12	ONLY COVERED, CSRS COVERED, OR CSRS-
13	OFFSET COVERED AND IS NOT FERS-ELIGI-
14	BLE, BUT WHO IS ERRONEOUSLY FERS COV-
15	ERED INSTEAD.
16	(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies in the case
17	of a retirement coverage error in which a Social Security-
18	Only covered, CSRS covered, or CSRS-Offset covered em-
19	ployee not eligible to elect FERS coverage under authority
20	of section 8402(c) of title 5, United States Code, was erro-
21	neously FERS covered.
22	(b) Uncorrected Error.—
23	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies if
24	the retirement coverage error has not been corrected

1	before the effective date of the regulations described in
2	paragraph (2).
3	(2) Coverage.—
4	(A) Election.—
5	(i) In general.—Upon written notice
6	of a retirement coverage error, an indi-
7	vidual may elect to remain FERS covered
8	or to be Social Security-Only covered,
9	CSRS covered, or CSRS-Offset covered, as
10	would have applied in the absence of the er-
11	roneous retirement coverage determination,
12	effective as of the date of the retirement cov-
13	erage error. Such election shall be made not
14	later than 180 days after the date of receipt
15	of such notice.
16	(ii) Treatment of fers election.—
17	An election of FERS coverage under this
18	subsection is deemed to be an election under
19	section 301 of the Federal Employees Re-
20	tirement System Act of 1986 (5 U.S.C. 8331
21	note; Public Law 99–335; 100 Stat. 599).
22	(B) Nonelection.—If the individual does
23	not make an election before the date provided
24	under subparagraph (A), the individual shall re-

- 1 main FERS covered, effective as of the date of 2 the retirement coverage error.
- 3 (3) Employee contributions in thrift sav-4 INGS FUND.—If under this section, an individual elects to be Social Security-Only covered, CSRS cov-5 6 ered, or CSRS-Offset covered, all employee contribu-7 tions to the Thrift Savings Fund made during the pe-8 riod of erroneous FERS coverage (and all earnings on 9 such contributions) may remain in the Thrift Savings 10 Fund in accordance with regulations prescribed by 11 the Executive Director, notwithstanding any limit 12 under section 8351 or 8432 of title 5, United States 13 Code.
  - (4) Regulations.—Except as provided under paragraph (3), the Office shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

#### (c) Corrected Error.—

- (1) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection applies if the retirement coverage error was corrected before the effective date of the regulations described under paragraph (2).
- (2) ELECTION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office shall prescribe regulations authorizing individuals to elect, during the 18-month period immediately following

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- the effective date of such regulations to remain Social
   Security-Only covered, CSRS covered, or CSRS-Offset
   covered, or to be FERS covered, effective as of the date
   of the retirement coverage error.
  - (3) Nonelection.—If an eligible individual does not make an election under paragraph (2), the corrective action taken before the end of any time limitation under this subsection shall remain in effect.
- 9 (4) TREATMENT OF FERS ELECTION.—An elec10 tion of FERS coverage under this subsection is
  11 deemed to be an election under section 301 of the Fed12 eral Employees Retirement System Act of 1986 (5)
  13 U.S.C. 8331 note; Public Law 99–335; 100 Stat.
  14 599).
- 15 SEC. 2132. FERS-ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD HAVE
  16 BEEN CSRS COVERED, CSRS-OFFSET COV17 ERED, OR SOCIAL SECURITY-ONLY COVERED,
  18 BUT WHO WAS ERRONEOUSLY FERS COVERED
  19 INSTEAD WITHOUT AN ELECTION.

## 20 (a) In General.—

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(1) FERS ELECTION PREVENTED.—If an individual was prevented from electing FERS coverage because the individual was erroneously FERS covered during the period when the individual was eligible to elect FERS under title III of the Federal Employees

1	Retirement System Act or the Federal Employees' Re-
2	tirement System Open Enrollment Act of 1997 (Pub-
3	lic Law 105–61; 111 Stat. 1318 et seq.), the
4	individual—
5	(A) is deemed to have elected FERS cov-
6	erage; and
7	(B) shall remain covered by FERS, unless
8	the individual declines, under regulations pre-
9	scribed by the Office, to be FERS covered.
10	(2) Declining fers coverage.—If an indi-
11	vidual described under paragraph (1)(B) declines to
12	be FERS covered, such individual shall be CSRS cov-
13	ered, CSRS-Offset covered, or Social Security-Only
14	covered, as would apply in the absence of a FERS
15	election, effective as of the date of the erroneous retire-
16	ment coverage determination.
17	(b) Employee Contributions in Thrift Savings
18	Fund.—If under this section, an individual declines to be
19	FERS covered and instead is Social Security-Only covered,
20	CSRS covered, or CSRS-Offset covered, as would apply in
21	the absence of a FERS election, all employee contributions
22	to the Thrift Savings Fund made during the period of erro-
23	neous FERS coverage (and all earnings on such contribu-
24	tions) may remain in the Thrift Savings Fund in accord-
25	ance with regulations prescribed by the Executive Director,

- 1 notwithstanding any limit that would otherwise be applica-
- 2 ble.
- 3 (c) Inapplicability of Duration of Erroneous
- 4 Coverage.—This section shall apply regardless of the
- 5 length of time the erroneous coverage determination re-
- 6 mained in effect.

#### 7 SEC. 2133. RETROACTIVE EFFECT.

- 8 This chapter shall be effective as of January 1, 1987,
- 9 except that section 2132 shall not apply to individuals who
- 10 made or were deemed to have made elections similar to those
- 11 provided in this section under regulations prescribed by the
- 12 Office before the effective date of this title.
- 13 CHAPTER 5—EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD
- 14 HAVE BEEN CSRS-OFFSET COVERED,
- 15 **BUT WHO WAS ERRONEOUSLY CSRS**
- 16 **COVERED INSTEAD**
- 17 SEC. 2141. APPLICABILITY.
- 18 This chapter shall apply in the case of any employee
- 19 who should be (or should have been) CSRS-Offset covered
- 20 but, as a result of a retirement coverage error, is (or was)
- 21 CSRS covered instead.
- 22 SEC. 2142. CORRECTION MANDATORY.
- 23 (a) Uncorrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
- 24 error has not been corrected, as soon as practicable after
- 25 discovery of the error, such individual shall be covered

- 1 under the correct retirement coverage, effective as of the date
- 2 of the retirement coverage error.
- 3 (b) Corrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
- 4 error has been corrected before the effective date of this title,
- 5 the corrective action taken before such date shall remain
- 6 in effect.
- 7 CHAPTER 6—EMPLOYEE WHO SHOULD
- 8 HAVE BEEN CSRS COVERED, BUT WHO
- 9 **WAS ERRONEOUSLY CSRS-OFFSET**
- 10 **COVERED INSTEAD**
- 11 SEC. 2151. APPLICABILITY.
- 12 This chapter shall apply in the case of any employee
- 13 who should be (or should have been) CSRS covered but, as
- 14 a result of a retirement coverage error, is (or was) CSRS-
- 15 Offset covered instead.
- 16 SEC. 2152. CORRECTION MANDATORY.
- 17 (a) Uncorrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
- 18 error has not been corrected, as soon as practicable after
- 19 discovery of the error, such individual shall be covered
- 20 under the correct retirement coverage, effective as of the date
- 21 of the retirement coverage error.
- 22 (b) Corrected Error.—If the retirement coverage
- 23 error has been corrected before the effective date of this title,
- 24 the corrective action taken before such date shall remain
- 25 in effect.

# Subtitle B—General Provisions

2	SEC. 2201. IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
3	MENTS.
4	Government agencies shall take all such measures as
5	may be reasonable and appropriate to promptly identify
6	and notify individuals who are (or have been) affected by
7	a retirement coverage error of their rights under this title.
8	SEC. 2202. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO AND BY AU-
9	THORITIES ADMINISTERING THIS TITLE.
10	(a) APPLICABILITY.—The authorities identified in this
11	subsection are—
12	(1) the Director of the Office of Personnel Man-
13	agement;
14	(2) the Commissioner of Social Security; and
15	(3) the Executive Director of the Federal Retire-
16	ment Thrift Investment Board.
17	(b) Authority To Obtain Information.—Each au-
18	thority identified in subsection (a) may secure directly from
19	any department or agency of the United States information
20	necessary to enable such authority to carry out its respon-
21	sibilities under this title. Upon request of the authority in-
22	volved, the head of the department or agency involved shall
23	furnish that information to the requesting authority.
24	(c) Authority To Provide Information.—Each
25	authority identified in subsection (a) may provide directly

1	to any department or agency of the United States all infor-
2	mation such authority believes necessary to enable the de-
3	partment or agency to carry out its responsibilities under
4	this title.
5	(d) Limitation; Safeguards.—Each of the respective
6	authorities under subsection (a) shall—
7	(1) request or provide only such information as
8	that authority considers necessary; and
9	(2) establish, by regulation or otherwise, appro-
10	priate safeguards to ensure that any information ob-
11	tained under this section shall be used only for the
12	purpose authorized.
13	SEC. 2203. SERVICE CREDIT DEPOSITS.
14	(a) CSRS Deposit.—In the case of a retirement cov-
15	erage error in which—
16	(1) a FERS covered employee was erroneously
17	CSRS covered or CSRS-Offset covered;
18	(2) the employee made a service credit deposit
19	under the CSRS rules; and
20	(3) there is a subsequent retroactive change to
21	$FERS\ coverage;$
22	the excess of the amount of the CSRS civilian or military
23	service credit deposit over the FERS civilian or military
24	service credit deposit, together with interest computed in ac-
25	cordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e)

1	of title 5, United States Code, and regulations prescribed
2	by the Office, shall be paid to the employee, the annuitant
3	or, in the case of a deceased employee, to the individual
4	entitled to lump-sum benefits under section 8424(d) of title
5	5, United States Code.
6	(b) FERS Deposit.—
7	(1) Applicability.—This subsection applies in
8	the case of an erroneous retirement coverage deter-
9	mination in which—
10	(A) the employee owed a service credit de-
11	posit under section 8411(f) of title 5, United
12	States Code; and
13	(B)(i) there is a subsequent retroactive
14	change to CSRS or CSRS-Offset coverage; or
15	(ii) the service becomes creditable under
16	chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code.
17	(2) Reduced annuity.—
18	(A) In General.—If at the time of com-
19	mencement of an annuity there is remaining un-
20	paid CSRS civilian or military service credit
21	deposit for service described under paragraph
22	(1), the annuity shall be reduced based upon the
23	amount unpaid together with interest computed
24	in accordance with section 8334(e) (2) and (3)

- of title 5, United States Code, and regulations prescribed by the Office.
  - (B) AMOUNT.—The reduced annuity to which the individual is entitled shall be equal to an amount that, when taken together with the amount referred to under subparagraph (A), would result in the present value of the total being actuarially equivalent to the present value of the unreduced annuity benefit that would have been provided the individual.

#### (3) Survivor annuity.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—If at the time of commencement of a survivor annuity, there is remaining unpaid any CSRS service credit deposit described under paragraph (1), and there has been no actuarial reduction in an annuity under paragraph (2), the survivor annuity shall be reduced based upon the amount unpaid together with interest computed in accordance with section 8334(e) (2) and (3) of title 5, United States Code, and regulations prescribed by the Office.
- (B) Amount.—The reduced survivor annuity to which the individual is entitled shall be equal to an amount that, when taken together

1	with the amount referred to under subparagraph
2	(A), would result in the present value of the total
3	being actuarially equivalent to the present value
4	of an unreduced survivor annuity benefit that
5	would have been provided the individual.
6	SEC. 2204. PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SECURITY
7	COVERAGE OF MISCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.
8	(a) Definitions.—In this section, the term—
9	(1) "covered individual" means any employee,
10	former employee, or annuitant who—
11	(A) is or was employed erroneously subject
12	to CSRS coverage as a result of a retirement cov-
13	erage error; and
14	(B) is or was retroactively converted to
15	CSRS-offset coverage, FERS coverage, or Social
16	Security-only coverage; and
17	(2) "excess CSRS deduction amount" means an
18	amount equal to the difference between the CSRS de-
19	ductions withheld and the CSRS-Offset or FERS de-
20	ductions, if any, due with respect to a covered indi-
21	vidual during the entire period the individual was er-
22	roneously subject to CSRS coverage as a result of a
23	retirement coverage error.
24	(b) Reports to Commissioner of Social Secu-
25	RITY.—

1	(1) In general.—In order to carry out the
2	Commissioner of Social Security's responsibilities
3	under title II of the Social Security Act, the Commis-
4	sioner may request the head of each agency that em-
5	ploys or employed a covered individual to report (in
6	coordination with the Office of Personnel Manage-
7	ment) in such form and within such timeframe as the
8	Commissioner may specify, any or all of—
9	(A) the total wages (as defined in section
10	3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)
11	paid to such individual during each year of the
12	entire period of the erroneous CSRS coverage;
13	and
14	(B) such additional information as the
15	Commissioner may require for the purpose of
16	carrying out the Commissioner's responsibilities
17	under title II of the Social Security Act (42
18	U.S.C. 401 et seq.).
19	(2) Compliance.—The head of an agency or the
20	Office shall comply with a request from the Commis-
21	sioner under paragraph (1).
22	(3) Wages.—For purposes of section 201 of the
23	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401), wages reported
24	under this subsection shall be deemed to be wages re-

ported to the Secretary of the Treasury or the Sec-

- 1 retary's delegates pursuant to subtitle F of the Inter2 nal Revenue Code of 1986.
  3 (a) PAYMENT PER ATING TO CASEL FURLOWER
- 3 (c) Payment Relating to OASDI Employee 4 Taxes.—
- (1) In general.—The Office shall transfer from 5 6 the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund to the General Fund of the Treasury an amount equal 7 8 to the lesser of the excess CSRS deduction amount or 9 the OASDI taxes due for covered individuals (as ad-10 justed by amounts transferred relating to applicable 11 OASDI employee taxes as a result of corrections 12 made, including corrections made before the date of 13 enactment of this Act). If the excess CSRS deductions 14 exceed the OASDI taxes, any difference shall be paid 15 to the covered individual or survivors, as appropriate.
  - (2) Transfer.—Amounts transferred under this subsection shall be determined notwithstanding any limitation under section 6501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### (d) Payment of OASDI Employer Taxes.—

(1) In General.—Each employing agency shall pay an amount equal to the OASDI employer taxes owed with respect to covered individuals during the applicable period of erroneous coverage (as adjusted by amounts transferred for the payment of such taxes

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1	as a result of corrections made, including corrections
2	made before the date of enactment of this Act).
3	(2) Payment.—Amounts paid under this sub-
4	section shall be determined subject to any limitation
5	under section 6501 of the Internal Revenue Code of
6	1986.
7	(e) Application of OASDI Tax Provisions of the
8	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Affected Individ-
9	UALS AND EMPLOYING AGENCIES.—A covered individual
10	and the individual's employing agency shall be deemed to
11	have fully satisfied in a timely manner their responsibil-
12	ities with respect to the taxes imposed by sections 3101(a),
13	3102(a), and 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
14	on the wages paid by the employing agency to such indi-
15	vidual during the entire period such individual was erro-
16	neously subject to CSRS coverage as a result of a retirement
17	coverage error based on the payments and transfers made
18	under subsections (c) and (d). No credit or refund of taxes
19	on such wages shall be allowed as a result of this subsection.
20	SEC. 2205. THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN TREATMENT FOR CER-
21	TAIN INDIVIDUALS.
22	(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to an indi-
23	vidual who—
24	(1) is eligible to make an election of coverage
25	under section 2101 or 2102, and only if FERS cov-

- 1 erage is elected (or remains in effect) for the employee 2 involved; or
- (2) is described in section 2111, and makes or
   has made retroactive employee contributions to the
   Thrift Savings Fund under regulations prescribed by
   the Executive Director.

#### (b) Payment Into Thrift Savings Fund.—

#### (1) In General.—

- (A) Payment.—With respect to an individual to whom this section applies, the employing agency shall pay to the Thrift Savings Fund under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, for credit to the account of the employee involved, an amount equal to the earnings which are disallowed under section 8432a(a)(2) of such title on the employee's retroactive contributions to such Fund.
- (B) Amount.—Earnings under subparagraph (A) shall be computed in accordance with the procedures for computing lost earnings under section 8432a of title 5, United States Code. The amount paid by the employing agency shall be treated for all purposes as if that amount had actually been earned on the basis of the employee's contributions.

- (C) Exceptions.—If an individual made retroactive contributions before the effective date of the regulations under section 2101(c), the Di-rector may provide for an alternative calculation of lost earnings to the extent that a calculation under subparagraph (B) is not administratively feasible. The alternative calculation shall yield an amount that is as close as practicable to the amount computed under subparagraph (B), tak-ing into account earnings previously paid.
  - (2) Additional employee contributions—In cases in which the retirement coverage error was corrected before the effective date of the regulations under section 2101(c), the employee involved shall have an additional opportunity to make retroactive contributions for the period of the retirement coverage error (subject to applicable limits), and such contributions (including any contributions made after the date of the correction) shall be treated in accordance with paragraph (1).

#### (c) Regulations.—

(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Executive Director shall prescribe regulations appropriate to carry out this section relating to retroactive employee con-

1	tributions and payments made on or after the effec-
2	tive date of the regulations under section $2101(c)$ .
3	(2) Office.—The Office, in consultation with
4	the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board,
5	shall prescribe regulations appropriate to carry out
6	this section relating to the calculation of lost earnings
7	on retroactive employee contributions made before the
8	effective date of the regulations under section $2101(c)$ .
9	SEC. 2206. CERTAIN AGENCY AMOUNTS TO BE PAID INTO OR
10	REMAIN IN THE CSRDF.
11	(a) Certain Excess Agency Contributions To Re-
12	MAIN IN THE CSRDF.—
13	(1) In General.—Any amount described under
14	paragraph (2) shall—
15	(A) remain in the CSRDF; and
16	(B) may not be paid or credited to an agen-
17	cy.
18	(2) Amounts.—Paragraph (1) refers to any
19	amount of contributions made by an agency under
20	section 8423 of title 5, United States Code, on behalf
21	of any employee, former employee, or annuitant (or
22	survivor of such employee, former employee, or annu-
23	itant) who makes an election to correct a retirement
24	coverage error under this title, that the Office deter-
25	mines to be excess as a result of such election.

1	(b) Additional Employee Retirement Deduc-
2	Tions To Be Paid by Agency.—If a correction in a retire-
3	ment coverage error results in an increase in employee de-
4	ductions under section 8334 or 8422 of title 5, United
5	States Code, that cannot be fully paid by a reallocation of
6	otherwise available amounts previously deducted from the
7	employee's pay as employment taxes or retirement deduc-
8	tions, the employing agency—
9	(1) shall pay the required additional amount
10	into the CSRDF; and
11	(2) shall not seek repayment of that amount
12	from the employee, former employee, annuitant, or
13	survivor.
14	SEC. 2207. CSRS COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS TO BE AP-
15	PROVED BY OPM.
16	No agency shall place an individual under CSRS cov-
17	erage unless—
18	(1) the individual has been employed with CSRS
19	coverage within the preceding 365 days; or
20	(2) the Office has agreed in writing that the
21	agency's coverage determination is correct.
22	SEC. 2208. DISCRETIONARY ACTIONS BY DIRECTOR.
23	(a) In General.—The Director of the Office of Per-
24	sonnel Management may—

- 1 (1) extend the deadlines for making elections 2 under this title in circumstances involving an indi-3 vidual's inability to make a timely election due to a 4 cause beyond the individual's control;
  - (2) provide for the reimbursement of necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by an individual with respect to settlement of a claim for losses resulting from a retirement coverage error, including attorney's fees, court costs, and other actual expenses;
  - (3) compensate an individual for monetary losses that are a direct and proximate result of a retirement coverage error, excluding claimed losses relating to forgone contributions and earnings under the Thrift Savings Plan under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, and all other investment opportunities; and
- 17 (4) waive payments required due to correction of 18 a retirement coverage error under this title.
- 19 (b) SIMILAR ACTIONS.—In exercising the authority 20 under this section, the Director shall, to the extent prac-21 ticable, provide for similar actions in situations involving 22 similar circumstances.
- 23 (c) Judicial Review.—Actions taken under this sec-24 tion are final and conclusive, and are not subject to admin-25 istrative or judicial review.

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- 1 (d) Regulations.—The Office of Personnel Manage-
- 2 ment shall prescribe regulations regarding the process and
- 3 criteria used in exercising the authority under this section.
- 4 (e) Report.—The Office of Personnel Management
- 5 shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
- 6 of this Act, and annually thereafter for each year in which
- 7 the authority provided in this section is used, submit a re-
- 8 port to each House of Congress on the operation of this sec-
- 9 tion.
- 10 **SEC. 2209. REGULATIONS.**
- 11 (a) In General.—In addition to the regulations spe-
- 12 cifically authorized in this title, the Office may prescribe
- 13 such other regulations as are necessary for the administra-
- 14 tion of this title.
- 15 (b) Former Spouse.—The regulations prescribed
- 16 under this title shall provide for protection of the rights of
- 17 a former spouse with entitlement to an apportionment of
- 18 benefits or to survivor benefits based on the service of the
- 19 employee.

## 20 Subtitle C—Other Provisions

- 21 SEC. 2301. PROVISIONS TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUED CON-
- 22 FORMITY OF OTHER FEDERAL RETIREMENT
- 23 SYSTEMS.
- 24 (a) FOREIGN SERVICE.—Sections 827 and 851 of the
- 25 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4067 and 4071)

shall apply with respect to this title in the same manner as if this title were part of— 3 (1) the Civil Service Retirement System, to the extent this title relates to the Civil Service Retirement 5 System; and 6 (2) the Federal Employees' Retirement System, 7 to the extent this title relates to the Federal Employ-8 ees' Retirement System. 9 (b) Central Intelligence Agency.—Sections 292 10 and 301 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act (50 U.S.C. 2141 and 2151) shall apply with respect to this title in the same manner as if this title were part of— 13 (1) the Civil Service Retirement System, to the 14 extent this title relates to the Civil Service Retirement 15 System; and 16 (2) the Federal Employees' Retirement System, 17 to the extent this title relates to the Federal Employ-18 ees' Retirement System. 19 SEC. 2302. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS. 20 All payments authorized or required by this title to be paid from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, together with administrative expenses incurred by the Office in administering this title, shall be deemed to have been authorized to be paid from that Fund, which is appropriated for the payment thereof.

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1	SEC. 2303. INDIVIDUAL RIGHT OF ACTION PRESERVED FOR
2	AMOUNTS NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR
3	UNDER THIS TITLE.
4	Nothing in this title shall preclude an individual from
5	bringing a claim against the Government of the United
6	States which such individual may have under section
7	1346(b) or chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, or
8	any other provision of law (except to the extent the claim
9	is for any amounts otherwise provided for under this title).
10	Subtitle D—Effective Date
11	SEC. 2401. EFFECTIVE DATE.
12	Except as otherwise provided in this title, this title

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title, and for other purposes.".

shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

Attest:

Secretary.

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# **AMENDMENTS**

- HR 4040 EAS——2
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