

Miller (NC)	Richardson	Stark
Miller, Gary	Rodriguez	Stearns
Miller, George	Rogers (AL)	Stupak
Mollohan	Rogers (KY)	Sullivan
Moore (KS)	Rogers (MI)	Sutton
Moore (WI)	Rohrabacher	Tancredo
Moran (KS)	Roskam	Tanner
Moran (VA)	Ross	Tauscher
Murphy (CT)	Rothman	Taylor
Murphy, Patrick	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Murphy, Tim	Royce	Thompson (CA)
Murtha	Ruppersberger	Thornberry
Musgrave	Ryan (OH)	Tiahrt
Myrick	Ryan (WI)	Tiberi
Nadler	Salazar	Tierney
Napolitano	Sali	Towns
Neal (MA)	Sánchez, Linda	Tsongas
Neugebauer	T.	Turner
Nunes	Sánchez, Loretta	Udall (NM)
Obey	Sarbanes	Upton
Olver	Saxton	Van Hollen
Ortiz	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Pallone	Schiff	Walberg
Pascarell	Schmidt	Walden (OR)
Pastor	Schwartz	Walsh (NY)
Paul	Scott (GA)	Walz (MN)
Payne	Scott (VA)	Wamp
Pearce	Sensenbrenner	Wasserman
Perlmutter	Serrano	Schultz
Peterson (MN)	Sessions	Waters
Petri	Sestak	Watson
Pickering	Shadegg	Watt
Pitts	Shays	Waxman
Platts	Sherman	Weiner
Poe	Shimkus	Welch (VT)
Pomeroy	Shuler	Weller
Porter	Shuster	Westmoreland
Price (GA)	Simpson	Wexler
Price (NC)	Sires	Whitfield (KY)
Putnam	Skelton	Wilson (NM)
Radanovich	Slaughter	Wilson (OH)
Rahall	Smith (NE)	Wilson (SC)
Ramstad	Smith (NJ)	Wittman (VA)
Regula	Smith (TX)	Wolf
Rehberg	Smith (WA)	Wu
Reichert	Snyder	Yarmuth
Renzi	Solis	Young (FL)
Reyes	Space	
Reynolds	Spratt	

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Bean	Kaptur	Rangel
Blackburn	Kilpatrick	Ros-Lehtinen
Capito	Larson (CT)	Rush
Cooper	Markey	Shea-Porter
Davis (IL)	McCrery	Souder
Davis, Lincoln	McNerney	Thompson (MS)
Garrett (NJ)	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Gilchrest	Mitchell	Velázquez
Gingrey	Oberstar	Weldon (FL)
Hinchey	Pence	Woolsey
Holden	Peterson (PA)	Wynn
Hooley	Pryce (OH)	

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CUBIN and Messrs. LEWIS of Georgia, VISCLOSKY, MEEK of Florida, and MAHONEY of Florida changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

H. Con. Res. 313. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor the 5 years of service and sacrifice of our troops and their families in the war in Iraq and to remember those who are serving our Nation in Afghanistan and throughout the world.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5563) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5563

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act" or the "GIVE Act".

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990

Sec. 1001. References.

Subtitle A—Amendments to Subtitle A (General Provisions)

Sec. 1101. Purposes; sense of Congress.

Sec. 1102. Definitions.

Subtitle B—Amendments to Subtitle B (Service-Learning)

Sec. 1201. School-based allotments.

Sec. 1202. Higher education provisions.

Sec. 1203. Innovative programs and research.

Subtitle C—Amendments to Subtitle C (National Service Trust Program)

Sec. 1301. Prohibition on grants to Federal agencies; limits on Corporation costs.

Sec. 1302. E-Corps and technical amendments to types of programs.

Sec. 1303. Types of positions.

Sec. 1304. Conforming repeal relating to training and technical assistance.

Sec. 1305. Assistance to State Commissions; challenge grants.

Sec. 1306. Allocation of assistance to States and other eligible entities.

Sec. 1307. Additional authority.

Sec. 1308. State selection of programs.

Sec. 1308A. National service program assistance requirements.

Sec. 1309. Consideration of applications.

Sec. 1310. Description of participants.

Sec. 1311. Selection of national service participants.

Sec. 1312. Terms of service.

Sec. 1313. Adjustments to living allowance.

Subtitle D—Amendments to Subtitle D (National Service Trust and Provision of National Service Educational Awards)

Sec. 1401. Availability of funds in the National Service Trust.

Sec. 1402. Individuals eligible to receive a national service educational award from the Trust.

Sec. 1403. Determination of the amount of national service educational awards.

Sec. 1404. Disbursement of educational awards.

Sec. 1405. Process of approval of national service positions.

Sec. 1406. Report on veterans serving in approved national service positions.

Subtitle E—Amendments to Subtitle E (National Civilian Community Corps)

Sec. 1501. Purpose.

Sec. 1502. Program components.

Sec. 1503. Eligible participants.

Sec. 1504. Summer national service program.

Sec. 1505. Team leaders.

Sec. 1506. Training.

Sec. 1507. Consultation with State Commissions.

Sec. 1508. Authorized benefits for Corps members.

Sec. 1509. Permanent cadre.

Sec. 1510. Contract and grant authority.

Sec. 1511. Other departments.

Sec. 1512. Advisory Board.

Sec. 1513. Annual evaluation.

Sec. 1514. Repeal of funding limitation.

Sec. 1515. Definitions.

Sec. 1516. Terminology.

Subtitle F—Amendments to Subtitle F (Administrative Provisions)

Sec. 1601. Family and medical leave.

Sec. 1602. Additional prohibitions on use of funds.

Sec. 1603. Notice, hearing, and grievance procedures.

Sec. 1604. Resolution of displacement complaints.

Sec. 1605. State Commissions on National and Community Service.

Sec. 1606. Evaluation and accountability.

Sec. 1607. Technical amendment.

Sec. 1608. Partnerships with schools.

Sec. 1609. Rights of access, examination, and copying.

Sec. 1610. Additional administrative provisions.

Subtitle G—Amendments to Subtitle G (Corporation for National and Community Service)

Sec. 1701. Terms of office.

Sec. 1702. Board of Directors authorities and duties.

Sec. 1703. Authorities and duties of the Chief Executive Officer.

Sec. 1704. Nonvoting members; personal services contracts.

Sec. 1705. Donated services.

Sec. 1706. Office of Outreach and Recruitment.

Sec. 1707. Study to examine and increase service programs for veterans and veterans participation in programs under the national service laws and to develop pilot program.

Sec. 1708. Coordination with veterans organizations serving veterans with disabilities.

Sec. 1709. Study to examine and increase service programs for displaced workers in services corps and to develop pilot program planning study.

Subtitle H—Amendments to Subtitle H

Sec. 1801. Technical amendments to subtitle H.

Sec. 1802. Repeals.

Sec. 1803. Innovative and model program support.

Sec. 1804. Clearinghouses.

Subtitle I—Energy Conservation Corps

Sec. 1811. General authority.

Sec. 1812. Application.

Sec. 1813. Focus of programs.

Sec. 1814. Training and education services.

Sec. 1815. Preference for certain projects.

Sec. 1816. Participants.

Sec. 1817. Use of volunteers.

Sec. 1818. Cooperation among States for emergency response.

Sec. 1819. Federal share.

Sec. 1820. Best practices.

Sec. 1820A. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 1820B. Learn and Serve America.

Sec. 1820C. National Senior Service Corps.

Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

Sec. 1821. Training and technical assistance.

Subtitle K—Repeal of Title III (Points of Light Foundation)

Sec. 1831. Repeal.

Subtitle L—Amendments to Title V (Authorization of Appropriations)

Sec. 1841. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

Sec. 2001. References.

Subtitle A—Amendments to Title I (National Volunteer Antipoverty Programs)

Sec. 2101. Purpose.

Sec. 2102. Purpose of the VISTA program.

Sec. 2103. Applications.

Sec. 2104. VISTA programs of national significance.

Sec. 2105. Terms and periods of service.

Sec. 2106. Support Service.

Sec. 2107. Sections repealed.

Sec. 2108. Conforming amendment.

Sec. 2109. Financial assistance.

Subtitle B—Amendments to Title II (National Senior Volunteer Corps)

Sec. 2201. Change in name.

Sec. 2202. Purpose.

Sec. 2203. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.

Sec. 2204. Foster Grandparent Program grants.

Sec. 2205. Senior Companion Program grants.

Sec. 2206. Promotion of National Senior Service Corps.

Sec. 2207. Technical amendments.

Sec. 2208. Programs of national significance.

Sec. 2209. Additional provisions.

Sec. 2210. Authority of Director.

Subtitle C—Amendments to Title IV (Administration and Coordination)

Sec. 2301. Nondisplacement.

Sec. 2302. Notice and hearing procedures.

Sec. 2303. Definitions.

Sec. 2304. Protection against improper use.

Subtitle D—Amendments to Title V (Authorization of Appropriations)

Sec. 2401. Authorization of appropriations for VISTA and other purposes.

Sec. 2402. Authorization of appropriations for National Senior Service Corps.

Sec. 2403. Administration and coordination.

TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

Sec. 3101. Inspector General Act of 1978.

TITLE IV—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLES OF CONTENTS

Sec. 4101. Table of contents for the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

Sec. 4102. Table of contents for the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 5101. Effective date.

Sec. 5102. Service assignments and agreements.

TITLE VI—CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON CIVIC SERVICE

Sec. 6101. Short title.

Sec. 6102. Findings.

Sec. 6103. Establishment.

Sec. 6104. Duties.

Sec. 6105. Membership.

Sec. 6106. Director and Staff of Commission; Experts and Consultants.

Sec. 6107. Powers of Commission.

Sec. 6108. Reports.

Sec. 6109. Termination.

TITLE VII—SENSE OF CONGRESS

Sec. 7101. Sense of Congress.

TITLE VIII—SENSE OF CONGRESS

Sec. 8101. Sense of Congress.

TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990

SEC. 1001. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a provision of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

Subtitle A—Amendments to Subtitle A (General Provisions)

SEC. 1101. PURPOSES; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) PURPOSES.—Section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 12501(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “community throughout” and inserting “community and service throughout the varied and diverse communities of”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by inserting after “income,” the following: “geographic location,”;

(3) in paragraph (6), by inserting after “existing” the following: “national”;

(4) in paragraph (7)—

(A) by striking “programs and agencies” and inserting “programs, agencies, and communities”;

(B) by striking “and” at the end;

(5) in paragraph (8), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(9) expand and strengthen service-learning programs through year-round opportunities, including during the summer months, to improve the education of children and youth and to maximize the benefits of national and community service, in order to renew the ethic of civic responsibility and the spirit of community to children and youth throughout the United States;

“(10) assist in coordinating and strengthening Federal and other citizen service opportunities, including opportunities for participation in emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery;

“(11) increase service opportunities for our Nation’s retiring professionals, including such opportunities for those retiring from the science, technical, engineering, and mathematics professions to improve the education of our Nation’s youth and keep America competitive in the global knowledge economy, and to further utilize the experience, knowledge, and skills of older Americans;

“(12) encourage the continued service of the alumni of the national service programs, including service in times of national need; and

“(13) encourage members of the Baby Boom generation to partake in service opportunities.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Act is amended by inserting after section 2 the following:

“SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

“It is the sense of Congress that the number of participants in the AmeriCorps programs, including the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), should grow to reach 100,000 participants by 2012.”.

SEC. 1102. DEFINITIONS.

Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended—

(1) by redesignating—

(A) paragraphs (21) through (29) as paragraphs (28) through (36), respectively;

(B) paragraphs (9) through (20) as paragraphs (15) through (26), respectively;

(C) paragraphs (7) and (8) as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively; and

(D) paragraphs (3) through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (8), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) APPROVED SUMMER OF SERVICE POSITION.—The term ‘approved summer of service

position’ means a position in a program described under section 118(c)(8) for which the Corporation has approved the provision of a summer of service educational award as one of the benefits to be provided for successful service in the position.

“(4) BABY BOOM GENERATION.—The term ‘Baby Boom generation’ means the generation that consists of individuals born during the period beginning with 1946 and ending with 1964.”;

(3) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by striking “described in section 122”;

(4) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated), by striking “church or other”;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (8) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(9) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—The term ‘disadvantaged youth’ includes those youth who are economically disadvantaged and one or more of the following:

“(A) Who are out-of-school youth, including out-of-school youth who are unemployed.

“(B) Who are in or aging out of foster care.

“(C) Who have limited English proficiency.

“(D) Who are homeless or who have run away from home.

“(E) Who are at-risk to leave school without a diploma.

“(F) Who are former juvenile offenders or at risk of delinquency.”;

(6) by inserting after paragraph (11) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(12) GRANTMAKING ENTITY.—The term ‘grantmaking entity’ means a public or private nonprofit organization that—

“(A) has experience with service-learning or with meeting unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs;

“(B) was in existence at least one year before the date on which the organization submitted an application under the national service laws; and

“(C) meets other such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish.

“(13) HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term ‘Hispanic-serving institution’ has the meaning given the term in section 502(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)).

“(14) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The term ‘historically black college or university’ means a part B institution, as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)).”;

(7) in paragraph (19) (as so redesignated), by striking “section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965” and inserting “sections 101(a) and 102(a)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965”;

(8) in paragraph (23)(B) (as so redesignated), by striking “program in which the participant is enrolled” and inserting “organization receiving assistance under the national service laws through which the participant is enrolled in an approved national service position”;

(9) by inserting after paragraph (26) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(27) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘qualified organization’ means a public or private nonprofit organization with experience working with school-age youth that meets such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish.”;

(10) in paragraph (28)(B) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking “602” and inserting “602(3)”;

(B) by striking “1401” and inserting “1401(3)”;

(11) by adding at the end the following:

“(37) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The term ‘tribally controlled college or university’ has the meaning given in section 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801).”.

**Subtitle B—Amendments to Subtitle B
(Service-Learning)**

SEC. 1201. SCHOOL-BASED ALLOTMENTS.

Part I of subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

**“PART I—PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY STUDENTS**

**“SEC. 111. ASSISTANCE TO STATES, TERRITORIES,
AND INDIAN TRIBES.**

“(a) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES, TERRITORIES, AND INDIAN TRIBES.—The Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, may make allotments to State educational agencies, Territories, and Indian tribes to pay for the Federal share of—

“(1) planning and building the capacity within the State, Territory, or Indian tribe to implement service-learning programs that are based principally in elementary and secondary schools, including—

“(A) providing training for teachers, supervisors, personnel from community-based agencies (particularly with regard to the recruitment, utilization, and management of participants), and trainers, to be conducted by qualified individuals or organizations that have experience with service-learning;

“(B) developing service-learning curricula, consistent with State or local academic content standards, to be integrated into academic programs, including an age-appropriate learning component that provides participants an opportunity to analyze and apply their service experiences;

“(C) forming local partnerships described in paragraph (2) or (4) to develop school-based service-learning programs in accordance with this part;

“(D) devising appropriate methods for research and evaluation of the educational value of service-learning and the effect of service-learning activities on communities;

“(E) establishing effective outreach and dissemination of information to ensure the broadest possible involvement of community-based agencies with demonstrated effectiveness in working with school-age youth in their communities; and

“(F) establishing effective outreach and dissemination of information to ensure the broadest possible participation of schools throughout the State, with particular attention to schools identified for school improvement under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.);

“(2) implementing, operating, or expanding school-based service-learning programs, which may include paying for the cost of the recruitment, training, supervision, placement, salaries, and benefits of service-learning coordinators, through distribution of Federal funds by State educational agencies, Territories, and Indian tribes made available under this part to projects operated by local partnerships among—

“(A) local educational agencies; and

“(B) 1 or more community partners that—

“(i) shall include a public or private nonprofit organization that—

“(I) has a demonstrated expertise in the provision of services to meet unmet human, education, environmental, or public safety needs;

“(II) will make projects available for participants, who shall be students; and

“(III) was in existence at least 1 year before the date on which the organization submitted an application under section 113; and

“(ii) may include a private for-profit business, private elementary or secondary school, or Indian tribe (except that an Indian tribe distributing funds to a project under this paragraph is not eligible to be part of the partnership operating that project);

“(3) planning of school-based service-learning programs, through distribution by State

educational agencies, Territories, and Indian tribes of Federal funds made available under this part to local educational agencies and Indian tribes, which planning may include paying for the cost of—

“(A) the salaries and benefits of service-learning coordinators; or

“(B) the recruitment, training, supervision, and placement of service-learning coordinators who may be participants in a program under subtitle C or receive a national service educational award under subtitle D, who may be participants in a project under section 201 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5001), or who may participate in a Youthbuild program under section 173A of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918a),

who will identify the community partners described in paragraph (2)(B) and assist in the design and implementation of a program described in paragraph (2); and

“(4) implementing, operating, or expanding school-based service-learning programs to utilize adult volunteers in service-learning to improve the education of students, through distribution by State educational agencies, Territories, and Indian tribes of Federal funds made available under this part to—

“(A) local educational agencies;

“(B) Indian tribes (except that an Indian tribe distributing funds under this paragraph is not eligible to be a recipient of those funds);

“(C) public or private nonprofit organizations; or

“(D) partnerships or combinations of local educational agencies and entities described in subparagraph (B) or (C).

“(b) PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN SERVICE LEARNING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From funds appropriated under section 501(a)(1), and without regard to section 112(b), the Corporation shall reserve up to 3 percent for competitive grants to partnerships described in subsection (a)(2) for the development of service-learning programs that promote greater civic engagement among elementary and secondary school students.

“(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a partnership shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

“(3) ACTIVITIES.—Partnerships receiving grants under this subsection shall use funds to develop service-learning curricula that—

“(A) promote a better understanding of the principles of the Constitution of the United States, the heroes of American history (including military heroes), and the meaning of the Oath of Allegiance;

“(B) promote a better understanding of how the Nation's government functions; and

“(C) promote a better understanding of the importance of service in the Nation's character.

“(c) DUTIES OF SERVICE-LEARNING COORDINATOR.—A service-learning coordinator referred to in paragraph (2), (3), or (5) of subsection (a) shall provide services that may include—

“(1) providing technical assistance and information to, and facilitating the training of, teachers and assisting in the planning, development, execution, and evaluation of service-learning in their classrooms;

“(2) assisting local partnerships described in subsection (a) in the planning, development, and execution of service-learning projects, including summer of service programs; and

“(3) carrying out such other duties as the recipient of assistance under this part may determine to be appropriate.

“(d) RELATED EXPENSES.—An entity that receives financial assistance under this part may, in carrying out the activities described in subsection (a), use such assistance to pay for the Federal share of reasonable costs related to the supervision of participants, program administration, transportation, insurance, and evaluations and for other reasonable expenses related to the activities.

“SEC. 112. ALLOTMENTS.

“(a) INDIAN TRIBES AND TERRITORIES.—Of the amounts appropriated to carry out this part for any fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve an amount of not less than 2 percent and not more than 3 percent for payments to Indian tribes, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be allotted in accordance with their respective needs.

“(b) ALLOTMENTS THROUGH STATES.—After reserving the amount under subsection (a), the Corporation shall use the remainder of the funds appropriated to carry out this part for any fiscal year as follows:

“(1) ALLOTMENTS.—

“(A) SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH.—From 50 percent of such remainder, the Corporation shall allot to each State an amount that bears the same ratio to 50 percent of such remainder as the number of school-age youth in the State bears to the total number of school-age youth of all States.

“(B) ALLOCATION UNDER ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—From 50 percent of such remainder, the Corporation shall allot to each State an amount that bears the same ratio to 50 percent of such remainder as the allocation to the State for the previous fiscal year under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) or its successor authority bears to such allocations to all States.

“(2) DEFINITION.—Notwithstanding section 101, for purposes of this subsection, the term ‘State’ means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“(c) REALLOTMENT.—If the Corporation determines that the allotment of a State, Territory, or Indian tribe under this section will not be required for a fiscal year because the State, Territory, or Indian tribe did not submit and receive approval of an application for the allotment under section 113, the Corporation shall make the allotment for such State, Territory, or Indian tribe available for grants to grantmaking entities to carry out service-learning programs as described in section 111(a) in such State, Territory, or Indian tribe. After grantmaking entities apply for the allotment with an application at such time and in such manner as the Corporation requires and receive approval, the remainder of such allotment shall be available for reallocation to such other States, Territories, or Indian tribes with approved applications submitted under section 113 as the Corporation may determine to be appropriate.

“(d) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—For any fiscal year for which amounts appropriated for this part exceed \$43,000,000, the minimum allotment to each State (as defined in section 112(b)(2)) under this section shall be \$65,000.

“SEC. 113. APPLICATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive an allotment under section 112, a State, acting through the State educational agency, Territory, or Indian tribe shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.

“(b) CONTENTS.—An application for an allotment under this part shall include—

“(1) a proposal for a 3-year plan promoting service-learning, which shall contain such

information as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require, including how the applicant will integrate service opportunities into the academic program of the participants;

“(2) information about the criteria the State educational agency, Territory, or Indian tribe will use to evaluate and grant approval to applications submitted under subsection (c), including an assurance that the State educational agency, Territory, or Indian tribe will comply with the requirement in section 114(a);

“(3) information about the applicant's efforts to—

“(A) ensure that students of different ages, races, sexes, ethnic groups, disabilities, and economic backgrounds have opportunities to serve together;

“(B) include any opportunities for students enrolled in schools or other programs of education providing elementary or secondary education to participate in service-learning programs and ensure that such service-learning programs include opportunities for such students to serve together;

“(C) involve participants in the design and operation of the program;

“(D) promote service-learning in areas of greatest need, including low-income or rural areas; and

“(E) otherwise integrate service opportunities into the academic program of the participants; and

“(4) assurances that the applicant will comply with the nonduplication and non-displacement requirements of section 177 and the grievance procedures required by section 176.

“(C) APPLICATION TO STATE, TERRITORY, OR INDIAN TRIBE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any—

“(A) qualified organization, Indian tribe, Territory, local educational agency, for-profit business, private elementary, middle, or secondary school, or institution of higher education that desires to receive financial assistance under this subpart from a State, Territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in section 111(a)(1);

“(B) partnership described in section 111(a)(2) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, Territory, or Indian tribe or grantmaking entity described in section 111(a)(2);

“(C) entity described in section 111(a)(3) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, Territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in such section;

“(D) partnership described in section 111(a)(4) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, Territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in such section; and

“(E) agency or partnership described in section 118(c)(8) that desires to receive such assistance, or approved summer of service positions, from a State, Territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in such section to be carried out through a service-learning program described in section 111,

shall prepare, submit to the State educational agency, Territory, grantmaking entity, or Indian tribe, and obtain approval of, an application for the program.

“(2) SUBMISSION.—Such application shall be submitted at such time and in such manner, and shall contain such information, as the agency, Territory, Indian tribe, or entity may reasonably require.

“SEC. 114. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.

“(a) PRIORITY.—In considering competitive applications under this part, the Corporation shall give priority to innovation, sustainability, capacity building, involvement of disadvantaged youth, and quality of pro-

grams, as well as other criteria approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

“(b) REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS.—If the Corporation rejects an application submitted by a State, Territory, or Indian tribe under section 113 for an allotment, the Corporation shall promptly notify the State, Territory, or Indian tribe of the reasons for the rejection of the application. The Corporation shall provide the State, Territory, or Indian tribe with a reasonable opportunity to revise and resubmit the application and shall provide technical assistance, if needed, to the State, Territory, or Indian tribe as part of the resubmission process. The Corporation shall promptly reconsider such resubmitted application.

“SEC. 115. PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To the extent consistent with the number of students in the State, Territory, or Indian tribe or in the school district of the local educational agency involved who are enrolled in private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools, such State, Territory, Indian tribe, or agency shall (after consultation with appropriate private school representatives) make provision—

“(1) for the inclusion of services and arrangements for the benefit of such students so as to allow for the equitable participation of such students in the programs implemented to carry out the objectives and provide the benefits described in this part; and

“(2) for the training of the teachers of such students so as to allow for the equitable participation of such teachers in the programs implemented to carry out the objectives and provide the benefits described in this part.

“(b) WAIVER.—If a State, Territory, Indian tribe, or local educational agency is prohibited by law from providing for the participation of students or teachers from private nonprofit schools as required by subsection (a), or if the Corporation determines that a State, Territory, Indian tribe, or local educational agency substantially fails or is unwilling to provide for such participation on an equitable basis, the Chief Executive Officer shall waive such requirements and shall arrange for the provision of services to such students and teachers. Such waivers shall be subject to the requirements of sections 9503 and 9504 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7883 and 7884).

“SEC. 116. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

“(a) FEDERAL SHARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which assistance is provided under this part—

“(A) for new grants, may not exceed 80 percent of the total cost for the first year of the grant, 65 percent for the second year, and 50 percent for each remaining year; and

“(B) for continuing grants, may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program.

“(2) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of assistance under this part—

“(A) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(B) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.

“(b) WAIVER.—The Chief Executive Officer may waive the requirements of subsection (a) in whole or in part with respect to any such program for any fiscal year if the Corporation determines that such a waiver would be equitable due to a lack of available financial resources at the local level.

“SEC. 117. LIMITATIONS ON USES OF FUNDS.

“Not more than 6 percent of the amount of assistance received by an applicant in a fiscal year may be used to pay, in accordance with such standards as the Corporation may issue, for administrative costs, incurred by—

“(1) the original recipient; or

“(2) the entity carrying out the service-learning program supported with the assistance.”

SEC. 1202. HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS.

Section 119 (42 U.S.C. 12561) is redesignated as section 117 and amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting after “community service programs” the following: “through service-learning”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “combination” and inserting “consortia”;

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) may coordinate with service-learning curricula being offered in the academic curricula at the institution of higher education or at one or more members of the consortia;”;

(3) in subsection (b)(3)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “teachers at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels” and inserting “institutions of higher education and their faculty”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “education of the institution; and” and inserting “curricula of the institution to strengthen the instructional capacity of service-learning at the elementary and secondary levels;”;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (E); and

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) including service-learning as a key component of the health professionals curricula, including nursing, pre-medicine, medicine, and dentistry curricula of the institution;

“(C) including service-learning as a key component of the criminal justice professionals curricula of the institution;

“(D) including service-learning as a key component of the public policy and public administration curricula of the institution; and”;

(4) by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), and (g);

(5) by redesignating subsection (f) as (i); and

(6) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—To the extent practicable, the Corporation shall give special consideration to applications submitted by predominantly Black institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and community colleges serving predominantly minority populations.

“(d) FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which assistance is provided under this part may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program.

“(B) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

“(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated,

including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Chief Executive Officer may waive the requirements of paragraph (1) in whole or in part with respect to any such program for any fiscal year if the Corporation determines that such a waiver would be equitable due to a lack of available financial resources at the local level.

“(e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—

“(1) SUBMISSION.—To receive a grant or enter into a contract under this part, an applicant shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Corporation may reasonably require. In requesting applications for assistance under this part, the Corporation shall specify such required information and assurances.

“(2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted under paragraph (1) shall contain, at a minimum—

“(A) assurances that—

“(i) prior to the placement of a participant, the applicant will consult with the appropriate local labor organization, if any, representing employees in the area who are engaged in the same or similar work as that proposed to be carried out by such program, to prevent the displacement and protect the rights of such employees; and

“(ii) the applicant will comply with the nonduplication and nondisplacement provisions of section 177 and the grievance procedures required by section 176; and

“(B) such other assurances as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.

“(f) PRIORITY.—In making grants and entering into contracts under subsection (b), the Corporation shall give priority to applicants or institutions that submit applications containing proposals that—

“(1) demonstrate the commitment of the institution of higher education, other than by demonstrating the commitment of the students, to supporting the community service projects carried out under the program;

“(2) specify the manner in which the institution will promote faculty, administration, and staff participation in the community service projects;

“(3) specify the manner in which the institution will provide service to the community through organized programs, including, where appropriate, clinical programs for students in professional schools and colleges;

“(4) describe any partnership that will participate in the community service projects, such as a partnership comprised of—

“(A) the institution;

“(B)(i) a community-based agency;

“(ii) a local government agency; or

“(iii) a non-profit entity that serves or involves school-age youth, older adults, or low-income communities; and

“(C)(i) a student organization;

“(ii) a department of the institution; or

“(iii) a group of faculty comprised of different departments, schools, or colleges at the institution;

“(5) demonstrate community involvement in the development of the proposal;

“(6) describe research on effective strategies and methods to improve service utilized in the design of the project;

“(7) specify that the institution will use such assistance to strengthen the service infrastructure in institutions of higher education; or

“(8) with respect to projects involving delivery of services, specify projects that involve leadership development of school aged youth.

“(g) DEFINITION.—Notwithstanding section 101, as used in this part, the term ‘student’ means an individual who is enrolled in an institution of higher education on a full- or part-time basis.

“(h) FEDERAL WORK-STUDY.—To be eligible for assistance under this part, an institution of higher education must demonstrate that it meets the minimum requirements under section 443(b)(2)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2753(b)(2)(B)) relating to the participation of Federal Work-Study students in community service activities, or has received a waiver of those requirements from the Secretary of Education.”

SEC. 1203. INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH.

Subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is further amended by adding after part II the following new part:

“PART III—INNOVATIVE SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

“SEC. 118. INNOVATIVE DEMONSTRATION SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated to carry out this part for a fiscal year, the Corporation may make grants and fixed amount grants under subsection (f) with eligible entities for activities described in subsection (c).

“(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DEFINED.—For purposes of this part, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State education agency, a State commission, a Territory, an Indian tribe, an institution of higher education, or a public or private nonprofit organization (including grant-making entities), a public or private elementary or secondary school, a local educational agency, or a consortia of such entities, where a consortia of two or more such entities may also include a for-profit organization.

“(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Funds under this part may be used to—

“(1) integrate service-learning programs into the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curricula at the elementary, secondary, or post-secondary, and post-baccalaureate levels in coordination with practicing or retired STEM professionals;

“(2) involve students in service-learning programs focusing on energy conservation in their community, including conducting educational outreach on energy conservation and working to improve energy efficiency in low income housing and in public spaces;

“(3) involve students in service-learning projects in emergency and disaster preparedness;

“(4) involve students in service-learning projects aimed at improving access to and obtaining the benefits from computers and other emerging technologies, including in low income or rural communities, in senior centers and communities, in schools, in libraries, and in other public spaces;

“(5) involve high school age youth in the mentoring of middle school youth while involving all participants in service-learning to seek to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, public safety, or emergency disaster preparedness needs in their community;

“(6) conduct research and evaluations on service-learning, including service-learning in middle schools, and disseminate such research and evaluations widely;

“(7) conduct innovative and creative activities as described in section 111(a);

“(8) establish or implement summer of service programs during the summer months, including the cost of recruitment, training, and placement of service-learning coordinators—

“(A) for youth who will be enrolled in any grade from grade 6 through grade 12 at the end of the summer concerned;

“(B) for community-based service-learning projects that—

“(i) shall—

“(I) meet unmet human, educational, environmental (including energy conservation and stewardship), emergency and disaster preparedness, and public service needs; and

“(II) be intensive, structured, supervised, and designed to produce identifiable improvements to the community; and

“(ii) may include the extension of academic year service-learning programs into the summer months;

“(C) under which any student who completes 100 hours of service in an approved summer of service position, as certified through a process determined by the Corporation through regulations consistent with section 138(f), shall be eligible for a summer of service educational award of not more than \$500 (or, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, not more than \$1,000 in the case of a participant who is economically disadvantaged) from funds deposited in the National Service Trust and distributed by the Corporation as described in section 148; and

“(D) subject to the limitation that a student may not receive more than 2 summer of service educational awards from funds deposited in the National Service Trust; and

“(9) carry out any other innovative service-learning programs or research that the Corporation considers appropriate.

“(d) PRIORITY.—Priority shall be given to programs that—

“(1) involve students and community stakeholders in the design and implementation of the service-learning program;

“(2) implement service-learning programs in low-income or rural communities; and

“(3) utilize adult volunteers, including tapping the resource of retired and retiring adults, in the planning and implementation of the service-learning programs.

“(e) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) THREE-YEAR TERM.—Each program funded under this part shall be carried out over a period of three years, including one planning year and two additional grant years, with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(a) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

“(2) COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED.—Each program funded under this part is encouraged to collaborate with other Learn and Serve programs, AmeriCorps, VISTA, and the National Senior Service Corps.

“(3) EVALUATION.—Upon completion of the program, the Corporation shall conduct an independent evaluation of the program and widely disseminate the results to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation’s Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies and recommendations for improvement.

“(f) FIXED AMOUNT GRANTS.—

“(1) GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a), and subject to the limitations in this subsection, the Corporation may, upon making a determination described in paragraph (2), approve a fixed amount grant that is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget cost principles and related financial recordkeeping requirements.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—Before approving a fixed amount grant, the Corporation must determine that—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out the terms of the grant significantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by the Corporation; or

“(B) based on the nature or design of the grant, any assistance provided by the Corporation can be reasonably presumed to be expended on reasonable and necessary costs.

“(3) MATCHING FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made under this part may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the program in the first year of the grant and 50 percent of the total cost of the program in the remaining years of the grant, including if the grant is extended for a fourth year.

“(B) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

“(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.

“(g) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to carry out a program under this part, an entity shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.”

**Subtitle C—Amendments to Subtitle C
(National Service Trust Program)**

SEC. 1301. PROHIBITION ON GRANTS TO FEDERAL AGENCIES; LIMITS ON CORPORATION COSTS.

Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 12571) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting after “subdivisions of States,” the following: “Territories.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES” and inserting “RESTRICTIONS ON AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES”;

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking “by the agency.” and inserting “by the agency, including programs under the Public Lands Corps and Urban Youth Corps as described in section 122(a)(2).”;

(ii) by striking the second sentence;

(C) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) PROHIBITION ON GRANTS.—The Corporation may not provide a grant under this section to a Federal agency.”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “receiving assistance under this subsection” and inserting “operating a national service program”; and

(ii) by striking “using such assistance”;

(3) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by striking “to be provided” and inserting “to be provided or otherwise approved”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “FIVE” and inserting “SIX”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “5 percent” and inserting “6 percent”;

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “section 140” and inserting “paragraph (2)”;

(ii) by striking “Federal share of the cost” and inserting “Corporation share of the cost, including member living allowances, employment-related taxes, health care coverage, and worker’s compensation and other necessary operation costs.”;

(iii) by striking “may not exceed 75 percent of such cost.” and inserting “may not exceed—”;

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(A) for the first three years in which the recipient receives such assistance, 76 percent of such cost;

“(B) for the fourth through ninth years in which the recipient receives such assistance, a decreasing share of such cost between 76 percent and 50 percent, as established by the Corporation in regulation; and

“(C) for the tenth year (and each year thereafter) in which the recipient receives such assistance, 50 percent of such cost.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) ALTERNATIVE CORPORATION SHARE FOR PROGRAMS IN RURAL OR SEVERELY ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.—Upon approval by the Corporation, the Corporation share of the cost, including member living allowances, employment-related taxes, health care coverage, and worker’s compensation, of carrying out a national service program that receives assistance under subsection (a) and that is located in a rural or severely economically distressed community may not exceed—

“(A) for the first six years in which the recipient receives such assistance, 76 percent of such cost;

“(B) for the seventh through ninth years in which the recipient receives such assistance, a decreasing share of such cost between 76 and 65 percent as established by the Corporation in regulation; and

“(C) for the tenth year (and each year thereafter) in which the recipient receives such assistance, 65 percent of such cost.”;

(E) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), in subparagraph (B), by inserting after “other Federal sources” the following: “including funds authorized under Youthbuild (section 173A of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918a))”; and

(F) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.—

“(A) RECIPIENT REPORT.—A recipient of assistance under section 121 shall report to the Corporation the amount and source of any Federal funds used to carry out the program other than those provided by the Corporation.

“(B) CORPORATION REPORT.—The Corporation shall report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate on an annual basis information regarding each recipient that uses Federal funds other than those provided by the Corporation to carry out the program, including amounts and sources of other Federal funds.”

SEC. 1302. E-CORPS AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TYPES OF PROGRAMS.

Section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (b)(1)” and inserting “subsection (c)(1)”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “including” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting “including projects involving urban renewal, sustaining natural resources, or improving human services.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “including” and inserting “and at least 50 percent of whom are”;

(iii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by inserting “, including mentoring” before the semicolon;

(C) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; or”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) students participating in service-learning programs at an institution of higher education.”;

(D) in paragraph (7)(A), by inserting “, including elementary and secondary education, and other professions such as those in health care, criminal justice, environmental stewardship and conservation, or public safety” before the semicolon;

(E) in paragraph (8)(C), by striking “non-profit”;

(F) in paragraph (9), by striking “between the ages of 16 and 24” and inserting “between the ages of 16 and 25”;

(G) in paragraph (10), by striking “gifted young adults” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “school-age youth and young adults of all backgrounds, including gifted youth, along with established successful entrepreneurs of all backgrounds and professions from the community in which the program exists to—

“(A) train the participants in utilizing problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and communication skills to design solutions to community problems; and

“(B) collaborate with stakeholders in the communities to implement the solutions devised by the participants in subparagraph (A).”;

(H) in paragraph (12)(A), by striking “learning and recreation” and inserting “learning, recreation, and mentoring”;

(I) in paragraph (13), by striking “and to combat rural poverty, including” and inserting “, including the issues of rural poverty.”;

(J) by redesignating paragraph (15) as paragraph (19); and

(K) by inserting after paragraph (14) the following:

“(15) An E-Corps program that involves participants who provide services in a community by developing and assisting in carrying out technology programs which seek to increase access to technology and the benefits thereof in such community.

“(16) A program that engages citizens in public safety, public health, and emergency and disaster preparedness, and may include the recruitment and placing of qualified participants in positions to be trainees as law enforcement officers, firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical service workers, and may engage Federal, State, and local stakeholders in collaboration to organize more effective responses to issues of public safety and public health, emergencies, and disasters.

“(17) A program, initiative, or partnership that seeks to expand the number of mentors for youths (including by recruiting high-school and college-aged individuals to enter into mentoring relationships), including mentors for disadvantaged youths, either through provision of direct mentoring services, provision of supportive services to direct mentoring service organizations (in the case of a partnership), or through the creative utilization of current and emerging technologies to connect youth with mentors.

“(18) A program that has the primary purpose of re-engaging court-involved youth and adults with the goal of reducing recidivism.”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From funds appropriated under section 501(a)(2), the Corporation shall reserve up to 3 percent for competitive grants to eligible recipients under subsection (a) for the development, either directly or through subgrants to other entities, of innovative initiatives to address the unique needs of veterans.

“(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity described in paragraph (1) shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

“(3) ACTIVITIES.—Entities receiving grants under this subsection shall use funds to develop initiatives that—

“(A) recruit veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities;

“(B) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a member of the family is deployed; and

“(C) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families when a member of the family returns from a deployment.”;

(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in paragraph (4), by inserting after “out-of-school youths,” the following: “disadvantaged youths.”;

(5) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subsection (b) or (d) of”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) PRIORITY FOR VETERANS.—Priorities established under subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall include priorities for programs that—

“(i) recruit veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities;

“(ii) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a member of the family is deployed; and

“(iii) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families when a member of the family returns from a deployment.”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) REQUIREMENTS FOR TUTORS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Corporation shall require that each recipient of assistance under the national service laws that operates a tutoring program involving elementary or secondary school students certifies that individuals serving in approved national service positions as tutors in such program have—

“(A) either—

“(i) obtained their high school diploma; or

“(ii) passed a proficiency test demonstrating that such individuals have the skills necessary to achieve program goals; and

“(B) have successfully completed pre- and in-service training for tutors.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements in paragraph (1) do not apply to an individual serving in an approved national service position who is enrolled in an elementary or secondary school and is providing tutoring services through a structured, school-managed cross-grade tutoring program.

“(f) REQUIREMENTS FOR TUTORING PROGRAMS.—Each tutoring program that receives assistance under the national service laws shall—

“(1) offer a curriculum that is high quality, research-based, and consistent with the State academic content standards required by section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311) and the instructional program of the local educational agency; and

“(2) offer high quality, research-based pre- and in-service training for tutors.

“(g) CITIZENSHIP TRAINING.—The Corporation shall establish requirements for recipients of assistance under the national service laws relating to the promotion of citizenship and civic engagement, that are consistent with the principles on which citizenship programs administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are based, among indi-

viduals enrolled in approved national service positions and approved summer of service positions.”.

SEC. 1303. TYPES OF POSITIONS.

Section 123 (42 U.S.C. 12573) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A) by inserting after “subdivision of a State,” the following: “a Territory.”; and

(2) in paragraph (5) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”.

SEC. 1304. CONFORMING REPEAL RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 125 (42 U.S.C. 1257) is repealed.

SEC. 1305. ASSISTANCE TO STATE COMMISSIONS; CHALLENGE GRANTS.

Section 126 (42 U.S.C. 12576) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$125,000 and \$750,000” and inserting “\$200,000 and \$825,000”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—In making grants to a State under this subsection, the Corporation shall require the State to provide matching funds of \$1 from non-Federal sources for every \$1 provided by the Corporation.

“(3) ALTERNATIVE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Chief Executive Officer may permit a State that demonstrates hardship or a new State Commission to use an alternative match as follows:

“(A) FIRST \$100,000.—For the first \$100,000 of grant amounts provided by the Corporation, a State shall not be required to provide matching funds.

“(B) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN \$100,000.—For grant amounts of more than \$100,000 and not exceeding \$200,000 provided by the Corporation, a State shall provide \$1 from non-Federal sources for every \$2 provided by the Corporation.

“(C) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN \$200,000.—For grant amounts of more than \$200,000 provided by the Corporation, a State shall provide \$1 from non-Federal sources for every \$1 provided by the Corporation.”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to national service programs that receive assistance under section 121” and inserting “to programs supported under the national service laws”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—A challenge grant under this subsection may provide, for an initial 3-year grant period, not more than \$1 of assistance under this subsection for each \$1 in cash raised from private sources by the program supported under the national service laws in excess of amounts required to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. After an initial 3-year grant period, grants under this subsection may provide not more than \$1 of assistance for each \$2 in cash raised from private sources by the program in excess of amounts required to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. The Corporation may permit the use of local or State funds as matching funds if the Corporation determines that such use would be equitable due to a lack of available private funds at the local level. The Corporation shall establish a ceiling on the amount of assistance that may be provided to a national service program under this subsection.”.

SEC. 1306. ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.

Section 129 (42 U.S.C. 12581) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 129. PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE AND APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.

“(a) 1-PERCENT ALLOTMENT FOR CERTAIN TERRITORIES.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 1 percent for grants to the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands upon approval by the Corporation of an application submitted under section 130. The amount allotted as a grant to each such Territory under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to 1 percent of the allocated funds for that fiscal year as the population of the Territory bears to the total population of such Territories.

“(b) ALLOTMENT FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve at least 1 percent for grants to Indian tribes, to be allotted by the Corporation on a competitive basis.

“(c) ALLOTMENT FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year and subject to section 133(d)(3), the Corporation shall reserve up to 62.7 percent for grants awarded on a competitive basis to States for national service programs and to nonprofit organizations seeking to operate a national service program in 2 or more States.

“(d) ALLOTMENT TO CERTAIN STATES ON FORMULA BASIS.—

“(1) GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under subsection (a) of section 121 for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make a grant to each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that submits an application under section 130 that is approved by the Corporation.

“(2) ALLOTMENTS.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to 35.3 percent of the allocated funds for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in compliance with paragraph (3).

“(3) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the minimum grant made available to each State approved by the Corporation under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year must be at least \$600,000, or 0.5 percent of the amount allocated for the State formula under this section, whichever is greater.

“(e) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPLY.—If a State or Territory fails to apply for, or fails to give notice to the Corporation of its intent to apply for an allotment under this section, or the Corporation does not approve the application consistent with section 133, the Corporation may use the amount that would have been allotted under this section to the State or Territory to—

“(1) make grants (and provide approved national service positions in connection with such grants) to other grantmaking entities under section 121 that propose to carry out national service programs in such State or Territory; and

“(2) make a reallocation to other States or Territories with approved applications submitted under section 130, to the extent grant-making entities do not apply as described in paragraph (1).

“(f) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—The allotment of assistance and approved national service positions to a recipient under this section shall be made by the Corporation

only pursuant to an application submitted by a State or other applicant under section 130.

“(g) APPROVAL OF POSITIONS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS.—The Corporation may not approve positions as approved national service positions under this subtitle for a fiscal year in excess of the number of such positions for which the Corporation has sufficient available funds in the National Service Trust for that fiscal year, taking into consideration funding needs for national service educational awards under subtitle D based on completed service. If appropriations are insufficient to provide the maximum allowable national service educational awards under subtitle D for all eligible participants, the Corporation is authorized to make necessary and reasonable adjustments to program rules.

“(h) SPONSORSHIP OF APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.—

“(1) SPONSORSHIP AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation may enter into agreements with persons or entities who offer to sponsor national service positions for which the person or entity will be responsible for supplying the funds necessary to provide a national service educational award. The distribution of these approved national service positions shall be made pursuant to the agreement, and the creation of these positions shall not be taken into consideration in determining the number of approved national service positions to be available for distribution under this section.

“(2) DEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTION.—Funds provided pursuant to an agreement under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the National Service Trust established in section 145 until such time as the funds are needed.

“(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 501(a)(2) and subject to the limitation in such section, the Corporation may reserve such amount as the Corporation considers to be appropriate for the purpose of making assistance available under section 126.

“(j) RESERVATION OF FUNDS TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 501(a)(2) and subject to the limitation in such section, the Chief Executive Officer shall reserve an amount that is not less than 1 percent of such amount (except that the amount reserved may not exceed \$10,000,000), in order to make grants to public or private nonprofit organizations to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in national service and for demonstration activities in furtherance of this purpose.”

SEC. 1307. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.

Part II of subtitle C of title I is amended by inserting after section 129 (42 U.S.C. 12581) the following:

“SEC. 129A. EDUCATION AWARDS ONLY PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year to provide financial assistance under this subtitle and consistent with the restriction in subsection (b), the Corporation may, through fixed amount grants under subsection (d), provide operational assistance to programs that receive approved national service positions but do not receive funds under section 121(a).

“(b) LIMIT ON CORPORATION GRANT FUNDS.—Operational support under this section may not exceed \$600 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position and may reach \$800 per individual if the program supports at least 50 percent disadvantaged youth.

“(c) INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—The following provisions shall not apply to programs funded under this section:

“(1) The limitation on administrative costs under section 121(d).

“(2) The matching funds requirements under section 121(e).

“(3) The living allowance and other benefits under sections 131(e) and section 140 (other than individualized support services for disabled members under section 140(f)).

“(d) FIXED AMOUNT GRANTS.—

“(1) GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a), and subject to the limitations in this subsection, the Corporation may, upon making a determination described in paragraph (2), approve a fixed amount grant that is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget cost principles and related financial recordkeeping requirements.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—Before approving a fixed amount grant, the Corporation must determine that—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out the terms of the grant significantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by the Corporation; or

“(B) based on the nature or design of the grant, any assistance provided by the Corporation can be reasonably presumed to be expended on reasonable and necessary costs.

“SEC. 129B. PILOT AUTHORITY FOR MEMBER-SELECTED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under this subtitle and consistent with the restriction in subsection (b), the Corporation may provide fixed amount grants on a competitive basis to up to 10 State Commissions to support member-selected approved national service positions.

“(2) LIMITATION.—The Corporation shall award grants under paragraph (1) to support not more than 500 approved national service positions among the participating States.

“(b) LIMITS ON CORPORATION GRANT FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants awarded under subsection (a)(1) shall not exceed \$600 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position under this section.

“(2) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants received by State Commissions under subsection (a)(1)—

“(A) shall not be distributed to organizations receiving participants with approved national service positions under this section; and

“(B) may—

“(i) be used for oversight activities and mechanisms for the service sites as determined by the State Commission or the Corporation, which may include site visits;

“(ii) be used for activities to augment the experience of AmeriCorps participants in approved national service positions under this section, including activities to engage such participants in networking opportunities with other AmeriCorps participants; and

“(iii) be used for recruitment or training activities for participants in approved national service positions under this section.

“(c) STATE COMMISSION APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission desiring to receive a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation shall determine appropriate.

“(2) APPROVAL.—The Corporation shall approve each application under paragraph (1) in accordance with section 130(d).

“(d) SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.—

“(1) APPLICANTS.—Participants desiring to receive an approved national service position under this section shall submit an applica-

tion to the State Commission at such time and in such manner as the State Commission determines appropriate. The application shall contain—

“(A) a position description that includes—

“(i) the unmet human, educational, public safety, or environmental need or needs that will be met by the participant; and

“(ii) a description of the activities and responsibilities that will be carried out by the participant;

“(B) a description of the organization operating the service site where the applicant intends to complete the service described in subparagraph (A);

“(C) a description of the support that will be provided by the organization to the participant to complete the activities described in subparagraph (A);

“(D) the evidence of community support for the activities described in subparagraph (A);

“(E) a certification from the organization operating the service site that the organization is accepting the participant to perform the service outlined in subparagraph (A);

“(F) a certification from the organization operating the service site that the organization satisfies qualification criteria established by the Corporation or the State Commission, including standards relating to organizational capacity, financial management, and programmatic oversight; and

“(G) any other information that the Corporation and the State Commission deems necessary.

“(2) RESIDENCY.—A participant may apply for approved national service positions under this section in States other than the State in which the participant resides.

“(e) ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Corporation and the State Commissions shall ensure that the organizations receiving participants with approved national service positions under this section—

“(1) maintain not more than 5 full-time staff and not more than 5 part-time staff;

“(2) are not duplicating service provided by an existing AmeriCorps grantee in the same community;

“(3) are located in a community where no intermediary AmeriCorps grants recipient is operating; and

“(4) have not applied to receive assistance under this subtitle.

“(f) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an organization receiving a participant with an approved national service position under this section fails to comply with terms and conditions established by the State Commission and the Corporation—

“(1) the organization shall not be eligible to receive such a participant, or receive an AmeriCorps grant under section 121, for not less than 5 years; and

“(2) the State Commission shall have the right to remove such a participant from the organization and relocate that individual to another site.

“(g) RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—An organization that receives participants with approved national service positions under this section shall not be considered a recipient of Federal financial assistance based on receiving such participants.

“(h) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of this section, the term ‘intermediary AmeriCorps grants recipient’ means any organization that serves as a conduit between the Corporation and other unaffiliated organizations operating service sites.”

SEC. 1308. STATE SELECTION OF PROGRAMS.

Section 130 (42 U.S.C. 12582) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting after “State,” the following: “Territory,”; and

(B) by striking “institution of higher education, or Federal agency” and inserting “or institution of higher education”;

(2) in subsection (b)(9) by striking “section 122(c)” and inserting “section 122(d)”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “jobs or positions” and inserting “proposed positions”; and

(ii) by striking “, including” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting a period;

(B) in paragraph (2) by inserting “proposed” before “minimum”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) In the case of a nonprofit organization operating programs in 2 or more States, a description of the manner and extent to which the State Commissions of each State in which the nonprofit organization intends to operate were consulted and the nature of the consultation.”;

(4) in subsection (e)(2) by striking “were selected” and inserting “were or will be selected”;

(5) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “a program applicant” and inserting “an applicant”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the heading, by striking “PROGRAM APPLICANT” and inserting “APPLICANT”;

(ii) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “program applicant” and inserting “applicant”;

(iii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting after “subdivision of a State,” the following: “Territory.”; and

(II) by striking “institution of higher education, or Federal agency” and inserting “or institution of higher education”; and

(iv) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by inserting after “subdivision of a State,” the following: “Territory.”; and

(II) by striking “institution of higher education, or Federal agency” and inserting “or institution of higher education”; and

(6) in subsection (g), by striking the period and inserting “or is already receiving financial assistance from the Corporation.”.

SEC. 1308A. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Section 131(c)(3) (42 U.S.C. 12583(c)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) in the case of a program that is not funded through a State, including programs operated by nonprofit organizations seeking to operate a national service program in 2 or more States—

“(A) consult with and coordinate with the State Commission for the State in which the program operates; and

“(B) obtain written confirmation from the State Commission that the applicant seeking assistance under this Act has consulted with and coordinated with the State Commission when seeking to operate a program in that State.”.

SEC. 1309. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.

Section 133 (42 U.S.C. 12585) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(6), insert after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) Areas that have a mortgage foreclosure rate greater than the national average mortgage foreclosure rate for the most recent 12 months for which satisfactory data are available.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking “jobs or”;

(3) in subsection (c), by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (9) and inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) The extent to which the program generates the involvement of volunteers.”;

(4) in subsection (d), in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), strike “the Corporation may include—” and insert “the Corporation—”; and

(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (G) and inserting the following:

“(A) shall include national service programs that—

“(i) recruit veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities;

“(ii) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a member of the family is deployed; and

“(iii) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families when a member of the family returns from a deployment; and

“(B) may include—

“(i) national service programs that conform to the national service priorities in effect under section 122(d);

“(ii) innovative national service programs;

“(iii) national service programs that are well established in one or more States at the time of the application and are proposed to be expanded to additional States using assistance provided under section 121;

“(iv) grant programs in support of other national service programs if the grant programs are to be conducted by nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated and extensive expertise in the provision of services to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs; and

“(v) professional corps programs described in section 122(a)(8).”;

(5) by amending subsection (d)(3) to read as follows:

“(3) ADDITIONAL PRIORITY.—In making a competitive distribution under section 129(c), the Corporation—

“(A) shall solicit and consider the view of a State Commission regarding any application for assistance to operate a national service program within the State; and

“(B) may give priority to a national service program that is—

“(i) proposed in an application submitted by a State Commission; and

“(ii) not one of the types proposed in paragraph (2),

if the State Commission provides an adequate explanation of the reasons why it should not be a priority of such State to carry out any of such types of programs in the State.”.

SEC. 1310. DESCRIPTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

Section 137 (42 U.S.C. 12591) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (3); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph (4)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “between the ages of 16 and 25” and inserting “a 16-year-old out of school youth or an individual between the ages of 17 and 25”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “(a)(5)” and inserting “(a)(4)”.

SEC. 1311. SELECTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.

Section 138 (42 U.S.C. 12592) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking “conducted by the State” and all that follows through “or other entity” and inserting “conducted by the entity”; and

(2) in subsection (e)(2)(C) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, particularly those who were considered at the time of their service disadvantaged youth”.

SEC. 1312. TERMS OF SERVICE.

Section 139 (42 U.S.C. 12593) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “not less than 9 months and”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “during a period of—” and all that follows through

the period at the end and inserting “during a period of not more than 2 years.”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “as demonstrated by the participant” and inserting “as determined by the organization responsible for granting a release, if the participant has otherwise performed satisfactorily and has completed at least 15 percent of the original term of service”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “provide to the participant that portion of the national service educational award” and inserting “certify the participant’s eligibility for that portion of the national service educational award”; and

(C) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “to allow return to the program with which the individual was serving in order”.

SEC. 1313. ADJUSTMENTS TO LIVING ALLOWANCE.

Section 140 (42 U.S.C. 12594) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as (2);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(3) FEDERAL WORK-STUDY STUDENTS.—The living allowance that may be provided to an individual whose term of service includes hours for which the individual receives Federal work study wages shall be reduced by the amount of the individual’s Federal work study award.”; and

(E) in paragraph (4), by striking “a reduced term of service under section 139(b)(3)” and inserting “a term of service that is less than 12 months”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “shall include an amount sufficient to cover 85 percent of such taxes” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “may be used to pay such taxes.”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by adding “and” at the end;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as (2);

(4) in subsection (d)(1), by striking the second sentence; and

(5) by striking subsections (g) and (h).

Subtitle D—Amendments to Subtitle D (National Service Trust and Provision of National Service Educational Awards)

SEC. 1401. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.

Section 145 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “section 148(e)” and inserting “section 148(f)”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “pursuant to section 196(a)(2)” and inserting “pursuant to section 196(a)(2), if the terms of such donations direct that they be deposited in the National Service Trust”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “for payments of national service educational awards in accordance with section 148.” and inserting “for—

“(1) payments of summer of service educational awards and national service educational awards in accordance with section 148; and

“(2) payments of interest in accordance with section 148(f).”.

SEC. 1402. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARD FROM THE TRUST.

Section 146 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “if the individual” and inserting

“if the organization responsible for an individual’s supervision certifies that the individual”;

(B) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the following:

“(1) met the applicable eligibility requirements for the position; and

“(2)(A) successfully completed the required term of service described in subsection (b) in an approved national service position; or

“(B)(i) satisfactorily performed prior to being granted a release for compelling personal circumstances under section 139(c); and

“(ii) served at least 15 percent of the required term of service described in subsection (b); and”;

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3);

(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(C) LIMITATION ON RECEIPT OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—An individual may not receive, in national service educational awards, more than an amount equal to the aggregate value of 2 such awards for full-time service. The aggregate value of summer of service educational awards that an individual receives shall have no effect on the aggregate value of national service educational awards the individual may receive.”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “or a summer of service educational award”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), and in subparagraph (A), by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “or a summer of service educational award”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A) by striking “or” at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (B) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) in the case of a summer of service educational award, is enrolled at an eligible institution of higher education under section 148(c) or an educational institution described under section 148(a)(4) and failed to expend the full amount of that award during the original 7-year period.”;

(4) in subsection (e)(1)—

(A) by inserting after “qualifying under this section” the following: “or under section 118(c)(8)”;

(B) by inserting after “to receive a national service educational award” the following: “or a summer of service educational award”.

SEC. 1403. DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “a value, for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service, equal to 90 percent of—” and inserting “a value of—”; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) \$4,825, for fiscal year 2008;

“(2) \$4,925, for fiscal year 2009;

“(3) \$5,025, for fiscal year 2010;

“(4) \$5,125, for fiscal year 2011; and

“(5) \$5,225, for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service” the following: “in the period of one year”.

SEC. 1404. DISBURSEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

Section 148 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “cost of attendance” and inserting “cost of attendance or other educational expenses”;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”;

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) to pay expenses incurred in enrolling in an educational institution or training establishment that meets the requirements of chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code (38 U.S.C. 3451 et seq.);

“(5) for a recipient of a summer of service educational award under section 118(c)(8)(C), to pay expenses incurred in enrolling in a college preparatory program in accordance with subsection (e); and”;

(E) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated) by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (f)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1) by inserting after “the national service educational award of the individual” the following: “, or an eligible individual under section 118(c)(8) who received a summer of service educational award for a project that began after the individual completed grade 10 and desires to apply that summer of service educational award,”;

(3) in subsection (b)(2) by inserting after “the national service educational award” the following: “or the summer of service educational award, as applicable,”;

(4) in subsection (b)(5) by inserting after “the national service educational award” the following: “or the summer of service educational award, as applicable”;

(5) in subsection (b)(7)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “, other than a loan to a parent of a student pursuant to section 428B of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1078–2); and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) any loan (other than a loan described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) determined by an institution of higher education to be necessary to cover a student’s educational expenses and made, insured, or guaranteed by—

“(i) an eligible lender, as defined in section 435 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1085);

“(ii) the direct student loan program under part D of title IV of such Act;

“(iii) a State agency; or

“(iv) a lender otherwise determined by the Corporation to be eligible to receive disbursements from the National Service Trust.”;

(6) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “, or an eligible individual under section 118(c)(8) who desires to apply the individual’s summer of service educational award,”;

(7) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “or summer of service educational award, as applicable,”;

(8) in subsection (c)(2)(C)(iii), by inserting after “national service educational awards received under this subtitle” the following: “or summer of service educational awards received under section 118(c)(8)”;

(9) in subsection (c)(3), by inserting after “national service educational awards” the following: “and summer of service educational awards”;

(10) in subsection (c)(5)—

(A) by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “, or summer of service educational award, as applicable,”; and

(B) by inserting after “additional” the following: “summer of service educational awards and additional”;

(11) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting after “national service educational award” the following: “and summer of service educational award”;

(12) in subsection (d), by inserting after “national service educational awards” the following: “and summer of service educational awards”;

(13) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and (g) as (f), (g), and (h), respectively;

(14) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) USE OF SUMMER OF SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARD TO PAY COLLEGE PREPARATORY EXPENSES.—

“(1) APPLICATION OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An eligible individual under section 118(c)(8), or the parents or legal guardian of such an individual, who desires to apply the summer of service educational award of the individual to the payment of expenses incurred in enrolling in a college preparatory program shall, on a form prescribed by the Corporation, submit an application to the college preparatory program in which the individual will be enrolled that contains such information as the Corporation may require to verify the individual’s eligibility.

“(2) SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT BY PROGRAM.—A college preparatory program that receives one or more applications under paragraph (1) shall submit to the Corporation a statement, in a manner prescribed by the Corporation, that—

“(A) identifies each eligible individual filing an application under paragraph (1) for a disbursement of the individual’s summer of service educational award under this subsection;

“(B) specifies the amounts for which such eligible individuals are qualified for disbursement; and

“(C) certifies that—

“(i) the college preparatory program is operated by a for-profit or non-profit organization with a track record of success in implementing college preparatory programs that collaborate with local educational agencies and adequately prepare secondary school students for admission to an institution of higher education without need for remediation;

“(ii) the college preparatory program has been in existence for at least one year prior to an eligible individual’s submission of the application under paragraph (1); and

“(iii) individuals using summer of service educational awards received under section 118(c)(8) to pay the cost of enrolling in the college preparatory program do not comprise more than 15 percent of the total number of individuals enrolled in the program; and

“(D) contains such provisions concerning financial compliance and program quality as the Corporation may require.

“(3) DISBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Upon receipt of a statement from a college preparatory program that complies with paragraph (2), the Corporation shall, subject to paragraph (4), disburse the total amount of the summer of service educational awards for which eligible individuals who have submitted applications to that program under paragraph (1) are scheduled to receive. Such disbursement shall be made by check or other means that is payable to the program and requires the endorsement or other certification by the eligible individual.

“(4) MULTIPLE DISBURSEMENTS.—The total amount required to be disbursed to a college preparatory program under paragraph (3) for any period of enrollment may be disbursed by the Corporation in two or more installments consistent with appropriate divisions of such period of enrollment.

“(5) REFUND RULES.—The Corporation shall, by regulation, provide for the refund to the Corporation (and the crediting to the summer of service educational award of an eligible individual) of amounts disbursed to programs for the benefit of eligible individuals who withdraw or otherwise fail to complete the period of enrollment for which the assistance was provided. Amounts refunded to the Trust pursuant to this paragraph may be used by the Corporation to fund additional approved summer of service positions under section 118(c)(8).

“(6) MAXIMUM AWARD.—The portion of an eligible individual’s total available summer of service educational award that may be disbursed under this subsection for any period of enrollment shall not exceed the cost of attendance.”;

(15) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), by striking “subsection (b)(6)” and inserting “subsection (b)(7)”; and

(16) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by striking “Director” and inserting “Chief Executive Officer”.

SEC. 1405. PROCESS OF APPROVAL OF NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title I (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following new section: “**SEC. 149. PROCESS OF APPROVAL OF NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.**

“(a) TIMING AND RECORDING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subtitles C and D, and any other provision of law, in approving a position as an approved national service position, the Corporation—

“(A) shall approve the position at the time the Corporation—

“(i) enters into an enforceable agreement with an individual participant to serve in a program carried out under subtitle E of title I of this Act or under title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.), or a summer of service educational award; or

“(ii) except as provided in clause (i), awards a grant to (or enters into a contract or cooperative agreement with) an entity to carry out a program for which such a position is approved under section 123; and

“(B) shall record as an obligation an estimate of the net present value of the national service educational award associated with the position, based on a formula that takes into consideration historical rates of enrollment in such a program, and of earning and using national service educational awards for such a program and remain available.

“(2) FORMULA.—In determining the formula described in paragraph (1)(B), the Corporation shall consult with the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

“(3) CERTIFICATION REPORT.—The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall annually prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains a certification that the Corporation is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1).

“(4) APPROVAL.—The requirements of this subsection shall apply to each approved national service position that the Corporation approves—

“(A) during fiscal year 2008; and

“(B) during any subsequent fiscal year.

“(b) RESERVE ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTENTS.—

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Notwithstanding subtitles C and D, and any other provision of law, within the National Service Trust established under section 145, the Corporation shall establish a reserve account.

“(B) CONTENTS.—To ensure the availability of adequate funds to support the awards of

approved national service positions for each fiscal year, the Corporation shall place in the account—

“(i) during fiscal year 2008, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for fiscal year 2008 or a previous fiscal year under section 501(a)(2), were made available to carry out subtitle C, D, or E of this title, subtitle A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or summer of service under section 118(c)(8), and remain available; and

“(ii) during fiscal year 2009 or a subsequent fiscal year, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for that fiscal year under section 501(a)(2) and were made available to carry out subtitle C, D, or E of this title, subtitle A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or summer of service under section 111(a)(5), and remain available.

“(2) OBLIGATION.—The Corporation shall not obligate the funds in the reserve account until the Corporation—

“(A) determines that the funds will not be needed for the payment of national service educational awards associated with previously approved national service positions and summer of service educational awards; or

“(B) obligates the funds for the payment of national service educational awards for such previously approved national service positions or summer of service educational awards, as applicable.

“(c) AUDITS.—The accounts of the Corporation relating to the appropriated funds for approved national service positions, and the records demonstrating the manner in which the Corporation has recorded estimates described in subsection (a)(1)(B) as obligations, shall be audited annually by independent certified public accountants or independent licensed public accountants certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. A report containing the results of each such independent audit shall be included in the annual report required by subsection (a)(3).

“(d) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all amounts included in the National Service Trust under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 145(a) shall be available for payments of national service educational awards or summer of service educational awards under section 148.”.

(b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2 of the Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act (Public Law 108-145; 117 Stat. 844; 42 U.S.C. 12605) is repealed.

SEC. 1406. REPORT ON VETERANS SERVING IN APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.

Subtitle D of title I (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“**SEC. 150. REPORT ON VETERANS SERVING IN APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall report annually to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate the number and percentage of veterans serving in approved national service positions.

“(b) ANNUAL GOALS.—In the report described in subsection (a), the Corporation shall outline strategies and goals for increasing the number and percentage of veterans serving in approved national service positions each year, including strategies being undertaken to recruit veterans to serve in such positions, and include an evaluation of progress in meeting such goals.”.

Subtitle E—Amendments to Subtitle E (National Civilian Community Corps)

SEC. 1501. PURPOSE.

Section 151 (42 U.S.C. 12611) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 151. PURPOSE.**

“It is the purpose of this subtitle to authorize the operation of, and support for, residential and other service programs that combine the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service, including leadership and team building, to meet national and community needs. Such needs to be met under such programs include those related to—

“(1) natural and other disasters;

“(2) infrastructure improvement;

“(3) environmental stewardship and conservation;

“(4) energy conservation; and

“(5) urban and rural development.”.

SEC. 1502. PROGRAM COMPONENTS.

Section 152 (42 U.S.C. 12612) is amended—

(1) by amending the section heading to read as follows:

“**SEC. 152. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM.**

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”;

(B) by striking “a Civilian Community Corps” and inserting “a National Civilian Community Corps”;

(4) in the heading of subsection (c), by striking “PROGRAMS” and inserting “COMPONENTS”;

(5) in subsection (c), by striking “program components are residential programs” and all that follows and inserting “programs referred to in subsection (b) may include a residential component.”.

SEC. 1503. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.

Section 153 (42 U.S.C. 12613) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”;

(B) by striking “on Civilian Community Corps” and inserting “on National Civilian Community Corps”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “if the person” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “if the person will be at least 18 years of age on or before December 31 in the calendar year in which the individual enrolls in the program.”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “BACKGROUNDS” and inserting “BACKGROUND”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“The Director shall take appropriate steps, including through collaboration with the Office of Outreach and Recruitment, to increase the percentage of participants in the program who are disadvantaged youth toward 50 percent of all participants by year 2010. The Director shall report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate annually on such efforts, any challenges faced, and the annual participation rates of disadvantaged youth in the program.”; and

(4) by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 1504. SUMMER NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.

Section 154 (42 U.S.C. 12614) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”; and

(B) by striking “on Civilian Community Corps” and inserting “on National Civilian Community Corps”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “shall be” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “shall be from economically and ethnically diverse backgrounds, including youth who are in foster care.”.

SEC. 1505. TEAM LEADERS.

Section 155 (42 U.S.C. 12615) is amended—

(1) by amending the section heading to read as follows:

“SEC. 155. NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”; and

(B) by striking “the Civilian Community Corps shall” and inserting “the National Civilian Community Corps shall”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by amending the subsection heading to read as follows:

“(b) MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.—”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “superintendent” and inserting “campus director”; and

(ii) by striking “camp” and inserting “campus”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) TEAM LEADERS.—The Director may select from Corps members individuals with prior supervisory or service experience to be team leaders within units in the National Civilian Community Corps to perform service that includes leading and supervising teams of Corps members. Team leaders shall—

“(A) be selected without regard to the age limitation under section 153(b);

“(B) be members of the National Civilian Community Corps; and

“(C) be provided the rights and benefits applicable to Corps members, except that the limitation on the amount of living allowance shall not exceed 10 percent more than the amount established under section 158(b).”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) by amending the subsection heading to read as follows:

“(d) CAMPUSES.—”;

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:

“(1) UNITS TO BE ASSIGNED TO CAMPUSES.—”;

(ii) by striking “in camps” and inserting “in campuses”;

(iii) by striking “camp” and inserting “campus”; and

(iv) by striking “in the camps” and inserting “in the campuses”;

(C) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) CAMPUS DIRECTOR.—There shall be a campus director for each campus. The campus director is the head of the campus.”;

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:

“(3) ELIGIBLE SITE FOR CAMPUS.—”;

(ii) by striking “A camp may be located” and inserting “A campus must be cost-effective and may, upon the completion of a feasibility study, be located”;

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:

“(e) DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS AND CAMPUSES.—”;

(B) by striking “camps are distributed” and inserting “campuses are cost-effective and are distributed”; and

(C) by striking “rural areas” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “rural areas such that each Corps unit in a region can be easily deployed for disaster and emergency response to such region.”; and

(6) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “superintendent” and inserting “campus director”; and

(ii) by striking “camp” both places such term appears and inserting “campus”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “superintendent of a camp” and inserting “campus director of a campus”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “superintendent” and inserting “campus director”;

(II) by striking “superintendent’s” and inserting “campus director’s”; and

(III) by striking “camp” each place such term appears and inserting “campus”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “superintendent” and inserting “campus director”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “camp superintendent” and inserting “campus director”.

SEC. 1506. TRAINING.

Section 156 (42 U.S.C. 12616) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“The Director shall ensure that to the extent practicable, each member of the Corps is trained in CPR, first aid, and other skills related to disaster preparedness and response.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including a focus on energy conservation, environmental stewardship or conservation, infrastructure improvement, urban and rural development, or disaster preparedness needs”;

(3) by amending subsection (c)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) COORDINATION WITH OTHER ENTITIES.—Members of the cadre may provide, either directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, the advanced service training referred to in subsection (b)(1) in coordination with vocational or technical schools, other employment and training providers, existing youth service programs, other qualified individuals, or organizations with expertise in training youth, including disadvantaged youth, in the skill areas described in such subsection.”.

SEC. 1507. CONSULTATION WITH STATE COMMISSIONS.

Section 157 (42 U.S.C. 12617) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “with specific emphasis on projects in support of infrastructure improvement, disaster relief and recovery, the environment, energy conservation, and urban and rural development”;

(C) in paragraph (2) by striking “service learning” and inserting “service-learning”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development” and inserting “the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Adminis-

trator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Chief of the United States Forest Service”;

(B) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) by inserting “community-based organizations and” before “representatives of local communities”; and

(ii) by striking “camp” both places such term appears and inserting “campus”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “State Commissions,” before “and persons involved in other youth service programs.”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “superintendent” both places such term appears and inserting “campus director”; and

(ii) by striking “camp” both places such term appears and inserting “campus”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “camp superintendents” and inserting “campus directors”.

SEC. 1508. AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS.

Section 158 (42 U.S.C. 12618) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(ii) by inserting before the colon the following: “, as the Director determines appropriate”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “Clothing” and inserting “Uniforms”; and

(C) in paragraph (7), by striking “Recreational services and supplies” and inserting “Supplies”.

SEC. 1509. PERMANENT CADRE.

Section 159 (42 U.S.C. 12619) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”; and

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting “including those” before “recommended”; and

(ii) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “The Director shall establish a permanent cadre of” and inserting “The Chief Executive Officer shall establish a permanent cadre that includes the Director and other appointed”;

(II) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “The Director shall appoint the members” and inserting “The Chief Executive Officer shall consider the recommendations of the Director in appointing the other members”;

(iii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “the Director” and inserting “the Chief Executive Officer”;

(II) in clause (iii) by striking “and” at the end;

(III) by redesignating clause (iv) as (v); and

(IV) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv) give consideration to retired and other former law enforcement, fire, rescue,

and emergency personnel, and other individuals with backgrounds in disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery; and”); and

(iv) in subparagraph (E)—

(I) by inserting after “techniques” the following: “, including techniques for working with and enhancing the development of disadvantaged youth.”; and

(II) by striking “service learning” and inserting “service-learning”; and

(C) in the first sentence of paragraph (3), by striking “the members” and inserting “other members”.

SEC. 1510. CONTRACT AND GRANT AUTHORITY.

Section 161 (42 U.S.C. 12621) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “perform any program function under this subtitle” and inserting “carry out the National Civilian Community Corps program”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”.

SEC. 1511. OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Section 162 (42 U.S.C. 12622) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “the registry established by” and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting “the registry established by section 1143a of title 10, United States Code.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “to be recommended for appointment” and inserting “from which individuals may be selected for appointment by the Director”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b).

SEC. 1512. ADVISORY BOARD.

Section 163 (42 U.S.C. 12623) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Upon the establishment of the Program, there shall also be” and inserting “There shall be”;

(B) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps Advisory Board”; and

(C) by striking “to assist” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “to assist the Corps in responding rapidly and efficiently in times of natural and other disasters. Consistent with the needs outlined in section 151, the Advisory Board members shall help coordinate activities with the Corps as appropriate, including the mobilization of volunteers and coordination of volunteer centers to help local communities recover from the effects of natural and other disasters.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“(9) The Secretary of Transportation.

“(10) The Chief of the United States Forest Service.

“(11) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

“(12) The Secretary of Energy.”; and

(C) in paragraph (13), as so redesignated, by striking “industry,” and inserting “public and private organizations.”.

SEC. 1513. ANNUAL EVALUATION.

Section 164 (42 U.S.C. 12624) is amended—

(1) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “Upon completing each such evaluation, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report on the evaluation.”.

SEC. 1514. REPEAL OF FUNDING LIMITATION.

Section 165 (42 U.S.C. 12625) is repealed.

SEC. 1515. DEFINITIONS.

Section 166 (42 U.S.C. 12626) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), and (9);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as paragraphs (5) through (9), respectively;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) **CAMPUS DIRECTOR.**—The term ‘campus director’, with respect to a Corps campus, means the head of the campus under section 155(d).

“(3) **CORPS.**—The term ‘Corps’ means the National Civilian Community Corps required under section 155 as part of the Civilian Community Corps Program.

“(4) **CORPS CAMPUS.**—The term ‘Corps campus’ means the facility or central location established as the operational headquarters and boarding place for particular Corps units.”;

(4) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by striking “Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program” and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps Program”;

(5) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”;

(6) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by striking “The terms” and all that follows through “Demonstration Program” and inserting “The term ‘Program’ means the National Civilian Community Corps Program”;

(7) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in the heading by striking “SERVICE LEARNING” and inserting “SERVICE-LEARNING”; and

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “service learning” and inserting “service-learning”.

SEC. 1516. TERMINOLOGY.

Subtitle E of title I (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking the subtitle heading and inserting the following:

“**Subtitle E—National Civilian Community Corps**”;

and

(2) in section 160(a) (42 U.S.C. 12620(a)) by inserting “National” before “Civilian Community Corps”.

Subtitle F—Amendments to Subtitle F (Administrative Provisions)

SEC. 1601. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.

Section 171(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 12631(a)(1)) is amended by striking “with respect to a project” and inserting “with respect to a project authorized under the national service laws”.

SEC. 1602. ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.

Section 174 (42 U.S.C. 12634) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **REFERRALS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.**—A program may not receive assistance under the national service laws for the sole purpose of referring individuals to Federal assistance programs or State assistance programs funded in part by the Federal government.”.

SEC. 1603. NOTICE, HEARING, AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

Section 176 (42 U.S.C. 12636) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “30 days” and inserting “1 or more periods of 30 days not to exceed 90 days in total”; and

(2) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “A State or local applicant” and inserting “An entity”; and

(B) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) in a grievance filed by an individual applicant or participant—

“(i) the applicant’s selection or the participant’s reinstatement, as the case may be; and

“(ii) other changes in the terms and conditions of service; and”.

SEC. 1604. RESOLUTION OF DISPLACEMENT COMPLAINTS.

Section 177 (42 U.S.C. 12637) is amended—

(1) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “under this title” each place it appears and inserting “under the national service laws”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “employee or position” and inserting “employee, position, or volunteer (other than a participant under the national service laws)”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Programs that receive assistance under the national service laws shall consult with the parents or legal guardians of children in developing and operating programs that include and serve children.

“(2) **PARENTAL PERMISSION.**—Programs that receive assistance under the national service laws shall, consistent with State law, before transporting minor children, provide the reason for and obtain written permission of the children’s parents.”.

SEC. 1605. STATE COMMISSIONS ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), by adding at the end the following:

“(J) A representative of the volunteer sector.”;

(2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “, unless the State permits the representative to serve as a voting member of the State Commission or alternative administrative entity”;

(3) by striking subsection (e)(1) and inserting the following:

“(1) Preparation of a national service plan for the State that—

“(A) is developed through an open and public process (such as through regional forums, hearings, and other means) that provides for maximum participation and input from companies, organizations, and public agencies using service and volunteerism as a strategy to meet critical community needs, including programs funded under the national service laws;

“(B) covers a 3-year period, the beginning of which may be set by the State;

“(C) is subject to approval by the chief executive officer of the State;

“(D) includes measurable goals and outcomes for the State consistent with those for national service programs as described in section 179(a)(1)(A);

“(E) ensures outreach to diverse community-based agencies that serve underrepresented populations, by—

“(i) using established networks and registries at the State level, or establishing such networks and registries; and

“(ii) coordinating with the Corporation’s Office of Outreach and Recruitment;

“(F) provides for effective coordination of funding applications submitted by the State and others within the State under the national service laws;

“(G) is updated annually, reflecting changes in practices and policies that will improve the coordination and effectiveness of Federal, State, and local resources for service and volunteerism within the State; and

“(H) contains such information as the State Commission considers to be appropriate or as the Corporation may require.”;

(4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (h) through (l), respectively;

(5) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) **RELIEF FROM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.**—Upon approval of a State plan submitted under subsection (e)(1), the Chief Executive Officer may waive, or specify alternatives to, administrative requirements (other than statutory provisions) otherwise applicable to grants made to States under the national service laws, including those requirements identified by a State as impeding the coordination and effectiveness of Federal, State, and local resources for service and volunteerism within a State.

“(g) **STATE PLAN FOR BABY BOOMER AND OLDER ADULT VOLUNTEER AND PAID SERVICE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, to be eligible to receive a grant or allotment under subtitle B or C or to receive a distribution of approved national service positions under subtitle C, a State must work with appropriate State agencies and private entities to develop a comprehensive State plan for volunteer and paid service by members of the Baby Boom generation and older adults.

“(2) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The State plan shall include—

“(A) recommendations for public policy initiatives, including how to best tap the population of members of the Baby Boom generation and older adults as sources of social capital and as ways to address community needs;

“(B) recommendations to the State unit on aging on—

“(i) a marketing outreach plan to businesses;

“(ii) outreach to non-profit organizations;

“(iii) the State’s Department of Education; and

“(iv) other State agencies; and

“(C) recommendations for civic engagement and multigenerational activities, such as—

“(i) early childhood education, family literacy, and after school programs;

“(ii) respite services for older adults and caregivers; and

“(iii) transitions for members of the Baby Boom generation and older adults to purposeful work in their post career lives.

“(3) **KNOWLEDGE INCORPORATED.**—The State plan shall incorporate the current knowledge base regarding—

“(A) the economic impact of older workers’ roles in the economy;

“(B) the social impact of older workers’ roles in the community; and

“(C) the health and social benefits of active engagement for members of the Baby Boom generation and older adults.

“(4) **PUBLICATION.**—The State plan must be made public and be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer.”; and

(6) in subsection (k)(1) (as redesignated by this section), by striking the period at the end and inserting “, consistent with section 174(d).”.

SEC. 1606. EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

Section 179 (42 U.S.C. 12639) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Corporation shall provide, directly or through grants or contracts, for the continuing evaluation of programs that receive assistance under the national service laws, including evaluations that measure the impact of such programs, to determine—

“(1) the effectiveness of programs receiving assistance under the national service laws in achieving stated goals and the costs associated with such, including—

“(A) an evaluation of performance measures, as established by the Corporation in consultation with each grantee receiving assistance under the national service laws, which may include—

“(i) number of participants enrolled and completing terms of service compared to the stated goals of the program;

“(ii) number of volunteers recruited from the community in which the program was implemented;

“(iii) if applicable based on the program design, the number of individuals receiving or benefitting from the service conducted;

“(iv) number of disadvantaged and underrepresented youth participants;

“(v) sustainability of project or program, including measures to ascertain the level of community support for the project or program;

“(vi) measures to ascertain the change in attitude toward civic engagement among the participants and the beneficiaries of the service; and

“(vii) other quantitative and qualitative measures as determined to be appropriate by the recipient of assistance; and

“(B) review of the implementation plan for reaching such measures described in subparagraph (A); and

“(2) the effectiveness of the structure and mechanisms for delivery of services, such as the effective utilization of the participants’ time, the management of the participants, and the ease with which recipients were able to receive services, to maximize the cost-effectiveness and the impact of such programs.”;

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

(B) in paragraph (9), by striking “to public service” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “to engage in service that benefits the community.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) **RESERVED PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY.**—In addition to amounts appropriated to carry out this section, the Corporation may reserve up to 1 percent of total program funds appropriated for a fiscal year under the national service laws to support program accountability activities under this section.

“(k) **CORRECTIVE PLANS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A grantee that fails to reach the performance measures in subsection (a)(1)(A) as determined by the Corporation, shall reach an agreement with the Corporation on a corrective action plan to achieve the agreed upon performance measures.

“(2) **ASSISTANCE.**—

“(A) **NEW PROGRAM.**—For a program that has received assistance for less than 3 years and is failing to achieve the performance measures agreed upon under subsection (a)(1)(A), the Corporation shall—

“(i) provide technical assistance to the grantee to address targeted performance problems relating to the performance measures in subsection (a)(1)(A); and

“(ii) require quarterly reports from the grantee on the program’s progress toward achieving the performance measures in subsection (a)(1)(A) to the appropriate State, Territory, or Indian tribe and the Corporation.

“(B) **ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS.**—For a program that has received assistance for 3 years or more and is failing to achieve the performance measures agreed upon under subsection (a)(1)(A), the Corporation shall require quarterly reports from the grantee on the program’s progress towards achieving performance measures in subsection (a)(1)(A)

to the appropriate State, Territory, or Indian tribe and the Corporation.

“(1) **FAILURE TO MEET PERFORMANCE LEVELS.**—If, after a period for correction as approved by the Corporation, a grantee or subgrantee fails to achieve the established levels of performance, the Corporation shall—

“(1) reduce the annual amount of the grant award attributable to the underperforming grantee or subgrantee by at least 25 percent; or

“(2) terminate assistance to the underperforming grantee or subgrantee, consistent with section 176(a).

“(m) **REPORTS.**—The Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, a report containing information on the number of—

“(1) grantees implementing corrective action plans;

“(2) grantees for which the Corporation offers technical assistance under subsection (k);

“(3) grantees for which the Corporation terminates assistance for a program under subsection (l); and

“(4) grantees meeting or exceeding their performance measures in subsection (a).”.

SEC. 1607. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 181 (42 U.S.C. 12641) is amended by striking “Section 414” and inserting “Section 422”.

SEC. 1608. PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS.

Section 182(b) (42 U.S.C. 12642(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—On an annual basis, the head of each Federal agency and department shall prepare and submit, to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, a report concerning the implementation of this section, including an evaluation of the performance goals and benchmarks of the partnership programs.”.

SEC. 1609. RIGHTS OF ACCESS, EXAMINATION, AND COPYING.

Section 183 (42 U.S.C. 12643) is amended—

(1) in each of subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1) by inserting after “local government,” the following: “Territory,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) **INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Corporation shall have access to, and the right to examine and copy, any books, documents, papers, records, and other recorded information in any form—

“(1) within the possession or control of the Corporation or any State or local government, Territory, Indian tribe, or public or private nonprofit organization receiving assistance directly or indirectly under this Act; and

“(2) that relates to the duties of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act of 1978.”.

SEC. 1610. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

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

“SEC. 185. CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—To promote efficiency and eliminate duplicative requirements, the Corporation shall consolidate or modify application procedures and reporting requirements for programs and activities funded under the national service laws.

“(b) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on

Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report containing information on the actions taken to modify the application procedures and reporting requirements for programs and activities funded under the national service laws, including a description of the consultation procedures with grantees, entities that expressed interest in applying for assistance under a national service law but did not apply, those entities whose application was rejected, and applications whose assistance was terminated due to failure to meet performance measures for the year covered by the report.

“SEC. 186. SUSTAINABILITY.

“(a) GOALS.—To ensure that recipients of assistance under the national service laws are carrying out sustainable projects or programs, the Corporation, after collaboration with State Commissions and consultation with recipients of assistance under the national service laws, may set sustainability goals supported by policies and procedures to—

“(1) build the capacity of the projects that receive assistance under the national service laws to meet community needs and lessen the dependence on Federal dollars to do so, taking into consideration challenges that programs in underserved rural or urban areas may face;

“(2) provide technical assistance to aid the recipients of assistance under the national service laws in acquiring and leveraging non-Federal funds for the projects; and

“(3) implement measures to ascertain whether the projects are generating sufficient community support.

“(b) ENFORCEMENT.—If a recipient does not meet the sustainability goals in subsection (a) for a project, the Corporation may take action as described in sections 176 and 179.

“SEC. 187. USE OF RECOVERED FUNDS.

“(a) FACTORS CONSIDERED IN APPROVING REPAYMENT.—After the date of enactment of this section, whenever the Corporation recovers funds paid to a recipient under a grant or cooperative agreement made under the national service laws because the recipient made an expenditure of funds that was not allowable, or otherwise failed to discharge its responsibility to account properly for funds, the Corporation may consider those funds to be additional funds available and may arrange to repay to the recipient affected by that action an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the recovered funds if the Corporation determines that—

“(1) the practices or procedures of the recipient that resulted in the recovery of funds have been corrected, and that the recipient is in all other respects in compliance with the requirements of the grant or cooperative agreement, if the recipient was notified of any noncompliance with such requirements and given a reasonable period of time to remedy such noncompliance;

“(2) the recipient has submitted to the Corporation a plan for the use of those funds consistent with the national service laws and, to the extent possible, for the benefit of the community affected by the recovery of funds; and

“(3) the use of those funds in accordance with that plan would serve to achieve the objectives of the grant or cooperative agreement under which the funds were originally paid.

“(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REPAYMENT.—Any payments by the Corporation under this section shall be subject to other terms and conditions as the Corporation considers necessary to accomplish the purposes of the grant or cooperative agreement, including—

“(1) the submission of periodic reports on the use of funds provided under this section; and

“(2) consultation by the recipient with members of the community that will benefit from the payments.

“(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds made available under this section shall remain available for expenditure for a period of time considered reasonable by the Corporation, but in no case to exceed more than 3 fiscal years following the later of—

“(1) the fiscal year in which final agency action regarding the disallowance of funds is taken; or

“(2) if such recipient files a petition for judicial review regarding the disallowance of funds, the fiscal year in which final judicial action is taken on such a petition.

“(d) PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER.—At least 60 days prior to entering into an arrangement under this section, the Corporation shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of intent to enter into such an arrangement and the terms and conditions under which payments will be made. Interested persons shall have an opportunity for at least 30 days to submit comments to the Corporation regarding the proposed arrangement.

“SEC. 188. EXPENSES OF ATTENDING MEETINGS.

“Notwithstanding section 1345 of title 31, United States Code, funds authorized under the national service laws shall be available for expenses of attendance of meetings that are concerned with the functions or activities for which the funds are appropriated or which will contribute to improved conduct, supervision, or management of those functions or activities.

“SEC. 189. GRANT PERIODS.

“Unless otherwise specifically provided, the Corporation has authority to make a grant under the national service laws for a period of 3 years.

“SEC. 189A. GENERATION OF VOLUNTEERS.

“In making decisions on applications for assistance or approved national service positions under the national service laws, the Corporation shall take into consideration the extent to which the applicant's proposal will increase the involvement of volunteers in meeting community needs.

“SEC. 189B. LIMITATION ON PROGRAM GRANT COSTS.

“(a) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—Except as otherwise provided by this section, the amount of funds approved by the Corporation in a grant to operate a program authorized under the national service laws supporting individuals serving in approved national service positions may not exceed \$16,000 per full-time equivalent position.

“(b) COSTS SUBJECT TO LIMITATION.—The limitation in subsection (a) applies to the Corporation's share of member support costs, staff costs, and other costs borne by the grantee or subgrantee to operate a program.

“(c) COSTS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION.—The limitation in subsection (a) and (e)(1) shall not apply to expenses that are not included in the program operating grant award.

“(d) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—The amount specified in subsections (a) and (e)(1) shall be adjusted each year after 2008 for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Secretary of Labor.

“(e) WAIVER AUTHORITY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

“(1) WAIVER.—The Chief Executive Officer may waive the requirements of this section, up to a maximum of \$18,000, if necessary to meet the compelling needs of a particular program, such as exceptional training needs

for a program serving disadvantaged youth, increased costs relating to the participation of individuals with disabilities, and start-up costs associated with a first-time grantee.

“(2) REPORTS.—The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate annually on all waivers granted under this section, with an explanation of the compelling needs justifying such waivers.

“SEC. 189C. AUDITS AND REPORTS.

“The Corporation shall comply with applicable audit and reporting requirements as provided in the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. 501 et seq.) and the Government Corporation Control Act of 1945 (31 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.). The Corporation shall report to the Congress any failure to comply with the requirements of such audits.

“SEC. 189D. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Entities selecting individuals to serve in a position in which the individual receives a Corporation grant-funded living allowance, stipend, education award, salary, or other remuneration in a program receiving assistance under the national service laws, shall, subject to regulations and requirements established by the Corporation, conduct criminal history checks for such individuals.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A criminal history check shall, except in cases approved for good cause by the Corporation, include a name-based search of the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.) and—

“(1) a search of the State criminal registry or repository in the State in which the program is operating and the State in which the individual resides at the time of application; or

“(2) a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check.

“(c) ELIGIBILITY PROHIBITION.—An individual shall be ineligible to serve in a position described under subsection (a) if such individual—

“(1) refuses to consent to the criminal history check described in subsection (b);

“(2) makes a false statement in connection with such criminal history check;

“(3) is registered, or is required to be registered, on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); or

“(4) has been convicted of murder, as described in section 1111 of title 18, United States Code.”.

Subtitle G—Amendments to Subtitle G (Corporation for National and Community Service)

SEC. 1701. TERMS OF OFFICE.

Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) TERMS.—Subject to subsection (e), each appointed member shall serve for a term of 5 years.”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) SERVICE UNTIL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.—A voting member of the Board whose term has expired may continue to serve for one year beyond expiration of the term if no successor is appointed or until the date on which a successor has taken office.”.

SEC. 1702. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.

Section 192A(g) (42 U.S.C. 12651b(g)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “shall—” and inserting “shall

have responsibility for setting overall policy for the Corporation and shall—”;

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, and review the budget proposal in advance of submission to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress”;

(3) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “and” at the end; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer annually and forward a report on that review to the President;”;

(4) in paragraph (9), by inserting “and” after “Corporation;”;

(5) in paragraph (10), by striking “program; and” and inserting “program under a cost share agreement, as determined by the Corporation, in which the funds advanced or received as reimbursement shall be credited directly to a current appropriation; and”;

(6) in paragraph (11), by striking “September 30, 1995” and inserting “January 1, 2011”.

SEC. 1703. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “a strategic plan” the following: “, including a plan for achieving 50 percent full-time approved national service positions by 2010;”;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (12), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and Labor in the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions in the United States Senate, and the Board an annual report on actions taken to achieve the goal of 50 percent full-time approved national service positions as described in paragraph (1), including an assessment of the progress made toward achieving that goal and the actions to be taken in the coming year toward achieving that goal;”;

(D) in paragraph (11) (as so redesignated)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “June 30, 1995,” and inserting “June 30 of each even-numbered year;”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “section 122(c)(1)” and inserting “section 122(d)(1)”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

“(10) obtain the opinions of peer reviewers in evaluating applications to the Corporation for assistance under this title; and”;

(3) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS FUNCTIONS.—The Chief Executive Officer shall assign or hire, as necessary, such additional national, regional, and State personnel to carry out such recruiting and public awareness functions of the Office of Outreach and Recruitment to ensure that such functions are carried out in a timely and effective manner. The Chief Executive Officer shall give priority in the hiring of such additional personnel to individuals who have formerly served as volunteers in the programs carried out under the national service laws or similar programs, and to individuals who

have specialized experience in the recruitment of volunteers.”.

SEC. 1704. NONVOTING MEMBERS; PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.

Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting after “subdivision of a State,” the following: “Territory;”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the heading, by striking “MEMBER” and inserting “NON-VOTING MEMBER”; and

(ii) by inserting “non-voting” before “member”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.—The Corporation may enter into personal services contracts to carry out research, evaluation, and public awareness related to the national service laws.”.

SEC. 1705. DONATED SERVICES.

Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C. 12651g(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Corporation may solicit and accept the services of organizations and individuals (other than participants) to assist the Corporation in carrying out the duties of the Corporation under the national service laws, and may provide to such individuals the travel expenses described in section 192A(d).”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “Such a volunteer” and inserting “A person who is a member of an organization or is an individual covered by subparagraph (A)”;

(ii) in clause (i), by striking “a volunteer” and inserting “such a person”;

(iii) in clause (ii), by striking “volunteers” and inserting “such a person”; and

(iv) in clause (iii), by striking “such a volunteer” and inserting “such a person”; and

(C) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “Such a volunteer” and inserting “Such a person”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (3).

SEC. 1706. OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT.

Subtitle G of title I is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 196B. OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Corporation an office to be known as the Office of Outreach and Recruitment (in this section referred to as the ‘Office’), headed by a Director.

“(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Office, carried out directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, shall be—

“(1) to increase the public awareness of the wide range of service opportunities for citizens of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location, through a variety of methods, including—

“(A) print media;

“(B) the Internet and related emerging technologies;

“(C) television;

“(D) radio;

“(E) presentations at public or private forums;

“(F) other innovative methods of communication; and

“(G) outreach to offices of economic development, State employment security agencies, labor unions and trade associations, local education agencies, institutions of higher education, agencies and organizations serving veterans and people with disabilities,

and other institutions or organizations from which participants for programs receiving assistance from the national service laws can be recruited;

“(2) to identify and implement methods of recruitment to increase the diversity of participants in the programs receiving assistance under the national service laws;

“(3) to collaborate with organizations with demonstrated expertise in supporting and accommodating individuals with disabilities, including institutions of higher education, to identify and implement methods of recruitment to increase the number of participants with disabilities in the programs receiving assistance under the national service laws;

“(4) to identify and implement recruitment strategies and training programs for bilingual volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps under title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973;

“(5) to identify and implement methods of recruitment to increase the diversity of service sponsors of programs desiring to receive assistance under the national service laws;

“(6) to collaborate with organizations which have established volunteer recruitment programs, including those on the Internet, to increase the recruitment capacity of the Corporation;

“(7) where practicable, to provide application materials in languages other than English for those with limited English proficiency who wish to participate in a national service program;

“(8) to coordinate with organizations of former participants of national service programs for service opportunities that may include capacity building, outreach, and recruitment for programs receiving assistance under the national service laws;

“(9) to collaborate with the training and technical assistance programs described in subtitle J and in appropriate paragraphs of section 198E(b);

“(10) to coordinate the clearinghouses described in section 198E; and

“(11) to coordinate with entities receiving funds under section 198E(b)(11) in establishing the Reserve Corps for alumni of the national service programs to serve in emergencies, disasters, and other times of national need.

“(c) COLLABORATION.—The duties described in subsection (b) shall be carried out in collaboration with the State Commissions.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH A BUSINESS.—The Corporation may, through contracts or cooperative agreements, carry out the marketing duties described in subsection (b)(1), with priority given to those entities who have established expertise in the recruitment of disadvantaged youth, members of Indian tribes, and members of the Baby Boom generation.

“(e) CAMPAIGN TO SOLICIT FUNDS.—The Corporation, through the Director of the Office, may conduct a campaign to solicit funds for itself to conduct outreach and recruitment campaigns to recruit a diverse population of service sponsors of and participants in programs and projects receiving assistance under the national service laws.

“(f) REPORTING.—The Director of the Office shall complete a report annually to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors on its activities and results.”.

SEC. 1707. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND VETERANS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS UNDER THE NATIONAL SERVICE LAWS AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM.

Subtitle G of title I is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 196C. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND VETERANS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS UNDER THE NATIONAL SERVICE LAWS AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM.

“(a) **PLANNING STUDY.**—The Corporation for National and Community Service shall conduct a study to identify—

- “(1) specific areas of need for veterans;
- “(2) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could better serve veterans and veterans service organizations;
- “(3) gaps in service to veterans;
- “(4) prospects for better coordination of services;
- “(5) prospects for better utilization of veterans as resources and volunteers; and
- “(6) methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards veterans.

“(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The study shall be carried out in consultation with veterans’ service organizations, the Department of Veterans Affairs, State veterans agencies, the Department of Defense, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

“(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the results of the planning study required by subsection (a), together with a plan for implementation of a pilot program using promising strategies and approaches for better targeting and serving veterans.

“(d) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Corporation shall develop and carry out a pilot program based on the findings in the report submitted under subsection (c).

“(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”

SEC. 1708. COORDINATION WITH VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS SERVING VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall coordinate with veterans organizations serving veterans with disabilities to provide opportunities for young people enrolled in existing NACS programs to provide transportation services on a full-time, part-time, or as-needed basis.

SEC. 1709. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR DISPLACED WORKERS IN SERVICES CORPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM PLANNING STUDY.

(a) **PLANNING STUDY.**—The Corporation for National and Community Service shall conduct a study to identify—

- (1) specific areas of need for displaced workers;
- (2) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could better serve displaced workers and communities that have been adversely affected by plant closings and job losses;
- (3) prospects for better utilization of skilled workers as resources and volunteers; and
- (4) methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards displaced workers.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The study shall be carried out in consultation with the Department of Labor, State labor agencies, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the results of the planning study required by subsection (a), together with a plan for implementation of a pilot program using promising strategies and approaches for better targeting and serving displaced workers.

(d) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Corporation shall develop and carry out a pilot program based on the findings in the report submitted under subsection (c).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

Subtitle H—Amendments to Subtitle H
SEC. 1801. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE H.

(a) **ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE.**—Subtitle H is amended by inserting after the subtitle heading and before section 198 the following:

“PART I—ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—Section 198 (42 U.S.C. 12653) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection (r)” and inserting “subsection (g)”;
- (2) in subsection (b), by striking “national service programs, including service-learning programs, and to support innovative and model programs, including” and inserting “service-learning programs and national service programs, including”;
- (3) by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f);
- (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (c);
- (5) by striking subsections (h), (i), and (j);
- (6) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (d);
- (7) by striking subsections (l) and (m);
- (8) by redesignating subsections (n) and (o) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively;
- (9) by striking subsection (p); and
- (10) by redesignating subsections (q), (r), and (s) as (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

SEC. 1802. REPEALS.

- The following provisions are repealed:
- (1) **CLEARINGHOUSES.**—Section 198A (42 U.S.C. 12653a).
 - (2) **MILITARY INSTALLATION CONVERSION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.**—Section 198C (42 U.S.C. 12653c).
 - (3) **SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**—Section 198D (42 U.S.C. 12653d).

SEC. 1803. INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT.

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART II—INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT

“SEC. 198D. INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT.

“(a) **METHODS OF CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES.**—The Corporation may, through grants and fixed amount grants under subsection (c), carry out the following programs:

“(1) **PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.**—A program selected from among those listed in 122(a) where no less than 75 percent of the participants are disadvantaged youth.

“(A) **COMPONENTS OF PROGRAMS.**—Such programs may include life skills training, employment training, educational counseling, program to complete a high-school diploma or GED, counseling, or a mentoring relationship with an adult volunteer.

“(B) **PRIORITY.**—Priority shall be given to programs that engage retirees to serve as mentors.

“(2) **PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON LEARNING AND THINKING SKILLS.**—Service programs to solve community problems while engaging or developing 21st century learning and thinking skills (critical-thinking and problem solving, communication skills, creativity and innovation skills, collaboration skills, contextual learning skills, information and media literacy skills, and information and communications literacy) and life skills (leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self-direction, and social responsibility) for school-age youth and low income adults. This may be a summer of service program or a year-round service program. Priority shall be given to programs that collaborate with the RSVP program, the AmeriCorps programs, or the Learn and Serve programs.

“(3) **PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 17.**—Programs that engage youth under the age of 17 in service to the community to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, emergency and disaster preparedness, or public safety needs and may be a summer program or a year-round program. Priority shall be given to programs that collaborate with the RSVP Program and the AmeriCorps programs.

“(4) **PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS.**—Service programs that focus on the health and wellness of the members of a low-income or rural community. Priority shall be given to service programs that work to—

“(A) involve the community in service to those who are at-risk to not receive or pursue health care through such activities as health and wellness education, prevention, and care;

“(B) include in the service program employment training, where applicable, for participants in the program and may extend this opportunity to members of the community; and

“(C) collaborate with local institutions of higher education to include, as a portion of the pre-professional training of health care professionals including nurses, doctors, physician assistants, dentists, and emergency medical technicians, a service component to meet unmet healthcare and wellness needs in the community in which the service program is being carried out.

“(5) **SILVER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.**—A Silver Scholarship program for citizens age 55 and older to complete no less than 600 hours of service in a year meeting unmet human, educational, public safety, or environmental needs and receive a \$1000 education award, provided that—

“(A) the Corporation establishes criteria for the types of the service required to be performed to receive such award; and

“(B) the citizen uses such award in accordance with sections 146(c), 146(d), and 148(c).

“(6) **PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE RECIDIVISM.**—Programs that re-engage court-involved youth and adults with the goal of reducing recidivism. Priority shall be given to such programs that create support systems beginning in corrections facilities, and programs that have life skills training, employment training, an education program, including a program to complete a high-school diploma or GED, educational and career counseling, post program placement, and support services, which could begin in corrections facilities. The program may include health and wellness programs, including but not limited to drug and alcohol treatment, mental health counseling, and smoking cessation.

“(7) PROGRAMS THAT RECRUIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Demonstration projects for programs that have as one of their primary purposes the recruitment and acceptance of court-involved youth and adults as participants, volunteers, or members. Such a program may serve any purpose otherwise permitted under this Act.

“(8) OTHER INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAMS.—Any other innovative and model programs that the Corporation considers appropriate.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) THREE-YEAR TERM.—Each program funded under this part shall be carried out over a period of three years, including one planning year and two additional grant years, with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(a) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

“(2) MATCHING FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made under this part may not exceed 76 percent of the total cost of the program in the first year and may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program for the remaining years of the grant, including if the grant is extended for 1 year.

“(B) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

“(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.

“(3) COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED.—Each program funded under this part is encouraged to collaborate with Learn and Serve, AmeriCorps, VISTA, and the National Senior Service Corps.

“(4) EVALUATION.—Upon completion of the program, the Corporation shall conduct an independent evaluation of the program and widely disseminate the results to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation’s Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies, and recommendations for improvement.

“(c) FIXED AMOUNT GRANTS.—

“(1) GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a), and subject to the limitations in this subsection, the Corporation may, upon making a determination described in paragraph (2), approve a fixed amount grant that is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget cost principles and related financial recordkeeping requirements.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—Before approving a fixed amount grant, the Corporation must determine that—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out the terms of the grant significantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by the Corporation; or

“(B) based on the nature or design of the grant, any assistance provided by the Corporation can be reasonably presumed to be expended on reasonable and necessary costs.

“(d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to carry out a program under this part, an entity shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.”.

SEC. 1804. CLEARINGHOUSES.

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART III—NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSE

“SEC. 198E. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall provide assistance, either by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, to entities with expertise in the dissemination of information through clearinghouses to establish one or more clearinghouses for the national service laws.

“(b) FUNCTION OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—Such a clearinghouse may—

“(1) assist entities carrying out State or local service-learning and national service programs with needs assessments and planning;

“(2) conduct research and evaluations concerning service-learning or programs receiving assistance under the national service laws unless the recipient is receiving funds for such purpose under part III of subtitle B and under subtitle H;

“(3)(A) provide leadership development and training to State and local service-learning program administrators, supervisors, service sponsors, and participants; and

“(B) provide training to persons who can provide the leadership development and training described in subparagraph (A);

“(4) facilitate communication among entities carrying out service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws and participants in such programs;

“(5) provide and disseminate information and curriculum materials relating to planning and operating service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, to States, Territories, Indian tribes, and local entities eligible to receive financial assistance under the national service laws;

“(6) provide and disseminate information regarding methods to make service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws accessible to individuals with disabilities;

“(7) disseminate applications in languages other than English;

“(8)(A) gather and disseminate information on successful service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, components of such successful programs, innovative curricula related to service-learning, and service-learning projects; and

“(B) coordinate the activities of the Clearinghouse with appropriate entities to avoid duplication of effort;

“(9) make recommendations to State and local entities on quality controls to improve the quality of service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws;

“(10) assist organizations in recruiting, screening, and placing a diverse population of service-learning coordinators and program sponsors;

“(11) collaborate with the Office of Outreach and Recruitment on an alumni network for those former participants in an approved national service position, to facilitate communication and collaboration between alumni and to leverage their skills, knowledge, and experiences to improve service across our Nation and also serve in a Reserve Corps, who are ready to serve in times of national need;

“(12) disseminate effective strategies for working with disadvantaged youth in national service programs as determined by organizations with an established expertise working with such youth; and

“(13) carry out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.”.

Subtitle I—Energy Conservation Corps

SEC. 1811. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (in this subtitle referred to as the “Corporation”) shall make grants to States for the creation or expansion of full-time or part-time Energy Conservation Corps programs. Notwithstanding provisions identified in this subtitle, the Corporation shall apply the provisions of subtitle C of this subchapter in making grants under this section as necessary.

SEC. 1812. APPLICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subtitle, a State shall invite applications from within the State to receive an Energy Conservation Corps grant.

(b) PROCESS.—The State shall then prepare and submit a State application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may reasonably require. The Corporation shall consult with state and local Conservation Corps in the development of the application guidelines.

(c) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—To acknowledge the focused enrollment of disadvantaged youth and young adults in the Energy Conservation Corps, the Corporation shall—

(1) allow a higher cost-per-member to enable Energy Conservation Corps programs to provide the necessary supportive services to ensure the success of the participants; and

(2) allow for greater flexibility in retention rates.

(d) CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL CORPS.—The Corporation shall allow for equal consideration of residential Corps program opportunities since residential Corps thrive in rural areas that commonly lack opportunities for young adults, enable the participation for emancipated foster youth, gang involved youth, and others lacking a safe and stable home environment, allow for more structured time for work, training, education and counseling, and provide disaster response-ready crews immediately upon request.

(e) EQUITABLE TREATMENT.—In the consideration of applications, the Corporation shall ensure the equitable treatment of both urban and rural areas.

SEC. 1813. FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Programs that receive assistance under this subtitle may carry out activities that—

(1) meet an identifiable public need with specific emphasis on projects in support of energy conservation, infrastructure and transportation improvement, and emergency operations, including—

(A) improving the energy efficiency of housing for elderly and low-income people;

(B) building energy-efficient “green” housing for elderly and low-income people;

(C) environmental education and energy conservation education for elementary and secondary school students and the public;

(D) reusing and recycling including deconstruction;

(E) the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation of an existing infrastructure facility including, but not limited to, rail, mass transportation, ports, inland navigation, schools and hospitals;

(F) transportation enhancements;

(G) recreational trails improvements, including those that enable alternative means of transportation and ensure safe use;

(H) transformation of military bases affected by the Base Realignment and Closing process (BRAC) to green the space;

(I) tree planting and reforestation;

(J) renewable resource enhancement; and

(K) assisting in emergency operations, such as disaster prevention and relief; and

(2) provide opportunities for youth and young adults, especially disadvantaged

youth, to be trained for careers related to the activities listed in paragraph (1), including those that will be part of the emerging field of “green collar” jobs.

(b) GOALS OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CORPS.—The goals of the Energy Conservation Corps are to—

(1) promote clean energy use and preserve, protect, and sustain the environment;

(2) provide young adults with opportunities to become better citizens, students and workers through meaningful service to their communities and the nation;

(3) mobilize youth and young adults, especially disadvantaged youth, to promote energy conservation and mitigate threats to the environment; and

(4) provide a pathway to responsible adulthood and productive, unsubsidized employment in the private sector.

SEC. 1814. TRAINING AND EDUCATION SERVICES.

All applicants must describe how they intend to—

(1) assess the skills of Corpsmembers;

(2) provide life skills and work skills training;

(3) provide training and education;

(4) develop agreements for academic study with—

(A) local education agencies;

(B) community colleges;

(C) 4-year colleges;

(D) area charter high schools and vocational-technical schools; and

(E) community-based organizations;

(5) provide career and educational guidance; and

(6) Recruit participants without high school diplomas.

SEC. 1815. PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.

In the consideration of applications the Corporation shall give preference to programs that are discrete and—

(1) meet an identifiable public need;

(2) instill a work ethic and a sense of public service in the participants;

(3) involve youth operating in crews or a team-based structure; and

(4) enhance skills development and educational level and opportunities for the participants.

SEC. 1816. PARTICIPANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Age enrollment in programs that receive assistance under this subtitle shall be limited to individuals who, at the time of enrollment, are not less than 18 years nor more than 25 years of age, except that summer programs may include individuals not less than 14 years or more than 21 years of age at the time of the enrollment of such individuals.

(b) PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—Programs that receive assistance under this subtitle shall ensure that at least 50 percent of the participants are economically disadvantaged youth.

(c) SPECIAL CORPSMEMBERS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, program agencies may enroll a limited number of special Corpsmembers over age 25 so that the Energy Conservation Corps may draw on their special skills to fulfill the purposes of this subtitle.

SEC. 1817. USE OF VOLUNTEERS.

The use of volunteer services under this section shall be subject to the condition that such use does not result in the displacement of any participant.

SEC. 1818. COOPERATION AMONG STATES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

(a) AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES.—States operating an Energy Conservation Corps may enter into a compact with participating states to provide for mutual cooperation to manage any emergency or disaster that is duly declared by the affected state.

(b) PARTICIPATING STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) The authorized representative of a participating state may request assistance of another party by contracting the authorized representative of that state. The provisions of this agreement shall only apply to requests for assistance made by and to authorized representatives.

(2) There shall be frequent consultation between state officials who have assigned emergency management responsibilities and other appropriate representatives of the party states with affected jurisdictions and the United States Government, with free exchange of information, plans, and resource records relating to emergency capabilities.

SEC. 1819. FEDERAL SHARE.

The federal share of the cost of carrying out an Energy Conservation Corps program for which a grant is made under this subtitle is 76 percent of the total cost of the program.

SEC. 1820. BEST PRACTICES.

(a) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation shall provide technical assistance to grantees that request assistance and shall disseminate best practices that emerge from the Energy Conservation Corps.

(b) CONTRACT.—In providing training and technical assistance, the Corporation shall contract with a national organization with a proven track record of developing and sustaining Corps, working with the Conservation Corps model, and engaging young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

SEC. 1820A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2008 through 2010 to achieve the purposes of this subtitle.

(b) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appropriated to carry out this subtitle for each fiscal year—

(1) 90 percent shall be for grants to eligible entities;

(2) 5 percent shall be technical assistance, and dissemination of best practices; and

(3) 5 percent shall be for evaluation.

SEC. 1820B. LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To promote Learn and Serve programs that have the potential to reach every student in our public education network and private schools through school-based green service-learning, the Corporation shall establish a competitive grant program for the creation or expansion of such service learning programs.

(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State Education Agency, Local education Agency, or non-profit organization shall submit an application with such information and in such time as the Corporation may require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For this purpose, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.

SEC. 1820C. NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To promote National Senior Service Corps programs that have the potential to both involve seniors in providing meaningful volunteer opportunities the Corporation shall establish a competitive grant program for the creation or expansion of National Senior Service Corps programs that—

(1) make effective use of the talents and experience of seniors, particularly baby boomers, in programs and projects involving seniors in the improvement of the energy efficiency of housing for elderly and low-income people;

(2) building or helping to supervise energy-efficient “green” housing for elderly and low-income people; the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation of an existing infrastructure

facility including, but not limited to, rail, mass transportation, ports, inland navigation, schools and hospitals; transportation enhancements; recreational trails improvements, including those that enable alternative means of transportation and ensure safe use;

(3) volunteering in schools to teach or other support environmental education and energy conservation education for elementary and secondary school students and the public; and

(4) assisting in such other activities as the National Senior Service Corps may identify.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a program in the National Senior Service Corps shall submit an application with such information and in such time as the Corporation may require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION.—For this purpose, there is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.

Subtitle II—Training and Technical Assistance

SEC. 1821. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Title I is further amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

“Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

“SEC. 199N. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall conduct, either directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, including through State Commissions on National and Community Service, appropriate training and technical assistance to—

“(1) programs receiving assistance under the national service laws; and

“(2) entities (particularly those in rural areas and underserved communities)—

“(A) that desire to carry out or establish national service programs;

“(B) that desire to apply for assistance under the national service laws; or

“(C) that desire to apply for a subgrant under the national service laws.

“(b) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED.—Such training and technical assistance activities may include—

“(1) providing technical assistance to those applying to carry out national service programs or those carrying out national service programs;

“(2) promoting leadership development in national service programs;

“(3) improving the instructional and programmatic quality of national service programs;

“(4) developing the management and budgetary skills of those operating or overseeing national service programs, including to increase the cost effectiveness of the programs under the national service laws;

“(5) providing for or improving the training provided to the participants in programs under the national service laws;

“(6) facilitating the education of national service programs in risk management procedures, including the training of participants in appropriate risk management practices;

“(7) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs in volunteer recruitment, management, and retention to improve the abilities of such individuals to use participants and other volunteers in an effective manner which results in high quality service and the desire of participants or volunteers to continue to serve in other capacities after the program is completed;

“(8) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs in program evaluation and performance measures to inform practices to augment the capacity and sustainability of the program;

“(9) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs to effectively accommodate people with disabilities to increase the participation of people with disabilities in national service programs. Such activities may utilize funding from the reservation of funds to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities as described in section 129(k);

“(10) establishing networks and collaboration among employers, educators, and other key stakeholders in the community to further leverage resources to increase local participation and to coordinate community-wide planning and service;

“(11) providing training and technical assistance for the National Senior Service Corps, including providing such training and technical assistance to programs receiving assistance under section 201 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973; and

“(12) carrying out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.

“(c) **PRIORITY.**—The Corporation shall give priority to programs under the national service laws and those entities wishing to establish programs under the national service laws seeking training or technical assistance that—

“(1) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs where the services are needed most;

“(2) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs where national service programs do not currently exist or where the programs are too limited to meet community needs;

“(3) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs that focus on and provide service opportunities for underserved rural and urban areas and populations; and

“(4) assist programs in developing a service component that combines students, out-of-school youths, and older adults as participants to provide needed community services.”

Subtitle III—Repeal of Title III (Points of Light Foundation)

SEC. 1831. REPEAL.

Title III (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.) is repealed.

Subtitle IV—Amendments to Title V (Authorization of Appropriations)

SEC. 1841. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) **TITLE I.**—

“(1) **SUBTITLE B.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to provide financial assistance under subtitle B of title I—

“(i) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

“(ii) such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) **PROGRAMS.**—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year—

“(i) not more than 60 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part I of subtitle B of title I;

“(ii) not more than 25 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part II of such subtitle; and

“(iii) not less than 15 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part III of such subtitle.

“(C) **SUMMER OF SERVICE.**—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, up to \$10,000,000 shall be for summer of service grants and up to \$10,000,000 shall be deposited in the National Service Trust to support summer of service educational awards, consistent with section 118(c)(8).

“(2) **SUBTITLES C, D, AND H.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to provide financial assistance under subtitles C and H of title I, to administer the National Service Trust and disburse national service educational awards and scholarships under subtitle D of title I, and to carry out such audits and evaluations as the Chief Executive Officer or the Inspector General of the Corporation may determine to be necessary, \$485,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) **PROGRAMS.**—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, up to 15 percent shall be made available to provide financial assistance under subsections (b) and (c) of section 126, and under subtitle H of title I.

“(C) **SUBTITLE C.**—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A), the following amounts shall be made available to provide financial assistance under section 121 of subtitle C of title I:

“(i) For fiscal year 2008, not more than \$324,000,000.

“(ii) For fiscal year 2009, not more than \$357,000,000.

“(iii) For fiscal year 2010, not more than \$397,000,000.

“(iv) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2012, such sums as may be necessary.

“(D) **PRIORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in obligating the amounts made available pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subparagraph (C), priority shall be given to programs carried out in areas for which the President has declared the existence of a major disaster, in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), as a consequence of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

“(3) **SUBTITLE E.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to operate the National Civilian Community Corps and provide financial assistance under subtitle E of title I, \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(4) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this Act, including financial assistance under sections 126(a) and 196B, \$51,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) **CORPORATION.**—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year—

“(i) up to 69 percent shall be made available to the Corporation for the administration of this Act, including to provide financial assistance under section 196B; and

“(ii) the remainder shall be available to provide financial assistance under section 126(a).

“(5) **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—Of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under subtitles B, C, and H of title I of this Act and under titles I and II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, the Corporation shall reserve up to 2.5 percent to carry out subtitle J of this Act. Notwithstanding subsection (b), amounts so reserved shall be available only for the fiscal year for which they are reserved.

“(b) **AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.”

TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

SEC. 2001. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment

to, or repeal of a provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a provision of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

Subtitle A—Amendments to Title I (National Volunteer Antipoverty Programs)

SEC. 2101. PURPOSE.

Section 2 (42 U.S.C. 4950) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “both young and older citizens” and inserting “citizens of all ages and backgrounds”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “local agencies” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “local agencies, expand relationships with, and support for, the efforts of civic, community, and educational organizations, and utilize the energy, innovative spirit, experience, and skills of all Americans.”

SEC. 2102. PURPOSE OF THE VISTA PROGRAM.

Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 4951) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence, by striking “afflicted with” and inserting “affected by”; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking “local level” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “local level, to support efforts by local agencies and organizations to achieve long-term sustainability of projects, consistent with section 186 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, initiated or expanded under the VISTA program activities, and to strengthen local agencies and community organizations to carry out the purpose of this part.”

SEC. 2103. APPLICATIONS.

Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “American Samoa;”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “handicapped” and inserting “disabled”; and

(ii) by striking “handicaps” and inserting “disabilities”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “jobless, the hungry, and low-income” and inserting “unemployed, the hungry, and low-income”; and

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking “prevention, education,” and inserting “through prevention, education, rehabilitation, and treatment;”; and

(E) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, mental illness,” after “including”; and

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(H) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(8) in the re-entry and re-integration of formerly incarcerated youth and adults into society, including life skills training, employment training, counseling, educational training, and educational counseling;

“(9) in developing and carrying out financial literacy, financial planning, budgeting, savings, and reputable credit accessibility programs in low-income communities, including those programs which educate on financing home ownership and higher education;

“(10) in initiating and supporting before-school and after-school programs servicing children in low-income communities that may engage participants in mentoring relationships, tutoring, life skills, or study skills programs, service-learning, physical, nutrition, and health education programs, including programs aimed at fighting childhood obesity, and other activities addressing the needs of the community’s children;

“(11) in establishing and supporting community economic development initiatives, including micro-enterprises, with a priority

on such programs in rural areas and other areas where such programs are needed most;

“(12) in assisting veterans and their families through establishing or augmenting programs which assist such persons with access to legal assistance, health care (including mental health), employment counseling or training, education counseling or training, affordable housing, and other support services; and

“(13) in addressing the health and wellness of low-income and underserved communities, including programs to increase access to preventive services, insurance, and health care.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “recruitment and placement procedures” and inserting “placement procedures that involve sponsoring organizations and”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) strike “related to the recruitment and” and insert “related to the”;

(II) strike “in conjunction with the recruitment and” and insert “in conjunction with the”;

(III) strike “1993. Upon” and all that follows through the period at the end and insert “1993.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “central information system that shall, on request, promptly provide” and inserting “database that provides”;

(iii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by striking “timely and effective” and inserting “timely and cost-effective”;

(II) by striking “the recruitment of volunteers” and inserting “recruitment and management of volunteers”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the following: “The Director shall give priority to—

“(A) disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) and low-income adults; and

“(B) retired adults of any profession, but with an emphasis on those professions whose services and training are most needed in a community, such as the health care professions, teaching, counseling, and engineering and other professions requiring a high level of technical and project management skills, to utilize their experience, including professional skills, in the VISTA program.”;

(D) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “information system” and inserting “database”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C)” and inserting “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C), sponsoring organizations, and the Office of Outreach and Recruitment”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “the Internet and related technologies,” after “television.”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “Internet and related technologies,” after “through the”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after “senior citizens organizations,” the following: “offices of economic development, State employment security agencies, employment offices.”;

(v) in subparagraph (F), by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”;

(vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking “, on request.”;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “this subsection” and inserting “this subsection and related public awareness and recruitment activities under the national service laws and

through the Office of Outreach and Recruitment”;

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking “Beginning” and all that follows through “for the purpose” and inserting “For the purpose”;

(ii) by striking “1.5 percent” and inserting “2 percent”;

(4) by amending the second sentence of subsection (d) to read as follows: “Whenever feasible, such efforts shall be coordinated with an appropriate local workforce investment board established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.”;

(5) in subsection (g) by striking “and has been submitted to the Governor” and all that follows and inserting a period;

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) The Director may enter into agreements under which public and private non-profit organizations, with sufficient financial capacity and size, pay for all or a portion of the costs of supporting the service of volunteers under this title, consistent with the provisions of section 186 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

SEC. 2104. VISTA PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Part A of title I is amended by inserting after section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) the following:

“SEC. 103A. VISTA PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—With not less than one-third of the funds made available under subsection (d) in each fiscal year, the Director shall make grants for VISTA positions to support programs of national significance. Each program for which a grant is received under this subsection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements applicable to that program.

“(b) ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.—The Director shall make grants under subsection (a) to support one or more of the following programs to address problems that concern low-income and rural communities in the Nation:

“(1) In the re-entry and re-integration of formerly incarcerated youth and adults into society, including life skills training, employment training, counseling, educational training, and educational counseling.

“(2) In developing and carrying-out financial literacy, financial planning, budgeting, savings, and reputable credit accessibility programs in low-income communities, including those programs which educate on financing home ownership and higher education.

“(3) In initiating and supporting before-school and after-school programs in low-income communities that may include such activities as establishing mentoring relationships, physical education, tutoring, instruction in 21st century thinking skills, life skills, and study skills, community service, service-learning, nutrition and health education, and other activities aimed at keeping children, safe, educated, and healthy, which serve the children in such community.

“(4) In establishing and supporting community economic development initiatives, including micro-enterprises, with a priority on such programs in rural areas and areas where such programs are needed most.

“(5) In assisting veterans and their families through establishing or augmenting programs which assist such persons with access to legal assistance, health care (including mental health), employment counseling or training, education counseling or training, affordable housing, and other support services.

“(6) In addressing the health and wellness of low-income and underserved communities across our Nation, including programs to fight childhood obesity through nutrition,

physical fitness, and other associated life skills education programs and programs to increase access to preventive services, insurance, and health care.

“(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to receive a grant under subsection (a), an applicant shall submit an application to the Director at such time and in such manner as the Director requires and receive approval of the application. Such application shall, at a minimum, demonstrate to the Director a level of expertise in carrying out such a program.

“(2) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available under subsection (d) shall be used to supplement and not supplant the number of VISTA volunteers engaged in programs addressing the problem for which such funds are awarded unless such sums are an extension of funds previously provided under this title.

“(d) FUNDING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriate under section 501 for each fiscal year there shall be available to the Director such sums as may be necessary to make grants under subsection (a).

“(2) LIMITATION.—No funds shall be made available to the Director to make grants under subsection (a) unless the amounts appropriated under section 501 available for such fiscal year to carry out part A are sufficient to maintain the number of projects and volunteers funded under part A in the preceding fiscal year.

“(e) INFORMATION.—The Director shall widely disseminate information on grants that may be made under this section, including through the Office of Outreach and Recruitment and other volunteer recruitment programs being carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.”.

SEC. 2105. TERMS AND PERIODS OF SERVICE.

Section 104(d) (42 U.S.C. 4954(d)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “with the terms and conditions of their service.” and inserting “with the terms and conditions of their service or any adverse action, such as termination, proposed by the sponsoring organization. The procedure shall provide for an appeal to the Director of any proposed termination.”;

(2) in the third sentence (as amended by this section), by striking “and the terms and conditions of their service”.

SEC. 2106. SUPPORT SERVICE.

Section 105(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 4955(a)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “Such stipend” and all that follows through “in the case of persons” and inserting “Such stipend shall be set at a minimum of \$125 per month and a maximum of \$150 per month, subject to the availability of funds to accomplish such a maximum. The Director may provide a stipend of \$250 per month in the case of persons”.

SEC. 2107. SECTIONS REPEALED.

The following provisions are repealed:

(1) VISTA LITERACY CORPS.—Section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959).

(2) UNIVERSITY YEAR FOR VISTA.—Part B of title I (42 U.S.C. 4971 et seq.).

(3) LITERACY CHALLENGE GRANTS.—Section 124 (42 U.S.C. 4995).

SEC. 2108. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 4991) is amended in the second sentence by striking “situations” and inserting “organizations”.

SEC. 2109. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 123 (42 U.S.C. 4993) is amended—

(1) in the section heading by striking “technical and”;

(2) by striking “technical and”.

Subtitle B—Amendments to Title II (National Senior Volunteer Corps)

SEC. 2201. CHANGE IN NAME.

Title II (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.) is amended in the title heading by striking “**NATIONAL SENIOR VOLUNTEER CORPS**” and inserting “**NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS**”.

SEC. 2202. PURPOSE.

Section 200 (42 U.S.C. 5000) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 200. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

“It is the purpose of this title to provide—

“(1) opportunities for senior service to meet unmet local, State, and national needs in the areas of education, public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, health and human needs, and the environment;

“(2) for the National Senior Service Corps, comprised of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program, and demonstration and other programs to empower people 55 years of age or older to contribute to their communities through service, enhance the lives of those who serve and those whom they serve, and provide communities with valuable services;

“(3) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, to share their knowledge, experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their communities and themselves;

“(4) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Foster Grandparents Program, to have a positive impact on the lives of children in need;

“(5) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Senior Companion Program, to provide critical support services and companionship to adults at risk of institutionalization and who are struggling to maintain a dignified independent life; and

“(6) for research, training, demonstration, and other program activities to increase and improve opportunities for people 55 years of age or older to meet unmet needs, including those related to public safety, public health, and emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, in their communities.”.

SEC. 2203. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS.

Section 201 (42 U.S.C. 5001) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “avail themselves of opportunities for volunteer service in their community” and inserting “share their experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their communities and themselves through service”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, and individuals 60 years of age or older will be given priority for enrollment.”;

(C) in paragraph (3) by inserting “either prior to or during the volunteer service” after “may be necessary”; and—

(D) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) the project is being designed and implemented with the advice of experts in the field of service to be delivered as well as with those who have expertise in the recruitment and management of volunteers, particularly those of the Baby Boom generation.”;

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The Director shall give priority to projects—

“(1) utilizing retired scientists, technicians, engineers, and mathematicians (the STEM professionals) to improve Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education through activities such as assisting teachers in classroom demonstra-

tions or laboratory experiences, running after-school, weekend, or summer programs designed to engage disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) or low-income, minority youth in the STEM fields and to improve mastery of the STEM content, providing field trips to businesses, institutions of higher education, museums, and other locations where the STEM professions are practiced or illuminated;

“(2) utilizing retired health care professionals to improve the health and wellness of low income or rural communities;

“(3) utilizing retired criminal justice professionals for programs designed to prevent disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) from joining gangs or committing crimes;

“(4) utilizing retired military and emergency professionals for programs to improve public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, search and rescue, and homeland security efforts; and

“(5) utilizing retired computer science professionals, technicians of related technologies, business professionals, and others with relevant knowledge to increase, for low income individuals and families, access to and obtaining the benefits from computers and other existing and emerging technologies.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS REQUIRED.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Effective for fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter, each grant or contract awarded under this section in such a year shall be—

“(A) awarded for a period of 3 years; and

“(B) awarded through a competitive process.

“(2) **ELEMENTS OF COMPETITIVE PROCESS.**—The competitive process required by paragraph (1)(B)—

“(A) shall include the use of a peer review panel, including members with expertise in senior service and aging;

“(B) shall ensure that—

“(i) the resulting grants (or contracts) support no less than the volunteer service years of the previous grant (or contract) cycle in a given geographic service area;

“(ii) the resulting grants (or contracts) maintain a similar program distribution; and

“(iii) every effort is made to minimize the disruption to volunteers; and

“(C) shall include the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under subsection (f).

“(3) **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETITIVE PROCESS.**—The Corporation shall establish and make available the competitive process required by paragraph (1)(B) no later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection. The Corporation shall consult with the program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program during development and implementation of the competitive process.

“(f) **EVALUATION PROCESS REQUIRED.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 412, and effective beginning 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, each grant or contract under this section that expires in fiscal year 2010, 2011, and 2012 shall be subject to an evaluation process. The evaluation process shall be carried out, to the maximum extent practicable, in fiscal year 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively.

“(2) **ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION PROCESS.**—The evaluation process required by paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall include performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria; and

“(B) shall evaluate the extent to which the recipient of the grant or contract meets or

exceeds such performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria.

“(3) **ESTABLISHMENT OF EVALUATION PROCESS.**—The Corporation shall, in collaboration and consultation with program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, establish and make available the evaluation process required by paragraph (1), including the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria required by paragraph (2)(A), with particular attention to the different needs of rural and urban programs. The processes shall be established and made available, including notification of the available training and technical assistance, no later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection.

“(4) **EFFECT OF FAILING TO MEET PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**—If the evaluation process determines that the recipient has failed to meet or exceed the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under this subsection, the grant or contract shall not be renewed. Any successor grant or contract shall be awarded through the competitive process described in subsection (e)(1).

“(5) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Corporation may continue to fund a program which has failed to meet or exceed the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under this subsection for up to 12 months if competition does not result in a successor grant or contract for such program, in order to minimize the disruption to volunteers and disruption of services. In such a case, outreach shall be conducted and a new competition shall be established. The previous recipient shall remain eligible for the new competition.

“(6) **PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under this subsection may be updated or modified as necessary, in consultation with program directors for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, but no earlier than fiscal year 2013.

“(B) **OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS.**—Effective for fiscal years before fiscal year 2013, the Corporation may, after consulting with program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, determine that a performance measure, outcome, or criterion established under this subsection is operationally problematic, and may, in consultation with program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and after notifying the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate—

“(i) eliminate the use of that performance measure, outcome, or criterion; or

“(ii) modify that performance measure, outcome, or criterion as necessary to render it no longer operationally problematic.

“(g) **ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE.**—The Corporation shall develop and disseminate an online resource guide for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, which shall include, but not be limited to—

“(1) examples of high performing programs;

“(2) corrective actions for underperforming programs; and

“(3) examples of meaningful outcome-based performance measures that capture a program’s mission and priorities.

“(h) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Corporation shall submit, by 2012, to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on—

“(1) the number of programs that did not meet or exceed the established performance

measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under subsection (f);

“(2) the number of new grants awarded;

“(3) the challenges to the implementation of evaluation and competition, including but not limited to geographic distribution and the minimization of disruption to volunteers; and

“(4) how the current program geographic distribution affects recruitment for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.”.

SEC. 2204. FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM GRANTS.

Section 211 (42 U.S.C. 5011) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “low-income persons aged sixty or over” and inserting “low-income and other persons aged 55 or over”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “shall have the exclusive authority to determine, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection—” and inserting “may determine—”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) whether it is in the best interests of a child receiving, and of a particular foster grandparent providing, services in such a project, to continue such relationship after the child reaches the age of 21, if such child was receiving such services prior to attaining the age of 21.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(3) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”;

(4) by adding after paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section) the following:

“(3) If an assignment of a foster grandparent is suspended or discontinued, the replacement of that foster grandparent shall be determined through the mutual agreement of all parties involved in the provision of services to the child.”;

(5) in subsection (d), in the second sentence, by striking “Any stipend” and all that follows through “inflation,” and inserting “Any stipend or allowance provided under this part shall not exceed 75 percent of the minimum wage under section 6 the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206), and the Federal share shall not be less than \$2.65 per hour, provided that the Director shall adjust the Federal share once prior to December 31, 2012, to account for inflation.”;

(6) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “125” and inserting “200”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, as so adjusted” and all that follows through “local situations”;

(7) by striking subsection (f) and inserting:

“(f)(1) Subject to the restrictions in paragraph (3), individuals who are not low-income persons may serve as volunteers under this part. The regulations issued by the Director to carry out this part (other than regulations relating to stipends or allowances to individuals authorized by subsection (d)) shall apply to all volunteers under this part, without regard to whether such volunteers are eligible to receive a stipend or allowance under subsection (d).

“(2) Except as provided under paragraph (1), each recipient of a grant or contract to carry out a project under this part shall give equal treatment to all volunteers who participate in such project, without regard to whether such volunteers are eligible to receive a stipend or allowance under subsection (d).

“(3) An individual who is not a low-income person may not become a volunteer under this part if allowing that individual to become a volunteer under this part would prevent a low-income person from becoming a volunteer under this part or would displace a low-income person from being a volunteer under this part.

“(4) The Office of Outreach and Recruitment shall conduct outreach to ensure the inclusion of low-income persons in programs and activities authorized under this title.”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(g) The Director may also provide a stipend or allowance in an amount not to exceed 10 percent more than the amount established under subsection (d) to leaders who, on the basis of past experience as volunteers, special skills, and demonstrated leadership abilities, may coordinate activities, including training, and otherwise support the service of volunteers under this part.

“(h) The program may accept up to 15 percent of volunteers serving in a project under this part for a fiscal year who do not meet the definition of ‘low-income’ under subsection (e), upon certification by the recipient of a grant or contract that it is unable to effectively recruit and place low-income volunteers in the number of placements approved for the project.”.

SEC. 2205. SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM GRANTS.

Section 213 (42 U.S.C. 5013) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “low-income persons aged 60 or over” and inserting “low-income and other persons aged 55 or over”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Subsections (d), (e), and (f)” and inserting “Subsections (d) through (h)”;

(3) by striking subsection (c)(2)(B) and inserting the following:

“(B) Senior companion volunteer trainers and leaders may receive a stipend or allowance consistent with subsection (g) authorized under subsection (d) of section 211, as approved by the Director.”.

SEC. 2206. PROMOTION OF NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.

Section 221 (42 U.S.C. 5021) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “VOLUNTEER” and inserting “SERVICE”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “of all ages and backgrounds living in rural, suburban, and urban localities” after “greater participation of volunteers”.

SEC. 2207. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) CHANGE IN AGE ELIGIBILITY.—Section 223 (42 U.S.C. 5023) is amended by striking “sixty years and older from minority groups” and inserting “55 years and older from minority and underserved populations”.

(b) NAME CHANGE.—Section 224 (42 U.S.C. 5024) is amended in the heading by striking “VOLUNTEER” and inserting “SERVICE”.

SEC. 2208. PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Section 225 (42 U.S.C. 5025) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) Applicants for grants under paragraph (1) shall determine which program under part A, B, or C the program shall be carried out and submit an application as required for programs under part A, B, or C.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) The Director shall ensure that at least 50 percent of the grants made under this section are from applicants currently not receiving assistance from the Corporation and when possible in locations where there are no current programs under part A, B, C in existence.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “or Alzheimer’s disease, with an intent of allowing those served to age in place”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “through education, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including programs that teach parenting skills, life skills, and family management skills”;

(D) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) Programs that establish and support mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990), including those mentoring programs that match youth with volunteer mentors leading to apprenticeship programs and employment training.”;

(E) in paragraph (5), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including those programs that serve youth and adults with limited English proficiency”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” and all that follows through the period and insert “and for individuals and children with disabilities or chronic illnesses living at home.”;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking “after-school activities” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “after-school programs serving children in low-income communities that may engage participants in mentoring relationships, tutoring, life skills or study skills programs, service-learning, physical, nutrition, and health education programs, including programs aimed at fighting childhood obesity, and other activities addressing the needs of the community’s children, including those of working parents.”;

(H) by striking paragraphs (8), (9), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), and (18);

(I) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively;

(J) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(10) Programs that engage older adults with children and youth to complete service in energy conservation, environmental stewardship, or other environmental needs of a community.

“(11) Programs that collaborate with criminal justice professionals and organizations in prevention programs aimed at disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) or youth re-entering society after incarceration and their families, which may include mentoring and counseling, which may include employment counseling.”;

(K) by redesignating paragraph (17) as paragraph (12); and

(L) by adding at the end the following:

“(13) Programs that strengthen community efforts in support of homeland security.”;

(3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “shall demonstrate to the Director” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “shall demonstrate to the Director a level of expertise in carrying out such a program.”; and

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) by inserting “widely” before “disseminate”; and

(B) by striking “to field personnel” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “, including through the Office of Outreach and Recruitment and other volunteer recruitment programs being carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.”.

SEC. 2209. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

Part D of title II (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 227 the following:

“SEC. 228. CONTINUITY OF SERVICE.

“To ensure the continued service of individuals in communities served by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program prior to enactment of this section, in making grants under this title the Corporation shall take actions it considers necessary to maintain service assignments for such seniors and to ensure continuity of service for communities.

“SEC. 229. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a program receiving assistance under this title may accept donations, including donations in cash or in kind.

“(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a program receiving assistance under this title shall not accept donations from the beneficiaries of the program.”

SEC. 2210. AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR.

Section 231 (42 U.S.C. 5028) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED.—The Director is authorized to—

“(A) make grants to or enter into contracts with public or nonprofit organizations, including organizations funded under part A, B, or C, for the purposes of demonstrating innovative activities involving older Americans as volunteers; and

“(B) make incentive grants under subsection (d).

“(2) SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS.—The Director may support under this part both volunteers receiving stipends and volunteers not receiving stipends.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)(A)”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “activities;” and inserting “activities described in section 225(b) and carried out through programs described in parts A, B, and C;”; and

(C) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

“(2) programs that support older Americans in aging in place while augmenting the capacity of members of a community to serve each other through reciprocal service centers, service credit banking, community economic scripts, barter services, timebanking, and other similar programs where services are exchanged and not paid for; or

“(3) grants to non-profit organizations to establish sites or programs to—

“(A) assist retiring or retired individuals in locating opportunities for—

“(i) public service roles, including through paid or volunteer service;

“(ii) participating in life-planning programs, including financial planning and issues revolving around health and wellness; and

“(iii) continuing education, including leadership development, health and wellness, and technological literacy; and

“(B) connect retiring or retired individuals with members of the community to serve as leaders and mentors in life planning, relationships, employment counseling, education counseling, and other areas of expertise as developed by the retiring or retired adults.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) PRIORITY.—For purposes of subsection (b)(2), priority shall be given to—

“(1) programs with established experience in carrying out such a program and engaging the entire community in service exchange;

“(2) programs with the capacity to connect to similar programs throughout a city or region to augment the available services to older Americans and for members of the community to serve each other;

“(3) programs seeking to establish in an area where needs of older Americans are left unmet and older Americans are unable to consider aging in place without such service exchange in place; and

“(4) programs that integrate participants in or collaborate with service-learning programs, AmeriCorps State and National programs, the VISTA program, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents program, and the Senior Companion programs, and programs described in section 411 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3032).

“(d) INCENTIVE GRANTS.—The incentive grants referred to in subsection (a)(1)(B) are incentive grants to programs receiving assistance under this title, subject to the following:

“(1) Such grants (which may be fixed-amount grants) shall be grants in an amount equal to \$300 per volunteer enrolled in the program, except that such amount shall be reduced as necessary to meet the goals of this section.

“(2) Such a grant shall be awarded to a program only if the program—

“(A) exceeds performance measures established under section 179 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990;

“(B) provides non-Federal matching funds in an amount that is not less than 50 percent of the amount received by the program under this title;

“(C) enrolls more than 50 percent of the volunteers in outcome-based service programs with measurable objectives meeting community needs, as determined by the Corporation; and

“(D) enrolls more volunteers from among members of the Baby Boom generation, as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, than were enrolled in the program during the previous fiscal year.

“(3) For each such grant, the Corporation shall require the recipient to provide matching funds of 70 cents from non-Federal sources for every \$1 provided under the grant.

“(4) Such a grant shall be awarded to a program only if the program submits, at such time and in such manner as the Corporation may reasonably require, an application that contains—

“(A) a demonstration that the program has met the requirements of paragraph (2);

“(B) if applicable, a plan for innovative programs as described in paragraph (6)(B)(ii);

“(C) a sustainability plan that describes how the program will maintain the activities described in paragraph (6) when the grant terminates; and

“(D) other information that the Corporation may require.

“(5) Such grants shall be awarded for a period of 3 years, except that the grant shall be reviewed by the Corporation at the end of the first and second fiscal years and revoked if the Corporation finds that the program has failed to continue to meet the requirements of paragraph (2) for those fiscal years.

“(6) Such grants—

“(A) shall be used to increase the number of volunteers in outcome-based service with measurable objectives meeting community needs as determined by the Corporation; and

“(B) may be used—

“(i) for activities for which the program is authorized to receive assistance under this title; and

“(ii) for innovative programs focused on the Baby Boom generation, as defined in sec-

tion 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, that have been accepted by the Corporation through the application process in paragraph (4) and are outcome-based programs with measurable objectives meeting community needs as determined by the Corporation.

“(7) The Director shall, in making such grants, give high priority to programs receiving assistance under section 201.”

**Subtitle C—Amendments to Title IV
(Administration and Coordination)****SEC. 2301. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

Section 404(a) (42 U.S.C. 5044(a)) is amended by striking “displacement of employed workers” and inserting “displacement of employed workers or volunteers (other than participants under the national service laws)”.

SEC. 2302. NOTICE AND HEARING PROCEDURES.

Section 412(a) (42 U.S.C. 5052(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “75” and inserting “60”; and

(B) by adding “and” at the end;

(2) by striking paragraph (3); and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as (3).

SEC. 2303. DEFINITIONS.

Section 421 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “American Samoa;”;

(2) in paragraph (13), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

(3) in paragraph (14)—

(A) by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

(B) by striking “parts A, B, C, and E of”;

SEC. 2304. PROTECTION AGAINST IMPROPER USE.

Section 425 (42 U.S.C. 5065) is amended by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”.

**Subtitle D—Amendments to Title V
(Authorization of Appropriations)****SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR VISTA AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “, excluding section 109” and all that follows and inserting “\$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”;

(B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (4) and redesignating paragraphs (3) and (5) as paragraphs (2) and (3); and

(C) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “, excluding section 125” and all that follows and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.

Section 502 (42 U.S.C. 5082) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 502. NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.

“(a) RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part A of title II, \$67,500,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(b) FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part B of title II, \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(c) SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry

out part C of title II, \$52,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part E of title II, \$500,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”

SEC. 2403. ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION.

Section 504 (42 U.S.C. 5084) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 504. ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION.

“There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this Act \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”

TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS
SEC. 3101. INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.

Section 8F(a)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”.

TITLE IV—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLES OF CONTENTS

SEC. 4101. TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.

Section 1(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- “Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- “Sec. 2. Findings and purpose.
- “Sec. 3. Sense of Congress.

“TITLE I—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE STATE GRANT PROGRAM

- “Subtitle A—General Provisions
- “Sec. 101. Definitions.
- “Subtitle B—School-Based and Community-Based Service-Learning Programs
- “PART I—PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS
- “Sec. 111. Assistance to States, Territories, and Indian tribes.
- “Sec. 112. Allotments.
- “Sec. 113. Applications.
- “Sec. 114. Consideration of applications.
- “Sec. 115. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.
- “Sec. 116. Federal, State, and local contributions.
- “Sec. 116A. Limitations on uses of funds.
- “PART II—HIGHER EDUCATION INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
- “Sec. 117. Higher education innovative programs for community service.
- “PART III—INNOVATIVE SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH
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- “Sec. 184. Drug-free workplace requirements.
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- “Sec. 199J. Use of volunteers.
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- “Sec. 199N. Training and technical assistance.
- “TITLE II—MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS
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- “Sec. 201. Information for students.
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- “Subtitle B—Youthbuild Projects
- “Sec. 211. Youthbuild projects.
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- “Sec. 221. Amendments to Student Literacy Corps.
- “TITLE IV—PROJECTS HONORING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
- “Sec. 401. Projects.
- “TITLE V—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
- “Sec. 501. Authorization of appropriations.
- “TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- “Sec. 601. Amtrak waste disposal.
- “Sec. 602. Exchange program with countries in transition from totalitarianism to Democracy.”

SEC. 4102. TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.

Section 1(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- “Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- “Sec. 2. Volunteerism policy.
- “**TITLE I—NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS**
- “**PART A—VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA**
- “Sec. 101. Statement of purpose.
- “Sec. 102. Authority to operate VISTA program.
- “Sec. 103. Selection and assignment of volunteers.
- “Sec. 103A. VISTA programs of national significance.
- “Sec. 104. Terms and periods of service.
- “Sec. 105. Support service.
- “Sec. 106. Participation of beneficiaries.
- “Sec. 107. Participation of younger and older persons.
- “Sec. 108. Limitation.
- “Sec. 110. Applications for assistance.
- “**PART C—SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**
- “Sec. 121. Statement of purpose.
- “Sec. 122. Authority to establish and operate special volunteer and demonstration programs.
- “Sec. 123. Financial assistance.
- “**TITLE II—NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS**
- “Sec. 200. Statement of purpose.
- “**PART A—RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**
- “Sec. 201. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.
- “**PART B—FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**
- “Sec. 211. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.
- “**PART C—SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM**
- “Sec. 213. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.
- “**PART D—GENERAL PROVISIONS**
- “Sec. 221. Promotion of National Senior Service Corps.
- “Sec. 222. Payments.
- “Sec. 223. Minority group participation.
- “Sec. 224. Use of locally generated contributions in National Senior Service Corps.
- “Sec. 225. Programs of national significance.
- “Sec. 226. Adjustments to Federal financial assistance.
- “Sec. 227. Multiyear grants or contracts.
- “Sec. 228. Continuity of service.
- “Sec. 229. Acceptance of donations.
- “**PART E—DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS**
- “Sec. 231. Authority of Director.
- “**TITLE IV—ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION**
- “Sec. 403. Political activities.
- “Sec. 404. Special limitations.
- “Sec. 406. Labor standards.
- “Sec. 408. Joint funding.
- “Sec. 409. Prohibition of Federal control.
- “Sec. 410. Coordination with other programs.
- “Sec. 411. Prohibition.
- “Sec. 414. Distribution of benefits between rural and urban areas.
- “Sec. 415. Application of Federal law.
- “Sec. 416. Evaluation.
- “Sec. 417. Nondiscrimination provisions.
- “Sec. 418. Eligibility for other benefits.
- “Sec. 419. Legal expenses.
- “Sec. 421. Definitions.
- “Sec. 422. Audit.
- “Sec. 423. Reduction of paperwork.

- “Sec. 424. Review of project renewals.
- “Sec. 425. Protection against improper use.
- “Sec. 426. Center for Research and Training.

“**TITLE V—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- “Sec. 501. National volunteer antipoverty programs.
- “Sec. 502. National Senior Service Corps.
- “Sec. 504. Administration and coordination.
- “Sec. 505. Availability of appropriations.

“**TITLE VI—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS AND REPEALERS**

- “Sec. 601. Supersedece of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of July 1, 1971.
- “Sec. 602. Creditable service for civil service retirement.
- “Sec. 603. Repeal of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act.
- “Sec. 604. Repeal of title VI of the Older Americans Act.”.

TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 5101. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Unless specifically provided otherwise, the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5102. SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS AND AGREEMENTS.

(a) **SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS.**—Changes pursuant to this Act in the terms and conditions of terms of service and other service assignments under the national service laws (including the amount of the education award) shall apply only to individuals who enroll or otherwise begin service assignments after 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, except when agreed upon by all interested parties.

(b) **AGREEMENTS.**—Changes pursuant to this Act in the terms and conditions of grants, contracts, or other agreements under the national service laws shall apply only to such agreements entered into after 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, except when agreed upon by the parties to such agreements.

(c) **EXCEPTION.**—Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to the amendments made by this Act to section 201 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5001). Any changes pursuant to those amendments apply as specified in those amendments.

TITLE VI—CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON CIVIC SERVICE

SEC. 6101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Congressional Commission on Civic Service Act”.

SEC. 6102. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The social fabric of the United States is stronger if individuals in the United States are committed to protecting and serving our Nation by utilizing national service and volunteerism to overcome our civic challenges.
- (2) A more engaged civic society will strengthen the Nation by bringing together people from diverse backgrounds and experiences to work on solutions to some of our Nation’s major challenges.
- (3) Despite declines in civic health in the past 30 years, national service and volunteerism among the Nation’s youth are increasing, and existing national service and volunteer programs greatly enhance opportunities for youth to engage in civic activity.
- (4) In addition to the benefits received by nonprofit organizations and society as a whole, volunteering and national service provide a variety of personal benefits and satisfaction and can lead to new paths of civic engagement, responsibility, and upward mobility.

SEC. 6103. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established in the legislative branch a commission to be known as the

“Congressional Commission on Civic Service” (in this title referred to as the “Commission”).

SEC. 6104. DUTIES.

(a) **GENERAL PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the Commission is to gather and analyze information in order to make recommendations to Congress to—

- (1) improve the ability of individuals in the United States to serve others and, by doing so, to enhance our Nation and the global community;
- (2) train leaders in public service organizations to better utilize individuals committed to national service and volunteerism as they manage human and fiscal resources;
- (3) identify and offer solutions to the barriers that make it difficult for some individuals in the United States to volunteer or perform national service; and
- (4) build on the foundation of service and volunteer opportunities that are currently available.

(b) **SPECIFIC TOPICS.**—In carrying out its general purpose under subsection (a), the Commission shall address and analyze the following specific topics:

- (1) The level of understanding about the current Federal, State, and local volunteer programs and opportunities for service among individuals in the United States.
- (2) The issues that deter volunteerism and national service, particularly among young people, and how the identified issues can be overcome.
- (3) Whether there is an appropriate role for Federal, State, and local governments in overcoming the issues that deter volunteerism and national service and, if appropriate, how to expand the relationships and partnerships between different levels of government in promoting volunteerism and national service.
- (4) Whether existing databases are effective in matching community needs to would-be volunteers and service providers.
- (5) The effect on the Nation, on those who serve, and on the families of those who serve, if all individuals in the United States were expected to perform national service or were required to perform a certain amount of national service.
- (6) Whether a workable, fair, and reasonable mandatory service requirement for all able young people could be developed, and how such a requirement could be implemented in a manner that would strengthen the social fabric of the Nation and overcome civic challenges by bringing together people from diverse economic, ethnic, and educational backgrounds.
- (7) The need for a public service academy, a 4-year institution that offers a federally funded undergraduate education with a focus on training future public sector leaders.
- (8) The means to develop awareness of national service and volunteer opportunities at a young age by creating, expanding, and promoting service options for primary and secondary school students and by raising awareness of existing incentives.
- (9) The effectiveness of establishing a training program on college campuses to recruit and educate college students for national service.
- (10) The effect on United States diplomacy and foreign policy interests of expanding service opportunities abroad, such as the Peace Corps, and the degree of need and capacity abroad for an expansion.
- (11) The constraints that service providers, nonprofit organizations, and State and local agencies face in utilizing federally funded volunteer programs, and how these constraints can be overcome.
- (12) Whether current Federal volunteer programs are suited to address the special

skills and needs of senior volunteers, and if not, how these programs can be improved such that the Federal Government can effectively promote service among the “baby boomer” generation.

(c) **METHODOLOGY.**

(1) **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**—The Commission shall conduct public hearings in various locations around the United States.

(2) **REGULAR AND FREQUENT CONSULTATION.**—The Commission shall regularly and frequently consult with an advisory panel of Members of Congress appointed for such purpose by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority leader of the Senate.

SEC. 6105. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall be composed of 8 members appointed as follows:

(A) 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) 2 members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(C) 2 members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

(D) 2 members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(2) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—The members of the Commission shall consist of individuals who are of recognized standing and distinction in the areas of international public service, national public service, service-learning, local service, business, or academia.

(3) **DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.**—The members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this title.

(4) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The Chairperson of the Commission shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the time of the appointment.

(b) **TERMS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The members of the Commission shall serve for the life of the Commission.

(2) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy in the Commission shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Commission but any such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(c) **COMPENSATION.**—

(1) **RATES OF PAY; TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—Each member shall serve without pay, except that each member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) **PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any member of the Commission who is a full-time officer or employee of the United States may not receive additional pay, allowances, or benefits because of service on the Commission.

(d) **MEETING REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **FREQUENCY.**—

(A) **QUARTERLY MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet at least quarterly.

(B) **ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.**—In addition to quarterly meetings, the Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of its members.

(2) **QUORUM.**—5 members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(3) **MEETING BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.**—Members of the Commission are permitted to meet using telephones or other suitable telecommunications technologies provided that all members of the Commission can fully communicate with all other members simultaneously.

SEC. 6106. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION; EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.

(a) **DIRECTOR.**—

(1) **APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Commission.

(2) **CREDENTIALS.**—The Director shall have credentials related to international public service, national public service, service-learning, or local service.

(3) **SALARY.**—The Director shall be paid at a rate determined by the Chairperson with the approval of the Commission, except that the rate may not exceed the rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule.

(b) **STAFF.**—With the approval of the Chairperson, the Director may appoint and fix the pay of additional qualified personnel as the Director considers appropriate.

(c) **EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.**—With the approval of the Commission, the Director may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule.

(d) **STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—Upon request of the Commission, Chairperson, or Director, the head of any Federal department or agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of that department or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its duties under this title.

SEC. 6107. POWERS OF COMMISSION.

(a) **HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.**—The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out this title, hold public hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) **POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.**—Any member or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take by this section.

(c) **OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.**—Upon request of the Chairperson, the head of any department or agency shall furnish information to the Commission that the Commission deems necessary to enable it to carry out this title.

(d) **PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.**—The Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the appropriate entities in the legislative branch, shall locate and provide suitable facilities and equipment for the operation of the Commission on a nonreimbursable basis.

(e) **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.**—Upon the request of the Commission, the Architect of the Capitol and the Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a nonreimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request in order for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under this title.

SEC. 6108. REPORTS.

(a) **INTERIM REPORT.**—The Commission shall submit an interim report on its activities to Congress not later than 20 months after the date of the enactment of this title.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—

(1) **DEADLINE.**—The Commission shall submit a final report on its activities to Congress not later than 120 days after the submission of the interim report under subsection (a).

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The final report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for proposed legislation.

SEC. 6109. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate not later than 30 days after submitting its final report under section 6108(b)(1).

TITLE VII—SENSE OF CONGRESS

SEC. 7101. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the Sense of Congress that the Corporation for National and Community Service should make the maximum effort possible to coordinate the recruiting and assignment procedures of their various programs to allow senior citizens and their grandchildren to share volunteer opportunities and/or be assigned to the same geographic areas during their period of service.

TITLE VIII—SENSE OF CONGRESS

SEC. 8101. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the Sense of Congress that the Corporation for National and Community Service should make the maximum effort possible to coordinate with the National Endowment for the Humanities to provide opportunities for young people enrolled in NACS programs to collect oral histories from senior citizens in the communities where they serve.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) each will control 20 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5563, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, the first reauthorization of the national and community service laws and program since 1993.

The legislation we are considering today includes all of the amendments approved last week by voice vote. It also includes the provision on background checks from the Republican motion to recommit. This bill is a bipartisan product.

Through volunteer and community service programs, tens of millions of Americans of different generations have become inspired to build stronger, more vibrant communities to help children succeed in school and rebuild cities in times of disaster.

In 2006, more than 61 million Americans gave back to their communities through service. The GIVE Act recognizes this growing service movement that is taking place across the Nation. It builds upon the successful work being done by members of AmeriCorps, of Vista, of Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America.

The GIVE Act would put us on a path to increasing the number of AmeriCorps members from 75,000 to 100,000 by 2012, with a focus on engaging low-income, disadvantaged, and at-risk young people.

The GIVE Act would also help AmeriCorps members pay for college by increasing the scholarship they earn in exchange for their service from \$4,725 to \$5,255 by 2012.

This bill would introduce young people to community service by creating a new Summer of Service initiative that will offer middle school and high school students the opportunity to spend a summer working to improve the communities while earning \$500 toward college or college preparation.

Alumni of service programs remain a valuable resource to our communities. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast communities, AmeriCorps alumni played a key role in relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts on the gulf coast.

To help tap into these resources in times of emergency, this bill would create an Alumni Reserve Corps to service alumni with previous disaster relief experience.

Each year, nearly a half a million older Americans participate in the Senior Corps programs, mentoring children of prisoners, providing independent living services to seniors, assisting victims of natural disaster, and mobilizing other volunteers.

The GIVE Act would expand the purpose of the Senior Corps programs by adding an emphasis on recruiting retired science, technology, health care, law enforcement, and military professionals to help with education, after-school, public safety, and technology needs.

I want to thank the many Members on both sides of the aisle who have worked on this bill, in particular, Representative MCCARTHY on our side of the aisle, Representative MCKEON and Mr. PLATTS on the other side, who is handling the bill today for their leadership, as well as the Service Caucus for its support.

Let me also thank the Voices of Service and its member organizations which have been invaluable in helping us develop this legislation.

Service and volunteerism have played an important role in our Nation's history and will continue to help us meet the challenges and the needs of our communities. This legislation reflects the important role and builds upon it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5563, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, the GIVE Act, which will strengthen our Nation's national and community service programs. As you know, we debated this legislation for hours last week and adopted some very positive amendments. I'm pleased that the majority has included these amendments in the bill, as well as the Republican motion to recommit, which will ensure that adequate criminal history checks will be performed on anyone seeking a federally funded national service position, and that individuals who are registered sex offenders or convicted murderers will not be selected for such positions.

While it was my hope that the duplicative Energy Conservation Corps is struck from the bill during the conference because the bill already addresses that through other sections of this legislation, I'm proud to be part of this effort to provide more flexibility for existing community service programs to ensure that the most innovative and effective grantees continue to receive funding and to increase the accountability within the corporation.

Programs such as Foster Grandparents and Learn and Serve truly impact the lives of America's most needy. AmeriCorps and NCCC participants en-

gage often disadvantaged youth and provide them with a sense of pride and civic responsibility. These programs are truly win/win and provide a tremendous return on the Federal investment.

Again, I want to thank Chairman MILLER, Ranking Member MCKEON, and Chairwoman MCCARTHY for working with me, and for all the staff who have made this effort a success.

I urge a "yes" vote and hope that my colleagues will support these common-sense reforms to our national service programs and to support the GIVE Act.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY), a major champion of this legislation.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank my chairman, GEORGE MILLER, for the great work that he has done.

This is a great day for national service. It's been 15 years since we have reauthorized our national service laws.

As chairwoman of the Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee, I am pleased to speak in support of H.R. 5563, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, the GIVE Act. Unfortunately, this legislation hit a procedural hurdle last week, but I am glad the House will today have a chance once again to pass this important piece of legislation.

The bill before us today incorporates the amendments that were accepted on the floor last week, including my manager's amendment, and amendments offered by Representative MCKEON, MATSUI and SHAYS, INSLEE, SARBANES, MCDERMOTT, three amendments from Representative ENGLISH and two amendments from Representative SUTTON. It also includes the language from the Republican motion to recommit.

The administration and the service community support the GIVE Act.

I would like to thank Chairman MILLER again for his continued support and work on this reauthorization. I would also like to extend my thanks to the ranking member of our committee, Mr. MCKEON, for his hard work. And finally, I would like to thank the ranking member of my subcommittee, Mr. PLATTS, for his work on the reauthorization.

I would also like to thank again the staff on both sides of the aisle for their work on this important piece of legislation.

National service has a distinguished and strong history in our Nation. The benefits of service cannot be duplicated. Evidence shows that service and volunteering lowers school dropouts and crime rates, lowers costs associated with the aging population, and improves the health among the elderly.

Volunteering is a cost effective way of working to solve the challenges facing our Nation. That is why the passage of the GIVE Act is necessary.

One of the most effective volunteer organizations in this Nation is AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps volunteers offer a range of services focused on low-income and disadvantaged communities. Our legislation recognizes their invaluable work and increases the number of participants to 100,000.

The GIVE Act also encourages programs to recruit underrepresented populations to serve, including scientists and engineers, young people in and/or aging out of foster care, children at risk for delinquency, and other disadvantaged young people. I truly believe that expanding national service, particularly to disadvantaged youth, is an effective way to combat things like gangs and violence, and the evidence bears that out.

If we are serious about reducing gang violence in this Nation, we must take the first step and offer our children an alternative. This legislation creates the Summer of Service program which gives middle school and high school students an opportunity to become engaged in a positive way within their community. Through the Summer of Service program, our Nation's young people will have a chance to serve with others of their own age while improving their community.

Research shows that if students are engaged in service at an early age, they will continue to serve throughout their lifetime.

We are strengthening the mission of the first responder volunteer program, the National Civilian Community Corps, by requiring more intense disaster and emergency relief training during down periods in order to be better prepared for the future.

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We are all aware of what our Nation faced in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and the NCCC was there to respond and continues to recover today.

The GIVE Act will help our Nation become better prepared for future disasters by training and preparing more emergency volunteers. The GIVE Act creates cooperation and an Office of Outreach in recruitment. This new office, among other duties, will establish a reserve corps made of those who have gone through the program and are alumni. The reserve corps alumni will be called upon during emergencies and disasters or other times of national needs.

We heard people asking over and over again during our hearings why aren't we using our former members. The new outreach office will work to connect the over-500,000 former volunteers who can be a resource for the recruitment. The GIVE Act lowers the age of participation in the national senior service to 55 years of age. By lowering the age, we are encouraging retiring Americans to participate in national service and giving older Americans the opportunity to lead us into the future.

Our Nation's retiring and retired adults are a rich resource that no one

can duplicate, nor should they be overlooked. Every American, old and young, has skills that can improve the day-to-day functions of our society. The GIVE Act encourages individuals to get involved, creates a deeper commitment to service, and makes our Nation more like what it should be.

I, again, want to thank Chairman MILLER for his deep commitment to national service and Ranking Member MCKEON and Congressman PLATTS for their work with us on this bipartisan activity. I do urge all of my colleagues to support this much-needed legislation.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield the distinguished gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) as much time as he may consume.

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in opposition to the GIVE Act. I think that it has as its premise that we won't have volunteerism in America unless we pay for it somehow or unless this body comes up with it. The volunteerism represented by AmeriCorps and the other programs here represent, I would venture, about one hundredth of 1 percent of all of the voluntary activity that goes on out there. But here we act as if it won't happen unless we create it and pay for it.

Paid volunteerism is not a very good principle, in my view. We have to remember we are running a deficit. Our Federal Government is running a deficit. So any money we pay here, any increase in any programs, any new authorization, which I think over the 5-year reauthorization is about \$4.1 billion more than we were paying before, that's money that has to be borrowed from the Treasury and, in effect, borrowed from our kids.

And I think it's prudent to ask what this is going to be used for. I think that most people would be surprised to learn that this legislation would expand and reauthorize programs that the Office of Management and Budget has rated as inefficient and ineffective. For example, the Learn and Serve Program was rated as not performing and results not demonstrated by the OMB. The AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps was rated as not performing and ineffective.

It's bad enough that we are continuing funding, but under the Learn and Serve Program, that was rated again by the OMB as not performing and results not demonstrated, we are actually creating a new program within that and funding it with 20 million more dollars. That simply is not a prudent use of taxpayer dollars.

We have to remember we are taking money from people who are working and giving it to others who are supposedly volunteering to work. When you are providing a financial incentive, be it defrayment of tuition costs or anything else, you are paying people to volunteer.

I would urge my colleagues to reject this legislation and return to fiscal sanity and a little more fiscal discipline in this House.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I yield myself 30 seconds.

Mr. Speaker, I would just say in the two programs the gentleman from Arizona raised, it's exactly why we have the reauthorization so we can go back through those programs and, in fact, as a result of those reviews, the administration has insisted upon substantial changes in those programs which have been carried out and that is why the administration now supports this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), a member of the committee.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Chairman MILLER, Chairwoman MCCARTHY, and others for putting together the GIVE Act, which reauthorizes the National Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973. This act supports the Nation's priorities in a number of important areas.

Mr. Speaker, Americans are hungry to serve. Last year, 62 million Americans contributed 8.2 billion hours of volunteer service. And the question is, are we ready to absorb that energy? Do we have a way of capturing it and channeling it?

What the GIVE Act does is it creates that infrastructure; and that's why we need it, because if we don't have an infrastructure to respond to that volunteer energy, then people will go away even more disillusioned. So the GIVE Act steps up and does exactly the right thing.

And here are some of the things that it does: it sets a goal of 100,000 AmeriCorps volunteers by 2012 putting 25,000 additional volunteers into our communities; it engages youth through a summer of service; and it creates a new energy conservation corps. That corps will focus our service corps apparatus on some of the Nation's most pressing problems: energy efficiency and conservation training for green jobs and rehabilitation of our Nation's critical infrastructure. It will enlist both seniors and young people in that enterprise.

The act will also do right by our veterans. I was pleased to work with Mr. MILLER and Mrs. MCCARTHY to include language in this bill that would require the Corporation for National and Community Service to initiate a national conversation by commissioning a study to develop and test a service corps program that both targets veterans as recipients of community service and utilizes their service as participants and volunteers. This national conversation would provide a framework for better targeting the needs of veterans in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the committee on its work on these important issues. It is said that the pulse and time of a Nation are best reflected in its service to others. The GIVE Act launches a new era of service and, in so

doing, will showcase the best of what America has to offer.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KUHLE).

Mr. KUHLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5563 and to thank Chairman MILLER and Chairwoman MCCARTHY for their efforts, including a motion to recommit that I offered to H.R. 2857, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.

Last week on March 6, I offered the motion to recommit to strengthen H.R. 2857 and the national service laws. Recently, the corporation for national community service completed a rule-making process to institute background checks for any individual seeking Federal-funded national service positions within the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparents program and within AmeriCorps programs in which individuals have recurring access to children, the elderly or, individuals with disabilities. That rule-making process also prohibited individuals from serving in those positions if they were and are registered sex offenders.

While the motion to recommit will codify the corporation's regulations, it will also expand on the corporation's effort by requiring criminal history checks for any individual seeking a federally funded national service position and not just those within the foster grandparents and senior companion programs or just those AmeriCorps programs dealing with specific populations.

Further, in addition to prohibiting registered sex offenders from serving in federally funded national service positions, the motion to recommit includes those individuals convicted of murder as well.

Again, I applaud Chairman MILLER and appreciate his courtesies last week on the floor and Chairwoman MCCARTHY for including the motion to recommit which expresses a loud and clear message, that this House of Representatives believes that those in need who are served by programs supported with assistance under these laws should be assured that they will not be placed in harm's way when approaching these programs for help.

Although I am pleased that the motion to recommit was included in the bill, I'm disappointed that the House majority has chosen not to take up the FISA amendments. The FISA amendments, which we've been hearing about all day, act to provide our intelligence community with the critical tools it needs to conduct surveillance on foreign terrorists without getting tied up in court.

The Senate, as we all know, passed this bipartisan legislation almost a month ago. So I urge the majority to bring this crucial bill up for a vote; and, again, I urge my colleagues to support this bill today before this House.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the

gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and I rise in support of this legislation. I'm pleased to have been a co-sponsor of this bill, because the service programs and the new initiatives will help to address some of our Nation's toughest problems about poverty to natural disasters and will help improve the lives of millions of our most valuable citizens. The bill will increase the number of AmeriCorps volunteers by a third and will significantly increase the stipends for those volunteers.

I particularly want to highlight a section that I am proud of. It is a section that will create opportunities for professionals in the sciences and technical fields to keep America competitive. It engages scientists and engineers in volunteerism and encourages their efforts to address unmet education and human needs. It will use scientists, technicians, engineers and mathematicians, for example, to close the digital divide that creates such a chasm between low-income communities and the more privileged communities.

The bill also creates a national civilian conservation corps that, as a residential program, will be deployed in times of national need, such as emergencies and disasters. When not deployed in such circumstance, they will build infrastructure, protect the environment, conserve our resources, and help with urban and rural development.

Mr. Speaker, this is outstanding legislation. We really should commend Mrs. MCCARTHY as well as Chairman MILLER, Mr. MCKEON, and Mr. PLATTS for their work on this legislation.

I urge passage.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) as much time as he may consume.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I am really just distressed over the manner in which this bill has come to the floor. When the Republicans were in the majority, any bill that was in excess of \$100 million had to go through the regular process, was subject to amendments on the floor, et cetera; and now we are bringing on the Suspension Calendar, which is for naming post offices and minor things like that, a bill that would spend \$6.2 billion over the next 5 years.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the estimated current outlay in fiscal year 2008 for existing Federal community service and volunteer programs is already \$607 million a year. Spending under this bill would go up \$884 million in fiscal year 2008, \$942 million in 2009, \$1.058 billion in fiscal year 2010, \$1.154 billion in fiscal year 2011, and \$1.235 billion in fiscal year 2012 for a total new spending for volunteers of \$4.1 billion over 5 years.

That's outrageous to pay for volunteer programs to have the bill not subject to any amendment on the floor

such as an amendment to pare down the size of the spending.

And I think in a time when we have a fiscal crisis on our hands, where the stock market is tanking and people are losing their homes and people are not sure of having a job, for this Congress to come in and use this extraordinary procedure to waive all the rules, including a way to amend the bill and spend an additional \$4.1 billion over 5 years, that really cracks the back of fiscal responsibility.

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The majority has shown unequivocally here that it is not the party of fiscal responsibility, and I would therefore encourage my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, it is a little hard to sit here and be lectured to by somebody from the other party that ran up an \$8 trillion deficit in a matter of 8 years, about \$1 trillion a year they succeeded in running up the deficit. But more importantly, I don't know if the gentleman from Illinois was absent last week or he doesn't remember, I don't know which, but we were here last Thursday considering this bill under the rules of the House, under essentially an open rule where every Republican amendment and every Democratic amendment that was requested, I believe, was offered.

The new programs were subjected to a vote of the House because we thought that was fair. They prevailed. We finished the business of this bill last week, and then people decided they wanted to play some games on the motions to recommit, and so that forced us to bring the bill up again this week.

We cannot go back to committee; that would be even more expensive, more time-consuming, and bring back the bill, so we have chosen to do it under suspension. But that's after all of the amendments have been given full consideration. That's why the administration supported the legislation. That's why it has bipartisan support, because it was bipartisan in the committee. I think it was 44-0 that it came out of the committee. It was bipartisan in the Rules Committee. It was bipartisan on the floor until the gentleman's party decided at the last minute that they wanted to try to somehow incorporate the FISA discussion into national service. That was out of order. That was not allowed.

And then Mr. KUHLMANN decided to offer an amendment, which we asked unanimous consent to accept at that time and we were not allowed to accept it. So, we're back here today. And we're trying to do it in the most expeditious fashion because it costs something to run the House. We shouldn't be back here today. But that's the history, in case the gentleman was absent last week.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I would just, again, urge a "yes" vote in support of the GIVE Act.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I just want to, before we close debate, thank Mr. PLATTS and Mrs. MCCARTHY for all of their hard work. They were really the engines behind this legislation and getting it through the subcommittees and the committees for our consideration here on the floor. I want to thank them very much for that effort.

A couple of speakers suggested that somehow Americans volunteer, so we don't need this act. The fact of the matter is this act builds much more than just volunteers. I volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity. I volunteer in the schools in my district. I volunteer in Coastal Cleanup. I volunteer in community Weed and Seed programs. I volunteer in a lot of efforts. This is also about taking people who would never think of volunteering, young people who come from neighborhoods where that's not an opportunity that they may have necessarily. And it not only gets them into volunteering, but also builds skills. What people really like to have volunteer are people with skills come and volunteer.

It also builds leadership skills, so that those young people can either incorporate their skills in additional volunteering or organize other people to volunteer as they leave these programs. Many of these young people graduate and go into public service. In California, we will find people who will go from one of these programs to the California Conservation Corps to maybe the national parks program, where they end up working and rebuilding the infrastructure of our national parks or public lands or coastal areas of these States.

And when you ask the young people, when you run across them, where did they get their start, they got their start in AmeriCorps or the VISTA program or something like that. They end up maybe later, after they go to school, they come back and they work in the community. That's why one of the things that this legislation does is try to reach out to the alumni of this program, because we now realize how valuable they are to our communities and we want them to continue to participate and continue to organize people who have been the beneficiaries of this program and those who have participated in it as leaders and as participants so that we can build that core.

It's very interesting now, there's a number of people discussing the national defense level of this country, that one of the things we failed to do after 9/11 was build in a resiliency of this country in the event of other another attack. Tragically, after 9/11 the President told the country they didn't have to do anything, if they would just go shopping.

But now what we see is we still don't have the basic infrastructure in our communities to deal with natural disasters, to deal with possible terrorist attacks, to deal with regional-wide problems, whether they be fires, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, or any of that. In fact, what we need is we need volunteers and people with volunteer experience, people with organizing volunteers to start to come together to think about how a community would respond, whether it's a chemical spill, whether it's a chemical plant explosion, whether it's an earthquake or a fire, to respond to help those people, to help those first responders. We've never organized that. But we would like to start thinking about organizing that, and I'm sure when we do, we will be calling upon the professionals that were in VISTA, that were in AmeriCorps, that were in the Senior Corps, that have connections through their business connections, through their community involvement.

So, this program pays many dividends way beyond the idea that this is just about volunteering on a Saturday morning or a Sunday morning with your church. We all do that. But there has to be more. And there has to be avenues for people who aren't encouraged to volunteer, that we can provide that encouragement and we can encourage people to participate with populations that need that kind of assistance. That's the importance of this legislation.

It's unfortunate it has taken so long for us to reauthorize this bill. But what we know is Americans all across this country in every region of this country want to see a greater sense of people giving back to their communities, people volunteering in their communities, organizing people to volunteer, to provide services to their communities. That's what this legislation responds to.

It's been incredibly successful, when you meet the graduates of these programs, when you meet the alumni of these programs. They don't stop there. It becomes part of the ethic of their life. And they continue it in their business, in their professions. They continue that kind of activity because they see the value of it, they've participated in it. And I would hope that my colleagues would give this legislation overwhelming bipartisan support.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5563, the "Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act" or the "GIVE Act." I would like to thank my colleague, Congresswoman MCCARTHY, for introducing this important legislation, as well as the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, for his leadership in bringing the bill to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation came to the floor last week as H.R. 2857. It was a good bill then but now it is an even better piece of legislation.

The ten amendments that were incorporated into the current bill before this chamber provide:

(1) greater integration of funding, (2) strengthens the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and (3) more support for our military families and veterans.

This legislation will make vital strides toward expanding and improving key community service programs, including AmeriCorps, VISTA, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America. The GIVE Act works to ensure that volunteers, and the organizations that support them, will receive the resources that they need to continue their vital work in our communities.

Today's legislation embodies the altruistic spirit that has made our nation great. Great numbers of Americans donate their time and their unique skills and gifts to our cities and communities, without any expectation of compensation or material reward. According to a 2005 study, 29 percent of the American public, or about 65.4 million people, had volunteered in the past year.

This legislation engages our youth and fosters a sense of civic duty. Which is why I was so pleased to see Section 1202 of this legislation, which gives special consideration to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. I want to thank Representative MCCARTHY and Representative MILLER for allowing me to add to this great bill. By adding predominately minority community colleges to the list of those to receive special consideration, we help so many more students who have a commitment to service.

Our community colleges are growing as many of our returning veterans, single parents, and senior desire to make a change in their live circumstances and simply cannot afford traditional higher education. A sense of civic engagement is not fostered only among students at Harvard and Berkeley; it is also found among students at community colleges like Houston Community College and North Harris College. I thank the Chairman for recognizing this needed addition and incorporating it into the Manager's Amendment.

The GIVE Act would:

(1) increase the number of AmeriCorps volunteers from 75,000 to 100,000 by 2012; (2) increase stipends for AmeriCorps volunteers from \$4,725 to \$5,225 by 2012; and (3) promote recruitment of disadvantaged youth, baby-boomers, and veterans into national and community service opportunities; (4) create an AmeriCorps Alumni Reserves Network aimed at tapping into the skills and experience of alumni volunteers, with a particular focus on assisting during emergencies or natural disasters; and (5) constructs an Energy Conservation Corps, which will address our nation's energy and transportation infrastructure needs while providing work and service opportunities.

I am disappointed that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have chosen to be obstructionists to legislation that engages our youth, strengthens disaster and emergency preparedness, and invests in our volunteer and service organizations with appropriate funding. This Bipartisan effort needs to be supported.

I am proud to cosponsor legislation that will add service before self to our leaders of tomorrow. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). The question is on the mo-

tion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5563.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend and to insert extraneous materials in the RECORD on H.R. 5563 and on S. 2733.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2008

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2733) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 2733

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Higher Education Extension Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS.

Section 2(a) of the Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-81; 20 U.S.C. 1001 note) is amended by striking "March 31, 2008" and inserting "April 30, 2008".

SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act, or in the Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 as amended by this Act, shall be construed to limit or otherwise alter the authorizations of appropriations for, or the durations of, programs contained in the amendments made by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) or by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84) to the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and