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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6800

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## AN ACT

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as “The Heroes Act”.

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1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2       Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference  
3 to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall  
4 be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-  
5 sion.

1 **DIVISION A—CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY**  
2 **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**  
3 **ACT, 2020**

4 The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of  
5 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
6 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for  
7 other purposes, namely:

8 **TITLE I—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOP-**  
9 **MENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,**  
10 **AND RELATED AGENCIES**

11 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

12 **AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS**

13 **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

14 For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector  
15 General”, \$2,500,000, to remain available until September  
16 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
17 coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided,*  
18 That the funding made available under this heading in  
19 this Act shall be used for conducting audits and investiga-  
20 tions of projects and activities carried out with funds made  
21 available to the Department of Agriculture to prevent, pre-  
22 pare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or  
23 internationally: *Provided further,* That such amount is des-  
24 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-

1 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

### 3 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

#### 4 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

##### 5 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 For an additional amount for “Rental Assistance  
7 Program”, \$309,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
9 coronavirus, for temporary adjustment of wage income  
10 losses for residents of housing financed or assisted under  
11 section 514, 515, or 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, with-  
12 out regard to any existing eligibility requirements based  
13 on income: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by  
14 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
15 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget  
16 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

### 17 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

#### 18 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

##### 19 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

20 For an additional amount for “Child Nutrition Pro-  
21 grams”, \$3,000,000,000 to remain available until Sep-  
22 tember 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
23 coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*,  
24 That the amount provided under this heading is for the  
25 purposes of carrying out section 180002 of the “Child Nu-

1 trition and Related Programs Recovery Act”: *Provided*  
2 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
3 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
4 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
5 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR  
7 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

8 For an additional amount for the “Special Supple-  
9 mental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Chil-  
10 dren”, \$1,100,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
11 tember 30, 2022: *Provided*, That such amount is des-  
12 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
13 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
14 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

16 For an additional amount for “Supplemental Nutri-  
17 tion Assistance Program”, \$10,000,000,000, to remain  
18 available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare  
19 for, and respond to coronavirus: *Provided*, That such  
20 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
21 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
22 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
23 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 1 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For an additional amount for “Commodity Assistance  
3 Program”, \$150,000,000, to remain available through  
4 September 30, 2021, for the emergency food assistance  
5 program as authorized by section 27(a) of the Food and  
6 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) and section  
7 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983  
8 (7 U.S.C. 7508(a)(1)): *Provided*, That such amount is  
9 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
10 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
11 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 12 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

13 SEC. 10101. For an additional amount for the Com-  
14 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, \$1,822,000,  
15 to remain available until September 30, 2021, for nutri-  
16 tion assistance to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
17 coronavirus: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by  
18 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
19 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget  
20 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 10102. Under the heading “Commodity Assist-  
22 ance Program” in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-  
23 nomic Security Act (Public Law 116–136), strike “to pre-  
24 vent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically  
25 or internationally,”: *Provided*, That the amounts



1 repurposed pursuant to the amendment made by this sec-  
2 tion that were previously designated by the Congress as  
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced  
4 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are  
5 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
6 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
7 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8       SEC. 10103. For an additional amount for the pro-  
9 gram established under section 7522 of the Food, Con-  
10 servation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 5936), to  
11 prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus,  
12 \$20,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
13 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
14 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
15 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
16 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17       SEC. 10104. Section 11004 of the Coronavirus Aid,  
18 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
19 is amended by inserting after the 4th proviso the fol-  
20 lowing: “*Provided further*, That the condition set forth in  
21 section 9003(f) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
22 ment Act of 2002 shall apply with respect to all construc-  
23 tion, alteration, or repair work carried out, in whole or  
24 in part, with funds made available by this section:” *Pro-*  
25 *vided*, That amounts repurposed pursuant to the amend-

1 ments made pursuant to this section are designated by  
 2 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
 3 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget  
 4 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 TITLE II—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND  
 6 RELATED AGENCIES

7 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

8 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

9 CURRENT SURVEYS AND PROGRAMS

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 For an additional amount for “Current Surveys and  
 12 Programs”, \$10,000,000: *Provided*, That such sums may  
 13 be transferred to the Bureau of the Census Working Cap-  
 14 ital Fund for necessary expenses incurred as a result of  
 15 the coronavirus, including for payment of salaries and  
 16 leave to Bureau of the Census staff resulting from the sus-  
 17 pension of data collection for reimbursable surveys con-  
 18 ducted for other Federal agencies: *Provided further*, That  
 19 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
 20 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
 21 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
 22 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

24 For an additional amount for “Periodic Censuses and  
 25 Programs”, \$400,000,000, to remain available until Sep-

1 tember 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
2 coronavirus: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by  
3 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
4 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget  
5 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC

7 ADMINISTRATION

8 ASSISTANCE TO FISHERY PARTICIPANTS

9 Pursuant to section 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid,  
10 Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (Public Law  
11 116–136), for an additional amount for “Assistance to  
12 Fishery Participants”, \$100,000,000, to remain available  
13 until September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses to pro-  
14 vide assistance to Tribal, subsistence, commercial, and  
15 charter fishery participants affected by the novel  
16 coronavirus (COVID–19), which may include direct relief  
17 payments: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by  
18 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
19 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget  
20 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector  
24 General”, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended  
25 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, in-

1 cluding the impact of coronavirus on the work of the De-  
2 partment of Commerce and to carry out investigations and  
3 audits related to the funding made available for the De-  
4 partment of Commerce in this Act and in title II of divi-  
5 sion B of Public Law 116–136: *Provided*, That such  
6 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
7 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
8 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
9 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—DEPARTMENT OF  
11 COMMERCE

12 SEC. 10201. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
13 law, the Federal share for grants provided by the Eco-  
14 nomic Development Administration under Public Law  
15 116–93, Public Law 116–20, and Public Law 116–136  
16 shall be 100 percent: *Provided*, That the amounts  
17 repurposed in this section that were previously designated  
18 by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant  
19 to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
20 Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emer-  
21 gency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of  
22 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act  
23 of 1985.

1                   DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
2                   FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM  
3                   SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4           For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
5 penses”, \$200,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
6 tember 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
7 coronavirus, including the impact of coronavirus on the  
8 work of the Department of Justice, to include funding for  
9 medical testing and services, personal protective equip-  
10 ment, hygiene supplies and services, and sanitation serv-  
11 ices: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
12 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
13 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
14 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15                   OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

16           For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector  
17 General”, \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended  
18 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, in-  
19 cluding the impact of coronavirus on the work of the De-  
20 partment of Justice and to carry out investigations and  
21 audits related to the funding made available for the De-  
22 partment of Justice in this Act: *Provided*, That such  
23 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
24 emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

4 OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

5 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND

6 PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

7 For an additional amount for “Violence Against  
8 Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs”,  
9 \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended, of  
10 which—

11 (1) \$30,000,000 is for grants to combat vio-  
12 lence against women, as authorized by part T of the  
13 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Acts of  
14 1968;

15 (2) \$15,000,000 is for transitional housing as-  
16 sistance grants for victims of domestic violence, dat-  
17 ing violence, stalking, or sexual assault, as author-  
18 ized by section 40299 of the Violent Crime Control  
19 and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law  
20 103–322; “1994 Act”);

21 (3) \$15,000,000 is for sexual assault victims  
22 assistance, as authorized by section 41601 of the  
23 1994 Act;

1           (4) \$10,000,000 is for rural domestic violence  
2           and child abuse enforcement assistance grants, as  
3           authorized by section 40295 of the 1994 Act;

4           (5) \$10,000,000 is for legal assistance for vic-  
5           tims, as authorized by section 1201 of the Victims  
6           of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000  
7           (Public Law 106–386; “2000 Act”);

8           (6) \$4,000,000 is for grants to assist tribal gov-  
9           ernments in exercising special domestic violence  
10          criminal jurisdiction, as authorized by section 904 of  
11          the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of  
12          2013; and

13          (7) \$16,000,000 is for grants to support fami-  
14          lies in the justice system, as authorized by section  
15          1301 of the 2000 Act:

16 *Provided*, That a recipient of such funds shall not be sub-  
17 ject, as a condition for receiving the funds, to any other-  
18 wise-applicable requirement to provide or obtain other  
19 Federal or non-Federal funds: *Provided further*, That such  
20 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
21 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
22 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
23 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1                                   OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS  
2           STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE  
3           For an additional amount for “State and Local Law  
4 Enforcement Assistance”, \$300,000,000, to remain avail-  
5 able until expended, for the same purposes and subject  
6 to the same conditions as the appropriations for fiscal year  
7 2020 under this heading in title II of division B of Public  
8 Law 116–136, including for the purchase of personal pro-  
9 tective equipment, and for costs related to preventing and  
10 controlling coronavirus at correctional institutions: *Pro-*  
11 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 502(a)(1) of the Om-  
12 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
13 U.S.C. 10153), funds provided under this heading in both  
14 this Act and title II of division B of Public Law 116–  
15 136 may be used to supplant State or local funds: *Pro-*  
16 *vided further*, That a recipient of funds made available  
17 under this heading in both this Act and title II of division  
18 B of Public Law 116–136 shall not be subject, as a condi-  
19 tion for receiving the funds, to any otherwise-applicable  
20 requirement to provide or obtain other Federal or non-  
21 Federal funds: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-  
22 igned by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
23 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.



1 For an additional amount for “State and Local Law  
2 Enforcement Assistance”, \$250,000,000, to remain avail-  
3 able until expended, for offender reentry programs and re-  
4 search, as authorized by the Second Chance Act of 2007  
5 (Public Law 110–199) and by the Second Chance Reau-  
6 thorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–391), without  
7 regard to the time limitations specified at section 6(1) of  
8 such Act, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
9 coronavirus: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of law, funds provided under this heading may  
11 be used to supplant State or local funds: *Provided further*,  
12 That a recipient of funds made available under this head-  
13 ing in this Act shall not be subject, as a condition for re-  
14 ceiving the funds, to any otherwise-applicable requirement  
15 to provide or obtain other Federal or non-Federal funds:  
16 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the  
17 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
18 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
19 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 For an additional amount for “State and Local Law  
21 Enforcement Assistance”, \$600,000,000, to remain avail-  
22 able until expended, for grants, contracts, cooperative  
23 agreements, and other assistance as authorized by the  
24 Pandemic Justice Response Act (“the Act”): *Provided*,  
25 That \$500,000,000 is to establish and implement policies

1 and procedures to prevent, detect, and stop the presence  
2 and spread of COVID–19 among arrestees, detainees, in-  
3 mates, correctional facility staff, and visitors to the facili-  
4 ties; and for pretrial citation and release grants, as au-  
5 thorized by the Act: *Provided further*, That \$25,000,000  
6 is for Rapid COVID–19 Testing, as authorized by the Act:  
7 *Provided further*, That \$75,000,000 is for grants for Juve-  
8 nile Specific Services, as authorized by the Act: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
10 funds provided under this heading may be used to sup-  
11 plant State or local funds: *Provided further*, That a recipi-  
12 ent of funds made available under this heading in this Act  
13 shall not be subject, as a condition for receiving the funds,  
14 to any otherwise-applicable requirement to provide or ob-  
15 tain other Federal or non-Federal funds: *Provided further*,  
16 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
17 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

21 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES PROGRAMS

22 For an additional amount for “Community Oriented  
23 Policing Services”, \$300,000,000, to remain available  
24 until expended, for grants under section 1701 of title I  
25 of the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

1 (34 U.S.C. 10381) for hiring and rehiring of additional  
2 career law enforcement officers under part Q of such title,  
3 notwithstanding subsection (i) of such section, and includ-  
4 ing for the purchase of personal protective equipment:  
5 *Provided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704 of the Om-  
6 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
7 U.S.C. 10384), funds provided under this heading may be  
8 used to supplant State or local funds and may be used  
9 to retain career law enforcement officers: *Provided further*,  
10 That a recipient of funds made available under this head-  
11 ing in this Act shall not be subject, as a condition for re-  
12 ceiving the funds, to any otherwise-applicable requirement  
13 to provide or obtain other Federal or non-Federal funds:  
14 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the  
15 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
16 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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## SCIENCE

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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## RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

21

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22

23 For an additional amount for “Research and Related  
24 Activities”, \$125,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
25 tember 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
coronavirus, including to fund research grants, of which

1 \$1,000,000 shall be for a study on the spread of COVID–  
2 19 related disinformation: *Provided further*, That, of the  
3 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act, up  
4 to 2 percent of funds may be transferred to the “Agency  
5 Operations and Award Management” account for manage-  
6 ment, administration, and oversight of funds provided  
7 under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such  
8 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
9 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
10 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—SCIENCE

13 STUDY ON COVID–19 DISINFORMATION

14 SEC. 10202. (a) STUDY.—No later than 30 days  
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of  
16 the National Science Foundation shall enter into an ar-  
17 rangement with the National Academies of Science, Engi-  
18 neering, and Medicine (National Academies) to conduct a  
19 study on the current understanding of the spread of  
20 COVID–19-related disinformation on the internet and so-  
21 cial media platforms. The study shall address the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 (1) the role disinformation and misinformation  
24 has played in the public response to COVID–19;

1           (2) the sources of COVID–19-related  
2           disinformation—both foreign and domestic—and the  
3           mechanisms by which that disinformation influences  
4           the public debate;

5           (3) the role social media plays in the dissemina-  
6           tion and promotion of COVID–19 disinformation  
7           and misinformation content and the role social  
8           media platforms play in the organization of groups  
9           seeking to spread COVID–19 disinformation;

10          (4) the potential financial returns for creators  
11          or distributors of COVID–19 disinformation, and  
12          the role such financial incentives play in the propa-  
13          gation of COVID–19 disinformation;

14          (5) potential strategies to mitigate the dissemi-  
15          nation and negative impacts of COVID–19  
16          disinformation, including specifically, the dissemi-  
17          nation of disinformation on social media, including  
18          through improved disclosures; and

19          (6) an analysis of the limitations of these miti-  
20          gation strategies, and an analysis of how these strat-  
21          egies can be implemented without infringing on  
22          Americans’ Constitutional rights and civil liberties.

23          (b) REPORT.—In entering into an arrangement under  
24          this section, the Director shall request that the National  
25          Academies transmit to Congress a report on the results

1 of the study not later than 12 months after the date of  
2 enactment of this Act.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-  
4 propriated for the purposes of conducting the study in this  
5 section \$1,000,000.

6 RELATED AGENCIES

7 LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

8 PAYMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

9 For an additional amount for “Payment to the Legal  
10 Services Corporation”, \$50,000,000, for the same pur-  
11 poses and subject to the same conditions as the appropria-  
12 tions for fiscal year 2020 under this heading in title II  
13 of division B of Public Law 116–136: *Provided*, That such  
14 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
15 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
16 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
17 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 TITLE III—FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL

19 GOVERNMENT

20 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

21 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
25 penses”, \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended,

1 to conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, dis-  
2 bursement, and use of funds made available under the  
3 “Coronavirus State Fiscal Relief Fund” and the  
4 “Coronavirus Local Fiscal Relief Fund” (collectively,  
5 “Fiscal Relief Funds”): *Provided*, That, if the Inspector  
6 General of the Department of the Treasury determines  
7 that an entity receiving a payment from amounts provided  
8 by the Fiscal Relief Funds has failed to comply with the  
9 provisions governing the use of such funding, the Inspec-  
10 tor General shall transmit any relevant information re-  
11 lated to such determination to the Committees on Appro-  
12 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
13 not later than 5 days after any such determination is  
14 made: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
15 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
16 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
17 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX

19 ADMINISTRATION

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
22 penses”, \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended,  
23 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, do-  
24 mestically or internationally: *Provided*, That such amount  
25 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency

1 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
2 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
3 1985.

4 HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

5 For activities and assistance authorized in section  
6 110202 of the “COVID-19 HERO Act” ,  
7 \$75,000,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
9 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
10 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
11 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE

13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

14 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
15 penses”, \$78,650,000, to remain available until September  
16 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
17 coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*,  
18 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
19 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
20 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
21 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RELIEF FUND

23 For making payments to States, territories, and Trib-  
24 al governments to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming  
25 from the public health emergency with respect to the



1 Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), \$540,000,000,000 to  
2 remain available until expended, which shall be in addition  
3 to any other amounts available for making payments to  
4 States, territories, and Tribal governments for any pur-  
5 pose (including payments made under section 601 of the  
6 Social Security Act), of which:

7           (1) \$20,000,000,000 shall be for making  
8           payments to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
9           United States Virgin Islands, Guam, Common-  
10          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and  
11          American Samoa: *Provided*, That of the amount  
12          made available in this paragraph, half shall be  
13          allocated equally among each entity specified in  
14          this paragraph, and half shall be allocated as  
15          an additional amount to each such entity in an  
16          amount which bears the same proportion to half  
17          of the total amount provided under this para-  
18          graph as the relative population of each such  
19          entity bears to the total population of all such  
20          entities;

21           (2) \$20,000,000,000 shall be for making  
22          payments to Tribal governments: *Provided*,  
23          That payments of amounts made available in  
24          this paragraph shall be made to each Tribal  
25          Government in an amount determined by the

1 Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with  
2 the Secretary of the Interior and Indian Tribes,  
3 that is based on increased aggregate expendi-  
4 tures of each such Tribal government (or a trib-  
5 ally-owned entity of such Tribal government) in  
6 fiscal year 2020 relative to aggregate expendi-  
7 tures in fiscal year 2019 by the Tribal govern-  
8 ment (or tribally-owned entity) and determined  
9 in such manner as the Secretary determines ap-  
10 propriate to ensure that all amounts available  
11 pursuant to the preceding proviso for fiscal year  
12 2020 are distributed to Tribal governments:

13 (3) \$250,000,000,000 shall be for making  
14 initial payments to each of the 50 States and  
15 the District of Columbia, of which—

16 (A) \$51,000,000,000 shall be al-  
17 located equally between each of the 50  
18 States and the District of Columbia;

19 (B) \$150,000,000,000 shall be  
20 allocated as an additional amount to  
21 each such entity in an amount which  
22 bears the same proportion to the total  
23 amount provided under this subpara-  
24 graph as the relative population of

1 each such entity bears to the total  
2 population of all such entities;

3 (C) \$49,000,000,000 shall be al-  
4 located as additional amounts among  
5 each of the 50 States and the District  
6 of Columbia in an amount which  
7 bears the same proportion to the total  
8 amount provided under this subpara-  
9 graph as the relative prevalence of  
10 COVID–19 within each such entity  
11 bears to the total prevalence of  
12 COVID–19 within all such entities:  
13 *Provided*, That the relative prevalence  
14 of COVID–19 shall be calculated  
15 using the most recent data on the  
16 number of confirmed and probable  
17 cases as published on the Internet by  
18 the Centers for Disease Control and  
19 Prevention for each entity specified in  
20 the preceding proviso;

21 (4) \$250,000,000,000 shall be for making an  
22 additional payment to each of the 50 States and the  
23 District of Columbia, of which—

1 (A) \$51,000,000,000 shall be allocated  
2 equally between each of the 50 States and the  
3 District of Columbia; and

4 (B) \$199,000,000,000 shall be allocated  
5 between each such entity in an additional  
6 amount which bears the same proportion to the  
7 total amount provided under this subparagraph  
8 as the average estimated number of seasonally-  
9 adjusted unemployed individuals (as measured  
10 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area  
11 Unemployment Statistics program) in each such  
12 entity over the 3-month period ending in March  
13 2021 bears to the average estimated number of  
14 seasonally-adjusted unemployed individuals in  
15 all such entities over the same period.

16 *Provided further*, That any entity receiving a payment  
17 from funds made available under this heading in this Act  
18 shall only use such amounts to respond to, mitigate, cover  
19 costs or replace foregone revenues not projected on Janu-  
20 ary 31, 2020 stemming from the public health emergency,  
21 or its negative economic impacts, with respect to the  
22 Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19): *Provided further*, That  
23 if the Inspector General of the Department of the Treas-  
24 ury determines that an entity receiving a payment from  
25 amounts provided under this heading has failed to comply

1 with the preceding proviso, the amount equal to the  
2 amount of funds used in violation of such subsection shall  
3 be booked as a debt of such entity owed to the Federal  
4 Government, and any amounts recovered under this sub-  
5 section shall be deposited into the general fund of the  
6 Treasury as discretionary offsetting receipts: *Provided fur-*  
7 *ther*, That for purposes of the preceding provisos under  
8 this heading in this Act, the population of each entity de-  
9 scribed in any such proviso shall be determined based on  
10 the most recent year for which data are available from  
11 the Bureau of the Census, or in the case of an Indian  
12 tribe, shall be determined based on data certified by the  
13 Tribal government: *Provided further*, That as used under  
14 this heading in this Act, the terms “Tribal government”  
15 and “Indian Tribe” have the same meanings as specified  
16 in section 601(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 601(g)), as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act  
18 (Public Law 116–136) and amended by section 191301  
19 of division X of this Act, and the term “State” means  
20 one of the 50 States: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
21 of Treasury shall make all payments required pursuant  
22 to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) not later than 30 days  
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, and shall make  
24 all payments required pursuant to paragraph (4) not later  
25 than May 3, 2021: *Provided further*, That such amount

1 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency  
2 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
3 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
4 1985.

5 CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RELIEF FUND

6 For making payments to metropolitan cities, coun-  
7 ties, and other units of general local government to miti-  
8 gate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health  
9 emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease  
10 (COVID–19), \$375,000,000,000, to remain available until  
11 expended, which shall be in addition to any other amounts  
12 available for making payments to metropolitan cities,  
13 counties, and other units of general local government (in-  
14 cluding payments made under section 601 of the Social  
15 Security Act), of which—

16 (1) \$187,500,000,000 shall be for making pay-  
17 ments to metropolitan cities and other units of gen-  
18 eral local government (as those terms are defined in  
19 section 102 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
20 opment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)), of which—

21 (A) \$131,250,000,000 shall be allocated  
22 pursuant to the formula under section  
23 106(b)(1) of the Housing and Community De-  
24 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(b)(1))  
25 to metropolitan cities (as defined in section

1           102(a)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(4)),  
2           including metropolitan cities that have relin-  
3           quished or deferred their status as a metropoli-  
4           tan city as of the date of enactment of this Act:  
5           *Provided*, That \$87,500,000,000 of the funds  
6           provided under this subparagraph shall be paid  
7           not later than 30 days after the date of enact-  
8           ment of this Act: *Provided further*, That  
9           \$43,750,000,000 of the funds provided under  
10          this subparagraph shall be paid not earlier than  
11          April 15, 2021, but not later than May 3, 2021;  
12          and

13                 (B) \$56,250,000,000 shall be distributed  
14          to each State (as that term is defined in section  
15          102 of the Housing and Community Develop-  
16          ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) for use by  
17          units of general local government, other than  
18          counties or parishes, in nonentitlement areas  
19          (as defined in such section 102) of such States  
20          in an amount which bears the same proportion  
21          to the total amount provided under this sub-  
22          paragraph as the total population of such units  
23          of general local government within the State  
24          bears to the total population of all such units  
25          of general local government in all such States:

1           *Provided*, That two-thirds of the funds provided  
2           under this subparagraph and allocated to each  
3           such unit of general local government shall be  
4           distributed to each such unit of general local  
5           government not later than 30 days after the  
6           date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*,  
7           That the remainder of the funds provided under  
8           this subparagraph and allocated to each such  
9           unit of general local government shall be dis-  
10          tributed to each such unit of general local gov-  
11          ernment not earlier than April 15, 2021, but  
12          not later than May 3, 2021: *Provided further*,  
13          That a State shall pass-through the amounts  
14          received under this subparagraph, within 30  
15          days of receipt, to each such unit of general  
16          local government in an amount that bears the  
17          same proportion to the amount distributed to  
18          each such State as the population of such unit  
19          of general local government bears to the total  
20          population of all such units of general local gov-  
21          ernment within each such State: *Provided fur-*  
22          *ther*, That if a State has not elected to dis-  
23          tribute amounts allocated under this paragraph,  
24          the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay the ap-  
25          plicable amounts under this subparagraph to



1           such units of general local government in the  
2           State not later than 30 days after the date on  
3           which the State would otherwise have received  
4           the amounts from the Secretary; and

5           (2) \$187,500,000,000 shall be paid directly to  
6           counties within the 50 States, the District of Colum-  
7           bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United  
8           States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of  
9           the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa  
10          in an amount which bears the same proportion to  
11          the total amount provided under this paragraph as  
12          the relative population of each such county bears to  
13          the total population of all such entities: *Provided*,  
14          That two-thirds of the funds provided under this  
15          paragraph and allocated to each such county shall be  
16          distributed to each such county not later than 30  
17          days after the date of enactment of this Act: *Pro-*  
18          *vided further*, That the remainder of the amount al-  
19          located to each such county under this paragraph  
20          shall be distributed to each such county not earlier  
21          than April 15, 2021, but not later than May 3,  
22          2021: *Provided further*, That no county that is an  
23          “urban county” (as defined in section 102 of the  
24          Housing and Community Development Act of 1974  
25          (42 U.S.C. 5302)) shall receive less than the amount

1 the county would otherwise receive if the amount  
2 distributed under this paragraph were allocated to  
3 metropolitan cities and urban counties under section  
4 106(b) of the Housing and Community Development  
5 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(b)): *Provided further,*  
6 That in the case of an amount to be paid to a coun-  
7 ty that is not a unit of general local government, the  
8 amount shall instead be paid to the State in which  
9 such county is located, and such State shall dis-  
10 tribute such amount to units of general local govern-  
11 ment within such county in an amounts that bear  
12 the same proportion as the population of such units  
13 of general local government bear to the total popu-  
14 lation of such county: *Provided further,* That for  
15 purposes of this paragraph, the District of Columbia  
16 shall be considered to consist of a single county that  
17 is a unit of general local government:

18 *Provided further,* That any entity receiving a payment  
19 from funds made available under this heading in this Act  
20 shall only use such amounts to respond to, mitigate, cover  
21 costs or replace foregone revenues not projected on Janu-  
22 ary 31, 2020 stemming from the public health emergency,  
23 or its negative economic impacts, with respect to the  
24 Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19): *Provided further,* That  
25 if the Inspector General of the Department of the Treas-

1 ury determines that an entity receiving a payment from  
2 amounts provided under this heading has failed to comply  
3 with the preceding proviso, the amount equal to the  
4 amount of funds used in violation of such subsection shall  
5 be booked as a debt of such entity owed to the Federal  
6 Government, and any amounts recovered under this sub-  
7 section shall be deposited into the general fund of the  
8 Treasury as discretionary offsetting receipts: *Provided fur-*  
9 *ther*, That nothing in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be con-  
10 strued as prohibiting a unit of general local government  
11 that has formed a consolidated government, or that is geo-  
12 graphically contained (in full or in part) within the bound-  
13 aries of another unit of general local government from re-  
14 ceiving a distribution under each of subparagraphs (A)  
15 and (B) under paragraph (1) or under paragraph (2), as  
16 applicable, based on the respective formulas specified con-  
17 tained therein: *Provided further*, That the amounts other-  
18 wise determined for distribution to units of local govern-  
19 ment under each of subparagraphs (A) and (B) under  
20 paragraph (1) and under paragraph (2) shall each be ad-  
21 justed by the Secretary of the Treasury on a pro rata basis  
22 to the extent necessary to comply with the amount appro-  
23 priated and the requirements specified in each paragraph  
24 and subparagraph, as applicable: *Provided further*, That  
25 as used under this heading in this Act, the term “county”

1 means a county, parish, or other equivalent county divi-  
2 sion (as defined by the Bureau of the Census): *Provided*  
3 *further*, That for purposes of the preceding provisos under  
4 this heading in this Act, the population of an entity shall  
5 be determined based on the most recent year for which  
6 data are available from the Bureau of the Census: *Pro-*  
7 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by Congress  
8 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
9 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
10 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

12 FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

13 For an additional amount for the “Community Devel-  
14 opment Financial Institutions Fund Program Account”,  
15 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
16 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus:  
17 *Provided*, That the Community Development Financial In-  
18 stitutions Fund (CDFI) shall provide grants using a for-  
19 mula that takes into account criteria such as certification  
20 status, financial and compliance performance, portfolio  
21 and balance sheet strength, and program capacity: *Pro-*  
22 *vided further*, That not less than \$25,000,000 shall be for  
23 financial assistance, technical assistance, and training and  
24 outreach programs designed to benefit Native American,  
25 Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native communities: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That the CDFI Fund shall make funds  
2 available under this subsection within 60 days of the date  
3 of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That funds  
4 made available under this heading may be used for admin-  
5 istrative expenses, including administration of CDFI  
6 Fund programs and the New Markets Tax Credit Pro-  
7 gram: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
8 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
10 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—INTERNAL REVENUE

12 SERVICE

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 10301. In addition to the amounts otherwise  
15 available to the Internal Revenue Service in fiscal year  
16 2020, \$520,000,000, to remain available until September  
17 30, 2021, shall be available to prevent, prepare for, and  
18 respond to coronavirus, including for costs associated with  
19 the extended filing season: *Provided*, That such funds may  
20 be transferred by the Commissioner to the “Taxpayer  
21 Services”, “Enforcement”, or “Operations Support” ac-  
22 counts of the Internal Revenue Service for an additional  
23 amount to be used solely to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
24 spond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Pro-*  
25 *vided further*, That the Committees on Appropriations of

1 the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be noti-  
2 fied in advance of any such transfer: *Provided further*,  
3 That such transfer authority is in addition to any other  
4 transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That  
5 not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this  
6 Act, the Commissioner shall submit to the Committees on  
7 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
8 Senate a spending plan for such funds: *Provided further*,  
9 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
10 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
11 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 13 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

### 14 ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

#### 15 ELECTION RESILIENCE GRANTS

#### 16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For an additional amount for payments by the Elec-  
18 tion Assistance Commission to States for contingency  
19 planning, preparation, and resilience of elections for Fed-  
20 eral office, \$3,600,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
21 tember 30, 2021: *Provided*, That of the amount provided  
22 under this heading, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred  
23 to and merged with “Election Assistance Commission—  
24 Salaries and Expenses”: *Provided further*, That under this  
25 heading the term “State” means each of the 50 States,

1 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto  
2 Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin  
3 Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
4 Islands: *Provided further*, That the amount of the pay-  
5 ments made to a State under this heading shall be con-  
6 sistent with sections 101(d) and 103 of the Help America  
7 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20903): *Provided further*,  
8 That for the purposes of the preceding proviso, each ref-  
9 erence to “\$5,000,000” in such section 103 shall be  
10 deemed to refer to “\$7,500,000”: *Provided further*, That  
11 not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this  
12 Act, the Election Assistance Commission shall obligate the  
13 funds to States under this heading in this Act: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That not less than 50 percent of the amount of  
15 the payment made to a State under this heading in this  
16 Act shall be allocated in cash or in kind to the units of  
17 local government which are responsible for the administra-  
18 tion of elections for Federal office in the State: *Provided*  
19 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
20 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
21 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
22 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—ELECTION ASSISTANCE  
2 COMMISSION

3 SEC. 10302. (a) The last proviso under the heading  
4 “Election Assistance Commission—Election Security  
5 Grants” in the Financial Services and General Govern-  
6 ment Appropriations Act, 2020 (division C of Public Law  
7 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) shall not apply with respect to  
8 any payment made to a State using funds appropriated  
9 or otherwise made available to the Election Assistance  
10 Commission under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-  
11 nomic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

12 (b) The first proviso under the heading “Election As-  
13 sistance Commission—Election Security Grants” in the  
14 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-  
15 lic Law 116–136) is amended by striking “within 20 days  
16 of each election in the 2020 Federal election cycle in that  
17 State,” and inserting “not later than October 30, 2021,”.

18 (c) The fourth proviso under the heading “Election  
19 Assistance Commission—Election Security Grants” in the  
20 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-  
21 lic Law 116–136) is amended by striking “December 31,  
22 2020” and inserting “September 30, 2021”.

23 (d) Notwithstanding any requirement that a State  
24 legislature appropriate and release any funds made avail-  
25 able under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the chief



1 election official of each State shall have access to the funds  
2 made available under the heading “Election Assistance  
3 Commission—Election Security Grants” in this Act and  
4 in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
5 (Public Law 116–136) without any such action by the  
6 State legislature.

7 (e) A State may elect to reallocate funds allocated  
8 under the heading “Election Assistance Commission—  
9 Election Security Grants” in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
10 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136) or  
11 under this heading in this Act as funds allocated under  
12 the heading “Election Assistance Commission—Election  
13 Security Grants” in the Financial Services and General  
14 Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (division C of Pub-  
15 lic Law 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) that were spent to pre-  
16 vent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically  
17 or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle; or  
18 funds allocated under the heading “Election Assistance  
19 Commission—Election Reform Program” in the Financial  
20 Services and Government Appropriations Act, 2018 (divi-  
21 sion E of Public Law 115–141) that were spent to pre-  
22 vent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically  
23 or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle.

1 (f) This section shall take effect as if included in the  
2 enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
3 Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

4 (g) The amounts repurposed pursuant to this section  
5 that were previously designated by the Congress as an  
6 emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget  
7 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are des-  
8 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
10 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
14 penses”, \$24,000,000, to remain available until September  
15 30, 2021, for implementing title VIII of the Communica-  
16 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 641 et seq.), as added by  
17 the Broadband DATA Act (Public Law 116–130): *Pro-*  
18 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
19 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
20 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
21 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND

23 For an additional amount for the “Emergency  
24 Connectivity Fund”, \$1,500,000,000, to remain available  
25 until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and re-

1 spond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally,  
2 through the provision of funding for Wi-fi hotspots, other  
3 equipment, connected devices, and advanced telecommuni-  
4 cations and information services to schools and libraries  
5 as authorized in section 130201: *Provided*, That such  
6 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
7 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
8 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
9 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10           EMERGENCY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY FUND

11       For an additional amount for the “Emergency  
12 Broadband Connectivity Fund”, \$4,000,000,000, to re-  
13 main available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, pre-  
14 pare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or  
15 internationally, through the provision of an emergency  
16 benefit for broadband service as authorized in section  
17 130301: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
18 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
19 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21           GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

22           TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUND

23       For an additional amount for the “Technology Mod-  
24 ernization Fund”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available  
25 until September 30, 2022, for technology-related mod-

1 ernization activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond  
2 to coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*,  
3 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
4 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
5 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

8 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
11 penses”, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended  
12 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, do-  
13 mestically or internationally: *Provided*, That such amount  
14 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency  
15 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
17 1985.

18 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

19 EMERGENCY EIDL GRANTS

20 For an additional amount for “Emergency EIDL  
21 Grants” for the cost of emergency EIDL grants author-  
22 ized by section 1110 of division A of the CARES Act  
23 (Public Law 116–136), \$10,000,000,000, to remain avail-  
24 able until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond  
25 to coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*,

1 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
2 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
3 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—SMALL BUSINESS

6 ADMINISTRATION

7 SEC. 10303. (a) The third proviso under the heading  
8 “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Pro-  
9 gram Account” in the Financial Services and General  
10 Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (division C of Pub-  
11 lic Law 116–93) is amended by striking  
12 “\$30,000,000,000” and inserting “\$75,000,000,000”.

13 (b) The sixth proviso under the heading “Small Busi-  
14 ness Administration—Business Loans Program Account”  
15 in the Financial Services and General Government Appro-  
16 priations Act, 2020 (division C of Public Law 116–93)  
17 is amended by striking “\$12,000,000,000” and inserting  
18 “\$35,000,000,000”.

19 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

20 PAYMENT TO POSTAL SERVICE FUND

21 For an additional payment to the “Postal Service  
22 Fund”, for revenue forgone due to coronavirus,  
23 \$25,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
24 2022: *Provided*, That the Postal Service, during the  
25 coronavirus emergency, shall prioritize the purchase of,

1 and make available to all Postal Service employees and  
2 facilities, personal protective equipment, including gloves,  
3 masks, and sanitizers, and shall conduct additional clean-  
4 ing and sanitizing of Postal Service facilities and delivery  
5 vehicles: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
6 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
7 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
8 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

9 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
12 penses”, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
13 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, do-  
14 mesticallly or internationally: *Provided*, That such amount  
15 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency  
16 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
17 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
18 1985.

19 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

20 SEC. 10304. (a) Title V of division B of the CARES  
21 Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended in the first proviso  
22 under the heading “Independent Agencies—Pandemic Re-  
23 sponse Accountability Committee” by inserting “or any  
24 other Act (including Acts other than appropriations  
25 Acts)” after “provided in this Act”.

1 (b) Amounts repurposed under this section that were  
2 previously designated by the Congress, respectively, as an  
3 emergency requirement or as being for disaster relief pur-  
4 suant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
5 Control Act are designated by the Congress as being for  
6 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
7 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
8 Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for disaster relief  
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget  
10 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 SEC. 10305. Title V of division B of the CARES Act  
12 (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking the fifth  
13 proviso under the heading “General Services Administra-  
14 tion—Real Property Activities—Federal Buildings  
15 Fund”: *Provided*, That the amounts repurposed pursuant  
16 to this section that were previously designated by the Con-  
17 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Bal-  
18 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
19 are designated by the Congress as an emergency require-  
20 ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced  
21 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 SEC. 10306. For an additional amount for “Depart-  
23 ment of the Treasury—Departmental Offices—  
24 Coronavirus Relief Fund”, an amount equal to—

25 (1) \$1,250,000,000; less

1           (2) the amount allocated for the District of Co-  
2           lumbia pursuant to section 601(e)(6) of the Social  
3           Security Act:

4   *Provided*, That such amounts shall only be available for  
5   making a payment to the District of Columbia, and shall  
6   be in addition to any other funds available for such pur-  
7   pose: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Treasury  
8   shall pay all amounts provided by this section directly to  
9   the District of Columbia not less than 5 days after the  
10   date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the  
11   District of Columbia shall use such amounts only to cover  
12   costs or replace foregone revenues stemming from the pub-  
13   lic health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Dis-  
14   ease (COVID–19): *Provided further*, That such amount is  
15   designated by Congress as being for an emergency require-  
16   ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced  
17   Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18           TITLE IV—HOMELAND SECURITY  
19           DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
20           OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
21           OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

22           For an additional amount for “Operations and Sup-  
23   port”, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September  
24   30, 2022, for oversight of activities of the Department of  
25   Homeland Security funded in this Act and in title VI of



1 division B of Public Law 116–136 to prevent, prepare for,  
2 and respond to coronavirus: *Provided*, That such amount  
3 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency  
4 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
5 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
6 1985.

7 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

8 FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

9 For an additional amount for “Federal Assistance”,  
10 \$1,300,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
11 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus,  
12 of which \$500,000,000 shall be for Assistance to Fire-  
13 fighter Grants for the purchase of personal protective  
14 equipment and related supplies, mental health evaluations,  
15 training, and temporary infectious disease de-contamina-  
16 tion or sanitizing facilities and equipment; of which  
17 \$500,000,000 shall be for Staffing for Adequate Fire and  
18 Emergency Response Grants; of which \$100,000,000 shall  
19 be for Emergency Management Performance Grants; and  
20 of which \$200,000,000 shall be for the Emergency Food  
21 and Shelter Program: *Provided*, That such amount is des-  
22 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
23 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 1                   GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

2           SEC. 10401. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
3 law, funds made available under “Federal Emergency  
4 Management Agency—Federal Assistance” shall only be  
5 used for the purposes specifically described under that  
6 heading.

7           SEC. 10402. (a) Subsections (c)(2), (f), (g)(1),  
8 (h)(1)–(4), (h)(6), and (k) of section 33 of the Federal  
9 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C.  
10 2229) shall not apply to amounts appropriated for “Fed-  
11 eral Emergency Management Agency – Federal Assist-  
12 ance” for Assistance to Firefighter Grants in this Act.

13           (b) Subsection (k) of section 33 of the Federal Fire  
14 Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229)  
15 shall not apply to Amounts provided for “Federal Emer-  
16 gency Management Agency—Federal Assistance” for As-  
17 sistance to Firefighter Grants in title III of division D  
18 of Public Law 116–93 and in title VI of division B of Pub-  
19 lic Law 116–136.

20           (c) Amounts repurposed under this section that were  
21 previously designated by the Congress, respectively, as an  
22 emergency requirement or as being for disaster relief pur-  
23 suant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
24 Control Act are designated by the Congress as being for  
25 an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for disaster relief  
3 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget  
4 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 SEC. 10403. Subsections (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B),  
6 (a)(1)(E), (a)(1)(G), (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of section  
7 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974  
8 (15 U.S.C. 2229a) shall not apply to amounts appro-  
9 priated for “Federal Emergency Management Agency –  
10 Federal Assistance” for Staffing for Adequate Fire and  
11 Emergency Response Grants in this Act and in division  
12 D, title III of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020  
13 (Public Law 116–93).

14 TITLE V—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND

15 RELATED AGENCIES

16 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

17 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

18 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

19 For an additional amount for “Resource Manage-  
20 ment”, \$21,000,000, to remain available until expended  
21 for research; listing injurious species; electronic permitting  
22 system development; operation and maintenance; law en-  
23 forcement interdiction and inspections; and other support  
24 activities, as described in sections 190402, 190403, and  
25 190404 of division S of this Act: *Provided*, That amounts

1 may be transferred to “Surveys, Investigations and Re-  
2 search” in the United States Geological Survey; “National  
3 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration” in the Depart-  
4 ment of Commerce; and the “Center for Disease Control”  
5 in the Department of Health and Human Services: *Pro-*  
6 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-  
7 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to  
8 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
9 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS

11 For an additional amount for “State and Tribal  
12 Wildlife Grants”, \$50,000,000, to remain available until  
13 expended, for a onetime grant program as described in  
14 section 190405 of division S of this Act: *Provided*, That  
15 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
16 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

19 UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

20 SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

21 For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investiga-  
22 tions, and Research”, \$40,000,000, to remain available  
23 until September 30, 2021, for technical assistance, bio-  
24 surveillance of wildlife and environmental persistence  
25 studies and related research, database development, and

1 accompanying activities as described in section 190404 of  
2 division S of this Act: *Provided*, That such amount is des-  
3 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
4 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
5 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

6 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

7 OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

8 For an additional amount for “Operation of Indian  
9 Programs”, \$900,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
11 coronavirus, of which—

12 (1) \$100,000,000 shall be for housing improve-  
13 ment;

14 (2) \$780,000,000 shall be for providing Tribal  
15 government services, for Tribal government em-  
16 ployee salaries to maintain operations, and cleaning  
17 and sanitization of Tribally owned and operated fa-  
18 cilities; and

19 (3) \$20,000,000 shall be used to provide and  
20 deliver potable water; and,

21 *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated herein shall  
22 be obligated until 3 days after the Bureau of Indian Af-  
23 fairs provides a detailed spend plan, which includes dis-  
24 tribution and use of funds by Tribe, to the Committees  
25 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the

1 Senate: *Provided further*, That the Bureau shall notify the  
2 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
3 atives and the Senate quarterly on the obligations and ex-  
4 penditures of the funds provided by this Act: *Provided fur-*  
5 *ther*, That assistance received herein shall not be included  
6 in the calculation of funds received by those Tribal govern-  
7 ments who participate in the “Small and Needy” program:  
8 *Provided further*, That such amounts, if transferred to In-  
9 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations under the Indian  
10 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (1) will  
11 be transferred on a one-time basis, (2) are non-recurring  
12 funds that are not part of the amount required by 25  
13 U.S.C. 5325, and (3) may only be used for the purposes  
14 identified under this heading in this Act, notwithstanding  
15 any other provision of law: *Provided further*, That section  
16 11008 of this Act shall not apply to tribal contracts en-  
17 tered into by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with this appro-  
18 priation: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
19 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
20 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
21 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 1 DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

## 2 INSULAR AFFAIRS

## 3 ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

4 For an additional amount for “Assistance to Terri-  
5 tories”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
6 pended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
7 coronavirus, of which (1) \$945,000,000 is for Capital Im-  
8 provement Project grants for hospitals and other critical  
9 infrastructure; and (2) \$55,000,000 is for territorial as-  
10 sistance, including general technical assistance: *Provided*,  
11 That any appropriation for disaster assistance under this  
12 heading in this Act or previous appropriations Acts may  
13 be used as non-Federal matching funds for the purpose  
14 of hazard mitigation grants provided pursuant to section  
15 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
16 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c): *Provided further*,  
17 That amounts repurposed pursuant to this section that  
18 were previously designated by the Congress as an emer-  
19 gency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and  
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by  
21 the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to  
22 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*,  
24 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
25 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
6 penses” , \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended:  
7 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
8 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
9 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
10 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

12 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

13 For an additional amount for “Environmental Pro-  
14 grams and Management”, \$50,000,000, to remain avail-  
15 able until September 30, 2021, for environmental justice  
16 grants as described in section 190702 of division S of this  
17 Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
18 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
19 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.



1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
2 SERVICES  
3 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
4 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES  
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For an additional amount for “Indian Health Serv-  
7 ices”, \$2,100,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
8 to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and provide health  
9 services related to coronavirus, of which—

10 (1) \$1,000,000,000 shall be used to supplement  
11 reduced third party revenue collections;

12 (2) \$500,000,000 shall be used for direct health  
13 and telehealth services, including to purchase sup-  
14 plies and personal protective equipment;

15 (3) \$140,000,000 shall be used to expand  
16 broadband infrastructure and information tech-  
17 nology for telehealth and electronic health record  
18 system purposes;

19 (4) \$20,000,000 shall be used to address the  
20 needs of domestic violence victims and homeless indi-  
21 viduals and families;

22 (5) not less than \$64,000,000 shall be for  
23 Urban Indian Organizations; and,

24 (6) not less than \$10,000,000 shall be used to  
25 provide and deliver potable water:

1 *Provided*, That such funds shall be allocated at the discre-  
2 tion of the Director of the Indian Health Service: *Provided*  
3 *further*, That of the funds provided herein, not less than  
4 \$366,000,000 shall be transferred to and merged with  
5 “Indian Health Service—Indian Health Facilities” at the  
6 discretion of the Director to modify existing health facili-  
7 ties to provide isolation or quarantine space, to purchase  
8 and install updated equipment necessary, and for mainte-  
9 nance and improvement projects necessary to the purposes  
10 specified in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amounts  
11 may be used to supplement amounts otherwise available  
12 for such purposes under “Indian Health Facilities”: *Pro-*  
13 *vided further*, That such amounts, if transferred to Tribes  
14 and Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Deter-  
15 mination and Education Assistance Act, will be trans-  
16 ferred on a one-time basis and that these non-recurring  
17 funds are not part of the amount required by section 106  
18 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-  
19 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5325), and that such amounts may  
20 only be used for the purposes identified under this heading  
21 notwithstanding any other provision of law: *Provided fur-*  
22 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated under this head-  
23 ing in this Act for telehealth broadband activities shall be  
24 available for obligation until 3 days after the Indian  
25 Health Service provides to the Committees on Appropria-

1 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate, a  
2 detailed spend plan that includes the cost, location, and  
3 expected completion date of each activity: *Provided fur-*  
4 *ther*, That the Indian Health Service shall notify the Com-  
5 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives  
6 and the Senate quarterly on the obligations and expendi-  
7 tures of the funds provided by this Act: *Provided further*,  
8 That section 11008 of this Act shall not apply to tribal  
9 contracts entered into by the Bureau of Indian Affairs  
10 with this appropriation: *Provided further*, That such  
11 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
12 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
13 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

16 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

17 GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

18 For an additional amount for “Grants and Adminis-  
19 tration”, \$10,000,000 to remain available until September  
20 30, 2021, for grants to respond to the impacts of  
21 coronavirus: *Provided*, That such funds are available  
22 under the same terms and conditions as grant funding ap-  
23 propriated to this heading in Public Law 116–94: *Pro-*  
24 *vided further*, That 40 percent of such funds shall be dis-  
25 tributed to State arts agencies and regional arts organiza-

1 tions and 60 percent of such funds shall be for direct  
2 grants: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other  
3 provision of law, such funds may also be used by the re-  
4 cipients of such grants for purposes of the general oper-  
5 ations of such recipients: *Provided further*, That the  
6 matching requirements under subsections (e), (g)(4)(A),  
7 and (p)(3) of section 5 of the National Foundation on the  
8 Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 954) may  
9 be waived with respect to such grants: *Provided further*,  
10 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
11 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
12 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
13 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

15 GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

16 For an additional amount for “Grants and Adminis-  
17 tration”, \$10,000,000 to remain available until September  
18 30, 2021, for grants to respond to the impacts of  
19 coronavirus: *Provided*, That such funds are available  
20 under the same terms and conditions as grant funding ap-  
21 propriated to this heading in Public Law 116–94: *Pro-*  
22 *vided further*, That 40 percent of such funds shall be dis-  
23 tributed to state humanities councils and 60 percent of  
24 such funds shall be for direct grants: *Provided further*,  
25 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such

1 funds may also be used by the recipients of such grants  
2 for purposes of the general operations of such recipients:  
3 *Provided further*, That the matching requirements under  
4 subsection (h)(2)(A) of section 7 of the National Founda-  
5 tion on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 may be  
6 waived with respect to such grants: *Provided further*, That  
7 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
8 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 TITLE VI—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH  
12 AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION,  
13 AND RELATED AGENCIES

14 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

15 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

16 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For an additional amount for “Training and Employ-  
19 ment Services”, \$2,040,000,000, to prevent, prepare for,  
20 and respond to coronavirus, of which \$15,000,000 shall  
21 be transferred to “Program Administration”, to remain  
22 available until September 30, 2021, to carry out activities  
23 in this Act, Public Law 116–127 and Public Law 116–  
24 136 for full-time equivalent employees, information tech-  
25 nology upgrades needed to expedite payments and support

1 implementation, including to expedite policy guidance and  
2 disbursement of funds, technical assistance and other as-  
3 sistance to States and territories to speed payment of Fed-  
4 eral and State unemployment benefits, and of which the  
5 remaining amounts shall be used to carry out activities  
6 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (re-  
7 ferred to in this Act as “WIOA”) as follows:

8           (1) \$485,000,000 for grants to the States for  
9           adult employment and training activities, including  
10          incumbent worker trainings, transitional jobs, on-  
11          the-job training, individualized career services, sup-  
12          portive services, needs-related payments, and to fa-  
13          cilitate remote access to training services provided  
14          through a one-stop delivery system through the use  
15          of technology, to remain available until June 30,  
16          2021: *Provided*, That an adult shall not be required  
17          to meet the requirements of section 134(c)(3)(B) of  
18          the WIOA: *Provided further*, That an adult who  
19          meets the requirements described in section  
20          2102(a)(3)(A) of Public Law 116–136 may be eligi-  
21          ble for participation: *Provided further*, That priority  
22          may be given to individuals who are adversely im-  
23          pacted by economic changes due to the coronavirus,  
24          including individuals seeking employment, dislocated  
25          workers, individuals with barriers to employment, in-

1 individuals who are unemployed, or individuals who  
2 are underemployed;

3 (2) \$518,000,000 for grants to the States for  
4 youth activities, including supportive services, sum-  
5 mer employment for youth, and to facilitate remote  
6 access to training services provided through a one-  
7 stop delivery system through the use of technology,  
8 to remain available until June 30, 2021: *Provided*,  
9 That individuals described in section 2102(a)(3)(A)  
10 of Public Law 116–136 may be eligible for participa-  
11 tion as an out-of-school youth if they meet the re-  
12 quirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of section  
13 129(a)(1)(B) or as in-school youth if they meet the  
14 requirements of clauses (i) and (iii) of section  
15 129(a)(1)(C) of the WIOA; *Provided further*, That  
16 priority shall be given for out-of-school youth and  
17 youth with multiple barriers to employment: *Pro-*  
18 *vided further*, That funds shall support employer  
19 partnerships for youth employment and subsidized  
20 employment, and partnerships with community-  
21 based organizations to support such employment;

22 (3) \$597,000,000 for grants to States for dis-  
23 located worker employment and training activities,  
24 including incumbent worker trainings, transitional  
25 jobs, on-the-job training, individualized career serv-

1 ices, supportive services, needs-related payments,  
2 and to facilitate remote access to training services  
3 provided through a one-stop delivery system through  
4 the use of technology, to remain available until June  
5 30, 2021: *Provided*, That a dislocated worker shall  
6 not be required to meet the requirements of section  
7 134(c)(3)(B) of the WIOA: *Provided further*, That a  
8 dislocated worker who meets the requirements de-  
9 scribed in section 2102(a)(3)(A) of Public Law 116–  
10 136 may be eligible for participation;

11 (4) \$400,000,000 for the dislocated workers as-  
12 sistance national reserve to remain available until  
13 September 30, 2023; and

14 (5) \$25,000,000 for migrant and seasonal  
15 farmworker programs under section 167 of the  
16 WIOA, including emergency supportive services, to  
17 remain available until June 30, 2021, of which no  
18 less than \$500,000 shall be for the collection and  
19 dissemination of electronic and printed materials re-  
20 lated to coronavirus to the migrant and seasonal  
21 farmworker population nationwide, including Puerto  
22 Rico, through a cooperative agreement;

23 *Provided*, That the impact of the COVID–19 national  
24 emergency may be considered as an additional factor for  
25 reimbursement for on-the-job training under section



1 134(c)(3)(H) of the WIOA and as a factor in determining  
2 an employer's portion of the costs of providing customized  
3 training under section 3(14) of the WIOA: *Provided fur-*  
4 *ther*, That notwithstanding section 134(d)(5) of the  
5 WIOA, a local board may use 40 percent of funds received  
6 under paragraphs (1) and (3) for transitional jobs: *Pro-*  
7 *vided further*, That notwithstanding section 194(10) of the  
8 WIOA, that funds used to support transitional jobs may  
9 also be used to support public service employment: *Pro-*  
10 *vided further*, That sections 127(b)(1)(C)(iv)(III),  
11 132(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III), and 132(b)(2)(B)(iii)(II) shall not  
12 apply to funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided*  
13 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
14 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
15 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
16 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For an additional amount for “Wage and Hour Divi-  
20 sion”, \$6,500,000, to remain available until September  
21 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
22 coronavirus, including for the administration, oversight,  
23 and coordination of worker protection activities related  
24 thereto: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor shall use  
25 funds provided under this heading to support enforcement

1 activities and outreach efforts to make individuals, par-  
2 ticularly low-wage workers, aware of their rights under di-  
3 vision C and division E of Public Law 116–127: *Provided*  
4 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
5 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
6 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For an additional amount for “Occupational Safety  
11 and Health Administration”, \$100,000,000, to remain  
12 available until September 30, 2021, for implementation of  
13 section 120302 of The Heroes Act and for worker protec-  
14 tion and enforcement activities to prevent, prepare for,  
15 and respond to coronavirus, of which \$25,000,000 shall  
16 be for Susan Harwood training grants and at least  
17 \$70,000,000 shall be to hire additional compliance safety  
18 and health officers, and for state plan enforcement, to pro-  
19 tect workers from coronavirus by enforcing all applicable  
20 standards and directives, including 29 CFR 1910.132, 29  
21 CFR 1910.134, section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety  
22 and Health Act of 1970, and 29 CFR 1910.1030: *Pro-*  
23 *vided*, That activities to protect workers from coronavirus  
24 supported by funds provided under this heading includes  
25 additional enforcement of standards and directives ref-

1 erenced in the preceding proviso at slaughterhouses, poul-  
2 try processing plants, and agricultural workplaces: *Pro-*  
3 *vided further*, That within 15 days of the date of enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall submit a  
5 spending and hiring plan for the funds made available  
6 under this heading, and a monthly staffing report until  
7 all funds are expended, to the Committees on Appropria-  
8 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further*, That within 15 days of the date of enact-  
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall submit a  
11 plan for the additional enforcement activities described in  
12 the third proviso to the Committees on Appropriations of  
13 the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
15 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
16 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
17 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector  
20 General”, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
21 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. *Pro-*  
22 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
23 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
24 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
25 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2 SEC. 10601. There is hereby appropriated for fiscal  
3 year 2021 for “Department of Labor—Employment  
4 Training Administration—State Unemployment Insur-  
5 ance and Employment Service Operations”, \$28,600,000,  
6 to be expended from the Employment Security Adminis-  
7 tration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund (“the  
8 Trust Fund”) to carry out title III of the Social Security  
9 Act: *Provided*, That such amount shall only become avail-  
10 able for obligation if the Average Weekly Insured Unem-  
11 ployment (“AWIU”) for fiscal year 2021 is projected, by  
12 the Department of Labor during fiscal year 2021 to ex-  
13 ceed 1,728,000: *Provided further*, That to the extent that  
14 the AWIU for fiscal year 2021 is projected by the Depart-  
15 ment of Labor to exceed 1,728,000, an additional  
16 \$28,600,000 from the Trust Fund shall be made available  
17 for obligation during fiscal year 2021 for every 100,000  
18 increase in the AWIU level (including a pro rata amount  
19 for any increment less than 100,000): *Provided further*,  
20 That, except as specified in this section, amounts provided  
21 herein shall be available under the same authority and  
22 conditions applicable to funds provided to carry out title  
23 III of the Social Security Act under the heading “Depart-  
24 ment of Labor—Employment Training Administration—  
25 State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service

1 Operations” in division A of Public Law 116–94: *Provided*  
2 *further*, That such amounts shall be in addition to any  
3 other funds made available in any fiscal year for such pur-  
4 poses: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
5 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
6 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
7 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
9 SERVICES

10 HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

11 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

12 For an additional amount for “Primary Health  
13 Care”, \$7,600,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2025, for necessary expenses to prevent, pre-  
15 pare for, and respond to coronavirus, for grants and coop-  
16 erative agreements under the Health Centers Program, as  
17 defined by section 330 of the Public Health Service Act,  
18 and for grants to Federally qualified health centers, as  
19 defined in section 1861(aa)(4)(B) of the Social Security  
20 Act, and for eligible entities under the Native Hawaiian  
21 Health Care Improvement Act, including maintenance or  
22 expansion of health center and system capacity and staff-  
23 ing levels: *Provided*, That sections 330(r)(2)(B),  
24 330(e)(6)(A)(iii), and 330(e)(6)(B)(iii) shall not apply to  
25 funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided*

1 *further*, That funds provided under this heading in this  
2 Act may be used to (1) purchase equipment and supplies  
3 to conduct mobile testing for SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-  
4 19; (2) purchase and maintain mobile vehicles and equip-  
5 ment to conduct such testing; and (3) hire and train lab-  
6 oratory personnel and other staff to conduct such mobile  
7 testing: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
8 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
9 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
10 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

12 For an additional amount for “Ryan White HIV/  
13 AIDS Program”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until  
14 September 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond  
15 to coronavirus: *Provided*, That awards from funds pro-  
16 vided under this heading in this Act shall be through  
17 modifications to existing contracts and supplements to ex-  
18 isting grants and cooperative agreements under parts A,  
19 B, C, D, F, and section 2692(a) of title XXVI of the Pub-  
20 lic Health Service Act: *Provided further*, That such supple-  
21 ments shall be awarded using a data-driven methodology  
22 determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
23 ices: *Provided further*, That sections 2604(c), 2612(b), and  
24 2651(c) of the Public Health Service Act shall not apply  
25 to funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided*

1 *further*, That the Secretary may waive any penalties and  
2 administrative requirements as necessary to ensure that  
3 the funds may be used efficiently: *Provided further*, That  
4 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
5 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
6 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
7 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8       CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
9           CDC–WIDE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

10       For an additional amount for “CDC–Wide Activities  
11 and Program Support”, \$2,130,000,000, to remain avail-  
12 able until September 30, 2024, to prevent, prepare for,  
13 and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internation-  
14 ally: *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this  
15 heading in this Act, \$1,000,000,000 shall be for Public  
16 Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreements  
17 under section 319C–1 of the Public Health Service Act:  
18 *Provided further*, That, of the amount provided under this  
19 heading in this Act, \$1,000,000,000 shall be for necessary  
20 expenses for grants for core public health infrastructure  
21 for State, local, Territorial, or Tribal health departments  
22 as described in section 30550 of division C of this Act:  
23 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available  
24 under this heading in this Act for specified programs, not  
25 less than \$100,000,000 shall be allocated to tribes, tribal

1 organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or  
2 health service providers to tribes: *Provided further*, That  
3 of the amount provided under this heading in this Act,  
4 \$130,000,000 shall be for public health data surveillance  
5 and analytics infrastructure modernization: *Provided fur-*  
6 *ther*, That funds appropriated under this heading in this  
7 Act for grants may be used for the rent, lease, purchase,  
8 acquisition, construction, alteration, or renovation of non-  
9 Federally owned facilities to improve preparedness and re-  
10 sponse capability at the State and local level: *Provided fur-*  
11 *ther*, That all construction, alteration, or renovation work,  
12 carried out, in whole or in part, with funds appropriated  
13 under this heading in this Act, or under this heading in  
14 the CARES ACT (P.L. 116–136), shall be subject to the  
15 requirements of section 1621(b)(1)(I) of the Public Health  
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300s–1(b)(1)(I)): *Provided further*,  
17 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
18 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
19 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

22 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS  
23 DISEASES

24 For an additional amount for “National Institute of  
25 Allergy and Infectious Diseases”, \$500,000,000, to re-



1 main available until September 30, 2024, to prevent, pre-  
2 pare for, and respond to coronavirus: *Provided*, That such  
3 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
4 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
5 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
6 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

7 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

8 For an additional amount for “National Institute of  
9 Mental Health”, \$200,000,000, to remain available until  
10 September 30, 2024, to prevent, prepare for, and respond  
11 to coronavirus: *Provided*, That such amount is designated  
12 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
13 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
14 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For an additional amount for “Office of the Direc-  
18 tor”, \$4,021,000,000, to remain available until September  
19 30, 2024, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
20 coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*,  
21 That not less than \$3,000,000,000 of the amount provided  
22 under this heading in this Act shall be for offsetting the  
23 costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting  
24 from the coronavirus pandemic or public health measures  
25 related to the coronavirus pandemic: *Provided further*,

1 That up to \$1,021,000,000 of the amount provided under  
2 this heading in this Act shall be to support additional sci-  
3 entific research or the programs and platforms that sup-  
4 port research: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
5 under this heading in this Act may be transferred to the  
6 accounts of the Institutes and Centers of the National In-  
7 stitutes of Health (“NIH”): *Provided further*, That this  
8 transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer au-  
9 thority available to the NIH: *Provided further*, That such  
10 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
11 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
12 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
13 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

15 ADMINISTRATION

16 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

17 For an additional amount for “Health Surveillance  
18 and Program Support”, \$3,000,000,000, to remain avail-  
19 able until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for,  
20 and respond to coronavirus: *Provided*, That of the funds  
21 made available under this heading in this Act,  
22 \$1,500,000,000 shall be for grants for the substance  
23 abuse prevention and treatment block grant program  
24 under subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public  
25 Health Service Act (“PHS Act”): *Provided further*, That

1 of the funds made available under this heading in this Act,  
2 \$1,000,000,000 shall be for grants for the community  
3 mental health services block grant program under subpart  
4 I of part B of title XIX of the PHS Act: *Provided further*,  
5 That of the funds made available under this heading in  
6 this Act, \$100,000,000 shall be for services to the home-  
7 less population: *Provided further*, That of the funds made  
8 available under this heading in this Act, \$100,000,000  
9 shall be for activities and services under Project AWARE:  
10 *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under  
11 this heading in this Act, \$10,000,000 shall be for the Na-  
12 tional Child Traumatic Stress Network: *Provided further*,  
13 That of the amount made available under this heading in  
14 this Act, \$265,000,000 is available for activities author-  
15 ized under section 501(o) of the Public Health Service  
16 Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available  
17 under this heading in this Act, \$25,000,000 shall be for  
18 the Suicide Lifeline and Disaster Distress Helpline: *Pro-*  
19 *vided further*, That of the amount made available under  
20 this heading in this Act for specified programs, not less  
21 than \$150,000,000 shall be allocated to tribes, tribal orga-  
22 nizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health or  
23 behavioral health service providers to tribes: *Provided fur-*  
24 *ther*, That the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Serv-  
25 ices Administration has flexibility to amend allowable ac-



1 until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
2 spond to coronavirus, for making payments under sub-  
3 section (b) of section 2602 of the Low-Income Home En-  
4 ergy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.): *Pro-*  
5 *vided*, That of the amount provided under this heading  
6 in this Act, \$750,000,000 shall be allocated as though the  
7 total appropriation for such payments for fiscal year 2020  
8 was less than \$1,975,000,000: *Provided further*, That each  
9 grantee that receives an allotment of funds made available  
10 under this heading in this Act shall, for purposes of in-  
11 come eligibility, deem to be eligible any household that  
12 documents job loss or severe income loss dated after Feb-  
13 ruary 29, 2020, such as a layoff or furlough notice or  
14 verification of application for unemployment benefits: *Pro-*  
15 *vided further*, That the limitation in section 2605(b)(9)(A)  
16 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981,  
17 regarding planning and administering the use of funds,  
18 shall apply to funds provided under this heading in this  
19 Act by substituting “12.5 percent” for “10 percent”: *Pro-*  
20 *vided further*, That section 2607(b)(2)(B) of such Act (42  
21 U.S.C. 8626(b)(2)(B)) shall not apply to funds made  
22 available under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*,  
23 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
24 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND  
4 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

5 For an additional amount for “Payments to States  
6 for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”,  
7 \$7,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
8 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus,  
9 including for Federal administrative expenses, which shall  
10 be used to supplement, not supplant State, Territory, and  
11 Tribal general revenue funds for child care assistance for  
12 low-income families within the United States (including  
13 territories) without regard to requirements in sections  
14 658E(c)(3)(D)–(E) or section 658G of the Child Care and  
15 Development Block Grant Act: *Provided*, That funds pro-  
16 vided under this heading in this Act may be used for costs  
17 of providing relief from copayments and tuition payments  
18 for families and for paying that portion of the child care  
19 provider’s cost ordinarily paid through family copayments,  
20 to provide continued payments and assistance to child care  
21 providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures  
22 related to coronavirus, and to ensure child care providers  
23 are able to remain open or reopen as appropriate and ap-  
24 plicable: *Provided further*, That States, Territories, and  
25 Tribes are encouraged to place conditions on payments to

1 child care providers that ensure that child care providers  
2 use a portion of funds received to continue to pay the sala-  
3 ries and wages of staff: *Provided further*, That lead agen-  
4 cies shall, for the duration of the COVID–19 public health  
5 emergency, implement enrollment and eligibility policies  
6 that support the fixed costs of providing child care services  
7 by delinking provider reimbursement rates from an eligible  
8 child’s absence and a provider’s closure due to the  
9 COVID–19 public health emergency: *Provided further*,  
10 That the Secretary shall remind States that CCDBG State  
11 plans do not need to be amended prior to utilizing existing  
12 authorities in the Child Care and Development Block  
13 Grant Act for the purposes provided herein: *Provided fur-*  
14 *ther*, That States, Territories, and Tribes are authorized  
15 to use funds appropriated under this heading in this Act  
16 to provide child care assistance to health care sector em-  
17 ployees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm-  
18 workers, and other workers deemed essential during the  
19 response to coronavirus by public officials, without regard  
20 to the income eligibility requirements of section 658P(4)  
21 of such Act: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated  
22 under this heading in this Act shall be available to eligible  
23 child care providers under section 658P(6) of the CCDBG  
24 Act, even if such providers were not receiving CCDBG as-  
25 sistance prior to the public health emergency as a result

1 of the coronavirus, for the purposes of cleaning and sani-  
2 tation, and other activities necessary to maintain or re-  
3 sume the operation of programs: *Provided further*, That  
4 no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this  
5 Act, each State, Territory, and Tribe that receives funding  
6 under this heading in this Act shall submit to the Sec-  
7 retary a report, in such manner as the Secretary may re-  
8 quire, describing how the funds appropriated under this  
9 heading in this Act will be spent and that no later than  
10 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations  
12 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Com-  
13 mittee on Education and Labor of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives, and the Committee on Health, Education,  
15 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report summarizing  
16 such reports from the States, Territories, and Tribes: *Pro-*  
17 *vided further*, That no later than October 31, 2021, each  
18 State, Territory, and Tribe that receives funding under  
19 this heading in this Act shall submit to the Secretary a  
20 report, in such manner as the Secretary may require, de-  
21 scribing how the funds appropriated under this heading  
22 in this Act were spent and that no later than 60 days  
23 after receiving such reports from the States, Territories,  
24 and Tribes, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
25 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the



1 Senate, the Committee on Education and Labor of the  
2 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health,  
3 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report  
4 summarizing such reports from the States, Territories,  
5 and Tribes: *Provided further*, That payments made under  
6 this heading in this Act may be obligated in this fiscal  
7 year or the succeeding two fiscal years: *Provided further*,  
8 That funds appropriated under this heading in this Act  
9 may be made available to restore amounts, either directly  
10 or through reimbursement, for obligations incurred to pre-  
11 vent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, prior to the  
12 date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such  
13 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
14 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
15 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
16 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

18 For an additional amount for “Children and Families  
19 Services Programs”, \$1,590,000,000, to remain available  
20 until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
21 spond to coronavirus, which shall be used as follows:

22 (1) \$50,000,000 for Family Violence Prevention  
23 and Services grants as authorized by section 303(a)  
24 and 303(b) of the Family Violence Prevention and  
25 Services Act with such funds available to grantees

1 without regard to matching requirements under sec-  
2 tion 306(c)(4) of such Act, of which \$2,000,000  
3 shall be for the National Domestic Violence Hotline:  
4 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Health and Human  
5 Services may make such funds available for pro-  
6 viding temporary housing and assistance to victims  
7 of family, domestic, and dating violence;

8 (2) \$20,000,000 for necessary expenses for  
9 community-based grants for the prevention of child  
10 abuse and neglect under section 209 of the Child  
11 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which the  
12 Secretary shall make without regard to sections  
13 203(b)(1) and 204(4) of such Act; and

14 (3) \$20,000,000 for necessary expenses for the  
15 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act State  
16 Grant program as authorized by Section 112 of such  
17 Act;

18 (4) \$1,500,000,000 for necessary expenses for  
19 grants to carry out the Low-Income Household  
20 Drinking Water and Wastewater Assistance pro-  
21 gram, as described in section 190703 of division S  
22 of this Act.

23 *Provided*, That funds made available under this heading  
24 in this Act may be used for the purposes provided herein  
25 to reimburse costs incurred between January 20, 2020,

1 and the date of award: *Provided further*, That funds ap-  
2 propriated by the CARES Act (P.L. 116–136) to carry  
3 out the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 9901 et seq.) and received by a State shall be made avail-  
5 able to eligible entities (as defined in section 673(1)(A)  
6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(1)(A)) not later than either  
7 30 days after such State receives such funds or 30 days  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever oc-  
9 curs later: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-  
10 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
11 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
12 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

14 AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

15 For an additional amount for “Aging and Disability  
16 Services Programs”, \$100,000,000, to remain available  
17 until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
18 spond to the coronavirus: *Provided*, That of the amount  
19 made available under this heading in this Act,  
20 \$85,000,000 shall be for activities authorized under the  
21 Older Americans Act of 1965 (“OAA”) and activities au-  
22 thorized under part B of title XX of the Social Security  
23 Act, including \$20,000,000 for supportive services under  
24 part B of title III; \$19,000,000 for nutrition services  
25 under subparts 1 and 2 of part C of title III; \$1,000,000

1 for nutrition services under title VI; \$20,000,000 for sup-  
2 portive services for family caregivers under part E of title  
3 III; \$10,000,000 for evidence-based health promotion and  
4 disease prevention services under part D of title III;  
5 \$10,000,000 for elder rights protection activities, includ-  
6 ing the long-term ombudsman program under title VII  
7 and adult protective services programs through the Elder  
8 Justice Act; and \$5,000,000 shall be for grants to States  
9 to support the network of statewide senior legal services,  
10 including existing senior legal hotlines, efforts to expand  
11 such hotlines to all interested States, and legal assistance  
12 to providers, in order to ensure seniors have access to legal  
13 assistance, with such fund allotted to States consistent  
14 with paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 304(a) of the  
15 OAA: *Provided further*, That State matching requirements  
16 under sections 304(d)(1)(D) and 373(g)(2) of the OAA  
17 shall not apply to funds made available under this head-  
18 ing: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available  
19 under this heading in this Act, \$10,000,000 shall be for  
20 activities authorized in the Developmental Disabilities As-  
21 sistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000: *Provided further*,  
22 That of the amount made available under this heading in  
23 this Act, \$5,000,000 shall be for activities authorized in  
24 the Assistive Technology Act of 2004: *Provided further*,  
25 That of the amount made available in the preceding pro-

1 viso, \$5,000,000 shall be for the purchase of equipment  
2 to allow interpreters to provide appropriate and essential  
3 services to the hearing-impaired community: *Provided fur-*  
4 *ther*, That for the purposes of the funding provided in the  
5 preceding proviso, during the emergency period described  
6 in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, for  
7 purposes of section 4(e)(2)(A) of the Assistive Technology  
8 Act of 2004, the term “targeted individuals and entities”  
9 (as that term is defined in section 3(16) of the Assistive  
10 Technology Act of 2004) shall be deemed to include Amer-  
11 ican Sign Language certified interpreters who are pro-  
12 viding interpretation services remotely for individuals with  
13 disabilities: *Provided further*, That during such emergency  
14 period, for the purposes of the previous two provisos, to  
15 facilitate the ability of individuals with disabilities to re-  
16 main in their homes and practice social distancing, the  
17 Secretary shall waive the prohibitions on the use of grant  
18 funds for direct payment for an assistive technology device  
19 for an individual with a disability under sections  
20 4(e)(2)(A) and 4(e)(5) of such Act: *Provided further*, That  
21 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
22 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
23 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
24 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1                                   OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
2           PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY  
3                                   FUND

4           For an additional amount for “Public Health and So-  
5 cial Services Emergency Fund”, \$4,575,000,000, to re-  
6 main available until September 30, 2024, to prevent, pre-  
7 pare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or  
8 internationally, including the development of necessary  
9 countermeasures and vaccines, prioritizing platform-based  
10 technologies with U.S.-based manufacturing capabilities,  
11 the purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, nec-  
12 essary medical supplies, as well as medical surge capacity,  
13 addressing blood supply chain, workforce modernization,  
14 telehealth access and infrastructure, initial advanced man-  
15 ufacturing, novel dispensing, enhancements to the U.S.  
16 Commissioned Corps, and other preparedness and re-  
17 sponse activities: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under  
18 this paragraph in this Act may be used to develop and  
19 demonstrate innovations and enhancements to manufac-  
20 turing platforms to support such capabilities: *Provided*  
21 *further*, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
22 shall purchase vaccines developed using funds made avail-  
23 able under this paragraph in this Act to respond to an  
24 outbreak or pandemic related to coronavirus in quantities  
25 determined by the Secretary to be adequate to address the

1 public health need: *Provided further*, That products pur-  
2 chased by the Federal government with funds made avail-  
3 able under this paragraph in this Act, including vaccines,  
4 therapeutics, and diagnostics, shall be purchased in ac-  
5 cordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation guidance on  
6 fair and reasonable pricing: *Provided further*, That the  
7 Secretary may take such measures authorized under cur-  
8 rent law to ensure that vaccines, therapeutics, and  
9 diagnostics developed from funds provided in this Act will  
10 be affordable in the commercial market: *Provided further*,  
11 That in carrying out the previous proviso, the Secretary  
12 shall not take actions that delay the development of such  
13 products: *Provided further*, That products purchased with  
14 funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may,  
15 at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human  
16 Services, be deposited in the Strategic National Stockpile  
17 under section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act:  
18 *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this  
19 paragraph in this Act may be transferred to, and merged  
20 with, the fund authorized by section 319F-4, the Covered  
21 Countermeasure Process Fund, of the Public Health Serv-  
22 ice Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-  
23 able under this paragraph in this Act, \$3,500,000,000  
24 shall be available to the Biomedical Advanced Research  
25 and Development Authority for necessary expenses of ad-

1 vanced research, development, manufacturing, production,  
2 and purchase of vaccines and therapeutics: *Provided fur-*  
3 *ther*, That of the amount made available under this para-  
4 graph in this Act, \$500,000,000 shall be available to the  
5 Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Author-  
6 ity for the construction, renovation, or equipping of U.S.-  
7 based next generation manufacturing facilities, other than  
8 facilities owned by the United States Government: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further*, That of the amount made available under  
10 this paragraph in this Act, \$500,000,000 shall be available  
11 to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development  
12 Authority to promote innovation in antibacterial research  
13 and development: *Provided further*, That funds made  
14 available under this paragraph in this Act may be used  
15 for grants for the rent, lease, purchase, acquisition, con-  
16 struction, alteration, or renovation of non-Federally owned  
17 facilities to improve preparedness and response capability  
18 at the State and local level: *Provided further*, That funds  
19 appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be  
20 used for the construction, alteration, renovation or equip-  
21 ping of non-Federally owned facilities for the production  
22 of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and medicines and  
23 other items purchased under section 319F–2(a) of the  
24 Public Health Service Act where the Secretary determines  
25 that such a contract is necessary to assure sufficient do-



1 mestic production of such supplies: *Provided further*, That  
2 all construction, alteration, or renovation work, carried  
3 out, in whole or in part, with fund appropriated under this  
4 heading in this Act, the CARES Act (P.L. 116–136), or  
5 the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care En-  
6 hancement Act (P.L. 116–139), shall be subject to the re-  
7 quirements of 42 U.S.C. 300s-1(b)(1)(I): *Provided further*,  
8 That not later than seven days after the date of enactment  
9 of this Act, and weekly thereafter until the public health  
10 emergency related to coronavirus is no longer in effect,  
11 the Secretary shall report to the Committees on Appro-  
12 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
13 on the current inventory of ventilators and personal pro-  
14 tective equipment in the Strategic National Stockpile, in-  
15 cluding the numbers of face shields, gloves, goggles and  
16 glasses, gowns, head covers, masks, and respirators, as  
17 well as deployment of ventilators and personal protective  
18 equipment during the previous week, reported by state and  
19 other jurisdiction: *Provided further*, That after the date  
20 that a report is required to be submitted by the preceding  
21 proviso, amounts made available for “Department of  
22 Health and Human Services—Office of the Secretary—  
23 General Departmental Management” in Public Law 116–  
24 94 for salaries and expenses of the Immediate Office of  
25 the Secretary shall be reduced by \$250,000 for each day

1 that such report has not been submitted: *Provided further*,  
2 That not later than the first Monday in February of fiscal  
3 year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary  
4 shall include in the annual budget submission for the De-  
5 partment, and submit to the Congress, the Secretary’s re-  
6 quest with respect to expenditures necessary to maintain  
7 the minimum level of relevant supplies in the Strategic  
8 National Stockpile, including in case of a significant pan-  
9 demic, in consultation with the working group under sec-  
10 tion 319F(a) of the Public Health Service Act and the  
11 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures En-  
12 terprise established under section 2811–1 of such Act:  
13 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the  
14 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
15 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
16 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 For an additional amount for “Public Health and So-  
18 cial Services Emergency Fund”, \$100,000,000,000, to re-  
19 main available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and  
20 respond to coronavirus, for necessary expenses to make  
21 payments under the Health Care Provider Relief Fund as  
22 described in section 30611 of division C of this Act: *Pro-*  
23 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
24 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-

1 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
2 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 For an additional amount for “Public Health and So-  
4 cial Services Emergency Fund”, \$75,000,000,000, to re-  
5 main available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and  
6 respond to coronavirus, for necessary expenses to carry  
7 out the COVID-19 National Testing and Contact Tracing  
8 Initiative, as described in subtitle D of division C of this  
9 Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
10 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
11 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
12 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

14 STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

15 For an additional amount for “State Fiscal Stabiliza-  
16 tion Fund”, \$90,000,000,000, to remain available until  
17 September 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond  
18 to coronavirus: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Education  
19 (referred to under this heading as “Secretary”) shall make  
20 grants to the Governor of each State for support of ele-  
21 mentary, secondary, and postsecondary education and, as  
22 applicable, early childhood education programs and serv-  
23 ices: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available,  
24 the Secretary shall first allocate up to one-half of 1 per-  
25 cent to the outlying areas and one-half of 1 percent to

1 the Bureau of Indian Education (“BIE”) for activities  
2 consistent with this heading under such terms and condi-  
3 tions as the Secretary may determine: *Provided further*,  
4 That the Secretary may reserve up to \$30,000,000 for ad-  
5 ministration and oversight of the activities under this  
6 heading: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allo-  
7 cate 61 percent of the remaining funds made available to  
8 carry out this heading to the States on the basis of their  
9 relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24 and  
10 allocate 39 percent on the basis of their relative number  
11 of children counted under section 1124(c) of the Elemen-  
12 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (referred to  
13 under this heading as “ESEA”) as State grants: *Provided*  
14 *further*, That State grants shall support statewide elemen-  
15 tary, secondary, and postsecondary activities; subgrants to  
16 local educational agencies; and, subgrants to public insti-  
17 tutions of higher education: *Provided further*, That States  
18 shall allocate 65 percent of the funds received under the  
19 fourth proviso as subgrants to local educational agencies  
20 in proportion to the amount of funds such local edu-  
21 cational agencies received under part A of title I of the  
22 ESEA in the most recent fiscal year: *Provided further*,  
23 That States shall allocate 30 percent of the funds received  
24 under the fourth proviso as subgrants to public institu-  
25 tions of higher education, of which the Governor shall re-

1 serve a percentage necessary to make the minimum grants  
2 described in the next proviso and, of the amounts remain-  
3 ing after making such reservation, 75 percent shall be ap-  
4 portioned according to the relative share in the State of  
5 students who received Pell Grants who are not exclusively  
6 enrolled in distance education courses prior to the  
7 coronavirus emergency at the institution in the previous  
8 award year and 25 percent shall be apportioned according  
9 to the relative share in the State of the total enrollment  
10 of students at the institution who are not exclusively en-  
11 rolled in distance education courses prior to the  
12 coronavirus emergency at the institution in the previous  
13 award year: *Provided further*, That any public institution  
14 of higher education that is not otherwise eligible for a  
15 grant of at least \$1,000,000 under the preceding proviso  
16 and has an enrollment of at least 500 students shall be  
17 eligible to receive an amount equal to whichever is lesser  
18 of the total loss of revenue and increased costs associated  
19 with the coronavirus or \$1,000,000: *Provided further*,  
20 That the Governor shall use any remaining funds that  
21 were unnecessary to carry out the previous proviso to dis-  
22 tribute such funds to institutions of higher education in  
23 accordance with the formula in the preceding provisos:  
24 *Provided further*, That the Governor may use any funds  
25 received under the fourth proviso that are not specifically

1 reserved under this heading for additional support to ele-  
2 mentary, secondary, and postsecondary education, includ-  
3 ing supports for under-resourced institutions, institutions  
4 with high burden due to the coronavirus, and institutions  
5 who did not possess distance education capabilities prior  
6 to the coronavirus emergency: *Provided further*, That the  
7 Governor shall return to the Secretary any funds received  
8 that the Governor does not award to local educational  
9 agencies and public institutions of higher education or oth-  
10 erwise commit within two years of receiving such funds,  
11 and the Secretary shall reallocate such funds to the re-  
12 maining States in accordance with the fourth proviso: *Pro-*  
13 *vided further*, That Governors shall use State grants and  
14 subgrants to maintain or restore State and local fiscal  
15 support for elementary, secondary and postsecondary edu-  
16 cation: *Provided further*, That funds for local educational  
17 agencies may be used for any activity authorized by the  
18 ESEA, including the Native Hawaiian Education Act and  
19 the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and As-  
20 sistance Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
21 Act (“IDEA”), subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-  
22 Vento Homeless Assistance Act , the Adult Education and  
23 Family Literacy Act or the Carl D. Perkins Career and  
24 Technical Education Act of 2006 (“the Perkins Act”):  
25 *Provided further*, That a State or local educational agency

1 receiving funds under this heading may use the funds for  
2 activities coordinated with State, local, tribal, and terri-  
3 torial public health departments to detect, prevent, or  
4 mitigate the spread of infectious disease or otherwise re-  
5 spond to coronavirus; support online learning by pur-  
6 chasing educational technology and internet access for stu-  
7 dents, which may include assistive technology or adaptive  
8 equipment, that aids in regular and substantive edu-  
9 cational interactions between students and their classroom  
10 instructor; provide ongoing professional development to  
11 staff in how to effectively provide quality online academic  
12 instruction; provide assistance for children and families to  
13 promote equitable participation in quality online learning;  
14 plan and implement activities related to supplemental  
15 afterschool programs and summer learning, including pro-  
16 viding classroom instruction or quality online learning  
17 during the summer months; plan for and coordinate dur-  
18 ing long-term closures, provide technology for quality on-  
19 line learning to all students, and how to support the needs  
20 of low-income students, racial and ethnic minorities, stu-  
21 dents with disabilities, English learners, students experi-  
22 encing homelessness, and children in foster care, including  
23 how to address learning gaps that are created or exacer-  
24 bated due to long-term closures; support the continuity of  
25 student engagement through social and emotional learn-

1 ing; and other activities that are necessary to maintain  
2 the operation of and continuity of services in local edu-  
3 cational agencies, including maintaining employment of  
4 existing personnel, and reimbursement for eligible costs in-  
5 curred during the national emergency: *Provided further,*  
6 That a public institution of higher education that receives  
7 funds under this heading shall use funds for education and  
8 general expenditures (including defraying expenses due to  
9 lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already in-  
10 curred, and payroll) and grants to students for expenses  
11 directly related to coronavirus and the disruption of cam-  
12 pus operations (which may include emergency financial aid  
13 to students for tuition, food, housing, technology, health  
14 care, and child care costs that shall not be required to  
15 be repaid by such students) or for the acquisition of tech-  
16 nology and services directly related to the need for dis-  
17 tance education and the training of faculty and staff to  
18 use such technology and services: *Provided further,* That  
19 an institution of higher education may not use funds re-  
20 ceived under this heading to increase its endowment or  
21 provide funding for capital outlays associated with facili-  
22 ties related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious  
23 worship: *Provided further,* That funds may be used to sup-  
24 port hourly workers, such as education support profes-  
25 sionals, classified school employees, and adjunct and con-



1 tingent faculty: *Provided further*, That a Governor of a  
2 State desiring to receive an allocation under this heading  
3 shall submit an application at such time, in such manner,  
4 and containing such information as the Secretary may rea-  
5 sonably require: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall  
6 issue a notice inviting applications not later than 15 days  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*,  
8 That any State receiving funding under this heading shall  
9 maintain its percent of total spending on elementary, sec-  
10 ondary, and postsecondary education in fiscal year 2019  
11 for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022: *Provided further*,  
12 That a State's application shall include assurances that  
13 the State will maintain support for elementary and sec-  
14 ondary education in fiscal year 2020, fiscal year 2021, and  
15 fiscal year 2022 at least at the level of such support that  
16 is the average of such State's support for elementary and  
17 secondary education in the 3 fiscal years preceding the fis-  
18 cal year for which State support for elementary and sec-  
19 ondary education is provided: *Provided further*, That a  
20 State's application shall include assurances that the State  
21 will maintain State support for higher education (not in-  
22 cluding support for capital projects or for research and  
23 development or tuition and fees paid by students) in fiscal  
24 year 2020, fiscal year 2021, and fiscal year 2022 at least  
25 at the level of such support that is the average of such

1 State’s support for higher education (which shall include  
2 State and local government funding to institutions of high-  
3 er education and state financial aid) in the 3 fiscal years  
4 preceding the fiscal year for which State support for high-  
5 er education is provided, and that any such State’s sup-  
6 port for higher education funding, as calculated as spend-  
7 ing for public higher education per full-time equivalent  
8 student, shall be at least the same in fiscal year 2022 as  
9 it was in fiscal year 2019: *Provided further*, That in such  
10 application, the Governor shall provide baseline data that  
11 demonstrates the State’s current status in each of the  
12 areas described in such assurances in the preceding pro-  
13 visos: *Provided further*, That a State’s application shall in-  
14 clude assurances that the State will not construe any pro-  
15 visions under this heading as displacing any otherwise ap-  
16 plicable provision of any collective-bargaining agreement  
17 between an eligible entity and a labor organization as de-  
18 fined by section 2(5) of the National Labor Relations Act  
19 (29 U.S.C. 152(5)) or analogous State law: *Provided fur-*  
20 *ther*, That a State’s application shall include assurances  
21 that the State shall maintain the wages, benefits, and  
22 other terms and conditions of employment set forth in any  
23 collective-bargaining agreement between the eligible entity  
24 and a labor organization, as defined in the preceding pro-  
25 viso: *Provided further*, That a State’s application shall in-

1 clude assurances that all students with disabilities are af-  
2 fforded their full rights under IDEA, including all rights  
3 and services outlined in individualized education programs  
4 (“IEPs”): *Provided further*, That a State receiving funds  
5 under this heading shall submit a report to the Secretary,  
6 at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may  
7 require, that describes the use of funds provided under  
8 this heading: *Provided further*, That no recipient of funds  
9 under this heading shall use funds to provide financial as-  
10 sistance to students to attend private elementary or sec-  
11 ondary schools, unless such funds are used to provide spe-  
12 cial education and related services to children with disabil-  
13 ities whose IEPs require such placement, and where the  
14 school district maintains responsibility for providing such  
15 children a free appropriate public education, as authorized  
16 by IDEA: *Provided further*, That a local educational agen-  
17 cy, State, institution of higher education, or other entity  
18 that receives funds under “State Fiscal Stabilization  
19 Fund”, shall to the greatest extent practicable, continue  
20 to pay its employees and contractors during the period of  
21 any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus: *Pro-*  
22 *vided further*, That the terms “elementary education” and  
23 “secondary education” have the meaning given such terms  
24 under State law: *Provided further*, That the term “institu-  
25 tion of higher education” has the meaning given such term

1 in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *Pro-*  
2 *vided further*, That the term “fiscal year” shall have the  
3 meaning given such term under State law: *Provided fur-*  
4 *ther*, That the term “State” means each of the 50 States,  
5 the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puer-  
6 to Rico: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
7 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
8 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
9 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

11 For an additional amount for “Higher Education”,  
12 \$10,150,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
13 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus,  
14 of which \$11,000,000 shall be transferred to “National  
15 Technical Institute for the Deaf” to help defray expenses  
16 (which may include lost revenue, reimbursement for ex-  
17 penses already incurred, technology costs associated with  
18 a transition to distance education, sign language and cap-  
19 tioning costs associated with a transition to distance edu-  
20 cation, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll) directly  
21 caused by coronavirus and to enable emergency financial  
22 aid to students for expenses directly related to coronavirus  
23 and the disruption of university operations (which may in-  
24 clude food, housing, transportation, technology, health  
25 care, and child care), of which \$20,000,000 shall be trans-

1 ferred to “Howard University” to help defray expenses  
2 (which may include lost revenue, reimbursement for ex-  
3 penses already incurred, technology costs associated with  
4 a transition to distance education, technology costs associ-  
5 ated with a transition to distance education, faculty and  
6 staff trainings, and payroll) directly related to coronavirus  
7 and to enable grants to students for expenses directly re-  
8 lated to coronavirus and the disruption of university oper-  
9 ations (which may include food, housing, transportation,  
10 technology, health care, and child care), of which  
11 \$11,000,000 shall be transferred to “Gallaudet Univer-  
12 sity” to help defray expenses (which may include lost rev-  
13 enue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, tech-  
14 nology costs associated with a transition to distance edu-  
15 cation, sign language and captioning costs associated with  
16 a transition to distance education, faculty and staff  
17 trainings, and payroll) directly related to coronavirus and  
18 to enable grants to students for expenses directly related  
19 to coronavirus and the disruption of university operations  
20 (which may include food, housing, transportation, tech-  
21 nology, health care, and child care), and of which the re-  
22 maining amounts shall be used to carry out parts A and  
23 B of title III, parts A and B of title V, subpart 4 of part  
24 A of title VII, and part B of title VII of the Higher Edu-  
25 cation Act of 1965 (“HEA”) as follows:

1           (1) \$1,708,000,000 for parts A and B of title  
2           III, parts A and B of title V, and subpart 4 of part  
3           A of title VII of the HEA to address needs directly  
4           related to coronavirus: *Provided*, That such amount  
5           shall be allocated by the Secretary proportionally to  
6           such programs covered under this paragraph and  
7           based on the relative share of funding appropriated  
8           to such programs in the Further Consolidated Ap-  
9           propriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94) and  
10          distributed to institutions of higher education as fol-  
11          lows:

12                   (A) Except as otherwise provided in sub-  
13                   paragraph (B), for eligible institutions under  
14                   part B of title III and subpart 4 of part A of  
15                   title VII of the Higher Education Act, the Sec-  
16                   retary shall allot to each eligible institution an  
17                   amount using the following formula:

18                           (i) 70 percent according to a ratio  
19                           equivalent to the number of Pell Grant re-  
20                           cipients in attendance at such institution  
21                           at the end of the school year preceding the  
22                           beginning of that fiscal year and the total  
23                           number of Pell Grant recipients at all such  
24                           institutions;

1 (ii) 20 percent according to a ratio  
2 equivalent to the total number of students  
3 enrolled at such institution at the end of  
4 the school year preceding the beginning of  
5 that fiscal year and the number of stu-  
6 dents enrolled at all such institutions; and

7 (iii) 10 percent according to a ratio  
8 equivalent to the total endowment size at  
9 all eligible institutions at the end of the  
10 school year preceding the beginning of that  
11 fiscal year and the total endowment size at  
12 such institutions;

13 (B) For eligible institutions under section  
14 326 of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary  
15 shall allot to each eligible institution an amount  
16 in proportion to the award received from fund-  
17 ing for such institutions in the Further Consoli-  
18 dated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law  
19 116–94);

20 (C) For eligible institutions under section  
21 316 of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary  
22 shall allot funding according to the formula in  
23 section 316(d)(3) of the Higher Education Act;

24 (D) Notwithstanding section 318(f) of the  
25 Higher Education Act, for eligible institutions

1 under section 318 of the Higher Education Act,  
2 the Secretary shall allot funding according to  
3 the formula in section 318(e) of the Higher  
4 Education Act;

5 (E) Except as provided in subparagraphs  
6 (C) and (D), for eligible institutions under part  
7 A of title III of the Higher Education Act and  
8 parts A and B of title V, the Secretary shall  
9 issue an application for eligible institutions to  
10 demonstrate unmet need, and the Secretary  
11 shall allow eligible institutions to apply for  
12 funds under one of the programs for which they  
13 are eligible.

14 (2) \$8,400,000,000 for part B of title VII of  
15 the HEA for institutions of higher education (as de-  
16 fined in section 101 or 102(c) of the HEA) to ad-  
17 dress needs directly related to coronavirus as follows:

18 (A) \$7,000,000,000 shall be provided to  
19 private, nonprofit institutions of higher edu-  
20 cation—

21 (i) by reserving an amount necessary  
22 to make the minimum grants described in  
23 the second to last proviso under this head-  
24 ing; and



1 (ii) from amounts not reserved under  
2 clause (i), by apportioning—

3 (I) 75 percent according to the  
4 relative share of enrollment of Federal  
5 Pell Grant recipients who are not ex-  
6 clusively enrolled in distance edu-  
7 cation courses prior to the coronavirus  
8 emergency; and

9 (II) 25 percent according to the  
10 relative share of the total enrollment  
11 of students who were not Federal Pell  
12 Grant recipients who are not exclu-  
13 sively enrolled in distance education  
14 courses prior to the coronavirus emer-  
15 gency.

16 (B) \$1,400,000,000 shall be for institu-  
17 tions of higher education with unmet need re-  
18 lated to the coronavirus, including institutions  
19 of higher education that offer their courses and  
20 programs exclusively through distance edu-  
21 cation:

22 *Provided*, That funds shall be used to make payments to  
23 such institutions to provide emergency grants to students  
24 who attended such institutions at any point during the  
25 coronavirus emergency and for any component of the stu-

1 dent's cost of attendance (as defined under section 472  
2 of the HEA), including tuition, food, housing, course ma-  
3 terials, technology, health care, and child care): *Provided*  
4 *further*, That institutions of higher education may use  
5 such funds to defray expenses (including lost revenue, re-  
6 imbursement for expenses already incurred, technology  
7 costs associated with a transition to distance education,  
8 faculty and staff trainings, and payroll) incurred by insti-  
9 tutions of higher education: *Provided further*, That such  
10 payments shall not be used to increase endowments or pro-  
11 vide funding for capital outlays associated with facilities  
12 related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious wor-  
13 ship: *Provided further*, That any private, nonprofit institu-  
14 tion of higher education that is not otherwise eligible for  
15 a grant of at least \$1,000,000 under paragraph (2)(A)(ii)  
16 of this heading and has a total enrollment of at least 500  
17 students shall be eligible to receive, from amounts reserved  
18 under paragraph (2)(A)(i), an amount equal to whichever  
19 is the lesser of the total loss of revenue and increased costs  
20 associated with the coronavirus or \$1,000,000: *Provided*  
21 *further*, That of the funds provided under paragraph 2(B),  
22 the Secretary shall make an application available for insti-  
23 tutions of higher education to demonstrate unmet need,  
24 which shall include for this purpose a dramatic decline in  
25 revenue as a result of campus closure, exceptional costs

1 or challenges implementing distance education platforms  
2 due to lack of a technological infrastructure, serving a  
3 large percentage of students who lack access to adequate  
4 technology to move to distance education, serving a region  
5 or community that has been especially impacted by in-  
6 creased unemployment and displaced workers, serving  
7 communities or regions where the number of coronavirus  
8 cases has imposed exceptional costs on the institution, and  
9 other criteria that the Secretary shall identify after con-  
10 sultation with institutions of higher education or their rep-  
11 resentatives: *Provided further*, That no institution may re-  
12 ceive an award unless it has submitted an application that  
13 describes the impact of the coronavirus on the institution  
14 and the ways that the institution will use the funds to  
15 ameliorate such impact: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
16 retary shall brief the Committees on Appropriations fif-  
17 teen days in advance of making any application available  
18 for funds under paragraph (2)(B): *Provided further*, That  
19 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
20 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
21 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
22 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

24 SEC. 10602. Amounts made available to “Depart-  
25 ment of Education—Office of Inspector General” in title

1 VIII of division B of Public Law 116–136 are hereby per-  
2 manently rescinded, and an amount of additional new  
3 budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded is  
4 hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended,  
5 for the same purposes and under the same authorities as  
6 they were originally appropriated, and shall be in addition  
7 to any other funds available for such purposes: *Provided*,  
8 That the amounts appropriated by this section may also  
9 be used for investigations and are available until ex-  
10 pended: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
11 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
12 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
13 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 SEC. 10603. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-  
15 nomic Security Act (P.L. 116–136) is amended by striking  
16 section 18001(a)(3): *Provided*, That amounts repurposed  
17 pursuant to the amendment made by this section that  
18 were previously designated by the Congress as an emer-  
19 gency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and  
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by  
21 the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to  
22 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

24 SEC. 10604. Section 18005(a) of the Coronavirus  
25 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116–136)

1 is amended by inserting “including subsections  
2 (a)(4)(A)(i) and (c) of such section” after “section 1117”  
3 and by inserting “Such equitable services shall be provided  
4 by the local educational agency in which the students re-  
5 side, and the amount of funds available for such equitable  
6 services shall be based on the number of nonpublic school  
7 students who were identified in the calculation under sec-  
8 tion 1117(c)(1) of the ESEA for purposes of Title I–A  
9 during the 2019–2020 school year relative to the sum of  
10 such students in public schools during the 2019–2020  
11 school year.” after “representatives of nonpublic schools.”:  
12 *Provided*, That amounts repurposed pursuant to the  
13 amendment made by this section that were previously des-  
14 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
15 pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
16 Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as  
17 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
18 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

20 SEC. 10605. Section 18004(c) of the Coronavirus  
21 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116–136)  
22 is amended by striking “to cover any costs associated with  
23 significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to  
24 the coronavirus” and inserting “to defray expenses (in-  
25 cluding lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already

1 incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to  
2 distance education, faculty and staff trainings, payroll) in-  
3 curred by institutions of higher education.”: *Provided*,  
4 That amounts repurposed pursuant to the amendment  
5 made by this section that were previously designated by  
6 the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to  
7 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act  
8 of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency  
9 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
10 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
11 1985.

12 SEC. 10606. With respect to the allocation and award  
13 of funds under this title, the Secretary of Education is  
14 prohibited from—

15 (a) establishing a priority or preference not specified  
16 in this title; and

17 (b) imposing limits on the use of such funds not spec-  
18 ified in this title.

## 19 RELATED AGENCIES

20 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY

21 SERVICE

22 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—CORPORATION FOR

23 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

24 SEC. 10607. (a) The remaining unobligated balances  
25 of funds as of September 30, 2020, from amounts pro-

1 vided to “Corporation for National and Community Serv-  
2 ice—Salaries and Expenses” in title IV of division A of  
3 the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub-  
4 lic Law 116–94), are hereby permanently rescinded, and  
5 an amount of additional new budget authority equal to  
6 the unobligated balances rescinded is hereby appropriated  
7 on September 30, 2020, to remain available until Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2021, for the same purposes and under the  
9 same authorities that they were originally made available  
10 in Public Law 116–94, which shall be in addition to any  
11 other funds available for such purposes: *Provided*, That  
12 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
13 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
14 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
15 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

16 (b) The remaining unobligated balances of funds as  
17 of September 30, 2020, from amounts provided to “Cor-  
18 poration for National and Community Service—Operating  
19 Expenses” in title IV of division A of the Further Consoli-  
20 dated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94), are  
21 hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of addi-  
22 tional new budget authority equal to the unobligated bal-  
23 ances rescinded is hereby appropriated on September 30,  
24 2020, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for  
25 the same purposes and under the same authorities that

1 they were originally made available in Public Law 116–  
2 94, which shall be in addition to any other funds available  
3 for such purposes: *Provided*, That any amounts appro-  
4 priated by the preceding proviso shall not be subject to  
5 the allotment requirements otherwise applicable under sec-  
6 tions 129(a), (b), (d), and (e) of the National and Commu-  
7 nity Service Act of 1993: *Provided further*, That such  
8 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
9 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
10 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
11 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

12 (c) The remaining unobligated balances of funds as  
13 of September 30, 2020, from amounts provided to “Cor-  
14 poration for National and Community Service—Office of  
15 Inspector General” in title IV of division A of the Further  
16 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–  
17 94), are hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of  
18 additional new budget authority equal to the amount re-  
19 scinded is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2020,  
20 to remain available until September 30, 2021, for the  
21 same purposes and under the same authorities that they  
22 were originally made available in Public Law 116–94,  
23 which shall be in addition to any other funds available for  
24 such purposes: *Provided*, That such amount is designated  
25 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement



1 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
2 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 (d)(1) Section 3514(b) of title III of division A of  
4 Public Law 116–136 is hereby repealed, and such section  
5 shall be applied hereafter as if such subsection had never  
6 been enacted.

7 (2)(A) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided  
8 under this subsection are designated as an emer-  
9 gency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the  
10 Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C.  
11 933(g)), and the budgetary effects shall not be en-  
12 tered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursu-  
13 ant to section 4(d) of such Act.

14 (B) DESIGNATION IN THE SENATE.—In the  
15 Senate, this subsection is designated as an emer-  
16 gency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a) of H.  
17 Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent reso-  
18 lution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and the  
19 budgetary effects shall not be entered on any  
20 PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of sec-  
21 tion 4106 of such concurrent resolution.

22 (C) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EF-  
23 FECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget  
24 Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint ex-  
25 planatory statement of the committee of conference

1 accompanying Conference Report 105–217 and sec-  
2 tion 250(c)(7) and (c)(8) of the Balanced Budget  
3 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the  
4 budgetary effects of this subsection shall not be esti-  
5 mated—

6 (i) for purposes of section 251 of such Act;

7 and

8 (ii) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of  
9 section 3 of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act  
10 of 2010 as being included in an appropriation  
11 Act.

12 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

13 OFFICE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES: GRANTS

14 AND ADMINISTRATION

15 For an additional amount for “Institute of Museum  
16 and Library Services”, \$5,000,000, to remain available  
17 until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
18 spond to coronavirus, including grants to States, terri-  
19 tories, tribes, museums, and libraries, to expand digital  
20 network access, purchase internet accessible devices, pro-  
21 vide technical support services, and for operational ex-  
22 penses: *Provided*, That any matching funds requirements  
23 for States, tribes, libraries, and museums are waived for  
24 grants provided with funds made available under this  
25 heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount

1 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency  
2 requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the  
3 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
4 1985.

5 RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

6 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

7 For an additional amount for “Limitation on Admin-  
8 istration”, \$4,500,000, to remain available until Sep-  
9 tember 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
10 coronavirus, including the expeditious dispensation of rail-  
11 road unemployment insurance benefits, and to support  
12 full-time equivalents and overtime hours as needed to ad-  
13 minister the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act: *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
15 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
16 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
17 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 For an additional amount for “Office of the Inspector  
20 General”, \$500,000, to remain available until expended,  
21 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, in-  
22 cluding salaries and expenses necessary for oversight, in-  
23 vestigations and audits of the Railroad Retirement Board  
24 and railroad unemployment insurance benefits funded in  
25 this Act and Public Law 116–136: *Provided*, That such

1 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
2 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
3 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5           GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

6           SEC. 10608. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
7 law, funds made available under each heading in this title  
8 shall only be used for the purposes specifically described  
9 under that heading.

10          SEC. 10609. Funds appropriated by this title may be  
11 used by the Secretary of the Health and Human Services  
12 to appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections  
13 3309 through 3319 of title 5 of the United States Code,  
14 candidates needed for positions to perform critical work  
15 relating to coronavirus for which—

16               (1) public notice has been given; and

17               (2) the Secretary has determined that such a  
18 public health threat exists.

19          SEC. 10610. Funds made available by this title may  
20 be used to enter into contracts with individuals for the  
21 provision of personal services (as described in section 104  
22 of part 37 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations (48  
23 CFR 37.104)) to support the prevention of, preparation  
24 for, or response to coronavirus, domestically and inter-  
25 nationally, subject to prior notification to the Committees

1 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
2 Senate: *Provided*, That such individuals may not be  
3 deemed employees of the United States for the purpose  
4 of any law administered by the Office of Personnel Man-  
5 agement: *Provided further*, That the authority made avail-  
6 able pursuant to this section shall expire on September  
7 30, 2024.

8       SEC. 10611. Not later than 30 days after the date  
9 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
10 Human Services shall provide a detailed spend plan of an-  
11 ticipated uses of funds made available to the Department  
12 of Health and Human Services in this Act, including esti-  
13 mated personnel and administrative costs, to the Commit-  
14 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Senate: *Provided*, That such plans shall be up-  
16 dated and submitted to such Committees every 60 days  
17 until September 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That the  
18 spend plans shall be accompanied by a listing of each con-  
19 tract obligation incurred that exceeds \$5,000,000 which  
20 has not previously been reported, including the amount of  
21 each such obligation.

22       SEC. 10612. Not later than September 30, 2020, the  
23 remaining unobligated balances of funds made available  
24 through September 30, 2020, under the heading “Na-  
25 tional Institutes of Health” in the Further Consolidated

1 Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94) are hereby  
2 permanently rescinded, and an amount of additional new  
3 budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded from  
4 each account is hereby appropriated to that account, to  
5 remain available until September 30, 2021, and shall be  
6 available for the same purposes, in addition to other funds  
7 as may be available for such purposes, and under the same  
8 authorities for which the funds were originally provided  
9 in Public Law 116–94: *Provided*, That such amount is  
10 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
11 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
12 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13       SEC. 10613. Funds made available in Public Law  
14 113–235 to the accounts of the National Institutes of  
15 Health that were available for obligation through fiscal  
16 year 2015 and were obligated for multi-year research  
17 grants shall be available through fiscal year 2021 for the  
18 liquidation of valid obligations if the Director of the Na-  
19 tional Insitutes of Health determines the project suffered  
20 an interruption of activities attributable to SARS–CoV–  
21 2: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Con-  
22 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to  
23 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
24 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1       SEC. 10614. Of the funds appropriated by this title  
2 under the heading “Public Health and Social Services  
3 Emergency Fund”, \$75,000,000 shall be transferred to,  
4 and merged with, funds made available under the heading  
5 “Office of the Secretary, Office of Inspector General”, and  
6 shall remain available until expended, for oversight of ac-  
7 tivities supported with funds appropriated to the Depart-  
8 ment of Health and Human Services in this Act: *Provided*,  
9 That the Inspector General of the Department of Health  
10 and Human Services shall consult with the Committees  
11 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
12 Senate prior to obligating such funds: *Provided further*,  
13 That the transfer authority provided by this section is in  
14 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law.

## 15           TITLE VII—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

### 16                   HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

17       For an additional amount for the “House of Rep-  
18 resentatives”, \$5,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
19 tember 30, 2021, for necessary expenses to prevent, pre-  
20 pare for, and respond to coronavirus: *Provided*, That the  
21 amounts made available under this heading in this Act  
22 shall be allocated in accordance with a spend plan sub-  
23 mitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
24 of Representatives by the Chief Administrative Officer and  
25 approved by such Committee: *Provided further*, That such

1 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
2 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
3 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE  
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

7 For an additional amount for “Salaries and Ex-  
8 penses”, \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended,  
9 for audits and investigations relating to COVID–19 or  
10 similar pandemics, as well as any related stimulus funding  
11 to assist the United States response to health and eco-  
12 nomic vulnerabilities to pandemics: *Provided*, That, not  
13 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
14 the Government Accountability Office shall submit to the  
15 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
16 atives and the Senate a spend plan specifying funding esti-  
17 mates and a timeline for such audits and investigations:  
18 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the  
19 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
20 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
21 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.



1 TITLE VIII—DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN  
2 OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

3 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

4 ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

5 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

6 For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector  
7 General”, \$2,000,000, to remain available until September  
8 30, 2022, for oversight of funds administered by the De-  
9 partment of State and made available to prevent, prepare  
10 for, and respond to coronavirus by this title and by prior  
11 acts: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
12 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
13 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
14 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 GENERAL PROVISIONS — THIS TITLE

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 10801. Section 21005 of the Emergency Appro-  
18 priations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency  
19 Operations (division B of Public Law 116–136) is amend-  
20 ed by inserting at the end before the period “and is further  
21 amended by striking ‘\$5,563,619’ in the second proviso  
22 under the heading ‘Repatriation Loans Program Account’  
23 and inserting in lieu thereof ‘\$15,563,619’ ”.

24 SEC. 10802. Section 21009 of the Emergency Appro-  
25 priations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency

1 Operations (division B of Public Law 116–136) is amend-  
2 ed by striking “fiscal year 2020” and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof “fiscal years 2020 and 2021”: *Provided*, That the  
4 amount provided by this section is designated by the Con-  
5 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to  
6 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
7 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 TITLE IX

9 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN

10 DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

12 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

13 OPERATIONS

14 For an additional amount for “Operations”,  
15 \$75,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
16 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus:  
17 *Provided*, That amounts made available under this head-  
18 ing in this Act shall be derived from the general fund,  
19 of which not less than \$1,000,000 shall be for the Admin-  
20 istrator to seek to enter into an agreement not later than  
21 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act with a  
22 research organization established under chapter 1503 of  
23 title 36, United States Code, to conduct a study to deter-  
24 mine whether the environmental controls systems in com-  
25 mercial airliners recirculate pathogens in the cabin air and

1 to assess existing and potential technological solutions to  
2 reduce pathogen recirculation and to mitigate any elevated  
3 risk of exposure to pathogens in the cabin air: *Provided*  
4 *further* That such amount is designated by the Congress  
5 as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
6 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
7 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

8 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

9 HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

10 For an additional amount for “Highway Infrastruc-  
11 ture Programs”, \$15,000,000,000, to remain available  
12 until expended: *Provided*, That the funds made available  
13 under this heading shall be derived from the general fund,  
14 shall be in addition to any funds provided for fiscal year  
15 2020 in this or any other Act for “Federal-aid Highways”  
16 under chapters 1 or 2 of title 23, United States Code,  
17 and shall not affect the distribution or amount of funds  
18 provided in any other Act: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
19 standing chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, or any  
20 other provision of law, a State, territory, Puerto Rico, or  
21 Indian Tribe may use funds made available under this  
22 heading in this Act for activities eligible under section  
23 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, for administrative  
24 and operations expenses, including salaries of employees  
25 (including those employees who have been placed on ad-

1 ministrative leave) or contractors, information technology  
2 needs, and availability payments: *Provided further*, That  
3 of the funds made available under this heading,  
4 \$14,775,000,000 shall be available for States,  
5 \$150,000,000 shall be available for the Tribal Transpor-  
6 tation Program, as described in section 202 of title 23,  
7 United States Code, \$60,000,000 shall be available for the  
8 Puerto Rico Highway Program, as described in section  
9 165(b)(2)(C)(iii) of such title; and \$15,000,000 shall be  
10 available for under the Territorial Highway Program, as  
11 described in section 165(c)(6) of such title: *Provided fur-*  
12 *ther*, That for the purposes of funds made available under  
13 this heading the term “State” means any of the 50 States  
14 or the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the  
15 funds made available under this heading for States shall  
16 be apportioned to States in the same ratio as the obliga-  
17 tion limitation for fiscal year 2020 was distributed among  
18 the States in accordance with the formula specified in sec-  
19 tion 120(a)(5) of division H of Public Law 116–94 and  
20 shall be apportioned not later than 30 days after the date  
21 of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the funds  
22 made available under this heading shall be administered  
23 as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United  
24 States Code, except that activities eligible under the Tribal  
25 Transportation Program shall be administered as if allo-

1 cated under chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code: *Pro-*  
2 *vided further*, That funds apportioned to a State under  
3 this heading shall be suballocated within the State to areas  
4 described in subsection 133(d)(1)(A)(i) of title 23, United  
5 States Code, in the same ratio that funds suballocated to  
6 those areas for fiscal year 2020 bears to the total amount  
7 of funds apportioned to the State for the Federal-aid high-  
8 way program under section 104 of such title for fiscal year  
9 2020: *Provided further*, That of funds made available  
10 under this heading for activities eligible under section  
11 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, any such activity  
12 shall be subject to the requirements of section 133(i) of  
13 such title: *Provided further*, That, except as provided in  
14 the following proviso, the funds made available under this  
15 heading for activities eligible under the Puerto Rico High-  
16 way Program and activities eligible under the Territorial  
17 Highway Program shall be administered as if allocated  
18 under sections 165(b) and 165(c), respectively, of such  
19 title: *Provided further*, That the funds made available  
20 under this heading for activities eligible under the Puerto  
21 Rico Highway Program shall not be subject to the require-  
22 ments of sections 165(b)(2)(A) or 165(b)(2)(B) of such  
23 title: *Provided further*, That for amounts subject to the  
24 obligation limitation under the heading “Department of  
25 Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Fed-

1 eral-aid Highways—(Limitation on Obligations)—(High-  
2 way Trust Fund)” in Public Law 116–94 for fiscal year  
3 2020 that are obligated after the date of enactment of this  
4 Act, and for any amounts made available under this head-  
5 ing in this Act, the Federal share of the costs shall be,  
6 at the option of the State, District of Columbia, territory,  
7 Puerto Rico, or Indian Tribe, up to 100 percent, and may  
8 be available for administrative and operations expenses,  
9 including salaries of employees (including those employees  
10 who have been placed on administrative leave) or contrac-  
11 tors, information technology needs, and availability pay-  
12 ments: *Provided further*, That section 120(c) of Public  
13 Law 116–94 shall not apply for fiscal year 2020, and that  
14 amounts that would otherwise have been redistributed by  
15 section 120(c) shall be retained by States and shall be  
16 available for their original purpose until September 30,  
17 2021, except that such amounts shall be subject to such  
18 redistribution in fiscal year 2021: *Provided further*, That  
19 amounts made available under section 147 of title 23,  
20 United States Code, for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 are  
21 available for the administrative and operating expenses of  
22 eligible entities related to the response to a coronavirus  
23 public health emergency beginning on January 20, 2020,  
24 reimbursement for administrative and operating costs to  
25 maintain service including the purchase of personal pro-

1 tective equipment, and paying the administrative leave of  
2 operations personnel due to reductions in service: *Provided*  
3 *further*, That funds made available for administrative and  
4 operating expenses authorized for fiscal year 2020 in Pub-  
5 lic Law 116–94 or in this Act under this heading are not  
6 required to be included in a transportation improvement  
7 program or a statewide transportation improvement pro-  
8 gram under sections 134 or 135 of title 23, United States  
9 Code, or chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, as  
10 applicable: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise speci-  
11 fied, applicable requirements under title 23, United States  
12 Code, shall apply to funds made available under this head-  
13 ing: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Fed-  
14 eral Highway Administration may retain up to one half  
15 of one percent of the funds made available under this  
16 heading to fund the oversight by the Administrator of ac-  
17 tivities carried out with funds made available under this  
18 heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
19 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
20 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
21 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

23 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF

24 For an additional amount for “Public Transportation  
25 Emergency Relief”, \$15,750,000,000, to remain available

1 until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to  
2 coronavirus: *Provided*, That of the amounts appropriated  
3 under this heading in this Act—

4           (1) \$11,750,000,000 shall be for grants to ur-  
5 banized areas with populations over 3,000,000 and  
6 shall be allocated in the same ratio as funds were  
7 provided in fiscal year 2020: *Provided*, That 15 per-  
8 cent of the amounts provided in this paragraph shall  
9 be allocated as if such funds were provided under  
10 section 5307 of title 49, United States Code and ap-  
11 portioned in accordance with section 5336 of such  
12 title (other than subsection (b)(3) and (c)(1)(A))  
13 and 85 percent of the amounts provided in this  
14 paragraph shall be allocated under section 5337 of  
15 such title and apportioned in accordance with such  
16 section: *Provided further*, That funds provided under  
17 section 5337 shall be added to funds apportioned  
18 under section 5307 for administration in accordance  
19 with provisions under section 5307: *Provided further*,  
20 That for urbanized areas with multiple subrecipi-  
21 ents, funds provided under section 5337 in this  
22 paragraph shall be distributed among subrecipients  
23 using the same ratio used to distribute funds made  
24 available for section 5337 in fiscal year 2020; and



1           (2) \$4,000,000,000 shall be for grants to tran-  
2           sit agencies that, as a result of coronavirus, require  
3           significant additional assistance to maintain basic  
4           transit services: *Provided*, That such funds shall be  
5           administered as if they were provided under section  
6           5324 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided fur-*  
7           *ther*, That any recipient or subrecipient of funds  
8           under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, or  
9           an intercity bus service provider that has, since Oc-  
10          tober 1, 2018, partnered with a recipient or sub-  
11          recipient in order to meet the requirements of sec-  
12          tion 5311(f) of such title shall be eligible to directly  
13          apply for funds under this paragraph: *Provided fur-*  
14          *ther*, That entities that are subrecipients of funds  
15          under chapter 53 of title 49 and have partnered with  
16          a recipient or subrecipient in order to meet the re-  
17          quirements of section 5311(f) of such title shall be  
18          eligible to receive not more than 18.75 percent of  
19          the total funds provided under this paragraph: *Pro-*  
20          *vided further*, That such entities shall use assistance  
21          provided under this heading only for workforce re-  
22          tention or, the recall or rehire of any laid off, fur-  
23          loughed, or terminated employee, associated with the  
24          provision of bus service: *Provided further*, That, the  
25          Secretary shall issue a Notice of Funding Oppor-

1 tunity not later than 30 days after the date of enact-  
2 ment of this Act and that such Notice of Funding  
3 Opportunity shall require application submissions  
4 not later than 45 days after the enactment of this  
5 Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall make  
6 awards not later than 45 days after the application  
7 deadline: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall  
8 require grantees to provide estimates of financial  
9 need, data on reduced ridership, and a spending  
10 plan for funds: *Provided further*, That when evalu-  
11 ating applications for assistance, the Secretary shall  
12 give priority to transit agencies with the largest rev-  
13 enue loss as a percentage of their operating ex-  
14 penses: *Provided further*, That if applications for as-  
15 sistance do not exceed available funds, the Secretary  
16 shall reserve the remaining amounts for grantees to  
17 prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and  
18 shall accept applications on a rolling basis: *Provided*  
19 *further*, That if amounts made available under this  
20 heading in this Act remain unobligated on December  
21 31, 2021, such amounts shall be available for any  
22 purpose eligible under section 5324 of title 49,  
23 United States Code:  
24 *Provided further*, That the provision of funds under this  
25 section shall not affect the ability of any other agency of

1 the Government, including the Federal Emergency Man-  
2 agement Agency, or State agency, a local governmental  
3 entity, organization, or person, to provide any other funds  
4 otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That not-  
5 withstanding subsection (a)(1) or (b) of section 5307 of  
6 title 49, United States Code, subsection (a)(1) of section  
7 5324 of such title, or any provision of chapter 53 of title  
8 49, funds provided under this heading in this Act are  
9 available for the operating expenses of transit agencies re-  
10 lated to the response to a coronavirus public health emer-  
11 gency, including, beginning on January 20, 2020, reim-  
12 bursement for operating costs to maintain service and lost  
13 revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency,  
14 including the purchase of personal protective equipment,  
15 and paying the administrative leave of operations or con-  
16 tractor personnel due to reductions in service: *Provided*  
17 *further*, That to the maximum extent possible, funds made  
18 available under this heading in this Act and in title XII  
19 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)  
20 shall be directed to payroll and public transit service, un-  
21 less the recipient certifies to the Secretary they have not  
22 furloughed any employees: *Provided further*, That such op-  
23 erating expenses are not required to be included in a  
24 transportation improvement program, long-range trans-  
25 portation plan, statewide transportation plan, or a state-

1 wide transportation improvement program: *Provided fur-*  
2 *ther*, That the Secretary shall not waive the requirements  
3 of section 5333 of title 49, United States Code, for funds  
4 appropriated under this heading in this Act: *Provided fur-*  
5 *ther*, That unless otherwise specified, applicable require-  
6 ments under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code,  
7 shall apply to funding made available under this heading  
8 in this Act, except that the Federal share of the costs for  
9 which any grant is made under this heading in this Act  
10 shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 100 percent:  
11 *Provided further*, That the amount made available under  
12 this heading in this Act shall be derived from the general  
13 fund and shall not be subject to any limitation on obliga-  
14 tions for transit programs set forth in any Act: *Provided*  
15 *further*, That not more than one-half of one percent of the  
16 funds for transit infrastructure grants provided under this  
17 heading in this Act shall be available for administrative  
18 expenses and ongoing program management oversight as  
19 authorized under sections 5334 and 5338(f)(2) of title 49,  
20 United States Code, and shall be in addition to any other  
21 appropriations for such purpose: *Provided further*, That  
22 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
23 an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
24 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
25 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
2 DEVELOPMENT  
3 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING  
4 TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For an additional amount for “Tenant-Based Rental  
7 Assistance”, \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
8 pended, and to be used under the same authority and con-  
9 ditions as the additional appropriations for fiscal year  
10 2020 under this heading in title XII of division B of the  
11 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), except that any  
12 amounts provided for administrative expenses and other  
13 expenses of public housing agencies for their section 8 pro-  
14 grams, including Mainstream vouchers, under this heading  
15 in the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) and under this  
16 heading in this Act shall also be available for Housing As-  
17 sistance Payments under section 8(o) of the United States  
18 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)): *Provided*,  
19 That amounts made available under this heading in this  
20 Act and under the same heading in title XII of division  
21 B of the CARES Act may be used to cover or reimburse  
22 allowable costs incurred to prevent, prepare for, and re-  
23 spond to coronavirus regardless of the date on which such  
24 costs were incurred: *Provided further*, That of the amounts  
25 made available under this heading in this Act,

1 \$500,000,000 shall be available for administrative ex-  
2 penses and other expenses of public housing agencies for  
3 their section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers:  
4 *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available  
5 under this heading in this Act, \$2,500,000,000 shall be  
6 available for adjustments in the calendar year 2020 sec-  
7 tion 8 renewal funding allocations, including Mainstream  
8 vouchers, for public housing agencies that experience a  
9 significant increase in voucher per-unit costs due to ex-  
10 traordinary circumstances or that, despite taking reason-  
11 able cost savings measures, as determined by the Sec-  
12 retary, would otherwise be required to terminate rental as-  
13 sistance for families as a result of insufficient funding:  
14 *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available  
15 under this heading in this Act, \$1,000,000,000 shall be  
16 used for incremental rental voucher assistance under sec-  
17 tion 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for  
18 use by individuals and families who are—homeless, as de-  
19 fined under section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
20 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)); at risk of home-  
21 lessness, as defined under section 401(1) of the McKin-  
22 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));  
23 or fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating  
24 violence, sexual assault, or stalking: *Provided further*, That  
25 the Secretary shall allocate amounts made available in the

1 preceding proviso to public housing agencies not later than  
2 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, according  
3 to a formula that considers the ability of the public hous-  
4 ing agency to use vouchers promptly and the need of geo-  
5 graphical areas based on factors to be determined by the  
6 Secretary, such as risk of transmission of coronavirus,  
7 high numbers or rates of sheltered and unsheltered home-  
8 lessness, and economic and housing market conditions:  
9 *Provided further*, That if a public housing authority elects  
10 not to administer or does not promptly issue all of its au-  
11 thorized vouchers within a reasonable period of time, the  
12 Secretary shall reallocate any unissued vouchers and asso-  
13 ciated funds to other public housing agencies according  
14 to the criteria in the preceding proviso: *Provided further*,  
15 That a public housing agency shall not reissue any vouch-  
16 ers under this heading in this Act for incremental rental  
17 voucher assistance when assistance for the family initially  
18 assisted is terminated: *Provided further*, That upon termi-  
19 nation of incremental rental voucher assistance under this  
20 heading in this Act for one or more families assisted by  
21 a public housing agency, the Secretary shall reallocate  
22 amounts that are no longer needed by such public housing  
23 agency for assistance under this heading in this Act to  
24 another public housing agency for the renewal of vouchers  
25 previously authorized under this heading in this Act: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That amounts made available in this para-  
2 graph are in addition to any other amounts made available  
3 for such purposes: *Provided further*, That up to 0.5 per-  
4 cent of the amounts made available under this heading  
5 in this Act may be transferred, in aggregate, to “Depart-  
6 ment of Housing and Urban Development, Program Of-  
7 fices—Public and Indian Housing” to supplement existing  
8 resources for the necessary costs of administering and  
9 overseeing the obligation and expenditure of these  
10 amounts, to remain available until September 30, 2024:  
11 *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the  
12 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
13 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
14 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For an additional amount for “Public Housing Oper-  
18 ating Fund”, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United  
19 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)),  
20 \$2,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
21 2021, and to be used under the same authority and condi-  
22 tions as the additional appropriations for fiscal year 2020  
23 under this heading in title XII of division B of the CARES  
24 Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*, That amounts made  
25 available under this heading in this Act and under the



1 same heading in title XII of division B of the CARES Act  
2 may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred  
3 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus re-  
4 gardless of the date on which such costs were incurred:  
5 *Provided further*, That up to 0.5 percent of the amounts  
6 made available under this heading in this Act may be  
7 transferred, in aggregate, to “Department of Housing and  
8 Urban Development, Program Offices—Public and Indian  
9 Housing” to supplement existing resources for the nec-  
10 essary costs of administering and overseeing the obligation  
11 and expenditure of these amounts, to remain available  
12 until September 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That such  
13 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
14 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
15 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
16 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

18 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

19 For an additional amount for “Housing Opportuni-  
20 ties for Persons with AIDS”, \$15,000,000, to remain  
21 available until September 30, 2021, and to be used under  
22 the same authority and conditions as the additional appro-  
23 priations for fiscal year 2020 under this heading in title  
24 XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
25 136): *Provided*, That amounts provided under this heading

1 in this Act that are allocated pursuant to section 854(e)(5)  
2 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901  
3 et seq.) shall remain available until September 30, 2022:  
4 *Provided further*, That not less than \$15,000,000 of the  
5 amount provided under this heading in this Act shall be  
6 allocated pursuant to the formula in section 854 of such  
7 Act using the same data elements as utilized pursuant to  
8 that same formula in fiscal year 2020: *Provided further*,  
9 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
10 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
11 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
12 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13                   COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

14                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15       For an additional amount for “Community Develop-  
16 ment Fund”, \$5,000,000,000, to remain available until  
17 September 30, 2023, and to be used under the same au-  
18 thority and conditions as the additional appropriations for  
19 fiscal year 2020 under this heading in title XII of division  
20 B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*,  
21 That such amount made available under this heading in  
22 this Act shall be distributed pursuant to section 106 of  
23 the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974  
24 (42 U.S.C. 5306) to grantees that received allocations  
25 pursuant to such formula in fiscal year 2020, and that

1 such allocations shall be made within 30 days of enact-  
2 ment of this Act: *Provided further*, That in administering  
3 funds under this heading, an urban county shall consider  
4 needs throughout the entire urban county configuration  
5 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus: *Pro-*  
6 *vided further*, That up to \$100,000,000 of amounts made  
7 available under this heading in this Act may be used to  
8 make new awards or increase prior awards to existing  
9 technical assistance providers: *Provided further*, That of  
10 the amounts made available under this heading in this  
11 Act, up to \$25,000,000 may be transferred to “Depart-  
12 ment of Housing and Urban Development, Program Of-  
13 fices—Community Planning and Development” for nec-  
14 essary costs of administering and overseeing the obligation  
15 and expenditure of amounts under this heading in this  
16 Act, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Pro-*  
17 *vided further*, That such amount is designated by the Con-  
18 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to  
19 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 For an additional amount for “Homeless Assistance  
24 Grants”, \$11,500,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
25 tember 30, 2025, for the Emergency Solutions Grants pro-

1 gram as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the  
2 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 11371 et seq.), as amended, and to be used under the  
4 same authority and conditions as the additional appropria-  
5 tions for fiscal year 2020 under this heading in title XII  
6 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136):  
7 *Provided*, That \$4,000,000,000 of the amount made avail-  
8 able under this heading in this Act shall be distributed  
9 pursuant to 24 CFR 576.3 to grantees that received allo-  
10 cations pursuant to that same formula in fiscal year 2020,  
11 and that such allocations shall be made within 30 days  
12 of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That, in addi-  
13 tion to amounts allocated in the preceding proviso, remain-  
14 ing amounts shall be allocated directly to a State or unit  
15 of general local government by the formula specified in  
16 the third proviso under this heading in title XII of division  
17 B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That not later than 90 days after the date of enact-  
19 ment of this Act and every 60 days thereafter, the Sec-  
20 retary shall allocate a minimum of an additional  
21 \$500,000,000, pursuant to the formula referred to in the  
22 preceding proviso, based on the best available data: *Pro-*  
23 *vided further*, That up to 0.5 percent of the amounts made  
24 available under this heading in this Act may be trans-  
25 ferred to “Department of Housing and Urban Develop-



1 pended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
2 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant  
3 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and  
4 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### 5 HOUSING PROGRAMS

##### 6 PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

7 For an additional amount for “Project-Based Rental  
8 Assistance”, \$750,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
9 pended, and to be used under the same authority and con-  
10 ditions as the additional appropriations for fiscal year  
11 2020 under this heading in title XII of division B of the  
12 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*, That such  
13 amount is designated by the Congress as being for an  
14 emergency requirement pursuant to section  
15 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
16 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### 17 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

18 For an additional amount for “Housing for the El-  
19 derly”, \$500,000,000, to remain available until September  
20 30, 2023, and to be used under the same authority and  
21 conditions as the additional appropriations for fiscal year  
22 2020 under this heading in title XII of division B of the  
23 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*, That not-  
24 withstanding the first proviso under this heading in the  
25 CARES Act, \$300,000,000 of the amount made available

1 under this heading in this Act shall be for one-time grants  
2 for service coordinators, as authorized under section 676  
3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992  
4 (42 U.S.C. 13632), and the continuation of existing con-  
5 gregate service grants for residents of assisted housing  
6 projects: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated  
7 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement  
8 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
9 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

11 For an additional amount for “Housing for Persons  
12 with Disabilities”, \$200,000,000, to remain available until  
13 September 30, 2023, and to be used under the same au-  
14 thority and conditions as the additional appropriations for  
15 fiscal year 2020 under this heading in title XII of division  
16 B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*,  
17 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
18 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
19 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
20 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

22 For an additional amount for “Housing Counseling  
23 Assistance”, for contracts, grants, and other assistance  
24 excluding loans, as authorized under section 106 of the  
25 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968,

1 \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
2 2022, including up to \$8,000,000 for administrative con-  
3 tract services: *Provided*, That funds made available under  
4 this heading in this Act shall be used for providing coun-  
5 seling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current  
6 and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, fi-  
7 nancial management or literacy, foreclosure and eviction  
8 mitigation, and such other matters as may be appropriate  
9 to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meet-  
10 ing their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities  
11 of tenancy or homeownership; for program administration;  
12 and for housing counselor training: *Provided further*, That  
13 amounts made available under this heading in this Act  
14 may be used to purchase equipment and technology to de-  
15 liver services through use of the Internet or other elec-  
16 tronic or virtual means in response to the public health  
17 emergency related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
18 (COVID–19) pandemic: *Provided further*, That for pur-  
19 poses of providing such grants from amounts provided  
20 under this heading, the Secretary may enter into  
21 multiyear agreements, as appropriate, subject to the avail-  
22 ability of annual appropriations: *Provided further*, That  
23 such amount is designated by the Congress as being for  
24 an emergency requirement pursuant to section



1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

4 FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

5 For an additional amount for “Fair Housing Activi-  
6 ties”, \$14,000,000, to remain available until September  
7 30, 2022, and to be used under the same authority and  
8 conditions as the additional appropriations for fiscal year  
9 2020 under this heading in title XII of division B of the  
10 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136): *Provided*, That of the  
11 funds made available under this heading in this Act,  
12 \$4,000,000 shall be for Fair Housing Organization Initia-  
13 tive grants through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program  
14 (FHIP), made available to existing grantees, which may  
15 be used for fair housing activities and for technology and  
16 equipment needs to deliver services through use of the  
17 Internet or other electronic or virtual means in response  
18 to the public health emergency related to the Coronavirus  
19 Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic: *Provided further*,  
20 That of the funds made available under this heading in  
21 this Act, \$10,000,000 shall be for FHIP Education and  
22 Outreach grants made available to previously-funded na-  
23 tional media grantees and State and local education and  
24 outreach grantees, to educate the public and the housing  
25 industry about fair housing rights and responsibilities dur-

1 ing the COVID–19 pandemic: *Provided further*, That such  
2 grants in the preceding proviso shall be divided evenly be-  
3 tween the national media campaign and education and  
4 outreach activities: *Provided further*, That such amount is  
5 designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
6 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
7 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

### 9 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

10 SEC. 10901. There is hereby appropriated from the  
11 General Fund of the Treasury, for payment to the Airport  
12 and Airway Trust Fund, an amount equal to the amount  
13 authorized by section 9502(c) of title 26, United States  
14 Code.

15 SEC. 10902. Amounts previously made available in  
16 the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public  
17 Law 113–6) for the heading “Department of Housing and  
18 Urban Development—Public and Indian Housing—Choice  
19 Neighborhoods Initiative” shall remain available for ex-  
20 penditure for the purpose of paying valid obligations in-  
21 curred prior to the expiration of such amounts through  
22 September 30, 2021.

23 SEC. 10903. The provision under the heading “Office  
24 of the Inspector General—Salaries and Expenses” in title  
25 XII of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-

1 nomic Security Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by  
2 striking “with funds made available in this Act to” and  
3 inserting “by”: *Provided*, That the amounts repurposed in  
4 this section that were previously designated by the Con-  
5 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Bal-  
6 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
7 are designated by the Congress as an emergency require-  
8 ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced  
9 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 SEC. 10904. (a) Notwithstanding section  
11 51309(a)(1)(B) of title 46, United States Code, for fiscal  
12 year 2020, the Secretary of Transportation may confer the  
13 degree of bachelor of science on an individual who has not  
14 passed the examination for a merchant marine officer’s  
15 license due to intervening efforts to prevent, prepare for,  
16 and respond to coronavirus.

17 (b) The Secretary of Transportation may provide  
18 such individual up to 1 year after receipt of such degree  
19 to pass the examination for a merchant marine officer’s  
20 license.

21 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow  
22 the provision of a license under section 7101 of title 46,  
23 United States Code, to an individual who has not passed  
24 the required examination.

1       SEC. 10905. (a) Notwithstanding section  
2 51506(a)(3) of title 46, United States Code, for fiscal year  
3 2020, the Secretary of Transportation may allow a State  
4 maritime academy to waive a condition for graduation for  
5 an individual to pass the examination required for the  
6 issuance of a license under section 7101 of title 46, United  
7 States Code, due to intervening efforts to prevent, prepare  
8 for, and respond to coronavirus.

9       (b) The Secretary of Transportation may provide  
10 such individual up to 1 year after graduation to pass such  
11 examination.

12       (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow  
13 the provision of a license under section 7101 of title 46,  
14 United States Code, to an individual who has not passed  
15 the required examination.

16       SEC. 10906. Amounts made available under the head-  
17 ings “Project-Based Rental Assistance,” “Housing for the  
18 Elderly” and “Housing for Persons With Disabilities” in  
19 title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law  
20 116–136) and under such headings in this title of this Act  
21 may be used, notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
22 to provide additional funds to maintain operations for  
23 such housing, for providing supportive services, and for  
24 taking other necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and  
25 respond to coronavirus, including to actions to self-isolate,

1 quarantine, or to provide other coronavirus infection con-  
2 trol services as recommended by the Centers for Disease  
3 Control and Prevention, including providing relocation  
4 services for residents of such housing to provide lodging  
5 at hotels, motels, or other locations: *Provided*, That the  
6 amounts repurposed pursuant to this section that were  
7 previously designated by the Congress as an emergency  
8 requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
9 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the  
10 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
11 tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
12 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13

## TITLE X

14

## GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS DIVISION

15

SEC. 11001. Not later than 30 days after the date  
16 of enactment of this Act, the head of each executive agen-  
17 cy that receives funding in any division of this Act, or that  
18 received funding in the Coronavirus Preparedness and Re-  
19 sponse Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (division  
20 A of Public Law 116–123), the Second Coronavirus Pre-  
21 paredness and Response Supplemental Appropriations  
22 Act, 2020 (division A of Public Law 116–127), the  
23 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), or the Paycheck Pro-  
24 tection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Pub-  
25 lic Law 116–139) shall provide a report detailing the an-

1 anticipated uses of all such funding to the Committees on  
2 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
3 Senate: *Provided*, That each report shall include estimated  
4 personnel and administrative costs, as well as the total  
5 amount of funding apportioned, allotted, obligated, and  
6 expended, to date: *Provided further*, That each such report  
7 shall be updated and submitted to such Committees every  
8 60 days until all funds are expended or expire: *Provided*  
9 *further*, That reports submitted pursuant to this section  
10 shall satisfy the requirements of section 1701 of division  
11 A of Public Law 116–127.

12 SEC. 11002. Each amount appropriated or made  
13 available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise  
14 appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

15 SEC. 11003. No part of any appropriation contained  
16 in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond  
17 the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

18 SEC. 11004. Unless otherwise provided for by this  
19 Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to  
20 appropriations accounts shall be available under the au-  
21 thorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations  
22 accounts for fiscal year 2020.

23 SEC. 11005. Each amount designated in this Act by  
24 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-  
25 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget

1 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be avail-  
2 able (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the  
3 President subsequently so designates all such amounts  
4 and transmits such designations to the Congress.

5       SEC. 11006. Any amount appropriated by this Act,  
6 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
7 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-  
8 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subse-  
9 quently so designated by the President, and transferred  
10 pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall  
11 retain such designation.

12       SEC. 11007. (a) Any contract or agreement entered  
13 into by an agency with a State or local government or any  
14 other non-Federal entity for the purposes of providing cov-  
15 ered assistance, including any information and documents  
16 related to the performance of and compliance with such  
17 contract or agreement, shall be—

18               (1) deemed an agency record for purposes of  
19 section 552(f)(2) of title 5, United States Code; and

20               (2) subject to section 552 of title 5, United  
21 States Code (commonly known as the “Freedom of  
22 Information Act”).

23       (b) In this section—

1           (1) the term “agency” has the meaning given  
2 the term in section 551 of title 5, United States  
3 Code; and

4           (2) the term “covered assistance”—

5           (A) means any assistance provided by an  
6 agency in accordance with an Act or amend-  
7 ments made by an Act to provide aid, assist-  
8 ance, or funding related to the outbreak of  
9 COVID-19 that is enacted before, on, or after  
10 the date of enactment of this Act; and

11           (B) includes any such assistance made  
12 available by an agency under—

13           (i) this Act;

14           (ii) the Paycheck Protection Program  
15 and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public  
16 Law 116-139), or an amendment made by  
17 that Act;

18           (iii) the CARES Act (Public Law  
19 116-136), or an amendment made by that  
20 Act;

21           (iv) the Families First Coronavirus  
22 Response Act (Public Law 116-127), or an  
23 amendment made by that Act; or

24           (v) the Coronavirus Preparedness and  
25 Response Supplemental Appropriations



1 Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–123), or an  
2 amendment made by that Act.

3 SEC. 11008. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions  
5 in any division of this Act, all laborers and mechanics em-  
6 ployed by contractors and subcontractors on projects fund-  
7 ed directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and  
8 through the Federal Government pursuant to any division  
9 of this Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those  
10 prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality  
11 as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance  
12 with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States  
13 Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this  
14 section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority  
15 and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered  
16 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section  
17 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

18 (b) The amounts provided by this section are des-  
19 ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-  
20 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-  
21 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

22 BUDGETARY EFFECTS

23 SEC. 11009. (a) STATUTORY PAYGO EMERGENCY  
24 DESIGNATION.—The amounts provided under division B  
25 and each succeeding division are designated as an emer-  
26 gency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statu-

1 tory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)), and  
2 the budgetary effects shall not be entered on either  
3 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of  
4 such Act.

5 (b) SENATE PAYGO EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—  
6 In the Senate, division B and each succeeding division are  
7 designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-  
8 tion 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the  
9 concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018,  
10 and the budgetary effects shall not be entered on any  
11 PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section  
12 4106 of such concurrent resolution.

13 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—  
14 Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping  
15 Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of  
16 the committee of conference accompanying Conference Re-  
17 port 105–217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced  
18 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the  
19 budgetary effects of division B and each succeeding divi-  
20 sion shall not be estimated—

21 (1) shall not be estimated for purposes of sec-  
22 tion 251 of such Act; and

23 (2) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section  
24 3 of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 as  
25 being included in an appropriation Act.

1 (d) ENSURING NO WITHIN-SESSION SEQUESTRA-  
 2 TION.—Solely for the purpose of calculating a breach with-  
 3 in a category for fiscal year 2020 pursuant to section  
 4 251(a)(6) or section 254(g) of the Balanced Budget and  
 5 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and notwith-  
 6 standing any other provision of this division, the budg-  
 7 etary effects from this division shall be counted as  
 8 amounts designated as being for an emergency require-  
 9 ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

10 This division may be cited as the “Coronavirus Re-  
 11 covery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020”.

## 12 **DIVISION B—REVENUE** 13 **PROVISIONS**

14 **SEC. 20001. SHORT TITLE.**

15 This division may be cited as the “Worker Health  
 16 Coverage Protection Act”.

## 17 **TITLE I—ECONOMIC STIMULUS** 18 **Subtitle A—2020 Recovery Rebate** 19 **Improvements**

20 **SEC. 20101. DEPENDENTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DETER-**  
 21 **MINING CREDIT AND REBATES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6428(a)(2) of the Internal  
 23 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “qualifying  
 24 children (within the meaning of section 24(c))” and insert-  
 25 ing “dependents (as defined in section 152)”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Section 6428(g) of such Code is amended  
3 by striking “qualifying child” each place it appears  
4 and inserting “dependent”.

5 (2) Section 6428(g)(2)(B) of such Code is  
6 amended by striking “such child” and inserting  
7 “such dependent”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall take effect as if included in section 2201  
10 of the CARES Act.

11 **SEC. 20102. INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING TAXPAYER IDENTI-**  
12 **FICATION NUMBERS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT**  
13 **IN DETERMINING CREDIT AND REBATES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6428(g) of the Internal  
15 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 20101 of  
16 this Act, is amended to read as follows:

17 “(g) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The \$1,200 amount in sub-  
19 section (a)(1) shall be treated as being zero unless  
20 the taxpayer includes the TIN of the taxpayer on  
21 the return of tax for the taxable year.

22 “(2) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint  
23 return, the \$2,400 amount in subsection (a)(1) shall  
24 be treated as being—

1           “(A) zero if the TIN of neither spouse is  
2           included on the return of tax for the taxable  
3           year, and

4           “(B) \$1,200 if the TIN of only one spouse  
5           is so included.

6           “(3) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent shall not be  
7           taken into account under subsection (a)(2) unless  
8           the TIN of such dependent is included on the return  
9           of tax for the taxable year.

10          “(4) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN ADVANCE  
11          PAYMENTS.—In the case of any payment made pur-  
12          suant to subsection (f)(5)(B), a TIN shall be treated  
13          for purposes of this subsection as included on the  
14          taxpayer’s return of tax if such TIN is provided pur-  
15          suant to such subsection.

16          “(5) MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR AU-  
17          THORITY.—Any omission of a correct TIN required  
18          under this subsection shall be treated as a mathe-  
19          matical or clerical error for purposes of applying sec-  
20          tion 6213(g)(2) to such omission.”.

21          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
22          this section shall take effect as if included in section 2201  
23          of the CARES Act.

1 **SEC. 20103. 2020 RECOVERY REBATES NOT SUBJECT TO RE-**  
2 **DUCTION OR OFFSET WITH RESPECT TO**  
3 **PAST-DUE SUPPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2201(d)(2) of the CARES  
5 Act is amended by inserting “(c),” before “(d)”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
7 this section shall apply to credits and refunds allowed or  
8 made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 20104. PROTECTION OF 2020 RECOVERY REBATES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 2201 of  
11 the CARES Act, as amended by the preceding provisions  
12 of this Act, is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and  
14 (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), and by mov-  
15 ing such subparagraphs 2 ems to the right,

16 (2) by striking “REDUCTION OR OFFSET.—Any  
17 credit” and inserting “REDUCTION, OFFSET, GAR-  
18 NISHMENT, ETC.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any credit”, and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
21 paragraphs:

22 “(2) ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any applicable pay-  
24 ment shall not be subject to transfer, assign-  
25 ment, execution, levy, attachment, garnishment,  
26 or other legal process, or the operation of any

1 bankruptcy or insolvency law, to the same ex-  
2 tent as payments described in section 207 of  
3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 407) without  
4 regard to subsection (b) thereof.

5 “(B) ENCODING OF PAYMENTS.—As soon  
6 as practicable after the date of the enactment  
7 of this paragraph, the Secretary of the Treas-  
8 ury shall encode applicable payments that are  
9 paid electronically to any account—

10 “(i) with a unique identifier that is  
11 reasonably sufficient to allow a financial  
12 institution to identify the payment as a  
13 payment protected under subparagraph  
14 (A), and

15 “(ii) pursuant to the same specifica-  
16 tions as required for a benefit payment to  
17 which part 212 of title 31, Code of Federal  
18 regulations applies.

19 “(C) GARNISHMENT.—

20 “(i) ENCODED PAYMENTS.—Upon re-  
21 ceipt of a garnishment order that applies  
22 to an account that has received an applica-  
23 ble payment that is encoded as provided in  
24 subparagraph (B), a financial institution  
25 shall follow the requirements and proce-

1           dures set forth in part 212 of title 31,  
2           Code of Federal Regulations. This para-  
3           graph shall not alter the status of pay-  
4           ments as tax refunds or other nonbenefit  
5           payments for purpose of any reclamation  
6           rights of the Department of Treasury or  
7           the Internal Revenue Service as per part  
8           210 of title 31 of the Code of Federal Reg-  
9           ulations.

10           “(ii) OTHER PAYMENTS.—If a finan-  
11           cial institution receives a garnishment  
12           order (other than an order that has been  
13           served by the United States) that applies  
14           to an account into which an applicable  
15           payment that has not been encoded as pro-  
16           vided in subparagraph (B) has been depos-  
17           ited on any date in the prior 60 days (in-  
18           cluding any date before the date of the en-  
19           actment of this paragraph), the financial  
20           institution, upon the request of the account  
21           holder or for purposes of complying in  
22           good faith with a State order, State law,  
23           court order, or interpretation by a State  
24           Attorney General relating to garnishment  
25           order, may, but is not required to, treat



1 the amount of the payment as exempt  
2 under law from garnishment without re-  
3 quiring the account holder to assert any  
4 right of garnishment exemption or requir-  
5 ing the consent of the judgment creditor.

6 “(iii) LIABILITY.—A financial institu-  
7 tion that complies in good faith with clause  
8 (i) or that acts in good faith in reliance on  
9 clause (ii) shall not be liable under any  
10 Federal or State law, regulation, or court  
11 or other order to a creditor that initiates  
12 an order for any protected amounts, to an  
13 account holder for any frozen amounts or  
14 garnishment order applied.

15 “(D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
16 paragraph—

17 “(i) ACCOUNT HOLDER.—The term  
18 ‘account holder’ means a natural person  
19 against whom a garnishment order is  
20 issued and whose name appears in a finan-  
21 cial institution’s records.

22 “(ii) APPLICABLE PAYMENT.—The  
23 term ‘applicable payment’ means any pay-  
24 ment of credit or refund by reason of sec-



1           “(6) PAYMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES  
2           AND FIDUCIARIES.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any in-  
4           dividual for which payment information is pro-  
5           vided to the Secretary by the Commissioner of  
6           Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board,  
7           or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the pay-  
8           ment by the Secretary under paragraph (3)  
9           with respect to such individual may be made to  
10          such individual’s representative payee or fidu-  
11          ciary and the entire payment shall be—

12                   “(i) provided to the individual who is  
13                   entitled to the payment, or

14                   “(ii) used only for the benefit of the  
15                   individual who is entitled to the payment.

16          “(B) APPLICATION OF ENFORCEMENT  
17          PROVISIONS.—

18                   “(i) In the case of a payment de-  
19                   scribed in subparagraph (A) which is made  
20                   with respect to a social security beneficiary  
21                   or a supplemental security income recipi-  
22                   ent, section 1129(a)(3) of the Social Secu-  
23                   rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–8(a)(3)) shall  
24                   apply to such payment in the same manner

1 as such section applies to a payment under  
2 title II or XVI of such Act.

3 “(ii) In the case of a payment de-  
4 scribed in subparagraph (A) which is made  
5 with respect to a railroad retirement bene-  
6 ficiary, section 13 of the Railroad Retire-  
7 ment Act (45 U.S.C. 2311) shall apply to  
8 such payment in the same manner as such  
9 section applies to a payment under such  
10 Act.

11 “(iii) In the case of a payment de-  
12 scribed in subparagraph (A) which is made  
13 with respect to a veterans beneficiary, sec-  
14 tions 5502, 6106, and 6108 of title 38,  
15 United States Code, shall apply to such  
16 payment in the same manner as such sec-  
17 tions apply to a payment under such  
18 title.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall take effect as if included in section 2201  
21 of the CARES Act.

1 **SEC. 20106. APPLICATION TO TAXPAYERS WITH RESPECT**  
2 **TO WHOM ADVANCE PAYMENT HAS ALREADY**  
3 **BEEN MADE.**

4 In the case of any taxpayer with respect to whom re-  
5 fund or credit was made or allowed before the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act under subsection (f) of section 6428  
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by the  
8 CARES Act), such subsection shall be applied separately  
9 with respect to the excess (if any) of—

10 (1) the advance refund amount determined  
11 under section 6428(f)(2) of such Code after the ap-  
12 plication of the amendments made by this subtitle,  
13 over

14 (2) the amount of such refund or credit so  
15 made or allowed.

16 **Subtitle B—Additional Recovery**  
17 **Rebates to Individuals**

18 **SEC. 20111. ADDITIONAL RECOVERY REBATES TO INDIVID-**  
19 **UALS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 of the  
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting  
22 after section 6428 the following new section:

23 **“SEC. 6428A. ADDITIONAL RECOVERY REBATES TO INDIVID-**  
24 **UALS.**

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible indi-  
26 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax

1 imposed by subtitle A for the first taxable year beginning  
2 in 2020 an amount equal to the additional rebate amount  
3 determined for such taxable year.

4 “(b) ADDITIONAL REBATE AMOUNT.—For purposes  
5 of this section, the term ‘additional rebate amount’ means,  
6 with respect to any taxpayer for any taxable year, the sum  
7 of—

8 “(1) \$1,200 (\$2,400 in the case of a joint re-  
9 turn), plus

10 “(2) \$1,200 multiplied by the number of de-  
11 pendents of the taxpayer for such taxable year (not  
12 in excess of 3 such dependents).

13 “(c) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this  
14 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means any individual  
15 other than—

16 “(1) any nonresident alien individual,

17 “(2) any individual with respect to whom a de-  
18 duction under section 151 is allowable to another  
19 taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the cal-  
20 endar year in which the individual’s taxable year be-  
21 gins, and

22 “(3) an estate or trust.

23 “(d) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED  
24 GROSS INCOME.—The amount of the credit allowed by  
25 subsection (a) (determined without regard to this sub-

1 section and subsection (f)) shall be reduced (but not below  
2 zero) by 5 percent of so much of the taxpayer's modified  
3 adjusted gross income as exceeds—

4 “(1) \$150,000 in the case of a joint return or  
5 a surviving spouse (as defined in section 2(a)),

6 “(2) \$112,500 in the case of a head of house-  
7 hold (as defined in section 2(b)), and

8 “(3) \$75,000 in any other case.

9 “(e) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

10 “(1) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

11 For purposes of this subsection (other than this  
12 paragraph), the term ‘modified adjusted gross in-  
13 come’ means adjusted gross income determined with-  
14 out regard to sections 911, 931, and 933.

15 “(2) DEPENDENT DEFINED.—For purposes of  
16 this section, the term ‘dependent’ has the meaning  
17 given such term by section 152.

18 “(3) CREDIT TREATED AS REFUNDABLE.—The  
19 credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated as  
20 allowed by subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of  
21 chapter 1.

22 “(4) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIRE-  
23 MENT.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The \$1,200 amount in  
25 subsection (b)(1) shall be treated as being zero

1 unless the taxpayer includes the TIN of the  
2 taxpayer on the return of tax for the taxable  
3 year.

4 “(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a  
5 joint return, the \$2,400 amount in subsection  
6 (b)(1) shall be treated as being—

7 “(i) zero if the TIN of neither spouse  
8 is included on the return of tax for the  
9 taxable year, and

10 “(ii) \$1,200 if the TIN of only one  
11 spouse is so included.

12 “(C) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent shall  
13 not be taken into account under subsection  
14 (b)(2) unless the TIN of such dependent is in-  
15 cluded on the return of tax for the taxable year.

16 “(D) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN AD-  
17 VANCE PAYMENTS.—In the case of any payment  
18 made pursuant to subsection (g)(5)(A)(ii), a  
19 TIN shall be treated for purposes of this para-  
20 graph as included on the taxpayer’s return of  
21 tax if such TIN is provided pursuant to such  
22 subsection.

23 “(f) COORDINATION WITH ADVANCE REFUNDS OF  
24 CREDIT.—



1           “(1) REDUCTION OF REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—

2           The amount of the credit which would (but for this  
3           paragraph) be allowable under subsection (a) shall  
4           be reduced (but not below zero) by the aggregate re-  
5           funds and credits made or allowed to the taxpayer  
6           (or any dependent of the taxpayer) under subsection  
7           (g). Any failure to so reduce the credit shall be  
8           treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical  
9           error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

10           “(2) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a refund  
11           or credit made or allowed under subsection (g) with  
12           respect to a joint return, half of such refund or cred-  
13           it shall be treated as having been made or allowed  
14           to each individual filing such return.

15           “(g) ADVANCE REFUNDS AND CREDITS.—

16           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (5),  
17           each individual who was an eligible individual for  
18           such individual’s first taxable year beginning in  
19           2019 shall be treated as having made a payment  
20           against the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such tax-  
21           able year in an amount equal to the advance refund  
22           amount for such taxable year.

23           “(2) ADVANCE REFUND AMOUNT.—For pur-  
24           poses of paragraph (1), the advance refund amount  
25           is the amount that would have been allowed as a

1 credit under this section for such taxable year if this  
2 section (other than subsection (f) and this sub-  
3 section) had applied to such taxable year.

4 “(3) TIMING AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—

5 “(A) TIMING.—The Secretary shall, sub-  
6 ject to the provisions of this title, refund or  
7 credit any overpayment attributable to this sec-  
8 tion as rapidly as possible. No refund or credit  
9 shall be made or allowed under this subsection  
10 after December 31, 2020.

11 “(B) DELIVERY OF PAYMENTS.—Notwith-  
12 standing any other provision of law, the Sec-  
13 retary may certify and disburse refunds payable  
14 under this subsection electronically to any ac-  
15 count to which the payee authorized, on or after  
16 January 1, 2018, the delivery of a refund of  
17 taxes under this title or of a Federal payment  
18 (as defined in section 3332 of title 31, United  
19 States Code).

20 “(C) WAIVER OF CERTAIN RULES.—Not-  
21 withstanding section 3325 of title 31, United  
22 States Code, or any other provision of law, with  
23 respect to any payment of a refund under this  
24 subsection, a disbursing official in the executive  
25 branch of the United States Government may

1 modify payment information received from an  
2 officer or employee described in section  
3 3325(a)(1)(B) of such title for the purpose of  
4 facilitating the accurate and efficient delivery of  
5 such payment. Except in cases of fraud or reck-  
6 less neglect, no liability under sections 3325,  
7 3527, 3528, or 3529 of title 31, United States  
8 Code, shall be imposed with respect to pay-  
9 ments made under this subparagraph.

10 “(4) NO INTEREST.—No interest shall be al-  
11 lowed on any overpayment attributable to this sec-  
12 tion.

13 “(5) APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO DO  
14 NOT FILE A RETURN OF TAX FOR 2019.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an indi-  
16 vidual who, at the time of any determination  
17 made pursuant to paragraph (3), has not filed  
18 a tax return for the year described in para-  
19 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

20 “(i) apply paragraph (1) by sub-  
21 stituting ‘2018’ for ‘2019’, and

22 “(ii) in the case of a specified indi-  
23 vidual who has not filed a tax return for  
24 such individual’s first taxable year begin-  
25 ning in 2018, determine the advance re-

1 fund amount with respect to such indi-  
2 vidual without regard to subsections (d)  
3 and on the basis of information with re-  
4 spect to such individual which is provided  
5 by—

6 “(I) in the case of a specified so-  
7 cial security beneficiary or a specified  
8 supplemental security income recipi-  
9 ent, the Commissioner of Social Secu-  
10 rity,

11 “(II) in the case of a specified  
12 railroad retirement beneficiary, the  
13 Railroad Retirement Board, and

14 “(III) in the case of a specified  
15 veterans beneficiary, the Secretary of  
16 Veterans Affairs (in coordination  
17 with, and with the assistance of, the  
18 Commissioner of Social Security if ap-  
19 propriate).

20 “(B) SPECIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—For pur-  
21 poses of this paragraph, the term ‘specified in-  
22 dividual’ means any individual who is—

23 “(i) a specified social security bene-  
24 ficiary,

1           “(ii) a specified supplemental security  
2 income recipient,

3           “(iii) a specified railroad retirement  
4 beneficiary, or

5           “(iv) a specified veterans beneficiary.

6           “(C) SPECIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY BENE-  
7 FICIARY.—For purposes of this paragraph—

8           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘speci-  
9 fied social security beneficiary’ means any  
10 individual who, for the last month that  
11 ends prior to the date of enactment of this  
12 section, is entitled to any monthly insur-  
13 ance benefit payable under title II of the  
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et  
15 seq.), including payments made pursuant  
16 to sections 202(d), 223(g), and 223(i)(7)  
17 of such Act.

18           “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall  
19 not include any individual if such benefit is  
20 not payable for such month by reason of  
21 section 202(x) of the Social Security Act  
22 (42 U.S.C. 402(x)) or section 1129A of  
23 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–8a).

1           “(D) SPECIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL SECUR-  
2           RITY INCOME RECIPIENT.—For purposes of this  
3           paragraph—

4                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘speci-  
5                   fied supplemental security income recipi-  
6                   ent’ means any individual who, for the last  
7                   month that ends prior to the date of enact-  
8                   ment of this section, is eligible for a  
9                   monthly benefit payable under title XVI of  
10                  the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et  
11                  seq.) (other than a benefit to an individual  
12                  described in section 1611(e)(1)(B) of such  
13                  Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)(1)(B)), includ-  
14                  ing—

15                           “(I) payments made pursuant to  
16                           section 1614(a)(3)(C) of such Act (42  
17                           U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(C)),

18                           “(II) payments made pursuant to  
19                           section 1619(a) (42 U.S.C. 1382h) or  
20                           subsections (a)(4), (a)(7), or (p)(7) of  
21                           section 1631 (42 U.S.C. 1383) of  
22                           such Act, and

23                           “(III) State supplementary pay-  
24                           ments of the type referred to in sec-  
25                           tion 1616(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1382e(a)) (or payments of the type  
2 described in section 212(a) of Public  
3 Law 93–66) which are paid by the  
4 Commissioner under an agreement re-  
5 ferred to in such section 1616(a) (or  
6 section 212(a) of Public Law 93–66).

7 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall  
8 not include any individual if such monthly  
9 benefit is not payable for such month by  
10 reason of subsection (e)(1)(A) or (e)(4) of  
11 section 1611 (42 U.S.C. 1382) or section  
12 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–8a).

13 “(E) SPECIFIED RAILROAD RETIREMENT  
14 BENEFICIARY.—For purposes of this para-  
15 graph, the term ‘specified railroad retirement  
16 beneficiary’ means any individual who, for the  
17 last month that ends prior to the date of enact-  
18 ment of this section, is entitled to a monthly  
19 annuity or pension payment payable (without  
20 regard to section 5(a)(ii) of the Railroad Retire-  
21 ment Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231d(a)(ii)))  
22 under—

23 “(i) section 2(a)(1) of such Act (45  
24 U.S.C. 231a(a)(1)),

1 “(ii) section 2(c) of such Act (45  
2 U.S.C. 231a(c)),

3 “(iii) section 2(d)(1) of such Act (45  
4 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)), or

5 “(iv) section 7(b)(2) of such Act (45  
6 U.S.C. 231f(b)(2)) with respect to any of  
7 the benefit payments described in subpara-  
8 graph (C)(i).

9 “(F) SPECIFIED VETERANS BENE-  
10 FICIARY.—For purposes of this paragraph—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘speci-  
12 fied veterans beneficiary’ means any indi-  
13 vidual who, for the last month that ends  
14 prior to the date of enactment of this sec-  
15 tion, is entitled to a compensation or pen-  
16 sion payment payable under—

17 “(I) section 1110, 1117, 1121,  
18 1131, 1141, or 1151 of title 38,  
19 United States Code,

20 “(II) section 1310, 1312, 1313,  
21 1315, 1316, or 1318 of title 38,  
22 United States Code,

23 “(III) section 1513, 1521, 1533,  
24 1536, 1537, 1541, 1542, or 1562 of  
25 title 38, United States Code, or



1                   “(IV) section 1805, 1815, or  
2                   1821 of title 38, United States Code,  
3                   to a veteran, surviving spouse, child, or  
4                   parent as described in paragraph (2), (3),  
5                   (4)(A)(ii), or (5) of section 101, title 38,  
6                   United States Code.

7                   “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall  
8                   not include any individual if such com-  
9                   pensation or pension payment is not pay-  
10                  able, or was reduced, for such month by  
11                  reason of section 1505, 5313, or 5313B of  
12                  title 38, United States Code.

13                  “(G) SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATIONS AND  
14                  REDETERMINATIONS NOT TAKEN INTO AC-  
15                  COUNT.—For purposes of this section, any indi-  
16                  vidual’s status as a specified social security ben-  
17                  eficiary, a specified supplemental security in-  
18                  come recipient, a specified railroad retirement  
19                  beneficiary, or a specified veterans beneficiary  
20                  shall be unaffected by any determination or re-  
21                  determination of any entitlement to, or eligi-  
22                  bility for, any benefit, payment, or compensa-  
23                  tion, if such determination or redetermination  
24                  occurs after the last month that ends prior to  
25                  the date of enactment of this section.

1           “(H) PAYMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE PAY-  
2           EES AND FIDUCIARIES.—

3           “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the benefit,  
4           payment, or compensation referred to in  
5           subparagraph (C)(i), (D)(i), (E), or (F)(i)  
6           with respect to any specified individual is  
7           paid to a representative payee or fiduciary,  
8           payment by the Secretary under paragraph  
9           (3) with respect to such specified indi-  
10          vidual shall be made to such individual’s  
11          representative payee or fiduciary and the  
12          entire payment shall be used only for the  
13          benefit of the individual who is entitled to  
14          the payment.

15          “(ii) APPLICATION OF ENFORCEMENT  
16          PROVISIONS.—

17                 “(I) In the case of a payment de-  
18                 scribed in clause (i) which is made  
19                 with respect to a specified social secu-  
20                 rity beneficiary or a specified supple-  
21                 mental security income recipient, sec-  
22                 tion 1129(a)(3) of the Social Security  
23                 Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–8(a)(3)) shall  
24                 apply to such payment in the same  
25                 manner as such section applies to a

1 payment under title II or XVI of such  
2 Act.

3 “(II) In the case of a payment  
4 described in clause (i) which is made  
5 with respect to a specified railroad re-  
6 tirement beneficiary, section 13 of the  
7 Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C.  
8 2311) shall apply to such payment in  
9 the same manner as such section ap-  
10 plies to a payment under such Act.

11 “(III) In the case of a payment  
12 described in clause (i) which is made  
13 with respect to a specified veterans  
14 beneficiary, sections 5502, 6106, and  
15 6108 of title 38, United States Code,  
16 shall apply to such payment in the  
17 same manner as such sections apply  
18 to a payment under such title.

19 “(6) NOTICE TO TAXPAYER.—Not later than 15  
20 days after the date on which the Secretary distrib-  
21 uted any payment to an eligible taxpayer pursuant  
22 to this subsection, notice shall be sent by mail to  
23 such taxpayer’s last known address. Such notice  
24 shall indicate the method by which such payment  
25 was made, the amount of such payment, and a

1 phone number for the appropriate point of contact  
2 at the Internal Revenue Service to report any error  
3 with respect to such payment.

4 “(h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
5 such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary  
6 or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section,  
7 including—

8 “(1) regulations or other guidance providing  
9 taxpayers the opportunity to provide the Secretary  
10 information sufficient to allow the Secretary to make  
11 payments to such taxpayers under subsection (g)  
12 (including the determination of the amount of such  
13 payment) if such information is not otherwise avail-  
14 able to the Secretary, and

15 “(2) regulations or other guidance providing for  
16 the proper treatment of joint returns and taxpayers  
17 with dependents to ensure that an individual is not  
18 taken into account more than once in determining  
19 the amount of any credit under subsection (a) and  
20 any credit or refund under subsection (g).

21 “(i) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall carry out a ro-  
22 bust and comprehensive outreach program to ensure that  
23 all taxpayers described in subsection (h)(1) learn of their  
24 eligibility for the advance refunds and credits under sub-  
25 section (g); are advised of the opportunity to receive such

1 advance refunds and credits as provided under subsection  
2 (h)(1); and are provided assistance in applying for such  
3 advance refunds and credits. In conducting such outreach  
4 program, the Secretary shall coordinate with other govern-  
5 ment, State, and local agencies; federal partners; and com-  
6 munity-based nonprofit organizations that regularly inter-  
7 face with such taxpayers.”.

8 (b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

9 (1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR  
10 CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
11 ury shall pay to each possession of the United States  
12 which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal  
13 to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of  
14 the amendments made by this section. Such  
15 amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the  
16 Treasury based on information provided by the gov-  
17 ernment of the respective possession.

18 (2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The  
19 Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each posses-  
20 sion of the United States which does not have a mir-  
21 ror code tax system amounts estimated by the Sec-  
22 retary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggre-  
23 gate benefits (if any) that would have been provided  
24 to residents of such possession by reason of the  
25 amendments made by this section if a mirror code

1 tax system had been in effect in such possession.  
2 The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the re-  
3 spective possession has a plan, which has been ap-  
4 proved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under  
5 which such possession will promptly distribute such  
6 payments to its residents.

7 (3) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED  
8 AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—No cred-  
9 it shall be allowed against United States income  
10 taxes under section 6428A of the Internal Revenue  
11 Code of 1986 (as added by this section), nor shall  
12 any credit or refund be made or allowed under sub-  
13 section (g) of such section, to any person—

14 (A) to whom a credit is allowed against  
15 taxes imposed by the possession by reason of  
16 the amendments made by this section, or

17 (B) who is eligible for a payment under a  
18 plan described in paragraph (2).

19 (4) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes  
20 of this subsection, the term “mirror code tax sys-  
21 tem” means, with respect to any possession of the  
22 United States, the income tax system of such posses-  
23 sion if the income tax liability of the residents of  
24 such possession under such system is determined by

1 reference to the income tax laws of the United  
2 States as if such possession were the United States.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

4 (1) DEFINITION OF DEFICIENCY.—Section  
5 6211(b)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
6 is amended by striking “and 6428” and inserting  
7 “6428, and 6428A”.

8 (2) MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR AU-  
9 THORITY.—Section 6213(g)(2) of such Code is  
10 amended—

11 (A) by inserting “or section 6428A (relat-  
12 ing to additional recovery rebates to individ-  
13 uals)” before the comma at the end of subpara-  
14 graph (H), and

15 (B) by striking “or 6428” in subparagraph  
16 (L) and inserting “6428, or 6428A”.

17 (3) EXCEPTION FROM REDUCTION OR OFF-  
18 SET.—Any credit or refund allowed or made to any  
19 individual by reason of section 6428A of the Internal  
20 Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) or  
21 by reason of subsection (b) of this section shall not  
22 be—

23 (A) subject to reduction or offset pursuant  
24 to section 3716 or 3720A of title 31, United  
25 States Code,

1 (B) subject to reduction or offset pursuant  
2 to subsection (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 6402  
3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or

4 (C) reduced or offset by other assessed  
5 Federal taxes that would otherwise be subject  
6 to levy or collection.

7 (4) ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any applicable pay-  
9 ment shall not be subject to transfer, assign-  
10 ment, execution, levy, attachment, garnishment,  
11 or other legal process, or the operation of any  
12 bankruptcy or insolvency law, to the same ex-  
13 tent as payments described in section 207 of  
14 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 407) without  
15 regard to subsection (b) thereof.

16 (B) ENCODING OF PAYMENTS.—As soon as  
17 practicable after the date of the enactment of  
18 the paragraph, the Secretary of the Treasury  
19 shall encode applicable payments that are paid  
20 electronically to any account—

21 (i) with a unique identifier that is rea-  
22 sonably sufficient to allow a financial insti-  
23 tution to identify the payment as a pay-  
24 ment protected under subparagraph (A),  
25 and



1           (ii) pursuant to the same specifica-  
2           tions as required for a benefit payment to  
3           which part 212 of title 31, Code of Federal  
4           regulations applies.

5           (C) GARNISHMENT.—

6           (i) ENCODED PAYMENTS.—Upon re-  
7           ceipt of a garnishment order that applies  
8           to an account that has received an applica-  
9           ble payment that is encoded as provided in  
10          subparagraph (B), a financial institution  
11          shall follow the requirements and proce-  
12          dures set forth in part 212 of title 31,  
13          Code of Federal Regulations. This para-  
14          graph shall not alter the status of pay-  
15          ments as tax refunds or other nonbenefit  
16          payments for purpose of any reclamation  
17          rights of the Department of Treasury or  
18          the Internal Revenue Service as per part  
19          210 of title 31 of the Code of Federal Reg-  
20          ulations.

21          (ii) OTHER PAYMENTS.—If a financial  
22          institution receives a garnishment order  
23          (other than an order that has been served  
24          by the United States) that applies to an  
25          account into which an applicable payment

1 that has not been encoded as provided in  
2 subparagraph (B) has been deposited on  
3 any date in the prior 60 days (including  
4 any date before the date of the enactment  
5 of this paragraph), the financial institu-  
6 tion, upon the request of the account hold-  
7 er or for purposes of complying in good  
8 faith with a State order, State law, court  
9 order, or interpretation by a State Attor-  
10 ney General relating to garnishment order,  
11 may, but is not required to, treat the  
12 amount of the payment as exempt under  
13 law from garnishment without requiring  
14 the account holder to assert any right of  
15 garnishment exemption or requiring the  
16 consent of the judgment creditor.

17 (iii) LIABILITY.—A financial institu-  
18 tion that complies in good faith with clause  
19 (i) or that acts in good faith in reliance on  
20 clause (ii) shall not be liable under any  
21 Federal or State law, regulation, or court  
22 or other order to a creditor that initiates  
23 an order for any protected amounts, to an  
24 account holder for any frozen amounts or  
25 garnishment order applied.

1 (D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
2 paragraph—

3 (i) ACCOUNT HOLDER.—The term  
4 “account holder” means a natural person  
5 against whom a garnishment order is  
6 issued and whose name appears in a finan-  
7 cial institution’s records.

8 (ii) APPLICABLE PAYMENT.—The  
9 term “applicable payment” means any pay-  
10 ment of credit or refund by reason of sec-  
11 tion 6428 of such Code (as so added) or by  
12 reason of subsection (c) of this section.

13 (iii) GARNISHMENT.—The term “gar-  
14 nishment” means execution, levy, attach-  
15 ment, garnishment, or other legal process.

16 (iv) GARNISHMENT ORDER.—The  
17 term “garnishment order” means a writ,  
18 order, notice, summons, judgment, levy, or  
19 similar written instruction issued by a  
20 court, a State or State agency, a munici-  
21 pality or municipal corporation, or a State  
22 child support enforcement agency, includ-  
23 ing a lien arising by operation of law for  
24 overdue child support or an order to freeze

1           the assets in an account, to effect a gar-  
2           nishment against a debtor.

3           (5) TREATMENT OF CREDIT AND ADVANCE PAY-  
4           MENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31,  
5           United States Code, any credit under section  
6           6428A(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any  
7           credit or refund under section 6428A(g) of such  
8           Code, and any payment under subsection (b) of this  
9           section, shall be treated in the same manner as a re-  
10          fund due from a credit provision referred to in sub-  
11          section (b)(2) of such section 1324.

12          (6) AGENCY INFORMATION SHARING AND AS-  
13          SISTANCE.—The Commissioner of Social Security,  
14          the Railroad Retirement Board, and the Secretary of  
15          Veterans Affairs shall each provide the Secretary of  
16          the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) such in-  
17          formation and assistance as the Secretary of the  
18          Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) may require  
19          for purposes of making payments under section  
20          6428A(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to  
21          individuals described in paragraph (5)(A)(ii) thereof.

22          (7) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23          tions for subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal  
24          Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after

1 the item relating to section 6428 the following new  
2 item:

“Sec. 6428A. Additional recovery rebates to individuals.”.

3 (d) APPROPRIATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SEC-  
4 TION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Immediately upon the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the following sums are appro-  
7 priated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-  
8 wise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending Sep-  
9 tember 30, 2020—

10 (A) SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.—

11 For an additional amount for “Social Security  
12 Administration—Limitation on Administrative  
13 Expenses”, \$40,500,000, to remain available  
14 until September 30, 2021: Provided, that  
15 \$2,500,000, to remain available until Sep-  
16 tember 30, 2024, shall be transferred to “Social  
17 Security Administration—Office of Inspector  
18 General” for necessary expenses in carrying out  
19 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of  
20 1978.

21 (B) RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD.—For  
22 an additional amount for “Railroad Retirement  
23 Board—Limitation on Administration”, \$8,300,  
24 to remain available until September 30, 2021.

1           (2) REPORTS.—Beginning 90 days after enact-  
2           ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall  
3           submit a quarterly report to the Committees on Ap-  
4           propriations of the House of Representatives and the  
5           Senate detailing the actual expenditure of Internal  
6           Revenue Service funds in this Act, and the expected  
7           expenditure of such funds in the subsequent quarter.

8           (e) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO RECOV-  
9           ERY REBATES AND ADDITIONAL RECOVERY REBATES.—

10           (1) SIGNATURES ON CHECKS AND NOTICES,  
11           ETC., BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.—  
12           Any check issued to an individual by the Depart-  
13           ment of the Treasury pursuant to section 6428 or  
14           6428A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and  
15           any notice issued pursuant to section 6428(f)(6) or  
16           section 6428A(g)(6) of such Code, may not be  
17           signed by or otherwise bear the name, signature,  
18           image or likeness of the President, the Vice Presi-  
19           dent or any elected official or cabinet level officer of  
20           the United States, or any individual who, with re-  
21           spect to any of the aforementioned individuals, bears  
22           any relationship described in subparagraphs (A)  
23           through (G) of section 152(d)(2) of the Internal  
24           Revenue Code of 1986.

1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall  
2           apply to checks and notices issued after the date of  
3           the enactment of this Act.

4           (f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Each week beginning  
5           after the date of the enactment of this Act and beginning  
6           before December 31, 2020, on Friday of such week, not  
7           later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time, the Secretary of the  
8           Treasury shall provide a written report to the Committee  
9           on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and  
10          the Committee on Finance of the Senate. Such report shall  
11          include the following information with respect to payments  
12          made pursuant to each of sections 6428 and 6428A of  
13          the Internal Revenue Code of 1986:

14                 (1) The number of scheduled payments sent to  
15                 the Bureau of Fiscal Service for payment by direct  
16                 deposit or paper check for the following week (stated  
17                 separately for direct deposit and paper check).

18                 (2) The total dollar amount of the scheduled  
19                 payments described in paragraph (1).

20                 (3) The number of direct deposit payments re-  
21                 turned to the Department of the Treasury and the  
22                 total dollar value of such payments, for the week  
23                 ending on the day prior to the day on which the re-  
24                 port is provided.

1           (4) The total number of letters related to pay-  
2           ments under section 6428 or 6428A of such Code  
3           mailed to taxpayers during the week ending on the  
4           day prior to the day on which the report is provided.

5           **Subtitle C—Earned Income Tax**  
6           **Credit**

7           **SEC. 20121. STRENGTHENING THE EARNED INCOME TAX**  
8                           **CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALI-**  
9                           **FYING CHILDREN.**

10           (a) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2020.—Section 32 of the  
11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
12 the end the following new subsection:

13           “(n) SPECIAL RULES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT  
14 QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—In the case of any taxable year  
15 beginning after December 31, 2019, and before January  
16 1, 2021—

17                   “(1) DECREASE IN MINIMUM AGE FOR CRED-  
18 IT.—

19                           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection  
20 (c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) shall be applied by substituting  
21 ‘the applicable minimum age’ for ‘age 25’.

22                           “(B) APPLICABLE MINIMUM AGE.—For  
23 purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘applicable  
24 minimum age’ means—



1 “(i) except as otherwise provided in  
2 this subparagraph, age 19,

3 “(ii) in the case of a full-time student  
4 (other than a qualified former foster youth  
5 or a qualified homeless youth), age 25, and

6 “(iii) in the case of a qualified former  
7 foster youth or a qualified homeless youth,  
8 age 18.

9 “(C) FULL-TIME STUDENT.—For purposes  
10 of this paragraph, the term ‘full-time student’  
11 means, with respect to any taxable year, an in-  
12 dividual who is an eligible student (as defined  
13 in section 25A(b)(3)) during at least 5 calendar  
14 months during the taxable year.

15 “(D) QUALIFIED FORMER FOSTER  
16 YOUTH.—For purposes of this paragraph, the  
17 term ‘qualified former foster youth’ means an  
18 individual who—

19 “(i) on or after the date that such in-  
20 dividual attained age 14, was in foster care  
21 provided under the supervision or adminis-  
22 tration of a State or tribal agency admin-  
23 istering (or eligible to administer) a plan  
24 under part B or part E of the Social Secu-  
25 rity Act (without regard to whether Fed-

1 eral assistance was provided with respect  
2 to such child under such part E), and

3 “(ii) provides (in such manner as the  
4 Secretary may provide) consent for State  
5 and tribal agencies which administer a  
6 plan under part B or part E of the Social  
7 Security Act to disclose to the Secretary  
8 information related to the status of such  
9 individual as a qualified former foster  
10 youth.

11 “(E) QUALIFIED HOMELESS YOUTH.—For  
12 purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘qualified  
13 homeless youth’ means, with respect to any tax-  
14 able year, an individual who—

15 “(i) is certified by a local educational  
16 agency or a financial aid administrator  
17 during such taxable year as being either an  
18 unaccompanied youth who is a homeless  
19 child or youth, or as unaccompanied, at  
20 risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.  
21 Terms used in the preceding sentence  
22 which are also used in section 480(d)(1) of  
23 the Higher Education Act of 1965 shall  
24 have the same meaning as when used in  
25 such section, and

1           “(ii) provides (in such manner as the  
2           Secretary may provide) consent for local  
3           educational agencies and financial aid ad-  
4           ministrators to disclose to the Secretary in-  
5           formation related to the status of such in-  
6           dividual as a qualified homeless youth.

7           “(2) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AGE FOR CRED-  
8           IT.—Subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) shall be applied by  
9           substituting ‘age 66’ for ‘age 65’.

10          “(3) INCREASE IN CREDIT AND PHASEOUT PER-  
11          CENTAGES.—The table contained in subsection  
12          (b)(1) shall be applied by substituting ‘15.3’ for  
13          ‘7.65’ each place it appears therein.

14          “(4) INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME AND  
15          PHASEOUT AMOUNTS.—

16                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in  
17                 subsection (b)(2)(A) shall be applied—

18                         “(i) by substituting ‘\$9,720’ for  
19                         ‘\$4,220’, and

20                         “(ii) by substituting ‘\$11,490’ for  
21                         ‘\$5,280’.

22                 “(B) COORDINATION WITH INFLATION AD-  
23                 JUSTMENT.—Subsection (j) shall not apply to  
24                 any dollar amount specified in this paragraph.”.

1 (b) INFORMATION RETURN MATCHING.—As soon as  
2 practicable, the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Sec-  
3 retary’s delegate) shall develop and implement procedures  
4 to use information returns under section 6050S (relating  
5 to returns relating to higher education tuition and related  
6 expenses) to check the status of individuals as full-time  
7 students for purposes of section 32(n)(1)(B)(ii) of the In-  
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section).

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
11 December 31, 2019.

12 **SEC. 20122. TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CHILDLESS EARNED**  
13 **INCOME CREDIT IN CASE OF QUALIFYING**  
14 **CHILDREN WHO FAIL TO MEET CERTAIN**  
15 **IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(c)(1) of the Internal  
17 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subpara-  
18 graph (F).

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
21 the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 **SEC. 20123. CREDIT ALLOWED IN CASE OF CERTAIN SEPA-**  
23 **RATED SPOUSES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(d) of the Internal Rev-  
25 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

1           (1) by striking “MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.—In  
2 the case of” and inserting the following: “MARRIED  
3 INDIVIDUALS.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of”, and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
6 paragraph:

7           “(2) DETERMINATION OF MARITAL STATUS.—  
8 For purposes of this section—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
10 subparagraph (B), marital status shall be deter-  
11 mined under section 7703(a).

12           “(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR SEPARATED  
13 SPOUSE.—An individual shall not be treated as  
14 married if such individual—

15           “(i) is married (as determined under  
16 section 7703(a)) and does not file a joint  
17 return for the taxable year,

18           “(ii) lives with a qualifying child of  
19 the individual for more than one-half of  
20 such taxable year, and

21           “(iii)(I) during the last 6 months of  
22 such taxable year, does not have the same  
23 principal place of abode as the individual’s  
24 spouse, or

1           “(II) has a decree, instrument, or  
2           agreement (other than a decree of divorce)  
3           described in section 121(d)(3)(C) with re-  
4           spect to the individual’s spouse and is not  
5           a member of the same household with the  
6           individual’s spouse by the end of the tax-  
7           able year.”.

8           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9           (1) Section 32(c)(1)(A) of such Code is amend-  
10          ed by striking the last sentence.

11          (2) Section 32(c)(1)(E)(ii) of such Code is  
12          amended by striking “(within the meaning of section  
13          7703)”.

14          (3) Section 32(d)(1) of such Code, as amended  
15          by subsection (a), is amended by striking “(within  
16          the meaning of section 7703)”.

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

20       **SEC. 20124. ELIMINATION OF DISQUALIFIED INVESTMENT**  
21                               **INCOME TEST.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32 of the Internal Rev-  
23          enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (i).

24          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) Section 32(j)(1) of such Code is amended  
2 by striking “subsections (b)(2) and (i)(1)” and in-  
3 serting “subsection (b)(2)”.

4 (2) Section 32(j)(1)(B)(i) of such Code is  
5 amended by striking “subsections (b)(2)(A) and  
6 (i)(1)” and inserting “subsection (b)(2)(A)”.

7 (3) Section 32(j)(2) of such Code is amended—  
8 (A) by striking subparagraph (B), and  
9 (B) by striking “ROUNDING.—” and all  
10 that follows through “If any dollar amount”  
11 and inserting the following: “ROUNDING.—If  
12 any dollar amount”.

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

16 **SEC. 20125. APPLICATION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**  
17 **IN POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of the Internal Rev-  
19 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
20 following new section:

21 **“SEC. 7530. APPLICATION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**  
22 **TO POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

23 “(a) PUERTO RICO.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar  
25 year 2021 and each calendar year thereafter, the

1 Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this  
2 subsection, make payments to Puerto Rico equal  
3 to—

4 “(A) the specified matching amount for  
5 such calendar year, plus

6 “(B) in the case of calendar years 2021  
7 through 2025, the lesser of—

8 “(i) the expenditures made by Puerto  
9 Rico during such calendar year for edu-  
10 cation efforts with respect to individual  
11 taxpayers and tax return preparers relat-  
12 ing to the earned income tax credit, or

13 “(ii) \$1,000,000.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENT TO REFORM EARNED IN-  
15 COME TAX CREDIT.—The Secretary shall not make  
16 any payments under paragraph (1) with respect to  
17 any calendar year unless Puerto Rico has in effect  
18 an earned income tax credit for taxable years begin-  
19 ning in or with such calendar year which (relative to  
20 the earned income tax credit which was in effect for  
21 taxable years beginning in or with calendar year  
22 2019) increases the percentage of earned income  
23 which is allowed as a credit for each group of indi-  
24 viduals with respect to which such percentage is sep-



1 arately stated or determined in a manner designed  
2 to substantially increase workforce participation.

3 “(3) SPECIFIED MATCHING AMOUNT.—For pur-  
4 poses of this subsection—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘specified  
6 matching amount’ means, with respect to any  
7 calendar year, the lesser of—

8 “(i) the excess (if any) of—

9 “(I) the cost to Puerto Rico of  
10 the earned income tax credit for tax-  
11 able years beginning in or with such  
12 calendar year, over

13 “(II) the base amount for such  
14 calendar year, or

15 “(ii) the product of 3, multiplied by  
16 the base amount for such calendar year.

17 “(B) BASE AMOUNT.—

18 “(i) BASE AMOUNT FOR 2020.—In the  
19 case of calendar year 2020, the term ‘base  
20 amount’ means the greater of—

21 “(I) the cost to Puerto Rico of  
22 the earned income tax credit for tax-  
23 able years beginning in or with cal-  
24 endar year 2019 (rounded to the  
25 nearest multiple of \$1,000,000), or

1 “(II) \$200,000,000.

2 “(ii) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In  
3 the case of any calendar year after 2021,  
4 the term ‘base amount’ means the dollar  
5 amount determined under clause (i) in-  
6 creased by an amount equal to—

7 “(I) such dollar amount, multi-  
8 plied by—

9 “(II) the cost-of-living adjust-  
10 ment determined under section 1(f)(3)  
11 for such calendar year, determined by  
12 substituting ‘calendar year 2020’ for  
13 ‘calendar year 2016’ in subparagraph  
14 (A)(ii) thereof.

15 Any amount determined under this clause  
16 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of  
17 \$1,000,000.

18 “(4) RULES RELATED TO PAYMENTS AND RE-  
19 PORTS.—

20 “(A) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The Sec-  
21 retary shall make payments under paragraph  
22 (1) for any calendar year—

23 “(i) after receipt of the report de-  
24 scribed in subparagraph (B) for such cal-  
25 endar year, and

1           “(ii) except as provided in clause (i),  
2           within a reasonable period of time before  
3           the due date for individual income tax re-  
4           turns (as determined under the laws of  
5           Puerto Rico) for taxable years which began  
6           on the first day of such calendar year.

7           “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—With respect to  
8           calendar year 2021 and each calendar year  
9           thereafter, Puerto Rico shall provide to the Sec-  
10          retary a report which shall include—

11           “(i) an estimate of the costs described  
12           in paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (3)(A)(i)(I)  
13           with respect to such calendar year, and

14           “(ii) a statement of such costs with  
15           respect to the preceding calendar year.

16          “(C) ADJUSTMENTS.—

17           “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the event that  
18           any estimate of an amount is more or less  
19           than the actual amount as later deter-  
20           mined and any payment under paragraph  
21           (1) was determined on the basis of such  
22           estimate, proper payment shall be made  
23           by, or to, the Secretary (as the case may  
24           be) as soon as practicable after the deter-  
25           mination that such estimate was inac-

1 curate. Proper adjustment shall be made in  
2 the amount of any subsequent payments  
3 made under paragraph (1) to the extent  
4 that proper payment is not made under the  
5 preceding sentence before such subsequent  
6 payments.

7 “(ii) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The  
8 Secretary may require such additional peri-  
9 odic reports of the information described in  
10 subparagraph (B) as the Secretary deter-  
11 mines appropriate to facilitate timely ad-  
12 justments under clause (i).

13 “(D) DETERMINATION OF COST OF  
14 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—For purposes  
15 of this subsection, the cost to Puerto Rico of  
16 the earned income tax credit shall be deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary on the basis of the laws  
18 of Puerto Rico and shall include reductions in  
19 revenues received by Puerto Rico by reason of  
20 such credit and refunds attributable to such  
21 credit, but shall not include any administrative  
22 costs with respect to such credit.

23 “(E) PREVENTION OF MANIPULATION OF  
24 BASE AMOUNT.—No payments shall be made  
25 under paragraph (1) if the earned income tax

1 credit as in effect in Puerto Rico for taxable  
2 years beginning in or with calendar year 2019  
3 is modified after the date of the enactment of  
4 this subsection.

5 “(b) POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYS-  
6 TEMS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar  
8 year 2020 and each calendar year thereafter, the  
9 Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this  
10 subsection, make payments to the Virgin Islands,  
11 Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-  
12 iana Islands equal to—

13 “(A) 75 percent of the cost to such posses-  
14 sion of the earned income tax credit for taxable  
15 years beginning in or with such calendar year,  
16 plus

17 “(B) in the case of calendar years 2020  
18 through 2024, the lesser of—

19 “(i) the expenditures made by such  
20 possession during such calendar year for  
21 education efforts with respect to individual  
22 taxpayers and tax return preparers relat-  
23 ing to such earned income tax credit, or

24 “(ii) \$50,000.

1           “(2) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules  
2 similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C),  
3 and (D) of subsection (a)(4) shall apply for purposes  
4 of this subsection.

5           “(c) AMERICAN SAMOA.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar  
7 year 2020 and each calendar year thereafter, the  
8 Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this  
9 subsection, make payments to American Samoa  
10 equal to—

11                   “(A) the lesser of—

12                           “(i) 75 percent of the cost to Amer-  
13 ican Samoa of the earned income tax cred-  
14 it for taxable years beginning in or with  
15 such calendar year, or

16                           “(ii) \$12,000,000, plus

17                   “(B) in the case of calendar years 2020  
18 through 2024, the lesser of—

19                           “(i) the expenditures made by Amer-  
20 ican Samoa during such calendar year for  
21 education efforts with respect to individual  
22 taxpayers and tax return preparers relat-  
23 ing to such earned income tax credit, or

24                           “(ii) \$50,000.

1           “(2) REQUIREMENT TO ENACT AND MAINTAIN  
2           AN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—The Secretary  
3           shall not make any payments under paragraph (1)  
4           with respect to any calendar year unless American  
5           Samoa has in effect an earned income tax credit for  
6           taxable years beginning in or with such calendar  
7           year which allows a refundable tax credit to individ-  
8           uals on the basis of the taxpayer’s earned income  
9           which is designed to substantially increase workforce  
10          participation.

11          “(3) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of  
12          any calendar year after 2020, the \$12,000,000  
13          amount in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) shall be increased by  
14          an amount equal to—

15                 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by—

16                 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-  
17                 mined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar  
18                 year, determined by substituting ‘calendar year  
19                 2019’ for ‘calendar year 2016’ in subparagraph  
20                 (A)(ii) thereof.

21          Any increase determined under this clause shall be  
22          rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100,000.

23          “(4) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules  
24          similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C),

1 and (D) of subsection (a)(4) shall apply for purposes  
2 of this subsection.

3 “(d) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of  
4 section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments  
5 under this section shall be treated in the same manner  
6 as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in sub-  
7 section (b)(2) of such section.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9 for chapter 77 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 7529. Application of earned income tax credit to possessions of the  
United States.”.

11 **SEC. 20126. TEMPORARY SPECIAL RULE FOR DETERMINING**  
12 **EARNED INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF EARNED**  
13 **INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the earned income of the tax-  
15 payer for the taxpayer’s first taxable year beginning in  
16 2020 is less than the earned income of the taxpayer for  
17 the preceding taxable year, the credit allowed under sec-  
18 tion 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may, at  
19 the election of the taxpayer, be determined by sub-  
20 stituting—

21 (1) such earned income for the preceding tax-  
22 able year, for

23 (2) such earned income for the taxpayer’s first  
24 taxable year beginning in 2020.



1 (b) EARNED INCOME.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,  
3 the term “earned income” has the meaning given  
4 such term under section 32(c) of the Internal Rev-  
5 enue Code of 1986.

6 (2) APPLICATION TO JOINT RETURNS.—For  
7 purposes of subsection (a), in the case of a joint re-  
8 turn, the earned income of the taxpayer for the pre-  
9 ceding taxable year shall be the sum of the earned  
10 income of each spouse for such preceding taxable  
11 year.

12 (c) SPECIAL RULES.—

13 (1) ERRORS TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL  
14 ERROR.—For purposes of section 6213 of the Inter-  
15 nal Revenue Code of 1986, an incorrect use on a re-  
16 turn of earned income pursuant to subsection (a)  
17 shall be treated as a mathematical or clerical error.

18 (2) NO EFFECT ON DETERMINATION OF GROSS  
19 INCOME, ETC.—Except as otherwise provided in this  
20 subsection, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall  
21 be applied without regard to any substitution under  
22 subsection (a).

23 (d) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

24 (1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR  
25 CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treas-

1       ury shall pay to each possession of the United States  
2       which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal  
3       to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of  
4       the application of the provisions of this section  
5       (other than this subsection) with respect to section  
6       32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Such  
7       amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the  
8       Treasury based on information provided by the gov-  
9       ernment of the respective possession.

10           (2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The  
11       Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each posses-  
12       sion of the United States which does not have a mir-  
13       ror code tax system amounts estimated by the Sec-  
14       retary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggre-  
15       gate benefits (if any) that would have been provided  
16       to residents of such possession by reason of the pro-  
17       visions of this section (other than this subsection)  
18       with respect to section 32 of the Internal Revenue  
19       Code of 1986 if a mirror code tax system had been  
20       in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence  
21       shall not apply unless the respective possession has  
22       a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of  
23       the Treasury, under which such possession will  
24       promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

1           (3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes  
2 of this section, the term “mirror code tax system”  
3 means, with respect to any possession of the United  
4 States, the income tax system of such possession if  
5 the income tax liability of the residents of such pos-  
6 session under such system is determined by ref-  
7 erence to the income tax laws of the United States  
8 as if such possession were the United States.

9           (4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes  
10 of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the  
11 payments under this section shall be treated in the  
12 same manner as a refund due from a credit provi-  
13 sion referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

## 14           **Subtitle D—Child Tax Credit**

### 15           **SEC. 20131. CHILD TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2020.**

16           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-  
17 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
18 following new subsection:

19           “(i) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2020.—In the case of any  
20 taxable year beginning in 2020—

21           “(1) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—Subsection (h)(5)  
22 shall not apply and the increase determined under  
23 the first sentence of subsection (d)(1) shall be the  
24 amount determined under subsection (d)(1)(A) (de-  
25 termined without regard to subsection (h)(4)).

1           “(2) CREDIT AMOUNT.—Subsection (h)(2) shall  
2           not apply and subsection (a) shall be applied by sub-  
3           stituting ‘\$3,000 (\$3,600 in the case of a qualifying  
4           child who has not attained age 6 as of the close of  
5           the calendar year in which the taxable year of the  
6           taxpayer begins)’ for ‘\$1,000’.

7           “(3) 17-YEAR-OLDS ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT  
8           AS QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—This section shall be  
9           applied—

10                   “(A) by substituting ‘age 18’ for ‘age 17’  
11                   in subsection (c)(1), and

12                   “(B) by substituting ‘described in sub-  
13                   section (c) (determined after the application of  
14                   subsection (i)(3)(A))’ for ‘described in sub-  
15                   section (c)’ in subsection (h)(4)(A).”.

16           (b) ADVANCE PAYMENT OF CREDIT.—

17                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of such Code is  
18                   amended by inserting after section 7527 the fol-  
19                   lowing new section:

20           **“SEC. 7527A. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF CHILD TAX CREDIT.**

21                   “(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the  
22                   date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
23                   tablish a program for making advance payments of the  
24                   credit allowed under subsection (a) of section 24 on a  
25                   monthly basis (determined without regard to subsection

1 (i)(4)) of such section), or as frequently as the Secretary  
2 determines to be administratively feasible, to taxpayers de-  
3 termined to be eligible for advance payment of such credit.

4 “(b) LIMITATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make  
6 payments under subsection (a) only to the extent  
7 that the total amount of such payments made to any  
8 taxpayer during the taxable year does not exceed an  
9 amount equal to the excess, if any, of—

10 “(A) subject to paragraph (2), the amount  
11 determined under subsection (a) of section 24  
12 with respect to such taxpayer (determined with-  
13 out regard to subsection (i)(4)) of such section)  
14 for such taxable year, over

15 “(B) the estimated tax imposed by subtitle  
16 A, as reduced by the credits allowable under  
17 subparts A and C (other than section 24) of  
18 such part IV, with respect to such taxpayer for  
19 such taxable year, as determined in such man-  
20 ner as the Secretary deems appropriate.

21 “(2) APPLICATION OF THRESHOLD AMOUNT  
22 LIMITATION.—The program described in subsection  
23 (a) shall make reasonable efforts to apply the limita-  
24 tion of section 24(b) with respect to payments made  
25 under such program.

1       “(c) APPLICATION.—The advance payments de-  
2 scribed in this section shall only be made with respect to  
3 credits allowed under section 24 for taxable years begin-  
4 ning during 2020.”.

5           (2) RECONCILIATION OF CREDIT AND ADVANCE  
6 CREDIT.—Section 24(i) of such Code, as amended by  
7 subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following new paragraph:

9           “(4) RECONCILIATION OF CREDIT AND AD-  
10 VANCE CREDIT.—

11           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the  
12 credit allowed under this section for any taxable  
13 year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by  
14 the aggregate amount of any advance payments  
15 of such credit under section 7527A for such  
16 taxable year.

17           “(B) EXCESS ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—If the  
18 aggregate amount of advance payments under  
19 section 7527A for the taxable year exceeds the  
20 amount of the credit allowed under this section  
21 for such taxable year (determined without re-  
22 gard to subparagraph (A)), the tax imposed by  
23 this chapter for such taxable year shall be in-  
24 creased by the amount of such excess.”.



1           “(B) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT AL-  
2           LOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME  
3           TAXES.—No credit shall be allowed under this  
4           section for any taxable year to any individual to  
5           whom a credit is allowable against taxes im-  
6           posed by a possession with a mirror code tax  
7           system by reason of the application of this sec-  
8           tion in such possession for such taxable year.

9           “(C) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For  
10          purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘mirror  
11          code tax system’ means, with respect to any  
12          possession of the United States, the income tax  
13          system of such possession if the income tax li-  
14          ability of the residents of such possession under  
15          such system is determined by reference to the  
16          income tax laws of the United States as if such  
17          possession were the United States.

18          “(2) PUERTO RICO.—In the case of any bona  
19          fide resident of Puerto Rico (within the meaning of  
20          section 937(a))—

21                 “(A) the credit determined under this sec-  
22                 tion shall be allowable to such resident,

23                 “(B) in the case of any taxable year begin-  
24                 ning during 2020, the increase determined  
25                 under the first sentence of subsection (d)(1)



1 shall be the amount determined under sub-  
2 section (d)(1)(A) (determined without regard to  
3 subsection (h)(4)),

4 “(C) in the case of any taxable year begin-  
5 ning after December 31, 2020, and before Jan-  
6 uary 1, 2026, the increase determined under  
7 the first sentence of subsection (d)(1) shall be  
8 the lesser of—

9 “(i) the amount determined under  
10 subsection (d)(1)(A) (determined without  
11 regard to subsection (h)(4)), or

12 “(ii) the dollar amount in effect under  
13 subsection (h)(5), and

14 “(D) in the case of any taxable year after  
15 December 31, 2025, the increase determined  
16 under the first sentence of subsection (d)(1)  
17 shall be the amount determined under sub-  
18 section (d)(1)(A).

19 “(3) AMERICAN SAMOA.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
21 pay to American Samoa amounts estimated by  
22 the Secretary as being equal to the aggregate  
23 benefits that would have been provided to resi-  
24 dents of American Samoa by reason of the ap-  
25 plication of this section for taxable years begin-

1           ning after 2019 if the provisions of this section  
2           had been in effect in American Samoa.

3           “(B) DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.—Sub-  
4           paragraph (A) shall not apply unless American  
5           Samoa has a plan, which has been approved by  
6           the Secretary, under which American Samoa  
7           will promptly distribute such payments to the  
8           residents of American Samoa in a manner  
9           which replicates to the greatest degree prac-  
10          ticable the benefits that would have been so  
11          provided to each such resident.

12          “(C) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT AL-  
13          LOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME  
14          TAXES.—

15                 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a  
16                 taxable year with respect to which a plan  
17                 is approved under subparagraph (B), this  
18                 section (other than this subsection) shall  
19                 not apply to any individual eligible for a  
20                 distribution under such plan.

21                 “(ii) APPLICATION OF SECTION IN  
22                 EVENT OF ABSENCE OF APPROVED  
23                 PLAN.—In the case of a taxable year with  
24                 respect to which a plan is not approved  
25                 under subparagraph (B), rules similar to

1           the rules of paragraph (2) shall apply with  
2           respect to bona fide residents of American  
3           Samoa (within the meaning of section  
4           937(a)).

5           “(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—The pay-  
6           ments made under this subsection shall be treated in  
7           the same manner for purposes of section 1324(b)(2)  
8           of title 31, United States Code, as refunds due from  
9           the credit allowed under this section.”.

10          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
12 December 31, 2019.

## 13                   **Subtitle E—Dependent Care** 14                   **Assistance**

### 15   **SEC. 20141. REFUNDABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT OF CHILD** 16                   **AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Internal Rev-  
18 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
19 following new subsection:

20          “(g) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2020.—In the case of any  
21 taxable year beginning after December 31, 2019, and be-  
22 fore January 1, 2021—

23                  “(1) CREDIT MADE REFUNDABLE.—In the case  
24                  of an individual other than a nonresident alien, the  
25                  credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be treated

1 as a credit allowed under subpart C (and not allowed  
2 under this subpart).

3 “(2) INCREASE IN APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—

4 Subsection (a)(2) shall be applied—

5 “(A) by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘35  
6 percent’, and

7 “(B) by substituting ‘\$120,000’ for  
8 ‘\$15,000’.

9 “(3) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMIT ON AMOUNT  
10 CREDITABLE.—Subsection (c) shall be applied—

11 “(A) by substituting ‘\$6,000’ for ‘\$3,000’  
12 in paragraph (1) thereof, and

13 “(B) by substituting ‘twice the amount in  
14 effect under paragraph (1)’ for ‘\$6,000’ in  
15 paragraph (2) thereof.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1324(b)(2)  
17 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
18 “21 (by reason of subsection (g) thereof),” before “25A”.

19 (c) COORDINATION WITH POSSESSION TAX SYS-  
20 TEMS.—Section 21(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
21 1986 (as added by this section) shall not apply to any per-  
22 son—

23 (1) to whom a credit is allowed against taxes  
24 imposed by a possession with a mirror code tax sys-  
25 tem by reason of the application of section 21 of

1 such Code in such possession for such taxable year,  
2 or

3 (2) to whom a credit would be allowed against  
4 taxes imposed by a possession which does not have  
5 a mirror code tax system if the provisions of section  
6 21 of such Code had been in effect in such posses-  
7 sion for such taxable year.

8 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
10 December 31, 2019.

11 **SEC. 20142. INCREASE IN EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYER-PRO-**  
12 **VIDED DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129(a)(2) of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(D) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2020.—In the  
17 case of any taxable year beginning during 2020,  
18 subparagraph (A) shall be applied be sub-  
19 stituting ‘\$10,500 (half such dollar amount’ for  
20 ‘\$5,000 (\$2,500’.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
22 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
23 December 31, 2019.

24 (c) RETROACTIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS.—A plan or  
25 other arrangement that otherwise satisfies all applicable

1 requirements of sections 106, 125, and 129 of the Internal  
2 Revenue Code of 1986 (including any rules or regulations  
3 thereunder) shall not fail to be treated as a cafeteria plan  
4 or dependent care flexible spending arrangement merely  
5 because such plan or arrangement is amended pursuant  
6 to a provision under this section and such amendment is  
7 retroactive, if—

8           (1) such amendment is adopted no later than  
9           the last day of the plan year in which the amend-  
10          ment is effective, and

11          (2) the plan or arrangement is operated con-  
12          sistent with the terms of such amendment during  
13          the period beginning on the effective date of the  
14          amendment and ending on the date the amendment  
15          is adopted.

## 16       **Subtitle F—Flexibility for Certain** 17                               **Employee Benefits**

### 18       **SEC. 20151. INCREASE IN CARRYOVER FOR HEALTH FLEXI-** 19                               **BLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS.**

20           (a) IN GENERAL.—A plan or other arrangement that  
21 otherwise satisfies all of the applicable requirements of  
22 sections 106 and 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
23 1986 (including any rules or regulations thereunder) shall  
24 not fail to be treated as a cafeteria plan or health flexible  
25 spending arrangement merely because such plan or ar-

1 rangement permits participants to carry over an amount  
2 not in excess of \$2,750 of unused benefits or contributions  
3 remaining in a health flexible spending arrangement from  
4 the plan year ending in 2020 to the plan year ending in  
5 2021.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section  
7 which is also used in section 106 or 125 of the Internal  
8 Revenue Code of 1986 or the rules or regulations there-  
9 under shall have the same meaning as when used in such  
10 section or rules or regulations.

11 **SEC. 20152. CARRYOVER FOR DEPENDENT CARE FLEXIBLE**  
12 **SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—A plan or other arrangement that  
14 otherwise satisfies all applicable requirements of sections  
15 106, 125, and 129 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
16 (including any rules or regulations thereunder) shall not  
17 fail to be treated as a cafeteria plan or dependent care  
18 flexible spending arrangement merely because such plan  
19 or arrangement permits participants to carry over (under  
20 rules similar to the rules applicable to health flexible  
21 spending arrangements) an amount, not in excess of the  
22 amount in effect under section 129(a)(2)(A) of such Code,  
23 of unused benefits or contributions remaining in a depend-  
24 ent care flexible spending arrangement from the plan year  
25 ending in 2020 to the plan year ending in 2021.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section  
2 which is also used in section 106, 125, or 129 of the Inter-  
3 nal Revenue Code of 1986 or the rules or regulations  
4 thereunder shall have the same meaning as when used in  
5 such section or rules or regulations.

6 **SEC. 20153. CARRYOVER OF PAID TIME OFF.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—A plan that otherwise satisfies all  
8 applicable requirements of section 125 of the Internal Rev-  
9 enue Code of 1986 (including any rules or regulations  
10 thereunder) shall not fail to be treated as a cafeteria plan  
11 merely because such plan permits participants to carry  
12 over (under rules similar to the rules applicable to health  
13 flexible spending arrangements) any amount of paid time  
14 off (without limitation) from the plan year ending in 2020  
15 to the plan year ending in 2021.

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section  
17 which is also used in section 125 of the Internal Revenue  
18 Code of 1986 or the rules or regulations thereunder shall  
19 have the same meaning as when used in such section or  
20 rules or regulations.

21 **SEC. 20154. CHANGE IN ELECTION AMOUNT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—A plan or other arrangement that  
23 otherwise satisfies all applicable requirements of sections  
24 106 and 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (in-  
25 cluding any rules or regulations thereunder) shall not fail



1 to be treated as a cafeteria plan or health flexible spending  
2 arrangement merely because such plan or arrangement al-  
3 lows an employee to make, with respect to the remaining  
4 portion of a period of coverage within the applicable pe-  
5 riod—

6 (1) an election modifying the amount of such  
7 employee’s contributions to such a health flexible  
8 spending arrangement (without regard to any  
9 change in status), or

10 (2) an election modifying the amount of such  
11 employee’s elective paid time off.

12 Any election as modified under paragraph (1) shall not  
13 exceed the limitation applicable under section 125(i) for  
14 the taxable year.

15 (b) ONE-TIME APPLICATION.—Paragraphs (1) and  
16 (2) of subsection (a) shall each apply to only 1 election  
17 change described in such paragraph with respect to an em-  
18 ployee (in addition to any other election changes during  
19 a period of coverage permitted under the plan or arrange-  
20 ment without regard to this section).

21 (c) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For purposes of this sec-  
22 tion, the term “applicable period” means the period begin-  
23 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending  
24 on December 31, 2020.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section  
2 which is also used in section 106 or 125 of the Internal  
3 Revenue Code of 1986 or the rules or regulations there-  
4 under shall have the same meaning as when used in such  
5 section or rules or regulations.

6 **SEC. 20155. EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIODS, ETC.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—A plan or other arrangement that  
8 otherwise satisfies all applicable requirements of sections  
9 106, 125, or 129 of the Internal Revenue Code (including  
10 any rules or regulations thereunder) shall not fail to be  
11 treated as a cafeteria plan, health flexible spending ar-  
12 rangement, or dependent care flexible spending arrange-  
13 ment (whichever is applicable) merely because such plan  
14 or arrangement extends the grace period for the plan year  
15 ending in 2020 to 12 months after the end of such plan  
16 year, with respect to unused benefits or contributions re-  
17 maining in a health flexible spending arrangement or a  
18 dependent care flexible spending arrangement.

19 (b) POST-TERMINATION REIMBURSEMENTS FROM  
20 HEALTH FSAS.—A plan or other arrangement that other-  
21 wise satisfies all applicable requirements of sections 106  
22 and 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (including  
23 any rules or regulations thereunder) shall not fail to be  
24 treated as a cafeteria plan or health flexible spending ar-  
25 rangement merely because such plan or arrangement al-

1 lows (under rules similar to the rules applicable to depend-  
2 ent care flexible spending arrangements) an employee who  
3 ceases participation in the plan during calendar year 2020  
4 to continue to receive reimbursements from unused bene-  
5 fits or contributions through the end of the plan year (in-  
6 cluding any grace period, taking into account any modi-  
7 fication of a grace period permitted under subsection (a)).

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section  
9 which is also used in section 106, 125, or 129 of the Inter-  
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 or the rules or regulations  
11 thereunder shall have the same meaning as when used in  
12 such section or rules or regulations.

13 **SEC. 20156. PLAN AMENDMENTS.**

14 A plan or other arrangement that otherwise satisfies  
15 all applicable requirements of sections 106, 125, and 129  
16 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (including any rules  
17 or regulations thereunder) shall not fail to be treated as  
18 a cafeteria plan, health flexible spending arrangement, or  
19 dependent care flexible spending arrangement merely be-  
20 cause such plan or arrangement is amended pursuant to  
21 a provision under this subtitle and such amendment is ret-  
22 roactive, if—

23 (1) such amendment is adopted no later than  
24 the last day of the plan year in which the amend-  
25 ment is effective, and



1 taxes with respect to any real or personal property  
2 paid during a taxable year beginning in 2020 or  
3 2021, the Secretary shall prescribe rules which treat  
4 all or a portion of such taxes as paid in a taxable  
5 year or years other than the taxable year in which  
6 actually paid as necessary or appropriate to prevent  
7 the avoidance of the limitations of this subsection.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply to taxes paid or accrued in taxable  
10 years beginning after December 31, 2019.

## 11 **TITLE II—ADDITIONAL RELIEF** 12 **FOR WORKERS**

### 13 **Subtitle A—Additional Relief**

#### 14 **SEC. 20201. INCREASE IN ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR** 15 **CERTAIN EXPENSES OF ELEMENTARY AND** 16 **SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

17 (a) INCREASE.—Section 62(a)(2)(D) of the Internal  
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$250” and  
19 inserting “\$500”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 62(d)(3)  
21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

22 (1) by striking “2015” and inserting “2020”,

23 (2) by striking “\$250” and inserting “\$500”,

24 and

1           (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2014”  
2           and inserting “2019”.

3           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
5 December 31, 2019.

6 **SEC. 20202. ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION ALLOWED FOR**  
7 **CERTAIN EXPENSES OF FIRST RESPONDERS.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 62(a)(2) of the Internal  
9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
10 the following new subparagraph:

11                   “(F) CERTAIN EXPENSES OF FIRST RE-  
12                   SPONDERS.—The deductions allowed by section  
13                   162 which consist of expenses, not in excess of  
14                   \$500, paid or incurred by a first responder—

15                           “(i) as tuition or fees for the partici-  
16                           pation of the first responder in profes-  
17                           sional development courses related to serv-  
18                           ice as a first responder, or

19                                   “(ii) for uniforms used by the first re-  
20                                   sponder in service as a first responder.”.

21           (b) FIRST RESPONDER DEFINED.—Section 62(d) of  
22 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding  
23 at the end the following new paragraph:

24                   “(4) FIRST RESPONDER.—For purposes of sub-  
25                   section (a)(2)(F), the term ‘first responder’ means,

1 with respect to any taxable year, any employee who  
2 provides at least 1000 hours of service during such  
3 taxable year as a law enforcement officer, firefighter,  
4 paramedic, or emergency medical technician.”.

5 (c) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 62(d)(3) of  
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the  
7 preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended by  
8 striking “the \$500 amount in subsection (a)(2)(D)” and  
9 inserting “the \$500 amount in each of subparagraphs (D)  
10 and (F) of subsection (a)(2)”.

11 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
13 December 31, 2019.

14 **SEC. 20203. TEMPORARY ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR**  
15 **SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT OF FIRST RE-**  
16 **SPONDERS AND COVID-19 FRONT LINE EM-**  
17 **PLOYEES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 62(d) of the Internal Rev-  
19 enue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provi-  
20 sions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end of the  
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(5) TEMPORARY RULE FOR FIRST RESPOND-  
23 ERS AND COVID-19 FRONT LINE EMPLOYEES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
25 taxable year beginning in 2020—

1 “(i) subsection (a)(2)(F)(ii) shall be  
2 applied by substituting ‘uniforms, supplies,  
3 or equipment’ for ‘uniforms’, and

4 “(ii) for purposes of subsection  
5 (a)(2)(F), the term ‘first responder’ shall  
6 include any COVID–19 front line em-  
7 ployee.

8 “(B) COVID–19 FRONT LINE EM-  
9 PLOYEE.—For purposes of this paragraph, the  
10 term ‘COVID–19 front line employee’ means,  
11 with respect to any taxable year, any individual  
12 who performs at least 1000 hours of essential  
13 work (as defined in the COVID–19 Heroes  
14 Fund Act of 2020 except without regard to the  
15 time period during which such work is per-  
16 formed) during such taxable year as an em-  
17 ployee in a trade or business of an employer.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
20 December 31, 2019.

21 **SEC. 20204. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PANDEMIC-RE-**  
22 **LATED EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES PAID**  
23 **BY EMPLOYERS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employer, there  
25 shall be allowed as a credit against applicable employment



1 taxes for each calendar quarter an amount equal to the  
2 applicable percentage of the qualified pandemic-related  
3 employee benefit expenses paid by such employer with re-  
4 spect to such calendar quarter.

5 (b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

6 (1) DOLLAR LIMITATION PER EMPLOYEE.—The  
7 qualified pandemic-related employee benefit expenses  
8 which may be taken into account under subsection  
9 (a) with respect to any employee for any calendar  
10 quarter shall not exceed \$5,000.

11 (2) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT  
12 TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with  
13 respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the  
14 applicable employment taxes for such calendar quar-  
15 ter (reduced by any credits allowed under sub-  
16 sections (e) and (f) of section 3111 of such Code,  
17 sections 7001 and 7003 of the Families First  
18 Coronavirus Response Act, and section 2301 of the  
19 CARES Act, for such quarter) on the wages paid  
20 with respect to the employment of all the employees  
21 of the employer for such calendar quarter.

22 (3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the amount of the  
24 credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limita-  
25 tion of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter,

1 such excess shall be treated as an overpayment  
2 that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a)  
3 and 6413(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
4 1986.

5 (B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For pur-  
6 poses of section 1324 of title 31, United States  
7 Code, any amounts due to an employer under  
8 this paragraph shall be treated in the same  
9 manner as a refund due from a credit provision  
10 referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

11 (4) COORDINATION WITH GOVERNMENT  
12 GRANTS.—The qualified pandemic-related employee  
13 benefit expenses taken into account under this sec-  
14 tion by any employer shall be reduced by any  
15 amounts provided by and Federal, State, or local  
16 government for purposes of making or reimbursing  
17 such expenses.

18 (c) QUALIFIED PANDEMIC-RELATED EMPLOYEE  
19 BENEFIT EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section, the  
20 term “qualified pandemic-related employee benefit ex-  
21 penses” means any amount paid to or for the benefit of  
22 an employee in the employment of the employer if—

23 (1) such amount is excludible from the gross in-  
24 come of the employee under section 139 of the Inter-  
25 nal Revenue Code of 1986 by reason of being a

1 qualified disaster relief payment described in sub-  
2 section (b)(1) of such section with respect to a quali-  
3 fied disaster described in subsection (c)(2) of such  
4 section which was declared by reason of COVID–19,  
5 and

6 (2) the employer elects (at such time and in  
7 such manner as the Secretary may provide) to treat  
8 such amount as a qualified pandemic-related em-  
9 ployee benefit expense.

10 (d) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of  
11 this section—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “applicable per-  
13 centage” means—

14 (A) 50 percent, in the case of qualified  
15 pandemic-related employee benefit expenses  
16 paid with respect to an essential employee, and

17 (B) 30 percent, in any other case.

18 (2) ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE.—The term “essen-  
19 tial employee” means, with respect to any employer  
20 for any calendar quarter, any employee of such em-  
21 ployer if a substantial portion of the services per-  
22 formed by such employee for such employer during  
23 such calendar quarter are essential work (as defined  
24 in the COVID–19 Heroes Fund Act of 2020 except

1 without regard to the time period during which such  
2 work is performed).

3 (e) SPECIAL RULES; OTHER DEFINITIONS.—

4 (1) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN NON-DISCRIMINA-  
5 TION RULES.—No credit shall be allowed under this  
6 section to any employer for any calendar quarter if  
7 qualified pandemic-related employee benefit expenses  
8 are provided by such employer to employees for such  
9 calendar quarter in a manner which discriminates in  
10 favor of highly compensated individuals (within the  
11 meaning of section 125) as to eligibility for, or the  
12 amount of, such benefit expenses. An employer may  
13 elect with respect to any calendar quarter to apply  
14 this paragraph separately with respect to essential  
15 employees and with respect to all other employees.

16 (2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For pur-  
17 poses of chapter 1 of such Code, no deduction or  
18 credit (other than the credit allowed under this sec-  
19 tion) shall be allowed for so much of qualified pan-  
20 demic-related employee benefit expenses as is equal  
21 to the credit allowed under this section.

22 (3) THIRD PARTY PAYORS.—Any credit allowed  
23 under this section shall be treated as a credit de-  
24 scribed in section 3511(d)(2) of such Code.

1           (4) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—For  
2 purposes of this section, the term “applicable em-  
3 ployment taxes” means the following:

4           (A) The taxes imposed under section  
5 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

6           (B) So much of the taxes imposed under  
7 section 3221(a) of such Code as are attrib-  
8 utable to the rate in effect under section  
9 3111(a) of such Code.

10          (5) SECRETARY.—For purposes of this section,  
11 the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the  
12 Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate.

13          (6) CERTAIN TERMS.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—Any term used in this  
15 section which is also used in chapter 21 or 22  
16 of such Code shall have the same meaning as  
17 when used in such chapter (as the case may  
18 be).

19           (B) CERTAIN PROVISIONS NOT TAKEN  
20 INTO ACCOUNT EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF LIM-  
21 ITING CREDIT TO EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—For  
22 purposes of subparagraph (A) (other than with  
23 respect to subsection (b)(2)), section 3121(b) of  
24 such Code shall be applied without regard to  
25 paragraphs (1), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (13),

1 (18), (19), and (22) thereof (except with re-  
2 spect to services performed in a penal institu-  
3 tion by an inmate thereof) and section  
4 3231(e)(1) shall be applied without regard to  
5 the sentence that begins “Such term does not  
6 include remuneration”.

7 (f) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The credit under this section  
9 shall not be allowed to the Federal Government or  
10 any agency or instrumentality thereof.

11 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
12 apply to any organization described in section  
13 501(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
14 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

15 (g) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall  
16 waive any penalty under section 6656 of such Code for  
17 any failure to make a deposit of applicable employment  
18 taxes if the Secretary determines that such failure was due  
19 to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

20 (h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
21 such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary  
22 to carry out the purposes of this section, including regula-  
23 tions or other guidance—

24 (1) to allow the advance payment of the credit  
25 determined under subsection (a), subject to the limi-

1 tations provided in this section, based on such infor-  
2 mation as the Secretary shall require,

3 (2) to provide for the reconciliation of such ad-  
4 vance payment with the amount of the credit at the  
5 time of filing the return of tax for the applicable  
6 quarter or taxable year,

7 (3) for recapturing the benefit of credits deter-  
8 mined under this section in cases where there is a  
9 subsequent adjustment to the credit determined  
10 under subsection (a), and

11 (4) with respect to the application of the credit  
12 to third party payors (including professional em-  
13 ployer organizations, certified professional employer  
14 organizations, or agents under section 3504 of such  
15 Code), including to allow such payors to submit doc-  
16 umentation necessary to substantiate eligibility for,  
17 and the amount of, the credit allowed under this sec-  
18 tion.

19 (i) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall  
20 apply only to qualified pandemic-related employee benefit  
21 expenses paid after March 12, 2020, and before January  
22 1, 2021.

23 (j) TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS.—There  
24 are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Sur-  
25 vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability

1 Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of  
2 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) and the Social  
3 Security Equivalent Benefit Account established under  
4 section 15A(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974  
5 (45 U.S.C. 231n–1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in  
6 revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without  
7 regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the  
8 preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general  
9 fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate  
10 to the extent possible the transfers which would have oc-  
11 curred to such Trust Fund or Account had this section  
12 not been enacted.

13 **Subtitle B—Tax Credits to Prevent**  
14 **Business Interruption**

15 **SEC. 20211. IMPROVEMENTS TO EMPLOYEE RETENTION**  
16 **CREDIT.**

17 (a) INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE.—Section  
18 2301(a) of the CARES Act is amended by striking “50  
19 percent” and inserting “80 percent”.

20 (b) INCREASE IN PER EMPLOYEE LIMITATION.—Sec-  
21 tion 2301(b)(1) of the CARES Act is amended by striking  
22 “for all calendar quarters shall not exceed \$10,000.” and  
23 inserting “shall not exceed—

24 “(A) \$15,000 in any calendar quarter, and



1           “(B) \$45,000 in the aggregate for all cal-  
2           endar quarters.”.

3           (c) MODIFICATION OF THRESHOLD FOR TREATMENT  
4 AS A LARGE EMPLOYER.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(c)(3)(A) of the  
6 CARES Act is amended—

7           (A) by striking “for which the average  
8           number of full-time employees (within the  
9           meaning of section 4980H of the Internal Rev-  
10          enue Code of 1986) employed by such eligible  
11          employer during 2019 was greater than 100” in  
12          clause (i) and inserting “which is a large em-  
13          ployer”, and

14          (B) by striking “for which the average  
15          number of full-time employees (within the  
16          meaning of section 4980H of the Internal Rev-  
17          enue Code of 1986) employed by such eligible  
18          employer during 2019 was not greater than  
19          100” in clause (ii) and inserting “which is not  
20          a large employer”.

21          (2) LARGE EMPLOYER DEFINED.—Section  
22          2301(c) of the CARES Act is amended by redesignig-  
23          nating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7) and by in-  
24          serting after paragraph (5) the following new para-  
25          graph:

1           “(6) LARGE EMPLOYER.—The term ‘large em-  
2           ployer’ means any eligible employer if—

3                   “(A) the average number of full-time em-  
4                   ployees (as determined for purposes of deter-  
5                   mining whether an employer is an applicable  
6                   large employer for purposes of section  
7                   4980H(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8                   1986) employed by such eligible employer dur-  
9                   ing calendar year 2019 was greater than 1,500,  
10                  and

11                   “(B) the gross receipts (within the mean-  
12                   ing of section 448(c) of the Internal Revenue  
13                   Code of 1986) of such eligible employer during  
14                   calendar year 2019 was greater than  
15                   \$41,500,000.”.

16           (d) PHASE-IN OF ELIGIBILITY BASED ON REDUC-  
17           TION IN GROSS RECEIPTS.—

18                   (1) DECREASE OF REDUCTION IN GROSS RE-  
19                   CEIPTS NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR CREDIT.—Sec-  
20                   tion 2301(c)(2)(B) of the CARES Act is amended—

21                           (A) by striking “50 percent” in clause (i)  
22                           and inserting “90 percent”, and

23                           (B) by striking “80 percent” in clause (ii)  
24                           and inserting “90 percent”.

1           (2) PHASE-IN OF CREDIT IF REDUCTION IN  
2 GROSS RECEIPTS IS LESS THAN 50 PERCENT.—Sec-  
3 tion 2301(c)(2) of the CARES Act is amended by  
4 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

5           “(D) PHASE-IN OF CREDIT WHERE BUSI-  
6 NESS NOT SUSPENDED AND REDUCTION IN  
7 GROSS RECEIPTS LESS THAN 50 PERCENT.—

8           “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
9 calendar quarter with respect to which an  
10 eligible employer would not be an eligible  
11 employer if subparagraph (B)(i) were ap-  
12 plied by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘90  
13 percent’, the amount of the credit allowed  
14 under subsection (a) shall be reduced by  
15 the amount which bears the same ratio to  
16 the amount of such credit (determined  
17 without regard to this subparagraph) as—

18           “(I) the excess gross receipts per-  
19 centage point amount, bears to

20           “(II) 40 percentage points.

21           “(ii) EXCESS GROSS RECEIPTS PER-  
22 CENTAGE POINT AMOUNT.—For purposes  
23 of this subparagraph, the term ‘excess  
24 gross receipts percentage point amount’

1 means, with respect to any calendar quar-  
2 ter, the excess of—

3 “(I) the lowest of the gross re-  
4 ceipts percentage point amounts de-  
5 termined with respect to any calendar  
6 quarter during the period ending with  
7 such calendar quarter and beginning  
8 with the first calendar quarter during  
9 the period described in subparagraph  
10 (B), over

11 “(II) 50 percentage points.

12 “(iii) GROSS RECEIPTS PERCENTAGE  
13 POINT AMOUNTS.—For purposes of this  
14 subparagraph, the term ‘gross receipts per-  
15 centage point amount’ means, with respect  
16 to any calendar quarter, the percentage  
17 (expressed as a number of percentage  
18 points) obtained by dividing—

19 “(I) the gross receipts (within  
20 the meaning of subparagraph (B)) for  
21 such calendar quarter, by

22 “(II) the gross receipts for the  
23 same calendar quarter in calendar  
24 year 2019.”.

1           (3) GROSS RECEIPTS OF TAX-EXEMPT ORGANI-  
2           ZATIONS.—Section 2301(c)(2)(C) of the CARES Act  
3           is amended—

4                   (A) by striking “of such Code, clauses (i)  
5                   and (ii)(I)” and inserting “of such Code—

6                           “(i) clauses (i) and (ii)(I)”,

7                   (B) by striking the period at the end and  
8                   inserting “, and”, and

9                   (C) by adding at the end the following new  
10                  clause:

11                           “(ii) any reference in this section to  
12                           gross receipts shall be treated as a ref-  
13                           erence to gross receipts within the meaning  
14                           of section 6033 of such Code.”.

15           (e) MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF HEALTH  
16           PLAN EXPENSES.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(c)(5) of the  
18           CARES Act is amended to read as follows:

19                   “(5) WAGES.—

20                           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘wages’  
21                           means wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of  
22                           the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and com-  
23                           pensation (as defined in section 3231(e) of such  
24                           Code).

1           “(B) ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN HEALTH  
2           PLAN EXPENSES.—

3                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Such term shall  
4                   include amounts paid or incurred by the el-  
5                   igible employer to provide and maintain a  
6                   group health plan (as defined in section  
7                   5000(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
8                   of 1986), but only to the extent that such  
9                   amounts are excluded from the gross in-  
10                  come of employees by reason of section  
11                  106(a) of such Code.

12                  “(ii) ALLOCATION RULES.—For pur-  
13                  poses of this section, amounts treated as  
14                  wages under clause (i) shall be treated as  
15                  paid with respect to any employee (and  
16                  with respect to any period) to the extent  
17                  that such amounts are properly allocable to  
18                  such employee (and to such period) in such  
19                  manner as the Secretary may prescribe.  
20                  Except as otherwise provided by the Sec-  
21                  retary, such allocation shall be treated as  
22                  properly made if made on the basis of  
23                  being pro rata among periods of cov-  
24                  erage.”.

1           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
2           2301(e)(3) of the CARES Act is amended by strik-  
3           ing subparagraph (C).

4           (f) QUALIFIED WAGES PERMITTED TO INCLUDE  
5 AMOUNTS FOR TIP REPLACEMENT.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(e)(3)(B) of the  
7           CARES Act is amended by inserting “(including tips  
8           which would have been deemed to be paid by the em-  
9           ployer under section 3121(q))” after “would have  
10          been paid”.

11          (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
12          2301(h)(2) of the CARES Act is amended by insert-  
13          ing “45B or” before “45S”.

14          (g) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS ELIGIBLE  
15 FOR CREDIT.—

16          (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(f) of the  
17          CARES Act is amended to read as follows:

18          “(f) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit under this sec-  
20                 tion shall not be allowed to the Federal Government  
21                 or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

22                 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
23                 apply to any organization described in section  
24                 501(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
25                 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

1           “(3) SPECIAL RULES.—In the case of any State  
2 government, Indian tribal government, or any agen-  
3 cy, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the  
4 foregoing—

5           “(A) clauses (i) and (ii)(I) of subsection  
6 (c)(2)(A) shall apply to all operations of such  
7 entity, and

8           “(B) subclause (II) of subsection  
9 (c)(2)(A)(ii) shall not apply.”.

10           (2) COORDINATION WITH APPLICATION OF CER-  
11 TAIN DEFINITIONS.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(c)(5)(A)  
13 of the CARES Act, as amended by the pre-  
14 ceding provisions of this Act, is amended by  
15 adding at the end the following: “For purposes  
16 of the preceding sentence (other than for pur-  
17 poses of subsection (b)(2)), wages as defined in  
18 section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code  
19 of 1986 shall be determined without regard to  
20 paragraphs (1), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (13),  
21 (18), (19), and (22) of section 3212(b) of such  
22 Code (except with respect to services performed  
23 in a penal institution by an inmate thereof).”.

24           (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sec-  
25 tions 2301(c)(6) of the CARES Act is amended



1           by striking “Any term” and inserting “Except  
2           as otherwise provided in this section, any  
3           term”.

4           (h) APPLICATION OF CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS OF DO-  
5 MESTIC WORKERS.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(c)(2) of the  
7 CARES Act, as amended by the preceding provisions  
8 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10           “(E) EMPLOYERS OF DOMESTIC WORK-  
11           ERS.—In the case of an employer with one or  
12           more employees who perform domestic service  
13           (within the meaning of section 3121(a)(7) of  
14           such Code) in the private home of such em-  
15           ployer, with respect to such employees—

16           “(i) subparagraph (A) shall be ap-  
17           plied—

18           “(I) by substituting ‘employing  
19           an employee who performs domestic  
20           service in the private home of such  
21           employer’ for ‘carrying on a trade or  
22           business’ in clause (i) thereof, and

23           “(II) by substituting ‘such em-  
24           ployment’ for ‘the operation of the

1 trade or business' in clause (ii)(I)  
2 thereof.

3 “(ii) subclause (II) of subparagraph  
4 (A)(ii) shall not apply, and

5 “(iii) such employer shall be treated  
6 as a large employer.”.

7 (2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—Section  
8 2301(h)(2) of the CARES Act, as amended by pre-  
9 ceding provisions of this Act, is amended—

10 (A) by striking “shall not be taken into ac-  
11 count for purposes of” and inserting “shall not  
12 be taken into account—

13 “(A) for purposes of”,

14 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
15 inserting “, and” , and

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

17 “(B) if such wages are paid for domestic  
18 service described in subsection (c)(2)(E), as em-  
19 ployment-related expenses for purposes of sec-  
20 tion 21 of such Code.

21 In the case of any individual who pays wages for do-  
22 mestic service described in subsection (c)(2)(E) and  
23 receives a reimbursement for such wages which is  
24 excludible from gross income under section 129 of

1 such Code, such wages shall not be treated as quali-  
2 fied wages for purposes of this section.”.

3 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall take effect as if included in section 2301  
5 of the CARES Act.

6 **SEC. 20212. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR CERTAIN FIXED EX-**  
7 **PENSES OF EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO CLO-**  
8 **SURE BY REASON OF COVID-19.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible em-  
10 ployer, there shall be allowed as a credit against applicable  
11 employment taxes for each calendar quarter an amount  
12 equal to 50 percent of the qualified fixed expenses paid  
13 or incurred by such employer during such calendar quar-  
14 ter.

15 (b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

16 (1) LIMITATION.—The qualified fixed expenses  
17 which may be taken into account under subsection  
18 (a) by any eligible employer for any calendar quarter  
19 shall not exceed the least of—

20 (A) the qualified fixed expenses paid by the  
21 eligible employer in the same calendar quarter  
22 of calendar year 2019,

23 (B) \$50,000, or

24 (C) the greater of—

1 (i) 25 percent of the wages paid with  
2 respect to the employment of all the em-  
3 ployees of the eligible employer for such  
4 calendar quarter, or

5 (ii) 6.25 percent of the gross receipts  
6 of the eligible employer for calendar year  
7 2019.

8 (2) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT  
9 TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with  
10 respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the  
11 applicable employment taxes for such calendar quar-  
12 ter (reduced by any credits allowed under sub-  
13 sections (e) and (f) of section 3111 of such Code,  
14 sections 7001 and 7003 of the Families First  
15 Coronavirus Response Act, section 2301 of the  
16 CARES Act, and section 20204 of this division, for  
17 such quarter) on the wages paid with respect to the  
18 employment of all the employees of the eligible em-  
19 ployer for such calendar quarter.

20 (3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the amount of the  
22 credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limita-  
23 tion of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter,  
24 such excess shall be treated as an overpayment  
25 that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a)

1 and 6413(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
2 1986.

3 (B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For pur-  
4 poses of section 1324 of title 31, United States  
5 Code, any amounts due to an employer under  
6 this paragraph shall be treated in the same  
7 manner as a refund due from a credit provision  
8 referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

10 (1) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The  
11 term “applicable employment taxes” means the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 (A) The taxes imposed under section  
14 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

15 (B) So much of the taxes imposed under  
16 section 3221(a) of such Code as are attrib-  
17 utable to the rate in effect under section  
18 3111(a) of such Code.

19 (2) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible em-  
21 ployer” means any employer—

22 (i) which was carrying on a trade or  
23 business during calendar year 2020,

24 (ii) which had either—

1 (I) not more than 1,500 full-time  
2 equivalent employees (as determined  
3 for purposes of determining whether  
4 an employer is an applicable large em-  
5 ployer for purposes of section  
6 4980H(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
7 Code of 1986) for calendar year 2019,  
8 or

9 (II) not more than \$41,500,000  
10 of gross receipts in the last taxable  
11 year ending in 2019, and

12 (iii) with respect to any calendar  
13 quarter, for which—

14 (I) the operation of the trade or  
15 business described in clause (i) is fully  
16 or partially suspended during the cal-  
17 endar quarter due to orders from an  
18 appropriate governmental authority  
19 limiting commerce, travel, or group  
20 meetings (for commercial, social, reli-  
21 gious, or other purposes) due to the  
22 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-  
23 19), or

1 (II) such calendar quarter is  
2 within the period described in sub-  
3 paragraph (B).

4 (B) SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN GROSS RE-  
5 CEIPTS.—The period described in this subpara-  
6 graph is the period—

7 (i) beginning with the first calendar  
8 quarter beginning after December 31,  
9 2019, for which gross receipts (within the  
10 meaning of section 448(c) of the Internal  
11 Revenue Code of 1986) for the calendar  
12 quarter are less than 90 percent of gross  
13 receipts for the same calendar quarter in  
14 the prior year, and

15 (ii) ending with the calendar quarter  
16 following the first calendar quarter begin-  
17 ning after a calendar quarter described in  
18 clause (i) for which gross receipts of such  
19 employer are greater than 90 percent of  
20 gross receipts for the same calendar quar-  
21 ter in the prior year.

22 (C) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.—In the  
23 case of an organization which is described in  
24 section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a)  
2 of such Code—

3 (i) any reference in this section to a  
4 trade or business shall be treated as a ref-  
5 erence to all operations of such organiza-  
6 tion, and

7 (ii) any reference in this section to  
8 gross receipts shall be treated as a ref-  
9 erence to gross receipts within the meaning  
10 of section 6033 of the Internal Revenue  
11 Code of 1986.

12 (D) PHASE-IN OF CREDIT WHERE BUSI-  
13 NESS NOT SUSPENDED AND REDUCTION IN  
14 GROSS RECEIPTS LESS THAN 50 PERCENT.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
16 calendar quarter with respect to which an  
17 eligible employer would not be an eligible  
18 employer if subparagraph (B)(i) were ap-  
19 plied by substituting “50 percent” for “90  
20 percent”, the amount of the credit allowed  
21 under subsection (a) shall be reduced by  
22 the amount which bears the same ratio to  
23 the amount of such credit (determined  
24 without regard to this subparagraph) as—



1 (I) the excess gross receipts per-  
2 centage point amount, bears to

3 (II) 40 percentage points.

4 (ii) EXCESS GROSS RECEIPTS PER-  
5 CENTAGE POINT AMOUNT.—For purposes  
6 of this subparagraph, the term “excess  
7 gross receipts percentage point amount”  
8 means, with respect to any calendar quar-  
9 ter, the excess of—

10 (I) the lowest of the gross re-  
11 ceipts percentage point amounts de-  
12 termined with respect to any calendar  
13 quarter during the period ending with  
14 such calendar quarter and beginning  
15 with the first calendar quarter during  
16 the period described in subparagraph  
17 (B), over

18 (II) 50 percentage points.

19 (iii) GROSS RECEIPTS PERCENTAGE  
20 POINT AMOUNTS.—For purposes of this  
21 subparagraph, the term “gross receipts  
22 percentage point amount” means, with re-  
23 spect to any calendar quarter, the percent-  
24 age (expressed as a number of percentage  
25 points) obtained by dividing—

1 (I) the gross receipts (within the  
2 meaning of subparagraph (B)) for  
3 such calendar quarter, by

4 (II) the gross receipts for the  
5 same calendar quarter in calendar  
6 year 2019.

7 (3) QUALIFIED FIXED EXPENSES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified  
9 fixed expenses” means the payment or accrual,  
10 in the ordinary course of the eligible employer’s  
11 trade or business, of any covered mortgage obli-  
12 gation, covered rent obligation, or covered util-  
13 ity payment. Such term shall not include the  
14 prepayment of any obligation for a period in ex-  
15 cess of a month unless the payment for such  
16 period is customarily due in advance.

17 (B) APPLICATION OF DEFINITIONS.—The  
18 terms “covered mortgage obligation”, “covered  
19 rent obligation”, and “covered utility payment”  
20 shall each have the same meaning as when used  
21 in section 1106 of the CARES Act.

22 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s del-  
24 egate.

25 (5) WAGES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “wages”  
2 means wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of  
3 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and com-  
4 pensation (as defined in section 3231(e) of such  
5 Code). For purposes of the preceding sentence  
6 (other than for purposes of subsection (b)(2)),  
7 wages as defined in section 3121(a) of such  
8 Code shall be determined without regard to  
9 paragraphs (1), (8), (10), (13), (18), (19), and  
10 (22) of section 3121(b) of such Code.

11 (B) ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN HEALTH  
12 PLAN EXPENSES.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—Such term shall in-  
14 clude amounts paid or incurred by the eli-  
15 gible employer to provide and maintain a  
16 group health plan (as defined in section  
17 5000(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
18 of 1986), but only to the extent that such  
19 amounts are excluded from the gross in-  
20 come of employees by reason of section  
21 106(a) of such Code.

22 (ii) ALLOCATION RULES.—For pur-  
23 poses of this section, amounts treated as  
24 wages under clause (i) shall be treated as  
25 paid with respect to any employee (and

1 with respect to any period) to the extent  
2 that such amounts are properly allocable to  
3 such employee (and to such period) in such  
4 manner as the Secretary may prescribe.  
5 Except as otherwise provided by the Sec-  
6 retary, such allocation shall be treated as  
7 properly made if made on the basis of  
8 being pro rata among periods of coverage.

9 (6) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer” means  
10 any employer (as defined in section 3401(d) of such  
11 Code) of at least one employee on any day in cal-  
12 endar year 2020.

13 (7) OTHER TERMS.—Except as otherwise pro-  
14 vided in this section, any term used in this section  
15 which is also used in chapter 21 or 22 of the Inter-  
16 nal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same  
17 meaning as when used in such chapter.

18 (d) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons treated as a  
19 single employer under subsection (a) or (b) of section 52  
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or subsection (m)  
21 or (o) of section 414 of such Code, shall be treated as  
22 one employer for purposes of this section.

23 (e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of  
24 chapter 1 of such Code, the gross income of any eligible  
25 employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day

1 of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is  
2 allowed under this section, shall be increased by the  
3 amount of such credit.

4 (f) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The credit under this section  
6 shall not be allowed to the Federal Government, the  
7 government of any State, of the District of Colum-  
8 bia, or of any possession of the United States, any  
9 tribal government, or any political subdivision, agen-  
10 cy, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

11 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
12 apply to any organization described in section  
13 501(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
14 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

15 (g) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION APPLY.—This  
16 section shall not apply with respect to any eligible em-  
17 ployer for any calendar quarter if such employer elects (at  
18 such time and in such manner as the Secretary may pre-  
19 scribe) not to have this section apply.

20 (h) TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS.—There  
21 are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Sur-  
22 vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability  
23 Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of  
24 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) and the Social  
25 Security Equivalent Benefit Account established under

1 section 15A(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974  
2 (45 U.S.C. 231n-1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in  
3 revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without  
4 regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the  
5 preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general  
6 fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate  
7 to the extent possible the transfers which would have oc-  
8 curred to such Trust Fund or Account had this section  
9 not been enacted.

10 (i) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall  
11 waive any penalty under section 6656 of such Code for  
12 any failure to make a deposit of applicable employment  
13 taxes if the Secretary determines that such failure was due  
14 to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

15 (j) THIRD PARTY PAYORS.—Any credit allowed  
16 under this section shall be treated as a credit described  
17 in section 3511(d)(2) of such Code.

18 (k) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary  
19 shall issue such forms, instructions, regulations, and guid-  
20 ance as are necessary—

21 (1) to allow the advance payment of the credit  
22 under subsection (a), subject to the limitations pro-  
23 vided in this section, based on such information as  
24 the Secretary shall require,

1           (2) regulations or other guidance to provide for  
2           the reconciliation of such advance payment with the  
3           amount of the credit at the time of filing the return  
4           of tax for the applicable quarter or taxable year,

5           (3) with respect to the application of the credit  
6           under subsection (a) to third party payors (including  
7           professional employer organizations, certified profes-  
8           sional employer organizations, or agents under sec-  
9           tion 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986),  
10          including regulations or guidance allowing such  
11          payors to submit documentation necessary to sub-  
12          stantiate the eligible employer status of employers  
13          that use such payors,

14          (4) for application of subsection (b)(1)(A) and  
15          subparagraphs (A)(ii)(II) and (B) of subsection  
16          (c)(2) in the case of any employer which was not  
17          carrying on a trade or business for all or part of the  
18          same calendar quarter in the prior year, and

19          (5) for recapturing the benefit of credits deter-  
20          mined under this section in cases where there is a  
21          subsequent adjustment to the credit determined  
22          under subsection (a).

23          (l) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall  
24          apply only to qualified fixed expenses paid or accrued after  
25          March 12, 2020, and before January 1, 2021.

1 **SEC. 20213. BUSINESS INTERRUPTION CREDIT FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

3 (a) CREDIT AGAINST TAX.—In the case of an eligible  
4 self-employed individual, there shall be allowed as a credit  
5 against the tax imposed by chapter 1 of subtitle A of the  
6 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the taxpayer's first  
7 taxable year beginning in 2020 an amount equal to 90  
8 percent of the eligible self-employed individual's qualified  
9 self-employment income.

10 (b) LIMITATIONS.—

11 (1) OVERALL LIMITATION.—The amount of  
12 qualified self-employment income taken into account  
13 under subsection (a) with respect to any eligible self-  
14 employed individual shall not exceed \$45,000.

15 (2) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED AD-  
16 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the  
18 credit allowed by subsection (a) (after applica-  
19 tion of paragraph (1)) shall be reduced (but not  
20 below zero) by 50 percent of so much of the  
21 taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income for  
22 the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning in  
23 2020 as exceeds \$60,000 (\$120,000 in the case  
24 of a joint return).

25 (B) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS IN-  
26 COME.—For purposes of this section the term



1           “modified adjusted gross income” means ad-  
2           justed gross income determined without regard  
3           to sections 911, 931, and 933 of such Code.

4           (c) ELIGIBLE SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—For  
5           purposes of this section, the term “eligible self-employed  
6           individual” means an individual—

7           (1) who—

8                   (A) regularly carries on one or more trades  
9                   or businesses within the meaning of section  
10                  1402 of such Code, or

11                   (B) is allocated income or loss described in  
12                  section 702(a)(8) of such Code from any trade  
13                  or business carried on by a partnership which  
14                  is not excluded under section 1402 of such  
15                  Code, and

16           (2) for whom gross self-employment income  
17           during the first taxable year beginning in 2020 is  
18           less than 90 percent of such individual’s gross self-  
19           employment income during the first taxable year be-  
20           ginning in 2019.

21           (d) QUALIFIED SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For  
22           purposes of this section—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified self-em-  
24           ployment income” means the product of—

1 (A) the specified gross self-employment in-  
2 come reduction for the first taxable year begin-  
3 ning in 2020, multiplied by

4 (B) the ratio of—

5 (i) self-employment income (as deter-  
6 mined under section 1402(b) of such Code,  
7 but not below zero) for the first taxable  
8 year beginning in 2019, divided by

9 (ii) gross self-employment income for  
10 the first taxable year beginning in 2019.

11 (2) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED AD-  
12 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—In the case of any tax-  
13 payer, qualified self-employment income shall not ex-  
14 ceed the excess (if any) of—

15 (A) modified adjusted gross income for the  
16 first taxable year beginning in 2019, over

17 (B) modified adjusted gross income for the  
18 first taxable year beginning in 2020.

19 (3) SPECIFIED GROSS SELF-EMPLOYMENT IN-  
20 COME REDUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1),  
21 the term “specified gross self-employment income re-  
22 duction” means, with respect to a taxable year, the  
23 excess (if any) of—

1           (A) 90 percent of gross self-employment  
2           income for the taxable year preceding such tax-  
3           able year, over

4           (B) gross self-employment income for such  
5           taxable year.

6           (e) GROSS SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For pur-  
7           poses of this section, the term “gross self-employment in-  
8           come” means, with respect to any taxable year, the sum  
9           of—

10           (1) the eligible self-employed individuals’ gross  
11           income derived from all trades or business carried on  
12           by such individual for purposes of determining net  
13           earnings from self-employment under section 1402  
14           of such Code for such taxable year, and

15           (2) the eligible individual’s distributive share of  
16           gross income (as determined under section 702(c) of  
17           such Code) from any trade or business carried on by  
18           a partnership for purposes of determining net earn-  
19           ings from self-employment under section 1402 of  
20           such Code (and which is not excluded under such  
21           section) for such taxable year.

22           (f) SPECIAL RULES.—

23           (1) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

24           (A) IN GENERAL.—The credit determined  
25           under this section shall be treated as a credit

1 allowed to the taxpayer under subpart C of part  
2 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code.

3 (B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For pur-  
4 poses of section 1324 of title 31, United States  
5 Code, any refund due from the credit allowed  
6 under this section shall be treated in the same  
7 manner as a refund due from a credit provision  
8 referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

9 (2) DOCUMENTATION.—No credit shall be al-  
10 lowed under this section unless the taxpayer main-  
11 tains such documentation as the Secretary of the  
12 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) may prescribe  
13 to establish such individual as an eligible self-em-  
14 ployed individual.

15 (3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—Qualified  
16 self-employment income shall be reduced by—

17 (A) the qualified sick leave equivalent  
18 amount for which a credit is allowed under sec-  
19 tion 7002(a) of the Families First Coronavirus  
20 Response Act and the qualified family leave  
21 equivalent amount for which a credit is allowed  
22 under section 7004(a) of such Act,

23 (B) the qualified wages for which a credit  
24 is allowed under section 2301 of the CARES  
25 Act,

1 (C) the amount of the credit allowed under  
2 section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
3 1986 (as added by this Act), and

4 (D) except to the extent taken into account  
5 in determining gross self-employment income,  
6 amounts from a covered loan under section  
7 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act that are—

8 (i) forgiven pursuant to section  
9 1106(b) of the CARES Act, and

10 (ii) paid or distributed to the eligible  
11 self-employed individual as payroll costs  
12 described in section 7(a)(36)(A)(viii)(I) of  
13 the Small Business Act.

14 (4) JOINT RETURNS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a joint  
16 return, the taxpayer shall be treated for pur-  
17 poses of this section as an eligible self-employed  
18 individual if either spouse is an eligible self-em-  
19 ployed individual.

20 (B) APPLICATION OF MODIFIED ADJUSTED  
21 GROSS INCOME LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED  
22 SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—If the taxpayer  
23 filed a joint return for only one of the taxable  
24 years described in subsection (d)(2), such limi-  
25 tation shall apply in such manner as the Sec-

1           retary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's dele-  
2           gate) may provide.

3           (5) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION APPLY.—

4           This section shall not apply with respect to any tax-  
5           payer for any taxable year if such taxpayer elects (at  
6           such time and in such manner as the Secretary of  
7           the Treasury, or the Secretary's delegate, may pre-  
8           scribe) not to have this section apply.

9           (g) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN POSSES-  
10          SIONS.—

11           (1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR  
12          CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
13          ury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall pay to each  
14          possession of the United States which has a mirror  
15          code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any)  
16          to that possession by reason of the application of the  
17          provisions of this section. Such amounts shall be de-  
18          termined by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the  
19          Secretary's delegate) based on information provided  
20          by the government of the respective possession.

21           (2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The  
22          Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's dele-  
23          gate) shall pay to each possession of the United  
24          States which does not have a mirror code tax system  
25          amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury

1 (or the Secretary's delegate) as being equal to the  
2 aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been  
3 provided to residents of such possession by reason of  
4 the provisions of this section if a mirror code tax  
5 system had been in effect in such possession. The  
6 preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respec-  
7 tive possession has a plan, which has been approved  
8 by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's  
9 delegate), under which such possession will promptly  
10 distribute such payments to its residents.

11 (3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes  
12 of this section, the term “mirror code tax system”  
13 means, with respect to any possession of the United  
14 States, the income tax system of such possession if  
15 the income tax liability of the residents of such pos-  
16 session under such system is determined by ref-  
17 erence to the income tax laws of the United States  
18 as if such possession were the United States.

19 (4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes  
20 of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the  
21 payments under this section shall be treated in the  
22 same manner as a refund due from a credit provi-  
23 sion referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

24 (h) CERTAIN TERMS.—Any term used in this section  
25 which is also used in chapter 2 of the Internal Revenue

1 Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used  
2 in such chapter.

3 (i) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of  
4 the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall issue such  
5 forms, instructions, regulations, and guidance as are nec-  
6 essary or appropriate—

7 (1) to allow the advance payment of the credit  
8 under subsection (a) (including allowing use of the  
9 anticipated credit to offset estimated taxes) based on  
10 the taxpayer’s good faith estimates of gross self-em-  
11 ployment income and qualified self-employment in-  
12 come for the first taxable year beginning in 2020  
13 and such other information as the Secretary of the  
14 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall require,  
15 subject to the limitations provided in this section,

16 (2) to provide for the reconciliation of such ad-  
17 vance payment with the amount of the credit at the  
18 time of filing the return of tax for the taxpayer’s  
19 first taxable year beginning in 2020,

20 (3) to provide for the application of this section  
21 to partners in partnerships, and

22 (4) to implement the purposes of this section.



1     **Subtitle C—Credits for Paid Sick**  
2                     **and Family Leave**

3     **SEC. 20221. EXTENSION OF CREDITS.**

4             (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 7001(g), 7002(e),  
5 7003(g), and 7004(e) of the Families First Coronavirus  
6 Response Act are each amended by striking “2020” and  
7 inserting “2021”.

8             (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions  
10 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to which  
11 they relate.

12     **SEC. 20222. REPEAL OF REDUCED RATE OF CREDIT FOR**  
13                     **CERTAIN LEAVE.**

14             (a) PAYROLL CREDIT.—Section 7001(b) of the Fami-  
15 lies First Coronavirus Response Act is amended by insert-  
16 ing “or any day on or after the date of the enactment  
17 of the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act” after “in  
18 the case of any day any portion of which is paid sick time  
19 described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a)  
20 of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act”.

21             (b) SELF-EMPLOYED CREDIT.—

22                     (1) IN GENERAL.—Clauses (i) and (ii) of sec-  
23 tion 7002(c)(1)(B) of the Families First  
24 Coronavirus Response Act are each amended by in-  
25 serting inserting “or any day on or after the date of

1 the enactment of the Worker Health Coverage Pro-  
2 tection Act” after “in the case of any day any por-  
3 tion of which is paid sick time described in para-  
4 graph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the  
5 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
7 7002(d)(3) of the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
8 sponse Act is amended by inserting inserting “or  
9 any day on or after the date of the enactment of the  
10 Worker Health Coverage Protection Act” after “in  
11 the case of any day any portion of which is paid sick  
12 time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of sec-  
13 tion 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave  
14 Act”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall apply to days on or after the date of  
17 the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 20223. INCREASE IN LIMITATIONS ON CREDITS FOR**  
19 **PAID FAMILY LEAVE.**

20 (a) INCREASE IN OVERALL LIMITATION ON QUALI-  
21 FIED FAMILY LEAVE WAGES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7003(b)(1)(B) of  
23 the Families First Coronavirus Response Act is  
24 amended by striking “\$10,000” and inserting  
25 “\$12,000”.



1 graph, paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by sub-  
2 stituting ‘the prior taxable year’ for ‘the taxable  
3 year’.”.

4 (b) CREDIT FOR FAMILY LEAVE.—Section 7004(c)  
5 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act is amend-  
6 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(4) ELECTION TO USE PRIOR YEAR NET EARN-  
8 INGS FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the  
9 case of an individual who elects (at such time and  
10 in such manner as the Secretary, or the Secretary’s  
11 delegate, may provide) the application of this para-  
12 graph, paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by sub-  
13 stituting ‘the prior taxable year’ for ‘the taxable  
14 year’.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions  
17 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to which  
18 they relate.

19 **SEC. 20225. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**  
20 **ALLOWED TAX CREDITS FOR PAID SICK AND**  
21 **PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 7001(e) and 7003(e) of  
23 the Families First Coronavirus Response Act are each  
24 amended by striking paragraph (4).

1 (b) COORDINATION WITH APPLICATION OF CERTAIN  
2 DEFINITIONS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Sections 7001(c) and  
4 7003(e) of the Families First Coronavirus Response  
5 Act are each amended—

6 (A) by inserting “, determined without re-  
7 gard to paragraphs (1) through (22) of section  
8 3121(b) of such Code” after “as defined in sec-  
9 tion 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10 1986”, and

11 (B) by inserting “, determined without re-  
12 gard to the sentence in paragraph (1) thereof  
13 which begins ‘Such term does include remun-  
14 eration’” after “as defined in section 3231(e)  
15 of the Internal Revenue Code”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections  
17 7001(e)(3) and 7003(e)(3) of the Families First  
18 Coronavirus Response Act are each amended by  
19 striking “Any term” and inserting “Except as other-  
20 wise provided in this section, any term”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions  
23 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to which  
24 they relate.

1 **SEC. 20226. CERTAIN TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS.**

2 (a) COORDINATION WITH EXCLUSION FROM EM-  
3 PLOYMENT TAXES.—Sections 7001(c) and 7003(c) of the  
4 Families First Coronavirus Response Act, as amended by  
5 the preceding provisions of this Act, are each amended—

6 (1) by inserting “and section 7005(a) of this  
7 Act,” after “determined without regard to para-  
8 graphs (1) through (22) of section 3121(b) of such  
9 Code”, and

10 (2) by inserting “and without regard to section  
11 7005(a) of this Act” after “which begins ‘Such term  
12 does not include remuneration’”.

13 (b) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICABLE RAILROAD RE-  
14 TIREMENT TAX FOR PAID LEAVE CREDITS.—Sections  
15 7001(e) and 7003(e) of the Families First Coronavirus  
16 Response Act, as amended by the preceding provisions of  
17 this Act, are each amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(4) REFERENCES TO RAILROAD RETIREMENT  
20 TAX.—Any reference in this section to the tax im-  
21 posed by section 3221(a) of the Internal Revenue  
22 Code of 1986 shall be treated as a reference to so  
23 much of such tax as is attributable to the rate in ef-  
24 fect under section 3111(a) of such Code.”.

25 (c) CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF PAID LEAVE  
26 FOR APPLICABLE RAILROAD RETIREMENT TAX.—Section

1 7005(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act  
2 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end  
3 of such subsection: “Any reference in this subsection to  
4 the tax imposed by section 3221(a) of such Code shall be  
5 treated as a reference to so much of the tax as is attrib-  
6 utable to the rate in effect under section 3111(a) of such  
7 Code.”

8 (d) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICABLE RAILROAD RE-  
9 TIREMENT TAX FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE TAX CRED-  
10 IT.—Section 7005(b)(1) of the Families First Coronavirus  
11 Response Act is amended to read as follows:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit allowed by sec-  
13 tion 7001 and the credit allowed by section 7003  
14 shall each be increased by the amount of the tax im-  
15 posed by section 3111(b) of the Internal Revenue  
16 Code of 1986 and so much of the taxes imposed  
17 under section 3221(a) of such Code as are attrib-  
18 utable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b) of  
19 such Code on qualified sick leave wages, or qualified  
20 family leave wages, for which credit is allowed under  
21 such section 7001 or 7003 (respectively).”

22 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions  
24 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to which  
25 they relate.

1 **SEC. 20227. CREDITS NOT ALLOWED TO CERTAIN LARGE**  
2 **EMPLOYERS.**

3 (a) CREDIT FOR REQUIRED PAID SICK LEAVE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7001(a) of the Fam-  
5 ilies First Coronavirus Response Act is amended by  
6 striking “In the case of an employer” and inserting  
7 “In the case of an eligible employer”.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—Section 7001(c) of  
9 the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, as  
10 amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is  
11 amended by striking “For purposes of this section,  
12 the term” and all that precedes it and inserting the  
13 following:

14 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

15 “(1) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—The term ‘eligible  
16 employer’ means any employer other than an appli-  
17 cable large employer (as defined in section  
18 4980H(c)(2), determined by substituting ‘500’ for  
19 ‘50’ each place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and  
20 (B) thereof and without regard to subparagraphs  
21 (D) and (F) thereof). For purposes of the preceding  
22 sentence, the Government of the United States, the  
23 government of any State or political subdivision  
24 thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of  
25 the foregoing shall not be treated as an applicable  
26 large employer.



1           “(2) QUALIFIED SICK LEAVE WAGES.—The  
2 term”.

3           (b) CREDIT FOR REQUIRED PAID FAMILY LEAVE.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7003(a) of the Fam-  
5 ilies First Coronavirus Response Act is amended by  
6 striking “In the case of an employer” and inserting  
7 “In the case of an eligible employer”.

8           (2) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—Section 7003(c) of  
9 the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, as  
10 amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is  
11 amended by striking “For purposes of this section,  
12 the term” and all that precedes it and inserting the  
13 following:

14           “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

15           “(1) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—The term ‘eligible  
16 employer’ means any employer other than an appli-  
17 cable large employer (as defined in section  
18 4980H(c)(2), determined by substituting ‘500’ for  
19 ‘50’ each place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and  
20 (B) thereof and without regard to subparagraphs  
21 (D) and (F) thereof). For purposes of the preceding  
22 sentence, the Government of the United States, the  
23 government of any State or political subdivision  
24 thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of

1 the foregoing, shall not be treated as an applicable  
2 large employer.

3 “(2) QUALIFIED FAMILY LEAVE WAGES.—The  
4 term”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 this section shall apply to wages paid after the date of  
7 the enactment of this Act.

## 8 **Subtitle D—Other Relief**

### 9 **SEC. 20231. PAYROLL TAX DEFERRAL ALLOWED FOR RE-** 10 **CIPIENTS OF CERTAIN LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2302(a) of the CARES  
12 Act is amended by striking paragraph (3).

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
14 this section shall take effect as if included in section 2302  
15 of the CARES Act.

### 16 **SEC. 20232. EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a student receiving  
18 a qualified emergency financial aid grant—

19 (1) such grant shall not be included in the  
20 gross income of such individual for purposes of the  
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

22 (2) such grant shall not be treated as described  
23 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section  
24 25A(g)(2) of such Code.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection,  
2 the term “qualified emergency financial aid grant”  
3 means—

4 (1) any emergency financial aid grant awarded  
5 by an institution of higher education under section  
6 3504 of the CARES Act,

7 (2) any emergency financial aid grant from an  
8 institution of higher education made with funds  
9 made available under section 18004 of the CARES  
10 Act, and

11 (3) any other emergency financial aid grant  
12 made to a student from a Federal agency, a State,  
13 an Indian tribe, an institution of higher education,  
14 or a scholarship-granting organization (including a  
15 tribal organization, as defined in section 4 of the In-  
16 dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
17 Act (25 U.S.C.5304)) for the purpose of providing  
18 financial relief to students enrolled at institutions of  
19 higher education in response to a qualifying emer-  
20 gency (as defined in section 3502(a)(4) of the  
21 CARES Act).

22 (c) LIMITATION.—This section shall not apply to that  
23 portion of any amount received which represents payment  
24 for teaching, research, or other services required as a con-

1 dition for receiving the qualified emergency financial aid  
2 grant.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to  
4 qualified emergency financial aid grants made after March  
5 26, 2020.

6 **SEC. 20233. CERTAIN LOAN FORGIVENESS AND OTHER**  
7 **BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
8 **CARES ACT NOT INCLUDIBLE IN GROSS IN-**  
9 **COME.**

10 (a) UNITED STATES TREASURY PROGRAM MANAGE-  
11 MENT AUTHORITY.—For purposes of the Internal Rev-  
12 enue Code of 1986, no amount shall be included in gross  
13 income by reason of loan forgiveness described in section  
14 1109(d)(2)(D) of the CARES Act.

15 (b) EMERGENCY EIDL GRANTS.—For purposes of  
16 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any advance described  
17 in section 1110(e) of the CARES Act shall not be included  
18 in the gross income of the person that receives such ad-  
19 vance.

20 (c) SUBSIDY FOR CERTAIN LOAN PAYMENTS.—For  
21 purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any pay-  
22 ment described in section 1112(c) of the CARES Act shall  
23 not be included in the gross income of the person on whose  
24 behalf such payment is made.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a), (b), and (c)  
2 shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the  
3 enactment of the CARES Act.

4 **SEC. 20234. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CERTAIN INFORMATION**  
5 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's  
7 delegate) may provide an exception from any requirement  
8 to file an information return otherwise required by chapter  
9 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to  
10 any amount excluded from gross income by reason of sec-  
11 tion 1106(i) of the CARES Act or section 20232 or 20233  
12 of this Act.

13 **SEC. 20235. CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF EXPENSES**  
14 **PAID OR INCURRED WITH PROCEEDS FROM**  
15 **CERTAIN GRANTS AND LOANS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the Internal Rev-  
17 enue Code of 1986 and notwithstanding any other provi-  
18 sion of law, any deduction and the basis of any property  
19 shall be determined without regard to whether any amount  
20 is excluded from gross income under section 20233 of this  
21 Act or section 1106(i) of the CARES Act.

22 (b) CLARIFICATION OF EXCLUSION OF LOAN FOR-  
23 GIVENESS.—Section 1106(i) of the CARES Act is amend-  
24 ed to read as follows:

1           “(i) TAXABILITY.—For purposes of the Internal Rev-  
2 enue Code of 1986, no amount shall be included in the  
3 gross income of the eligible recipient by reason of forgive-  
4 ness of indebtedness described in subsection (b).”.

5           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) and the  
6 amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to taxable  
7 years ending after the date of the enactment of the  
8 CARES Act.

9   **SEC. 20236. REINSTATEMENT OF CERTAIN PROTECTIONS**  
10                           **FOR TAXPAYER RETURN INFORMATION.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(a)(3) of the Internal  
12 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 3516 of  
13 the CARES Act, is amended by striking “(13)(A),  
14 (13)(B), (13)(C), (13)(D)(i), (16)” and inserting “(13),  
15 (16)”.

16           (b) RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
17 6103(p)(3)(A) of such Code, as so amended, is amended  
18 by striking “(12), (13)(A), (13)(B), (13)(C), (13)(D)(i)”  
19 and inserting “(12),”.

20           (c) APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS.—Section  
21 6103(p)(4) of such Code, as so amended, is amended by  
22 striking “(13)(A), (13)(B), (13)(C), (13)(D)(i)” each  
23 place it appears and inserting “(13)”.

24           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
25 this section shall apply to disclosures made after the date

1 of the enactment of the FUTURE Act (Public Law 116–  
2 91).

3           **TITLE III—NET OPERATING**  
4                           **LOSSES**

5 **SEC. 20301. LIMITATION ON EXCESS BUSINESS LOSSES OF**  
6                           **NON-CORPORATE TAXPAYERS RESTORED**  
7                           **AND MADE PERMANENT.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 461(l)(1) of the Internal  
9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

10                   “(1) LIMITATION.—In the case of a taxpayer  
11 other than a corporation, any excess business loss of  
12 the taxpayer shall not be allowed.”.

13           (b) FARMING LOSSES.—Section 461 of such Code is  
14 amended by striking subsection (j).

15           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
17 December 31, 2017.

18 **SEC. 20302. CERTAIN TAXPAYERS ALLOWED CARRYBACK OF**  
19                           **NET OPERATING LOSSES ARISING IN 2019**  
20                           **AND 2020.**

21           (a) CARRYBACK OF LOSSES ARISING IN 2019 AND  
22 2020.—

23                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 172(b)(1)(D)(i) of  
24 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to  
25 read as follows:

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
2           net operating loss arising in a taxable year  
3           beginning after December 31, 2018, and  
4           before January 1, 2021, and to which sub-  
5           paragraphs (B) and (C)(i) do not apply,  
6           such loss shall be a net operating loss  
7           carryback to each taxable year preceding  
8           the taxable year of such loss, but not to  
9           any taxable year beginning before January  
10          1, 2018.”.

11          (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12           (A) The heading for section 172(b)(1)(D)  
13           of such Code is amended by striking “2018,  
14           2019, AND” and inserting “2019 AND”.

15           (B) Section 172(b)(1)(D) of such Code is  
16           amended by striking clause (iii) and by redesignig-  
17           nating clauses (iv) and (v) as clauses (iii) and  
18           (iv), respectively.

19           (C) Section 172(b)(1)(D)(iii) of such Code,  
20           as so redesignated, is amended by striking  
21           “(i)(I)” and inserting “(i)”.

22           (D) Section 172(b)(1)(D)(iv) of such Code,  
23           as so redesignated, is amended—

24           (i) by striking “If the 5-year  
25           carryback period under clause (i)(I)” in



1 subclause (I) and inserting “If the  
2 carryback period under clause (i)”, and  
3 (ii) by striking “2018 or” in subclause  
4 (II).

5 (b) DISALLOWED FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.—Sec-  
6 tion 172(b)(1)(D) of such Code, as amended by the pre-  
7 ceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following new clauses:

9 “(v) CARRYBACK DISALLOWED FOR  
10 CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.—Clause (i) shall not  
11 apply with respect to any loss arising in a  
12 taxable year in which—

13 “(I) the taxpayer (or any related  
14 person) is not allowed a deduction  
15 under this chapter for the taxable  
16 year by reason of section 162(m) or  
17 section 280G, or

18 “(II) the taxpayer (or any related  
19 person) is a specified corporation for  
20 the taxable year.

21 “(vi) SPECIFIED CORPORATION.—For  
22 purposes of clause (v)—

23 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term  
24 ‘specified corporation’ means, with re-  
25 spect to any taxable year, a corpora-

1           tion the aggregate distributions (in-  
2           cluding redemptions) of which during  
3           all taxable years ending after Decem-  
4           ber 31, 2017, exceed the sum of appli-  
5           cable stock issued of such corporation  
6           and 5 percent of the fair market value  
7           of the stock of such corporation as of  
8           the last day of the taxable year.

9           “(II)     APPLICABLE     STOCK  
10          ISSUED.—The term ‘applicable stock  
11          issued’ means, with respect to any  
12          corporation, the aggregate fair market  
13          value of stock (as of the issue date of  
14          such stock) issued by the corporation  
15          during all taxable years ending after  
16          December 31, 2017, in exchange for  
17          money or property other than stock in  
18          such corporation.

19          “(III)    CERTAIN     PREFERRED  
20          STOCK DISREGARDED.—For purposes  
21          of subclause (I), stock described in  
22          section 1504(a)(4), and distributions  
23          (including redemptions) with respect  
24          to such stock, shall be disregarded.

1           “(vii) RELATED PERSON.—For pur-  
2           poses of clause (v), a person is a related  
3           person to a taxpayer if the related person  
4           bears a relationship to the taxpayer speci-  
5           fied in section 267(b) or section  
6           707(b)(1).”.

7           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8           this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
9           ment of section 2303(b) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
10          and Economic Security Act.

11                           **DIVISION C—HEALTH**  
12                           **PROVISIONS**  
13          **TITLE I—MEDICAID PROVISIONS**  
14          **SEC. 30101. COVID-19-RELATED TEMPORARY INCREASE OF**  
15                           **MEDICAID FMAP.**

16          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6008 of the Families  
17          First Coronavirus Response Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d note)  
18          is amended—

19                   (1) in subsection (a)—

20                           (A) by inserting “(or, if later, June 30,  
21                           2021)” after “last day of such emergency pe-  
22                           riod occurs”; and

23                           (B) by striking “6.2 percentage points.”  
24                           and inserting “the percentage points specified  
25                           in subsection (e). In no case may the applica-

1           tion of this section result in the Federal medical  
2           assistance percentage determined for a State  
3           being more than 95 percent.”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5           sections:

6           “(e) SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE POINTS.—For pur-  
7           poses of subsection (a), the percentage points specified in  
8           this subsection are—

9                   “(1) for each calendar quarter occurring during  
10           the period beginning on the first day of the emer-  
11           gency period described in paragraph (1)(B) of sec-  
12           tion 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
13           1320b-5(g)) and ending on June 30, 2020, 6.2 per-  
14           centage points;

15                   “(2) for each calendar quarter occurring during  
16           the period beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on  
17           June 30, 2021, 14 percentage points; and

18                   “(3) for each calendar quarter, if any, occurring  
19           during the period beginning on July 1, 2021, and  
20           ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in  
21           which the last day of such emergency period occurs,  
22           6.2 percentage points.

23           “(f) CLARIFICATIONS.—

24                   “(1) In the case of a State that treats an indi-  
25           vidual described in subsection (b)(3) as eligible for

1 the benefits described in such subsection, for the pe-  
2 riod described in subsection (a), expenditures for  
3 medical assistance and administrative costs attrib-  
4 utable to such individual that would not otherwise be  
5 included as expenditures under section 1903 of the  
6 Social Security Act shall be regarded as expendi-  
7 tures under the State plan approved under title XIX  
8 of the Social Security Act or for administration of  
9 such State plan.

10 “(2) The limitations on payment under sub-  
11 sections (f) and (g) of section 1108 of the Social Se-  
12 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) shall not apply to Fed-  
13 eral payments made under section 1903(a)(1) of the  
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(1)) attrib-  
15 utable to the increase in the Federal medical assist-  
16 ance percentage under this section.

17 “(3) Expenditures attributable to the increased  
18 Federal medical assistance percentage under this  
19 section shall not be counted for purposes of the limi-  
20 tations under section 2104(b)(4) of such Act (42  
21 U.S.C. 1397dd(b)(4)).

22 “(4) Notwithstanding the first sentence of sec-  
23 tion 2105(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 1397ee(b)), the application of the increase under  
25 this section may result in the enhanced FMAP of a

1 State for a fiscal year under such section exceeding  
2 85 percent, but in no case may the application of  
3 such increase before application of the second sen-  
4 tence of such section result in the enhanced FMAP  
5 of the State exceeding 95 percent.

6 “(g) SCOPE OF APPLICATION.—An increase in the  
7 Federal medical assistance percentage for a State under  
8 this section shall not be taken into account for purposes  
9 of payments under part D of title IV of the Social Security  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 subsection (a) shall take effect and apply as if included  
13 in the enactment of section 6008 of the Families First  
14 Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

15 **SEC. 30102. LIMITATION ON ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL AC-**  
16 **TION WITH RESPECT TO MEDICAID SUPPLE-**  
17 **MENTAL PAYMENTS REPORTING REQUIRE-**  
18 **MENTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
20 sion of law, during the period that begins on the date of  
21 enactment of this section and ends on the last day of the  
22 emergency period described in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
23 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–  
24 5(g)), the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall

1 not take any action (through promulgation of regulation,  
2 issue of regulatory guidance, or otherwise) to—

3 (1) finalize or otherwise implement provisions  
4 contained in the proposed rule published on Novem-  
5 ber 18, 2019, on pages 63722 through 63785 of vol-  
6 ume 84, Federal Register (relating to parts 430,  
7 433, 447, 455, and 457 of title 42, Code of Federal  
8 Regulations); or

9 (2) promulgate or implement any rule or provi-  
10 sion similar to the provisions described in paragraph  
11 (1) pertaining to the Medicaid program established  
12 under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42  
13 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or the State Children’s Health  
14 Insurance Program established under title XXI of  
15 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.).

16 (b) CONTINUATION OF OTHER SECRETARIAL AU-  
17 THORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
18 prohibiting the Secretary during the period described in  
19 subsection (a) from taking any action (through promulga-  
20 tion of regulation, issuance of regulatory guidance, or  
21 other administrative action) to enforce a provision of law  
22 in effect as of the date of enactment of this section with  
23 respect to the Medicaid program established under title  
24 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.)  
25 or the State Children’s Health Insurance Program estab-

1 lished under title XXI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et  
2 seq.), or to promulgate or implement a new rule or provi-  
3 sion during such period with respect to such programs,  
4 other than a rule or provision described in subsection (a)  
5 and subject to the prohibition set forth in that subsection.

6 **SEC. 30103. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID HOME**  
7 **AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES DURING**  
8 **THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

9 (a) INCREASED FMAP.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
11 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
12 1396d(b)), in the case of an HCBS program State,  
13 the Federal medical assistance percentage deter-  
14 mined for the State under section 1905(b) of such  
15 Act and, if applicable, increased under subsection  
16 (y), (z), or (aa) of section 1905 of such Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1396d), section 1915(k) of such Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 1396n(k)), or section 6008(a) of the Fami-  
19 lies First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law  
20 116–127), shall be increased by 10 percentage  
21 points with respect to expenditures of the State  
22 under the State Medicaid program for home and  
23 community-based services that are provided during  
24 the HCBS program improvement period. In no case  
25 may the application of the previous sentence result



1 in the Federal medical assistance percentage deter-  
2 mined for a State being more than 95 percent.

3 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (A) HCBS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PE-  
5 RIOD.—The term “HCBS program improve-  
6 ment period” means, with respect to a State,  
7 the period—

8 (i) beginning on July 1, 2020; and

9 (ii) ending on June 30, 2021.

10 (B) HCBS PROGRAM STATE.—The term  
11 “HCBS program State” means a State that  
12 meets the condition described in subsection (b)  
13 by submitting an application described in such  
14 subsection, which is approved by the Secretary  
15 pursuant to subsection (c).

16 (C) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERV-  
17 ICES.—The term “home and community-based  
18 services” means home health care services au-  
19 thorized under paragraph (7) of section 1905(a)  
20 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 1396d(a)), personal care services authorized  
22 under paragraph (24) of such section, PACE  
23 services authorized under paragraph (26) of  
24 such section, services authorized under sub-  
25 sections (b), (c), (i), (j), and (k) of section 1915

1 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n), such services  
2 authorized under a waiver under section 1115  
3 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315), and such other  
4 services specified by the Secretary.

5 (b) CONDITION.—The condition described in this sub-  
6 section, with respect to a State, is that the State submits  
7 an application to the Secretary, at such time and in such  
8 manner as specified by the Secretary, that includes, in ad-  
9 dition to such other information as the Secretary shall re-  
10 quire—

11 (1) a description of which activities described in  
12 subsection (d) that a state plans to implement and  
13 a description of how it plans to implement such ac-  
14 tivities;

15 (2) assurances that the Federal funds attrib-  
16 utable to the increase under subsection (a) will be  
17 used—

18 (A) to implement the activities described in  
19 subsection (d); and

20 (B) to supplement, and not supplant, the  
21 level of State funds expended for home and  
22 community-based services for eligible individ-  
23 uals through programs in effect as of the date  
24 of the enactment of this section; and

1           (3) assurances that the State will conduct ade-  
2           quate oversight and ensure the validity of such data  
3           as may be required by the Secretary.

4           (c) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.—Not later than 90  
5           days after the date of submission of an application of a  
6           State under subsection (b), the Secretary shall certify if  
7           the application is complete. Upon certification that an ap-  
8           plication of a State is complete, the application shall be  
9           deemed to be approved for purposes of this section.

10          (d) ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF  
11          HCBS.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—A State shall work with  
13           community partners, such as Area Agencies on  
14           Aging, Centers for Independent Living, non-profit  
15           home and community-based services providers, and  
16           other entities providing home and community-based  
17           services, to implement—

18                   (A) the purposes described in paragraph

19                   (2) during the COVID–19 public health emer-  
20                   gency period; and

21                   (B) the purposes described in paragraph

22                   (3) after the end of such emergency period.

23           (2) FOCUSED AREAS OF HCBS IMPROVE-  
24           MENT.—The purposes described in this paragraph,  
25           with respect to a State, are the following:

1           (A) To increase rates for home health  
2 agencies and agencies that employ direct sup-  
3 port professionals (including independent pro-  
4 viders in a self-directed or consumer-directed  
5 model) to provide home and community-based  
6 services under the State Medicaid program,  
7 provided that any agency or individual that re-  
8 ceives payment under such an increased rate in-  
9 creases the compensation it pays its home  
10 health workers or direct support professionals.

11           (B) To provide paid sick leave, paid family  
12 leave, and paid medical leave for home health  
13 workers and direct support professionals.

14           (C) To provide hazard pay, overtime pay,  
15 and shift differential pay for home health work-  
16 ers and direct support professionals.

17           (D) To provide home and community-  
18 based services to eligible individuals who are on  
19 waiting lists for programs approved under sec-  
20 tions 1115 or 1915 of the Social Security Act  
21 (42 U.S.C. 1315, 1396n).

22           (E) To purchase emergency supplies and  
23 equipment, which may include items not typi-  
24 cally covered under the Medicaid program, such  
25 as personal protective equipment, necessary to

1 enhance access to services and to protect the  
2 health and well-being of home health workers  
3 and direct support professionals.

4 (F) To pay for the travel of home health  
5 workers and direct support professionals to con-  
6 duct home and community-based services.

7 (G) To recruit new home health workers  
8 and direct support professionals.

9 (H) To support family care providers of el-  
10 igible individuals with needed supplies and  
11 equipment, which may include items not typi-  
12 cally covered under the Medicaid program, such  
13 as personal protective equipment, and pay.

14 (I) To pay for training for home health  
15 workers and direct support professionals that is  
16 specific to the COVID–19 public health emer-  
17 gency.

18 (J) To pay for assistive technologies, staff-  
19 ing, and other costs incurred during the  
20 COVID–19 public health emergency period in  
21 order to facilitate community integration and  
22 ensure an individual’s person-centered service  
23 plan continues to be fully implemented.

24 (K) To prepare information and public  
25 health and educational materials in accessible

1 formats (including formats accessible to people  
2 with low literacy or intellectual disabilities)  
3 about prevention, treatment, recovery and other  
4 aspects of COVID–19 for eligible individuals,  
5 their families, and the general community  
6 served by agencies described in subparagraph  
7 (A).

8 (L) To pay for American sign language in-  
9 terpreters to assist in providing home and com-  
10 munity-based services to eligible individuals and  
11 to inform the general public about COVID–19.

12 (M) To allow day services providers to pro-  
13 vide home and community-based services.

14 (N) To pay for other expenses deemed ap-  
15 propriate by the Secretary to enhance, expand,  
16 or strengthen Home and Community-Based  
17 Services, including retainer payments, and ex-  
18 penses which meet the criteria of the home and  
19 community-based settings rule published on  
20 January 16, 2014.

21 (3) PERMISSIBLE USES AFTER THE EMER-  
22 GENCY PERIOD.—The purpose described in this  
23 paragraph, with respect to a State, is to assist eligi-  
24 ble individuals who had to relocate to a nursing fa-  
25 cility or institutional setting from their homes dur-

1 ing the COVID–19 public health emergency period  
2 in—

3 (A) moving back to their homes (including  
4 by paying for moving costs, first month’s rent,  
5 and other one-time expenses and start-up  
6 costs);

7 (B) resuming home and community-based  
8 services;

9 (C) receiving mental health services and  
10 necessary rehabilitative service to regain skills  
11 lost while relocated during the public health  
12 emergency period; and

13 (D) while funds attributable to the in-  
14 creased FMAP under this section remain avail-  
15 able, continuing home and community-based  
16 services for eligible individuals who were served  
17 from a waiting list for such services during the  
18 public health emergency period.

19 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (1) STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not  
21 later than December 31, 2022, any State with re-  
22 spect to which an application is approved by the Sec-  
23 retary pursuant to subsection (c) shall submit a re-  
24 port to the Secretary that contains the following in-  
25 formation:

1           (A) Activities and programs that were  
2 funded using Federal funds attributable to such  
3 increase.

4           (B) The number of eligible individuals who  
5 were served by such activities and programs.

6           (C) The number of eligible individuals who  
7 were able to resume home and community-  
8 based services as a result of such activities and  
9 programs.

10       (2) HHS EVALUATION.—

11           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
12 evaluate the implementation and outcomes of  
13 this section in the aggregate using an external  
14 evaluator with experience evaluating home and  
15 community-based services, disability programs,  
16 and older adult programs.

17           (B) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—For pur-  
18 poses of subparagraph (A), the external eval-  
19 uator shall—

20               (i) document and evaluate changes in  
21 access, availability, and quality of home  
22 and community-based services in each  
23 HCBS program State;

24               (ii) document and evaluate aggregate  
25 changes in access, availability, and quality



1 of home and community-based services  
2 across all such States; and

3 (iii) evaluate the implementation and  
4 outcomes of this section based on—

5 (I) the impact of this section on  
6 increasing funding for home and com-  
7 munity-based services;

8 (II) the impact of this section on  
9 achieving targeted access, availability,  
10 and quality of home and community-  
11 based services; and

12 (III) promising practices identi-  
13 fied by activities conducted pursuant  
14 to subsection (d) that increase access  
15 to, availability of, and quality of home  
16 and community-based services.

17 (C) DISSEMINATION OF EVALUATION FIND-  
18 INGS.—The Secretary shall—

19 (i) disseminate the findings from the  
20 evaluations conducted under this para-  
21 graph to—

22 (I) all State Medicaid directors;  
23 and

24 (II) the Committee on Energy  
25 and Commerce of the House of Rep-

1                   representatives, the Committee on Fi-  
2                   nance of the Senate, and the Special  
3                   Committee on Aging of the Senate;  
4                   and

5                   (ii) make all evaluation findings pub-  
6                   licly available in an accessible electronic  
7                   format and any other accessible format de-  
8                   termined appropriate by the Secretary.

9                   (D) OVERSIGHT.—Each State with respect  
10                  to which an application is approved by the Sec-  
11                  retary pursuant to subsection (c) shall ensure  
12                  adequate oversight of the expenditure of Fed-  
13                  eral funds pursuant to such increase in accord-  
14                  ance with the Medicaid regulations, including  
15                  section 1115 and 1915 waiver regulations and  
16                  special terms and conditions for any relevant  
17                  waiver or grant program.

18                  (3) NON-APPLICATION OF THE PAPERWORK RE-  
19                  DUCTION ACT.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United  
20                  States Code (commonly referred to as the “Paper-  
21                  work Reduction Act of 1995”), shall not apply to the  
22                  provisions of this subsection.

23                  (f) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24                  (1) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
25                  PERIOD.—The term “COVID–19 public health emer-

1 agency period” means the portion of the emergency  
2 period described in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
3 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1320b–5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the  
5 enactment of this Act.

6 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible  
7 individual” means an individual who is eligible for or  
8 enrolled for medical assistance under a State Med-  
9 icaid program.

10 (3) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—The term “Medicaid  
11 program” means, with respect to a State, the State  
12 program under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
13 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (including any waiver or  
14 demonstration under such title or under section  
15 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) relating to such  
16 title).

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

19 (5) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
20 ing given such term for purposes of title XIX of the  
21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 30104. COVERAGE AT NO COST SHARING OF COVID-19**  
23 **VACCINE AND TREATMENT.**

24 (a) MEDICAID.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(4) of the  
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(4)) is  
3 amended—

4           (A) by striking “and (D)” and inserting  
5 “(D)”; and

6           (B) by striking the semicolon at the end  
7 and inserting “; (E) during the portion of the  
8 emergency period described in paragraph (1)(B)  
9 of section 1135(g) beginning on the date of the  
10 enactment of The Heroes Act, a COVID–19  
11 vaccine licensed under section 351 of the Public  
12 Health Service Act, or approved or authorized  
13 under sections 505 or 564 of the Federal Food,  
14 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and administration of  
15 the vaccine; (F) during such portion of the  
16 emergency period described in paragraph (1)(B)  
17 of section 1135(g), items or services for the  
18 prevention or treatment of COVID–19, includ-  
19 ing drugs approved or authorized under such  
20 section 505 or such section 564 or, without re-  
21 gard to the requirements of section  
22 1902(a)(10)(B) (relating to comparability), in  
23 the case of an individual who is diagnosed with  
24 or presumed to have COVID–19, during such  
25 portion of such emergency period during which

1 such individual is infected (or presumed in-  
2 fected) with COVID-19, the treatment of a  
3 condition that may complicate the treatment of  
4 COVID-19;”.

5 (2) PROHIBITION OF COST SHARING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a)(2) and  
7 (b)(2) of section 1916 of the Social Security  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) are each amended—

9 (i) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
10 “or” at the end;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
12 “; and” and inserting “, or”; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing subparagraphs:

15 “(H) during the portion of the emergency  
16 period described in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
17 1135(g) beginning on the date of the enactment  
18 of this subparagraph, a COVID-19 vaccine li-  
19 censed under section 351 of the Public Health  
20 Service Act, or approved or authorized under  
21 section 505 or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug,  
22 and Cosmetic Act, and the administration of  
23 such vaccine, or

24 “(I) during such portion of the emergency  
25 period described in paragraph (1)(B) of section

1 1135(g), any item or service furnished for the  
2 treatment of COVID–19, including drugs ap-  
3 proved or authorized under such section 505 or  
4 such section 564 or, in the case of an individual  
5 who is diagnosed with or presumed to have  
6 COVID–19, during the portion of such emer-  
7 gency period during which such individual is in-  
8 fected (or presumed infected) with COVID–19,  
9 the treatment of a condition that may com-  
10 plicate the treatment of COVID–19; and”.

11 (B) APPLICATION TO ALTERNATIVE COST  
12 SHARING.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of the So-  
13 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o–1(b)(3)(B))  
14 is amended—

15 (i) in clause (xi), by striking “any  
16 visit” and inserting “any service”; and

17 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
18 clauses:

19 “(xii) During the portion of the emer-  
20 gency period described in paragraph (1)(B)  
21 of section 1135(g) beginning on the date of  
22 the enactment of this clause, a COVID–19  
23 vaccine licensed under section 351 of the  
24 Public Health Service Act, or approved or  
25 authorized under section 505 or 564 of the

1 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act,  
2 and the administration of such vaccine.

3 “(xiii) During such portion of the  
4 emergency period described in paragraph  
5 (1)(B) of section 1135(g), an item or serv-  
6 ice furnished for the treatment of COVID-  
7 19, including drugs approved or authorized  
8 under such section 505 or such section 564  
9 or, in the case of an individual who is diag-  
10 nosed with or presumed to have COVID-  
11 19, during such portion of such emergency  
12 period during which such individual is in-  
13 fected (or presumed infected) with  
14 COVID-19, the treatment of a condition  
15 that may complicate the treatment of  
16 COVID-19.”.

17 (C) CLARIFICATION.—The amendments  
18 made by this subsection shall apply with respect  
19 to a State plan of a territory in the same man-  
20 ner as a State plan of one of the 50 States.

21 (b) STATE PEDIATRIC VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PRO-  
22 GRAM.—Section 1928 of the Social Security Act (42  
23 U.S.C. 1396s) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
2 and” and inserting a semicolon;

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

5 (C) by adding at the end the following sub-  
6 paragraph:

7 “(C) during the portion of the emergency  
8 period described in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
9 1135(g) beginning on the date of the enactment  
10 of this subparagraph, each vaccine-eligible child  
11 (as defined in subsection (b)) is entitled to re-  
12 ceive a COVID–19 vaccine from a program-reg-  
13 istered provider (as defined in subsection  
14 (h)(7)) without charge for—

15 “(i) the cost of such vaccine; or

16 “(ii) the administration of such vac-  
17 cine.”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by inserting “,  
20 but, during the portion of the emergency period  
21 described in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
22 1135(g) beginning on the date of the enactment  
23 of The Heroes Act, may not impose a fee for  
24 the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine” be-  
25 fore the period; and



1 (B) by adding at the end the following sub-  
2 paragraph:

3 “(D) The provider will provide and admin-  
4 ister an approved COVID–19 vaccine to a vac-  
5 cine-eligible child in accordance with the same  
6 requirements as apply under the preceding sub-  
7 paragraphs to the provision and administration  
8 of a qualified pediatric vaccine to such a  
9 child.”; and

10 (3) in subsection (d)(1), in the first sentence,  
11 by inserting “, including, during the portion of the  
12 emergency period described in paragraph (1)(B) of  
13 section 1135(g) beginning on the date of the enact-  
14 ment of The Heroes Act, with respect to a COVID–  
15 19 vaccine licensed under section 351 of the Public  
16 Health Service Act, or approved or authorized under  
17 section 505 or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and  
18 Cosmetic Act” before the period.

19 (c) CHIP.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2103(c) of the So-  
21 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)) is amended  
22 by adding at the end the following paragraph:

23 “(11) COVERAGE OF COVID–19 VACCINES AND  
24 TREATMENT.—Regardless of the type of coverage  
25 elected by a State under subsection (a), child health

1 assistance provided under such coverage for targeted  
2 low-income children and, in the case that the State  
3 elects to provide pregnancy-related assistance under  
4 such coverage pursuant to section 2112, such preg-  
5 nancy-related assistance for targeted low-income  
6 pregnant women (as defined in section 2112(d))  
7 shall include coverage, during the portion of the  
8 emergency period described in paragraph (1)(B) of  
9 section 1135(g) beginning on the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this paragraph, of—

11 “(A) a COVID–19 vaccine licensed under  
12 section 351 of the Public Health Service Act, or  
13 approved or authorized under section 505 or  
14 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
15 Act, and the administration of such vaccine;  
16 and

17 “(B) any item or service furnished for the  
18 treatment of COVID–19, including drugs ap-  
19 proved or authorized under such section 505 or  
20 such section 564, or, in the case of an indi-  
21 vidual who is diagnosed with or presumed to  
22 have COVID–19, during the portion of such  
23 emergency period during which such individual  
24 is infected (or presumed infected) with COVID–

1           19, the treatment of a condition that may com-  
2           plicate the treatment of COVID-19.”.

3           (2) PROHIBITION OF COST SHARING.—Section  
4           2103(e)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5           1397cc(e)(2)), as amended by section 6004(b)(3) of  
6           the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, is  
7           amended—

8                   (A) in the paragraph header, by inserting  
9                   “A COVID-19 VACCINE, COVID-19 TREATMENT,”  
10                  before “OR PREGNANCY-RELATED ASSISTANCE”;  
11                  and

12                   (B) by striking “visits described in section  
13                  1916(a)(2)(G), or” and inserting “services de-  
14                  scribed in section 1916(a)(2)(G), vaccines de-  
15                  scribed in section 1916(a)(2)(H) administered  
16                  during the portion of the emergency period de-  
17                  scribed in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g)  
18                  beginning on the date of the enactment of The  
19                  Heroes Act, items or services described in sec-  
20                  tion 1916(a)(2)(I) furnished during such emer-  
21                  gency period, or”.

22           (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1937 of  
23           the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-7) is amend-  
24           ed—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B), by inserting “,  
2 under subclause (XXIII) of section  
3 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii),” after “section  
4 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b)(5), by adding before the  
6 period the following: “, and, effective on the date of  
7 the enactment of The Heroes Act, must comply with  
8 subparagraphs (F) through (I) of subsections (a)(2)  
9 and (b)(2) of section 1916 and subsection (b)(3)(B)  
10 of section 1916A”.

11 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of  
13 this Act and shall apply with respect to a COVID–19 vac-  
14 cine beginning on the date that such vaccine is licensed  
15 under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
16 U.S.C. 262), or approved or authorized under section 505  
17 or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

18 **SEC. 30105. OPTIONAL COVERAGE AT NO COST SHARING OF**  
19 **COVID–19 TREATMENT AND VACCINES UNDER**  
20 **MEDICAID FOR UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10) of the Social  
22 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10) is amended, in the  
23 matter following subparagraph (G), by striking “and any  
24 visit described in section 1916(a)(2)(G)” and inserting the  
25 following: “, any COVID–19 vaccine that is administered

1 during any such portion (and the administration of such  
2 vaccine), any item or service that is furnished during any  
3 such portion for the treatment of COVID–19, including  
4 drugs approved or authorized under section 505 or 564  
5 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or, in the  
6 case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed  
7 to have COVID–19, during the period such individual is  
8 infected (or presumed infected) with COVID–19, the  
9 treatment of a condition that may complicate the treat-  
10 ment of COVID–19, and any services described in section  
11 1916(a)(2)(G)”.

12 (b) DEFINITION OF UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (ss) of section  
14 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a)  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 “(ss) UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—For pur-  
17 poses of this section, the term ‘uninsured individual’  
18 means, notwithstanding any other provision of this title,  
19 any individual who is not covered by minimum essential  
20 coverage (as defined in section 5000A(f)(1) of the Internal  
21 Revenue Code of 1986).”.

22 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
23 by paragraph (1) shall take effect and apply as if in-  
24 cluded in the enactment of the Families First  
25 Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

1 (c) CLARIFICATION REGARDING EMERGENCY SERV-  
2 ICES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Section 1903(v)(2) of  
3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)(2)) is amend-  
4 ed by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

5 “For purposes of subparagraph (A), care and serv-  
6 ices described in such subparagraph include any in  
7 vitro diagnostic product described in section  
8 1905(a)(3)(B) (and the administration of such prod-  
9 uct), any COVID–19 vaccine (and the administra-  
10 tion of such vaccine), any item or service that is fur-  
11 nished for the treatment of COVID–19, including  
12 drugs approved or authorized under section 505 or  
13 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act,  
14 or a condition that may complicate the treatment of  
15 COVID–19, and any services described in section  
16 1916(a)(2)(G).”.

17 (d) INCLUSION OF COVID–19 CONCERN AS AN  
18 EMERGENCY CONDITION.—Section 1903(v)(3) of the So-  
19 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)(3)) is amended by  
20 adding at the end the following flush sentence:

21 “Such term includes any indication that an alien de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (1) may have contracted  
23 COVID–19.”.

1 **SEC. 30106. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL MEDICAL AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE PERCENTAGE TO INDIAN HEALTH**  
3 **CARE PROVIDERS.**

4 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1396d) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by amending paragraph  
7 (9) to read as follows:

8 “(9) clinic services furnished by or under the  
9 direction of a physician, without regard to whether  
10 the clinic itself is administered by a physician, in-  
11 cluding—

12 “(A) such services furnished outside the  
13 clinic by clinic personnel to an eligible indi-  
14 vidual who does not reside in a permanent  
15 dwelling or does not have a fixed home or mail-  
16 ing address; and

17 “(B) for the period beginning on July 1,  
18 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021, such serv-  
19 ices provided outside the clinic on the basis of  
20 a referral from a clinic administered by an In-  
21 dian Health Program (as defined in paragraph  
22 (12) of section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-  
23 provement Act, or an Urban Indian Organiza-  
24 tion as defined in paragraph (29) of section 4  
25 of such Act that has a grant or contract with

1 the Indian Health Service under title V of such  
2 Act;”.

3 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “(as de-  
4 fined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-  
5 provement Act)” the following: “; for the period be-  
6 ginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30,  
7 2021, the Federal medical assistance percentage  
8 shall also be 100 per centum with respect to  
9 amounts expended as medical assistance for services  
10 which are received through an Urban Indian organi-  
11 zation (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health  
12 Care Improvement Act) that has a grant or contract  
13 with the Indian Health Service under title V of such  
14 Act”.

15 **SEC. 30107. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-**  
16 **LY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(b)(2) of the Personal  
18 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act  
19 of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)) is amended by adding at  
20 the end the following new subparagraph:

21 “(G) MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS  
22 OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect  
23 to eligibility for benefits for the designated Fed-  
24 eral program defined in paragraph (3)(C) (re-  
25 lating to the Medicaid program), section 401(a)



1 and paragraph (1) shall not apply to any indi-  
2 vidual who lawfully resides in 1 of the 50 States  
3 or the District of Columbia in accordance with  
4 the Compacts of Free Association between the  
5 Government of the United States and the Gov-  
6 ernments of the Federated States of Micro-  
7 nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and  
8 the Republic of Palau and shall not apply, at  
9 the option of the Governor of Puerto Rico, the  
10 Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana  
11 Islands, or American Samoa as communicated  
12 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
13 in writing, to any individual who lawfully re-  
14 sides in the respective territory in accordance  
15 with such Compacts.”.

16 (b) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY.—  
17 Section 403(d) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1613(d)) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the  
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at  
22 the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
24 paragraph:

1           “(3) an individual described in section  
2           402(b)(2)(G), but only with respect to the des-  
3           ignated Federal program defined in section  
4           402(b)(3)(C).”.

5           (c) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ALIEN.—Section  
6           431(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1641(b)) is amended—

7           (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “; or” at the  
8           end and inserting a comma;

9           (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at  
10          the end and inserting “, or”; and

11          (3) by adding at the end the following new  
12          paragraph:

13               “(8) an individual who lawfully resides in the  
14               United States in accordance with a Compact of Free  
15               Association referred to in section 402(b)(2)(G), but  
16               only with respect to the designated Federal program  
17               defined in section 402(b)(3)(C) (relating to the Med-  
18               icaid program).”.

19          (d) APPLICATION TO STATE PLANS.—Section  
20          1902(a)(10)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
21          1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting after sub-  
22          clause (IX) the following:

23                       “(X) who are described in section  
24                       402(b)(2)(G) of the Personal Respon-  
25                       sibility and Work Opportunity Rec-

1                   conciliation Act of 1996 and eligible  
2                   for benefits under this title by reason  
3                   of application of such section;”.

4           (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1108 of  
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—

6                   (1) in subsection (f), in the matter preceding  
7                   paragraph (1), by striking “subsections (g) and (h)  
8                   and section 1935(e)(1)(B)” and inserting “sub-  
9                   sections (g), (h), and (i) and section 1935(e)(1)(B)”;  
10                  and

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

12                  “(i) EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDI-  
13                  TURES FOR CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—  
14                  Expenditures for medical assistance provided to an indi-  
15                  vidual described in section 431(b)(8) of the Personal Re-  
16                  sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
17                  1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641(b)(8)) shall not be taken into ac-  
18                  count for purposes of applying payment limits under sub-  
19                  sections (f) and (g).”.

20                  (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply to benefits for items and services  
22 furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this  
23 Act.

1 **SEC. 30108. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN MEDICAID DSH AL-**  
2 **LOTMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1923(f)(3) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and sub-  
6 paragraph (E)” and inserting “and subparagraphs  
7 (E) and (F)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraph:

10 “(F) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ALLOT-  
11 MENTS DURING CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 EMERGENCY.—The DSH allotment for any  
13 State for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 is  
14 equal to 102.5 percent of the DSH allotment  
15 that would be determined under this paragraph  
16 for the State for each respective fiscal year  
17 without application of this subparagraph, not-  
18 withstanding subparagraphs (B) and (C). For  
19 each fiscal year after fiscal year 2021, the DSH  
20 allotment for a State for such fiscal year is  
21 equal to the DSH allotment that would have  
22 been determined under this paragraph for such  
23 fiscal year if this subparagraph had not been  
24 enacted.”.

1 (b) DSH ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR TEN-  
2 NESSEE.—Section 1923(f)(6)(A)(vi) of the Social Security  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(6)(A)(vi)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding any other pro-  
5 vision of this subsection” and inserting the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwith-  
8 standing any other provision of this  
9 subsection (except as provided in sub-  
10 clause (II) of this clause)”;

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

12 “(II) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN  
13 ALLOTMENTS.—The DSH allotment  
14 for Tennessee for each of fiscal years  
15 2020 and 2021 shall be equal to  
16 \$54,427,500.”.

17 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
18 gress that a State should prioritize making payments  
19 under the State plan of the State under title XIX of the  
20 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver  
21 of such plan) to disproportionate share hospitals that have  
22 a higher share of COVID-19 patients relative to other  
23 such hospitals in the State.

1 **SEC. 30109. EXTENSION OF EXISTING SECTION 1115 DEM-**  
2 **ONSTRATIONS.**

3 (a) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply with  
4 respect to demonstrations operated by States pursuant to  
5 section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1315(a)) to promote the objectives of title XIX or XXI  
7 of the Social Security Act with a project term set to end  
8 on or before February 28, 2021.

9 (b) **APPROVAL OF EXTENSION.**—Upon request by a  
10 State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
11 approve an extension of the demonstration project de-  
12 scribed in subsection (a) for a period up to and including  
13 December 31, 2021, to ensure continuity of programs and  
14 funding during the emergency period described in section  
15 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).

17 (c) **EXTENSION TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—(1) The  
18 approval pursuant to this section shall extend the terms  
19 and conditions that applied to the demonstration project  
20 to the extension period. Financial terms and conditions  
21 shall continue at levels equivalent to the prior demonstra-  
22 tion or program year. All demonstration program compo-  
23 nents shall be extended to operate through the end of the  
24 extension term. In its request for an extension, the State  
25 shall identify operational and programmatic changes nec-  
26 essary to continue and stabilize programs into the exten-

1 sion period and shall work with the Secretary of Health  
2 and Human Services to implement such changes.

3 (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may re-  
4 quest, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
5 may approve, modifications to a demonstration project's  
6 terms and conditions to address the impact of the federally  
7 designated public health emergency with respect to  
8 COVID-19. Such modifications may, at the option of the  
9 State, become effective retroactive to the start of the cal-  
10 endar quarter in which the first day of the emergency pe-  
11 riod described in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of  
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) occurs.

13 (d) BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—Budget neutrality for  
14 extensions under this section shall be deemed to have been  
15 met at the conclusion of the extension period, and States  
16 receiving extensions under this section shall not be re-  
17 quired to submit a budget neutrality analysis for the ex-  
18 tension period.

19 (e) EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS.—The Fed-  
20 eral and State public notice and comment procedures or  
21 other time constraints otherwise applicable to demonstra-  
22 tion project amendments shall be waived to expedite a  
23 State's extension request pursuant to this section. The  
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall approve the  
25 extension application within 45 days of a State's submis-

1 sion of its request, or such other timeframe as is mutually  
2 agreed to with the State.

3 (f) CONTINUATION OF SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY  
4 UNDER DECLARED EMERGENCY.—This section does not  
5 restrict the Secretary of Health and Human Services from  
6 exercising existing flexibilities through demonstration  
7 projects operated pursuant to section 1115 of the Social  
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) in conjunction with the  
9 COVID–19 public health emergency.

10 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
11 tion shall authorize the Secretary of Health and Human  
12 Service to approve or extend a waiver that fails to meet  
13 the requirements of section 1115 of the Social Security  
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1315).

15 **SEC. 30110. ALLOWING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
16 **MEDICAID FOR INMATES DURING 30-DAY PE-**  
17 **RIOD PRECEDING RELEASE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The subdivision (A) following  
19 paragraph (30) of section 1905(a) of the Social Security  
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended by inserting “and  
21 except during the 30-day period preceding the date of re-  
22 lease of such individual from such public institution” after  
23 “medical institution”.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2022, the  
25 Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission



1 shall submit a report to Congress on the Medicaid inmate  
2 exclusion under the subdivision (A) following paragraph  
3 (30) of section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1396d(a)). Such report may, to the extent prac-  
5 ticable, include the following information:

6           (1) The number of incarcerated individuals who  
7 would otherwise be eligible to enroll for medical as-  
8 sistance under a State plan approved under title  
9 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et  
10 seq.) (or a waiver of such a plan).

11           (2) Access to health care for incarcerated indi-  
12 viduals, including a description of medical services  
13 generally available to incarcerated individuals.

14           (3) A description of current practices related to  
15 the discharge of incarcerated individuals, including  
16 how prisons interact with State Medicaid agencies to  
17 ensure that such individuals who are eligible to en-  
18 roll for medical assistance under a State plan or  
19 waiver described in paragraph (1) are so enrolled.

20           (4) If determined appropriate by the Commis-  
21 sion, recommendations for Congress, the Depart-  
22 ment of Health and Human Services, or States re-  
23 garding the Medicaid inmate exclusion.

24           (5) Any other information that the Commission  
25 determines would be useful to Congress.

1 **SEC. 30111. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF CERTAIN MEDICAL**  
2 **TRANSPORTATION.**

3 (a) CONTINUING REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAID COV-  
4 ERAGE OF NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1902(a)(4) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(4)) is  
7 amended—

8 (A) by striking “and including provision  
9 for utilization” and inserting “including provi-  
10 sion for utilization”; and

11 (B) by inserting after “supervision of ad-  
12 ministration of the plan” the following: “, and,  
13 subject to section 1903(i), including a specifica-  
14 tion that the single State agency described in  
15 paragraph (5) will ensure necessary transpor-  
16 tation for beneficiaries under the State plan to  
17 and from providers and a description of the  
18 methods that such agency will use to ensure  
19 such transportation”.

20 (2) APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO BENCH-  
21 MARK BENEFIT PACKAGES AND BENCHMARK EQUIV-  
22 ALENT COVERAGE.—Section 1937(a)(1) of the Social  
23 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–7(a)(1)) is amend-  
24 ed—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-  
2 section (E)” and inserting “subparagraphs (E)  
3 and (F)”; and

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

6 “(F) NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION.—The  
7 State may only exercise the option under sub-  
8 paragraph (A)(i) if, subject to section  
9 1903(i)(9) and in accordance with section  
10 1902(a)(4), the benchmark benefit package or  
11 benchmark equivalent coverage described in  
12 such subparagraph (or the State)—

13 “(i) ensures necessary transportation  
14 for individuals enrolled under such package  
15 or coverage to and from providers; and

16 “(ii) provides a description of the  
17 methods that will be used to ensure such  
18 transportation.”.

19 (3) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL PAR-  
20 TICIPATION.—Section 1903(i) of the Social Security  
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended by inserting  
22 after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph:

23 “(9) with respect to any amount expended  
24 for non-emergency transportation described in  
25 section 1902(a)(4), unless the State plan pro-

1           vides for the methods and procedures required  
2           under section 1902(a)(30)(A); or”.

3           (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
4           by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the  
5           enactment of this Act and shall apply to transpor-  
6           tation furnished on or after such date.

7           (b) MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY MEASURES RE-  
8           LATED TO COVERAGE OF NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL  
9           TRANSPORTATION.—

10           (1) GAO STUDY.—Not later than two years  
11           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
12           Comptroller General of the United States shall con-  
13           duct a study, and submit to Congress, a report on  
14           coverage under the Medicaid program under title  
15           XIX of the Social Security Act of nonemergency  
16           transportation to medically necessary services. Such  
17           study shall take into account the 2009 report of the  
18           Office of the Inspector General of the Department of  
19           Health and Human Services, titled “Fraud and  
20           Abuse Safeguards for Medicaid Nonemergency Med-  
21           ical Transportation” (OEI–06–07–003200). Such  
22           report shall include the following:

23                   (A) An examination of the 50 States and  
24                   the District of Columbia to identify safeguards  
25                   to prevent and detect fraud and abuse with re-

1           spect to coverage under the Medicaid program  
2           of nonemergency transportation to medically  
3           necessary services.

4           (B) An examination of transportation bro-  
5           kers to identify the range of safeguards against  
6           such fraud and abuse to prevent improper pay-  
7           ments for such transportation.

8           (C) Identification of the numbers, types,  
9           and outcomes of instances of fraud and abuse,  
10          with respect to coverage under the Medicaid  
11          program of such transportation, that State  
12          Medicaid Fraud Control Units have investigated  
13          in recent years.

14          (D) Identification of commonalities or  
15          trends in program integrity, with respect to  
16          such coverage, to inform risk management  
17          strategies of States and the Centers for Medi-  
18          care & Medicaid Services.

19          (2) STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP.—

20                 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
21                 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
22                 Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
23                 through the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid  
24                 Services, shall convene a series of meetings to  
25                 obtain input from appropriate stakeholders to

1 facilitate discussion and shared learning about  
2 the leading practices for improving Medicaid  
3 program integrity, with respect to coverage of  
4 nonemergency transportation to medically nec-  
5 essary services.

6 (B) TOPICS.—The meetings convened  
7 under subparagraph (A) shall—

8 (i) focus on ongoing challenges to  
9 Medicaid program integrity as well as lead-  
10 ing practices to address such challenges;  
11 and

12 (ii) address specific challenges raised  
13 by stakeholders involved in coverage under  
14 the Medicaid program of nonemergency  
15 transportation to medically necessary serv-  
16 ices, including unique considerations for  
17 specific groups of Medicaid beneficiaries  
18 meriting particular attention, such as  
19 American Indians and tribal land issues or  
20 accommodations for individuals with dis-  
21 abilities.

22 (C) STAKEHOLDERS.—Stakeholders de-  
23 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall include indi-  
24 viduals from State Medicaid programs, brokers  
25 for nonemergency transportation to medically

1 necessary services that meet the criteria de-  
2 scribed in section 1902(a)(70)(B) of the Social  
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(70)(B)), pro-  
4 viders (including transportation network compa-  
5 nies), Medicaid patient advocates, and such  
6 other individuals specified by the Secretary.

7 (3) GUIDANCE REVIEW.—Not later than 18  
8 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
10 through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
11 ices, shall assess guidance issued to States by the  
12 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to  
13 Federal requirements for nonemergency transpor-  
14 tation to medically necessary services under the  
15 Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Se-  
16 curity Act and update such guidance as necessary to  
17 ensure States have appropriate and current guidance  
18 in designing and administering coverage under the  
19 Medicaid program of nonemergency transportation  
20 to medically necessary services.

21 (4) NEMT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER AND  
22 DRIVER REQUIREMENTS.—

23 (A) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section  
24 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 1396a(a)) is amended—

1 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
2 paragraph (85);

3 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
4 of paragraph (86) and inserting “; and”;  
5 and

6 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (86)  
7 the following new paragraph:

8 “(87) provide for a mechanism, which may in-  
9 clude attestation, that ensures that, with respect to  
10 any provider (including a transportation network  
11 company) or individual driver of nonemergency  
12 transportation to medically necessary services receiv-  
13 ing payments under such plan (but excluding any  
14 public transit authority), at a minimum—

15 “(A) each such provider and individual  
16 driver is not excluded from participation in any  
17 Federal health care program (as defined in sec-  
18 tion 1128B(f)) and is not listed on the exclu-  
19 sion list of the Inspector General of the Depart-  
20 ment of Health and Human Services;

21 “(B) each such individual driver has a  
22 valid driver’s license;

23 “(C) each such provider has in place a  
24 process to address any violation of a State drug  
25 law; and



1           “(D) each such provider has in place a  
2 process to disclose to the State Medicaid pro-  
3 gram the driving history, including any traffic  
4 violations, of each such individual driver em-  
5 ployed by such provider, including any traffic  
6 violations.”.

7           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8           (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
9 in clause (ii), the amendments made by  
10 subparagraph (A) shall take effect on the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act and shall  
12 apply to services furnished on or after the  
13 date that is one year after the date of the  
14 enactment of this Act.

15           (ii) EXCEPTION IF STATE LEGISLA-  
16 TION REQUIRED.—In the case of a State  
17 plan for medical assistance under title XIX  
18 of the Social Security Act which the Sec-  
19 retary of Health and Human Services de-  
20 termines requires State legislation (other  
21 than legislation appropriating funds) in  
22 order for the plan to meet the additional  
23 requirement imposed by the amendments  
24 made by subparagraph (A), the State plan  
25 shall not be regarded as failing to comply

1 with the requirements of such title solely  
2 on the basis of its failure to meet this ad-  
3 ditional requirement before the first day of  
4 the first calendar quarter beginning after  
5 the close of the first regular session of the  
6 State legislature that begins after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act. For purposes  
8 of the previous sentence, in the case of a  
9 State that has a 2-year legislative session,  
10 each year of such session shall be deemed  
11 to be a separate regular session of the  
12 State legislature.

13 (5) ANALYSIS OF T-MSIS DATA.—Not later  
14 than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
15 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
16 through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
17 ices, shall analyze, and submit to Congress a report  
18 on, the nation-wide data set under the Transformed  
19 Medicaid Statistical Information System to identify  
20 recommendations relating to coverage under the  
21 Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Se-  
22 curity Act of nonemergency transportation to medi-  
23 cally necessary services.

1                   **TITLE II—MEDICARE**  
2                   **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 30201. HOLDING MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES HARM-**  
4                   **LESS FOR SPECIFIED COVID-19 TREATMENT**  
5                   **SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER PART A OR**  
6                   **PART B OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
8 sion of law, in the case of a specified COVID-19 treat-  
9 ment service (as defined in subsection (b)) furnished dur-  
10 ing any portion of the emergency period described in para-  
11 graph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act  
12 (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) beginning on or after the date of  
13 the enactment of this Act to an individual entitled to bene-  
14 fits under part A or enrolled under part B of title XVIII  
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) for  
16 which payment is made under such part A or such part  
17 B, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this  
18 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall provide  
19 that—

20                   (1) any cost-sharing required (including any de-  
21 ductible, copayment, or coinsurance) applicable to  
22 such individual under such part A or such part B  
23 with respect to such item or service is paid by the  
24 Secretary; and

1           (2) the provider of services or supplier (as de-  
2           fined in section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42  
3           U.S.C. 1395x)) does not hold such individual liable  
4           for such requirement.

5           (b) DEFINITION OF SPECIFIED COVID-19 TREAT-  
6           MENT SERVICES.—For purposes of this section, the term  
7           “specified COVID-19 treatment service” means any item  
8           or service furnished to an individual for which payment  
9           may be made under part A or part B of title XVIII of  
10          the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) if such  
11          item or service is included in a claim with an ICD-10-  
12          CM code relating to COVID-19 (as described in the docu-  
13          ment entitled “ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines -  
14          Supplement Coding encounters related to COVID-19  
15          Coronavirus Outbreak” published on February 20, 2020,  
16          or as otherwise specified by the Secretary).

17          (c) RECOVERY OF COST-SHARING AMOUNTS PAID BY  
18          THE SECRETARY IN THE CASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL IN-  
19          SURANCE COVERAGE.—

20                 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any amount  
21                 paid by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a)(1)  
22                 that the Secretary determines would otherwise have  
23                 been paid by a group health plan or health insurance  
24                 issuer (as such terms are defined in section 2791 of  
25                 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-

1 91)), a private entity offering a medicare supple-  
2 mental policy under section 1882 of the Social Secu-  
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ss), any other health plan  
4 offering supplemental coverage, a State plan under  
5 title XIX of the Social Security Act, or the Secretary  
6 of Defense under the TRICARE program, such  
7 plan, issuer, private entity, other health plan, State  
8 plan, or Secretary of Defense, as applicable, shall  
9 pay to the Secretary, not later than 1 year after  
10 such plan, issuer, private entity, other health plan,  
11 State plan, or Secretary of Defense receives a notice  
12 under paragraph (3), such amount in accordance  
13 with this subsection.

14 (2) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Not later than  
15 9 months after the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act, each group health plan, health insurance issuer,  
17 private entity, other health plan, State plan, and  
18 Secretary of Defense described in paragraph (1)  
19 shall submit to the Secretary such information as  
20 the Secretary determines necessary for purposes of  
21 carrying out this subsection. Such information so  
22 submitted shall be updated by such plan, issuer, pri-  
23 vate entity, other health plan, State plan, or Sec-  
24 retary of Defense, as applicable, at such time and in  
25 such manner as specified by the Secretary.

1           (3) REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND NOTIFICATION.—

2           The Secretary shall establish a process under which  
3           claims for items and services for which the Secretary  
4           has paid an amount pursuant to subsection (a)(1)  
5           are reviewed for purposes of identifying if such  
6           amount would otherwise have been paid by a plan,  
7           issuer, private entity, other health plan, State plan,  
8           or Secretary of Defense described in paragraph (1).  
9           In the case such a claim is so identified, the Sec-  
10          retary shall determine the amount that would have  
11          been otherwise payable by such plan, issuer, private  
12          entity, other health plan, State plan, or Secretary of  
13          Defense and notify such plan, issuer, private entity,  
14          other health plan, State plan, or Secretary of De-  
15          fense of such amount.

16          (4) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may im-  
17          pose a civil monetary penalty in an amount deter-  
18          mined appropriate by the Secretary in the case of a  
19          plan, issuer, private entity, other health plan, or  
20          State plan that fails to comply with a provision of  
21          this section. The provisions of section 1128A of the  
22          Social Security Act shall apply to a civil monetary  
23          penalty imposed under the previous sentence in the  
24          same manner as such provisions apply to a penalty

1 or proceeding under subsection (a) or (b) of such  
2 section.

3 (d) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall provide for the  
4 transfer to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Program  
5 Management Account from the Federal Hospital Insur-  
6 ance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Trust  
7 Fund (in such portions as the Secretary determines appro-  
8 priate) \$100,000,000 for purposes of carrying out this  
9 section.

10 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the  
12 Department of Health and Human Services shall submit  
13 to Congress a report containing an analysis of amounts  
14 paid pursuant to subsection (a)(1) compared to amounts  
15 paid to the Secretary pursuant to subsection (c).

16 (f) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
17 provision of law, the Secretary may implement the provi-  
18 sions of this section by program instruction or otherwise.

19 **SEC. 30202. ENSURING COMMUNICATIONS ACCESSIBILITY**  
20 **FOR RESIDENTS OF SKILLED NURSING FA-**  
21 **CILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**  
22 **PERIOD.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1819(c)(3) of the Social  
24 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-3(c)(3)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

3           (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
4 and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 paragraph:

7                   “(F) provide for reasonable access to the  
8 use of a telephone, including TTY and TDD  
9 services (as defined for purposes of section  
10 483.10 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations  
11 (or a successor regulation)), and the internet  
12 (to the extent available to the facility) and in-  
13 form each such resident (or a representative of  
14 such resident) of such access and any changes  
15 in policies or procedures of such facility relating  
16 to limitations on external visitors.”.

17 (b) COVID–19 PROVISIONS.—

18           (1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 15 days after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
20 of Health and Human Service shall issue guidance  
21 on steps skilled nursing facilities may take to ensure  
22 residents have access to televisitation during the  
23 emergency period defined in section 1135(g)(1)(B)  
24 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–  
25 5(g)(1)(B)). Such guidance shall include information



1 on how such facilities will notify residents of such  
2 facilities, representatives of such residents, and rel-  
3 atives of such residents of the rights of such resi-  
4 dents to such televisitation, and ensure timely and  
5 equitable access to such televisitation.

6 (2) REVIEW OF FACILITIES.—The Secretary of  
7 Health and Human Services shall take such steps as  
8 determined appropriate by the Secretary to ensure  
9 that residents of skilled nursing facilities and rel-  
10 atives of such residents are made aware of the ac-  
11 cess rights described in section 1819(c)(3)(F) of the  
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(c)(3)(F)).

13 **SEC. 30203. MEDICARE HOSPITAL INPATIENT PROSPECTIVE**  
14 **PAYMENT SYSTEM OUTLIER PAYMENTS FOR**  
15 **COVID-19 PATIENTS DURING CERTAIN EMER-**  
16 **GENCY PERIOD.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(A) of the So-  
18 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(A)) is amend-  
19 ed—

20 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “For cases” and  
21 inserting “Subject to clause (vii), for cases”;

22 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “The amount”  
23 and inserting “Subject to clause (vii), the amount”;

1           (3) in clause (iv), by striking “The total  
2           amount” and inserting “Subject to clause (vii), the  
3           total amount”; and

4           (4) by adding at the end the following new  
5           clause:

6           “(vii) For discharges that have a primary or sec-  
7           ondary diagnosis of COVID–19 and that occur during the  
8           period beginning on the date of the enactment of this  
9           clause and ending on the sooner of January 31, 2021, or  
10          the last day of the emergency period described in section  
11          1135(g)(1)(B), the amount of any additional payment  
12          under clause (ii) for a subsection (d) hospital for such a  
13          discharge shall be determined as if—

14               “(I) clause (ii) was amended by striking ‘plus  
15               a fixed dollar amount determined by the Secretary’;

16               “(II) the reference in clause (iii) to ‘approximate the marginal cost of care beyond the cutoff  
17               point applicable under clause (i) or (ii)’ were a reference to ‘approximate the marginal cost of care beyond the cutoff point applicable under clause (i), or,  
18               reference to ‘approximate the marginal cost of care beyond the cutoff point applicable under clause (i), or,  
19               beyond the cutoff point applicable under clause (i), or,  
20               in the case of an additional payment requested  
21               under clause (ii), be equal to 100 percent of the  
22               amount by which the costs of the discharge for  
23               which such additional payment is so requested ex-  
24

1       ceed the applicable DRG prospective payment rate’;  
2       and

3               “(III) clause (iv) does not apply.”.

4       (b) EXCLUSION FROM REDUCTION IN AVERAGE  
5 STANDARDIZED AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO HOSPITALS LO-  
6 CATED IN CERTAIN AREAS.—Section 1886(d)(3)(B) of  
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(B)) is  
8 amended by inserting before the period the following: “,  
9 other than additional payments described in clause (vii)  
10 of such paragraph”.

11       (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
12 provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human  
13 Services may implement the amendments made by this  
14 section by program instruction or otherwise.

15 **SEC. 30204. COVERAGE OF TREATMENTS FOR COVID-19 AT**  
16               **NO COST SHARING UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
17               **ADVANTAGE PROGRAM.**

18       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1852(a)(1)(B) of the So-  
19 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-22(a)(1)(B)) is  
20 amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

21               “(vii) SPECIAL COVERAGE RULES FOR  
22               SPECIFIED COVID-19 TREATMENT SERV-  
23               ICES.—Notwithstanding clause (i), in the  
24               case of a specified COVID-19 treatment  
25               service (as defined in section 30201(b) of

1           The Heroes Act) that is furnished during  
2           a plan year occurring during any portion  
3           of the emergency period defined in section  
4           1135(g)(1)(B) beginning on or after the  
5           date of the enactment of this clause, a  
6           Medicare Advantage plan may not, with re-  
7           spect to such service, impose—

8                   “(I) any cost-sharing require-  
9                   ment (including a deductible, copay-  
10                  ment, or coinsurance requirement);  
11                  and

12                  “(II) in the case such service is a  
13                  critical specified COVID–19 treat-  
14                  ment service (including ventilator  
15                  services and intensive care unit serv-  
16                  ices), any prior authorization or other  
17                  utilization management requirement.

18           A Medicare Advantage plan may not take  
19           the application of this clause into account  
20           for purposes of a bid amount submitted by  
21           such plan under section 1854(a)(6).”.

22           (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
23           provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human  
24           Services may implement the amendments made by this  
25           section by program instruction or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 30205. REQUIRING COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE**  
2 **PDPS AND MA-PD PLANS, WITHOUT THE IM-**  
3 **POSITION OF COST SHARING OR UTILIZA-**  
4 **TION MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS, OF**  
5 **DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19 DUR-**  
6 **ING CERTAIN EMERGENCIES.**

7 (a) **COVERAGE REQUIREMENT.—**

8 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 1860D-4(b)(3) of  
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
10 104(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing new subparagraph:

12 “(I) **REQUIRED INCLUSION OF DRUGS IN-**  
13 **TENDED TO TREAT COVID-19.—**

14 “(i) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding  
15 any other provision of law, a PDP sponsor  
16 offering a prescription drug plan shall,  
17 with respect to a plan year, any portion of  
18 which occurs during the period described  
19 in clause (ii), be required to—

20 “(I) include in any formulary—

21 “(aa) all covered part D  
22 drugs with a medically accepted  
23 indication (as defined in section  
24 1860D-2(e)(4)) to treat COVID-  
25 19 that are marketed in the  
26 United States; and

1                   “(bb) all drugs authorized  
2                   under section 564 or 564A of the  
3                   Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
4                   metic Act to treat COVID-19;  
5                   and

6                   “(II) not impose any prior au-  
7                   thorization or other utilization man-  
8                   agement requirement with respect to  
9                   such drugs described in item (aa) or  
10                  (bb) of subclause (I) (other than such  
11                  a requirement that limits the quantity  
12                  of drugs due to safety).

13                  “(ii) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—For pur-  
14                  poses of clause (i), the period described in  
15                  this clause is the period during which there  
16                  exists the public health emergency declared  
17                  by the Secretary pursuant to section 319  
18                  of the Public Health Service Act on Janu-  
19                  ary 31, 2020, entitled ‘Determination that  
20                  a Public Health Emergency Exists Nation-  
21                  wide as the Result of the 2019 Novel  
22                  Coronavirus’ (including any renewal of  
23                  such declaration pursuant to such sec-  
24                  tion).”.

25                  (b) ELIMINATION OF COST SHARING.—

1           (1) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
2 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19 UNDER  
3 STANDARD AND ALTERNATIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
4 COVERAGE.—Section 1860D-2 of the Social Security  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102) is amended—

6           (A) in subsection (b)—

7           (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
8 “The coverage” and inserting “Subject to  
9 paragraph (8), the coverage”;

10          (ii) in paragraph (2)—

11           (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-  
12 serting after “Subject to subpara-  
13 graphs (C) and (D)” the following:  
14 “and paragraph (8)”;

15           (II) in subparagraph (C)(i), by  
16 striking “paragraph (4)” and insert-  
17 ing “paragraphs (4) and (8)”;

18           (III) in subparagraph (D)(i), by  
19 striking “paragraph (4)” and insert-  
20 ing “paragraphs (4) and (8)”;

21           (iii) in paragraph (4)(A)(i), by strik-  
22 ing “The coverage” and inserting “Subject  
23 to paragraph (8), the coverage”;

24           (iv) by adding at the end the following  
25 new paragraph:

1           “(8) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
2 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19.—The cov-  
3 erage does not impose any deductible, copayment,  
4 coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement for  
5 drugs described in section 1860D-4(b)(3)(I)(i)(I)  
6 with respect to a plan year, any portion of which oc-  
7 curs during the period during which there exists the  
8 public health emergency declared by the Secretary  
9 pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service  
10 Act on January 31, 2020, entitled ‘Determination  
11 that a Public Health Emergency Exists Nationwide  
12 as the Result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus’ (in-  
13 cluding any renewal of such declaration pursuant to  
14 such section).”;

15                   (B) in subsection (c), by adding at the end  
16           the following new paragraph:

17           “(4) SAME ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
18 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19.—The cov-  
19 erage is in accordance with subsection (b)(8).”.

20           (2) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
21 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19 DISPENSED  
22 TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUBSIDY ELIGIBLE INDI-  
23 VIDUALS.—Section 1860D-14(a) of the Social Secu-  
24 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)) is amended—

25                   (A) in paragraph (1)—



1 (i) in subparagraph (D)—

2 (I) in clause (ii), by striking “In  
3 the case of” and inserting “Subject to  
4 subparagraph (F), in the case of”;  
5 and

6 (II) in clause (iii), by striking  
7 “In the case of” and inserting “Sub-  
8 ject to subparagraph (F), in the case  
9 of”; and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
11 new subparagraph:

12 “(F) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
13 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19.—Cov-  
14 erage that is in accordance with section  
15 1860D-2(b)(8).”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
18 “A reduction” and inserting “Subject to  
19 subparagraph (F), a reduction”;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
21 “The substitution” and inserting “Subject  
22 to subparagraph (F), the substitution”;

23 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
24 after “Subject to” the following: “subpara-  
25 graph (F) and”; and

1 (iv) by adding at the end the following  
2 new subparagraph:

3 “(F) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR  
4 DRUGS INTENDED TO TREAT COVID-19.—Cov-  
5 erage that is in accordance with section  
6 1860D-2(b)(8).”.

7 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services may implement the amendments made by this  
10 section by program instruction or otherwise.

11 **SEC. 30206. MODIFYING THE ACCELERATED AND ADVANCE**  
12 **PAYMENT PROGRAMS UNDER PARTS A AND B**  
13 **OF THE MEDICARE PROGRAM DURING THE**  
14 **COVID-19 EMERGENCY.**

15 (a) SPECIAL REPAYMENT RULES.—

16 (1) PART A.—Section 1815(f)(2)(C) of the So-  
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395g(f)(2)(C)) is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(C) In the case of an accelerated payment  
20 made under the program under subsection (e)(3) on  
21 or after the date of the enactment of the CARES  
22 Act and so made during the emergency period de-  
23 scribed in section 1135(g)(1)(B)—

1           “(i) such payment shall be treated as if  
2 such payment were made from the General  
3 Fund of the Treasury; and

4           “(ii) upon request of the hospital, the Sec-  
5 retary shall—

6                   “(I) provide up to 1 year before  
7 claims are offset to recoup such payment;

8                   “(II) provide that any such offset of a  
9 claim to recoup such payment shall not ex-  
10 ceed 25 percent of the amount of such  
11 claim; and

12                   “(III) allow not less than 2 years  
13 from the date of the first accelerated pay-  
14 ment before requiring that the outstanding  
15 balance be paid in full.”.

16           (2) PART B.—In carrying out the program de-  
17 scribed in section 421.214 of title 42, Code of Fed-  
18 eral Regulations (or any successor regulation), in the  
19 case of a payment made under such program on or  
20 after the date of the enactment of the CARES Act  
21 (Public Law 116–136) and so made during the  
22 emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)  
23 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–  
24 5(g)(1)(B)), the Secretary of Health and Human  
25 Services shall—

1 (A) treat such payment as if such payment  
2 were made from the General Fund of the  
3 Treasury; and

4 (B) upon request of the entity receiving  
5 such payment—

6 (i) provide up to 1 year before claims  
7 are offset to recoup such payment;

8 (ii) provide that any such offset of a  
9 claim to recoup such payment shall not ex-  
10 ceed 25 percent of the amount of such  
11 claim; and

12 (iii) allow not less than 2 years from  
13 the date of the first advance payment be-  
14 fore requiring that the outstanding balance  
15 be paid in full.

16 (b) INTEREST RATES.—

17 (1) PART A.—Section 1815(d) of the Social Se-  
18 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395g(d)) is amended by in-  
19 sserting before the period at the end the following:  
20 “(or, in the case of such a determination made with  
21 respect to a payment made on or after the date of  
22 the enactment of the CARES Act and during the  
23 emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)  
24 under the program under subsection (e)(3), at a rate  
25 of 1 percent)”.

1           (2) PART B.—Section 1833(j) of the Social Se-  
2           curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(j)) is amended by in-  
3           serting before the period at the end the following:  
4           “(or, in the case of such a determination made with  
5           respect to a payment made on or after the date of  
6           the enactment of the CARES Act and during the  
7           emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)  
8           under the program described in section 421.214 of  
9           title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
10          cessor regulation), at a rate of 1 percent)”.

11          (c) REPORT.—

12           (1) REPORTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY.—  
13          Not later than 2 weeks after the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this section, and every 2 weeks thereafter  
15          during the emergency period described in section  
16          1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
17          1320b-5(g)(1)(B)), the Secretary of Health and  
18          Human Services shall submit to the Committee on  
19          Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and  
20          Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the  
21          Committee on Finance of the Senate, a report that  
22          includes the following:

23                   (A) The total amount of payments made  
24                   under section 1815(e)(3) of the Social Security  
25                   Act (42 U.S.C. 1395g(e)(3)) and under the pro-

1           gram described in section 421.214 of title 42,  
2           Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor  
3           regulation) during the most recent 2-week pe-  
4           riod for which data is available that precedes  
5           the date of the submission of such report.

6                   (B) The number of entities receiving such  
7           payments during such period.

8                   (C) A specification of each such entity.

9           (2) REPORTS AFTER COVID-19 EMERGENCY.—

10                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6  
11           months after the termination of the emergency  
12           period described in paragraph (1), and every 6  
13           months thereafter until all specified payments  
14           (as defined in subparagraph (B)) have been re-  
15           couped or repaid, the Secretary of Health and  
16           Human Services shall submit to the Committee  
17           on Ways and Means and the Committee on En-  
18           ergy and Commerce of the House of Represent-  
19           atives, and the Committee on Finance of the  
20           Senate, a report that includes the following:

21                           (i) The total amount of all specified  
22                           payments for which claims have been offset  
23                           to recoup such payment or the balance has  
24                           been repaid.

1                   (ii) The amount of interest that has  
2                   accrued with respect to all specified pay-  
3                   ments.

4                   (B) SPECIFIED PAYMENTS.—For purposes  
5                   of subparagraph (A), the term “specified pay-  
6                   ments” means all payments made under section  
7                   1815(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
8                   U.S.C. 1395g(e)(3)) or under the program de-  
9                   scribed in section 421.214 of title 42, Code of  
10                  Federal Regulations (or any successor regula-  
11                  tion) made on or after the date of the enact-  
12                  ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)  
13                  during the emergency period described in such  
14                  subparagraph.

15 **SEC. 30207. MEDICARE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR**  
16                   **INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN COVID-19 EMER-**  
17                   **GENCY AREAS.**

18                  (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1837(i) of the Social Se-  
19                  curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395p(i)) is amended by adding at  
20                  the end the following new paragraph:

21                         “(5)(A) In the case of an individual who—  
22                                 “(i) is eligible under section 1836 to enroll  
23                                 in the medical insurance program established by  
24                                 this part,

1           “(ii) did not enroll (or elected not to be  
2           deemed enrolled) under this section during an  
3           enrollment period, and

4           “(iii) during the emergency period (as de-  
5           scribed in section 1135(g)(1)(B)), resided in an  
6           emergency area (as described in such section),  
7           there shall be a special enrollment period de-  
8           scribed in subparagraph (B).

9           “(B) The special enrollment period re-  
10          ferred to in subparagraph (A) is the period that  
11          begins not later than July 1, 2020, and ends on  
12          the last day of the month in which the emer-  
13          gency period (as described in section  
14          1135(g)(1)(B)) ends.”.

15          (b)    COVERAGE PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUALS  
16    TRANSITIONING FROM OTHER COVERAGE.—Section  
17    1838(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395q(e))  
18    is amended—

19           (1) by striking “pursuant to section 1837(i)(3)  
20           or 1837(i)(4)(B)—” and inserting the following:  
21           “pursuant to—

22           “(1) section 1837(i)(3) or 1837(i)(4)(B)—”;

23           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as  
24           subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and mov-



1       ing the indentation of each such subparagraph 2  
2       ems to the right;

3               (3) by striking the period at the end of the sub-  
4       paragraph (B), as so redesignated, and inserting “;  
5       or”; and

6               (4) by adding at the end the following new  
7       paragraph:

8               “(2) section 1837(i)(5), the coverage period  
9       shall begin on the first day of the month following  
10      the month in which the individual so enrolls.”.

11      (c) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
12      Services shall provide for the transfer from the Federal  
13      Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (as described in section  
14      1817 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i)) and  
15      the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust  
16      Fund (as described in section 1841 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
17      1395t)), in such proportions as determined appropriate by  
18      the Secretary, to the Social Security Administration, of  
19      \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for pur-  
20      poses of carrying out the amendments made by this sec-  
21      tion.

22      (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
23      provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human  
24      Services may implement the amendments made by this  
25      section by program instruction or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 30208. COVID-19 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PAY-**  
2 **MENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1819 of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-3) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following new subsection:

6 “(k) COVID-19 DESIGNATION PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 weeks  
8 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,  
9 the Secretary shall establish a program under which  
10 a skilled nursing facility that makes an election de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (2)(A) and meets the require-  
12 ments described in paragraph (2)(B) is designated  
13 (or a portion of such facility is so designated) as a  
14 COVID-19 treatment center and receives incentive  
15 payments under section 1888(e)(13).

16 “(2) DESIGNATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A skilled nursing fa-  
18 cility may elect to be designated (or to have a  
19 portion of such facility designated) as a  
20 COVID-19 treatment center under the program  
21 established under paragraph (1) if the facility  
22 submits to the Secretary, at a time and in a  
23 manner specified by the Secretary, an applica-  
24 tion for such designation that contains such in-  
25 formation as required by the Secretary and

1 demonstrates that such facility meets the re-  
2 quirements described in subparagraph (B).

3 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements  
4 described in this subparagraph with respect to  
5 a skilled nursing facility are the following:

6 “(i) The facility has a star rating with  
7 respect to staffing of 4 or 5 on the Nurs-  
8 ing Home Compare website (as described  
9 in subsection (i)) and has maintained such  
10 a rating on such website during the 2-year  
11 period ending on the date of the submis-  
12 sion of the application described in sub-  
13 paragraph (A).

14 “(ii) The facility has a star rating of  
15 4 or 5 with respect to health inspections on  
16 such website and has maintained such a  
17 rating on such website during such period.

18 “(iii) During such period, the Sec-  
19 retary or a State has not found a defi-  
20 ciency with such facility relating to infec-  
21 tion control that the Secretary or State de-  
22 termined immediately jeopardized the  
23 health or safety of the residents of such fa-  
24 cility (as described in paragraph (1) or  
25 (2)(A) of subsection (h), as applicable).

1           “(iv) The facility provides care at  
2           such facility (or, in the case of an election  
3           made with respect to a portion of such fa-  
4           cility, to provide care in such portion of  
5           such facility) only to eligible individuals.

6           “(v) The facility arranges for and  
7           transfers all residents of such facility (or  
8           such portion of such facility, as applicable)  
9           who are not eligible individuals to other  
10          skilled nursing facilities (or other portions  
11          of such facility, as applicable).

12          “(vi) The facility complies with the  
13          notice requirement described in paragraph  
14          (4).

15          “(vii) The facility meets the reporting  
16          requirement described in paragraph (5).

17          “(viii) Any other requirement deter-  
18          mined appropriate by the Secretary.

19          “(3) DURATION OF DESIGNATION.—

20                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A designation of a  
21                 skilled nursing facility (or portion of such facil-  
22                 ity) as a COVID–19 treatment center shall  
23                 begin on a date specified by the Secretary and  
24                 end upon the earliest of the following:

1                   “(i) The revocation of such designa-  
2                   tion under subparagraph (B).

3                   “(ii) The submission of a notification  
4                   by such facility to the Secretary that such  
5                   facility elects to terminate such designa-  
6                   tion.

7                   “(iii) The termination of the program  
8                   (as specified in paragraph (6)).

9                   “(B) REVOCATION.—The Secretary may  
10                  revoke the designation of a skilled nursing facil-  
11                  ity (or portion of such facility) as a COVID–19  
12                  treatment center if the Secretary determines  
13                  that the facility is no longer in compliance with  
14                  a requirement described in paragraph (2)(B).

15                  “(4) RESIDENT NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—For  
16                  purposes of paragraph (2)(B)(vi), the notice require-  
17                  ment described in this paragraph is that, not later  
18                  than 72 hours before the date specified by the Sec-  
19                  retary under paragraph (3)(A) with respect to the  
20                  designation of a skilled nursing facility (or portion  
21                  of such facility) as a COVID–19 treatment center,  
22                  the facility provides a notification to each resident of  
23                  such facility (and to appropriate representatives or  
24                  family members of each such resident, as specified  
25                  by the Secretary) that contains the following:

1           “(A) Notice of such designation.

2           “(B) In the case such resident is not an el-  
3           igible individual (and, in the case such designa-  
4           tion is made only with respect to a portion of  
5           such facility, resides in such portion of such fa-  
6           cility)—

7                   “(i) a specification of when and where  
8                   such resident will be transferred (or moved  
9                   within such facility);

10                   “(ii) an explanation that, in lieu of  
11                   such transfer or move, such resident may  
12                   arrange for transfer to such other setting  
13                   (including a home) selected by the resi-  
14                   dent; and

15                   “(iii) if such resident so arranges to  
16                   be transferred to a home, information on  
17                   Internet resources for caregivers who elect  
18                   to care for such resident at home.

19           “(C) Contact information for the State  
20           long-term care ombudsman (established under  
21           section 307(a)(12) of the Older Americans Act  
22           of 1965) for the applicable State.

23           “(5) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

24                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-  
25                   graph (2)(B)(vii), the reporting requirement de-

1 scribed in this paragraph is, with respect to a  
2 skilled nursing facility, that the facility reports  
3 to the Secretary, weekly and in such manner  
4 specified by the Secretary, the following (but  
5 only to the extent the information described in  
6 clauses (i) through (vii) is not otherwise re-  
7 ported to the Secretary weekly):

8 “(i) The number of COVID–19 re-  
9 lated deaths at such facility.

10 “(ii) The number of discharges from  
11 such facility.

12 “(iii) The number of admissions to  
13 such facility.

14 “(iv) The number of beds occupied  
15 and the number of beds available at such  
16 facility.

17 “(v) The number of residents on a  
18 ventilator at such facility.

19 “(vi) The number of clinical and non-  
20 clinical staff providing direct patient care  
21 at such facility.

22 “(vii) Such other information deter-  
23 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

24 “(B) NONAPPLICATION OF PAPERWORK  
25 REDUCTION ACT.—Chapter 35 of title 44,

1 United States Code (commonly known as the  
2 ‘Paperwork Reduction Act’), shall not apply to  
3 the collection of information under this para-  
4 graph.

5 “(6) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-  
6 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means an indi-  
7 vidual who, during the 30-day period ending on the  
8 first day on which such individual is a resident of a  
9 COVID–19 treatment center (on or after the date  
10 such center is so designated), was furnished a test  
11 for COVID–19 that came back positive.

12 “(7) TERMINATION.—The program established  
13 under paragraph (1) shall terminate upon the termi-  
14 nation of the emergency period described in section  
15 1135(g)(1)(B).

16 “(8) PROHIBITION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
17 JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There shall be no administrative  
18 or judicial review under section 1869, 1878, or oth-  
19 erwise of a designation of a skilled nursing facility  
20 (or portion of such facility) as a COVID–19 treat-  
21 ment center, or revocation of such a designation,  
22 under this subsection.”.

23 (b) PAYMENT INCENTIVE.—Section 1888(e) of the  
24 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)) is amended—



1           (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding  
2           subparagraph (A), by striking “and (12)” and in-  
3           serting “(12), and (13)”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
5           paragraph:

6           “(13) ADJUSTMENT FOR COVID–19 TREATMENT  
7           CENTERS.—In the case of a resident of a skilled  
8           nursing facility that has been designated as a  
9           COVID–19 treatment center under section 1819(k)  
10          (or in the case of a resident who resides in a portion  
11          of such facility that has been so designated), if such  
12          resident is an eligible individual (as defined in para-  
13          graph (5) of such section), the per diem amount of  
14          payment for such resident otherwise applicable shall  
15          be increased by 20 percent to reflect increased costs  
16          associated with such residents.”.

17 **SEC. 30209. FUNDING FOR STATE STRIKE TEAMS FOR RESI-**  
18                           **DENT AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY IN SKILLED**  
19                           **NURSING FACILITIES AND NURSING FACILI-**  
20                           **TIES.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available  
22          under subsection (c), the Secretary of Health and Human  
23          Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)  
24          shall allocate such amounts among the States, in a man-  
25          ner that takes into account the percentage of skilled nurs-

1 ing facilities and nursing facilities in each State that have  
2 residents or employees who have been diagnosed with  
3 COVID–19, for purposes of establishing and implementing  
4 strike teams in accordance with subsection (b).

5 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives funds  
6 under this section shall use such funds to establish and  
7 implement a strike team that will be deployed to a skilled  
8 nursing facility or nursing facility in the State with diag-  
9 nosed or suspected cases of COVID–19 among residents  
10 or staff for the purposes of assisting with clinical care,  
11 infection control, or staffing.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-  
13 poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to  
14 be appropriated \$500,000,000.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) NURSING FACILITY.—The term “nursing  
17 facility” has the meaning given such term in section  
18 1919(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 1396r(a)).

20 (2) SKILLED NURSING FACILITY.—The term  
21 “skilled nursing facility” has the meaning given such  
22 term in section 1819(a) of the Social Security Act  
23 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(a)).

1 **SEC. 30210. PROVIDING FOR INFECTION CONTROL SUP-**  
2 **PORT TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**  
3 **THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH QUALITY IM-**  
4 **PROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(g) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(g)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
8 “(1) The Secretary”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(2)(A) The Secretary shall ensure that at least 1  
12 contract with a quality improvement organization de-  
13 scribed in paragraph (1) entered into on or after the date  
14 of the enactment of this paragraph and before the end  
15 of the emergency period described in section  
16 1135(g)(1)(B) (or in effect as of such date) includes the  
17 requirement that such organization provide to skilled  
18 nursing facilities with cases of COVID–19 (or facilities at-  
19 tempting to prevent outbreaks of COVID–19) infection  
20 control support described in subparagraph (B) during  
21 such period.

22 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the infection  
23 control support described in this subparagraph is, with re-  
24 spect to skilled nursing facilities described in such sub-  
25 paragraph, the development and dissemination to such fa-  
26 cilities of protocols relating to the prevention or mitigation

1 of COVID–19 at such facilities and the provision of train-  
2 ing materials to such facilities relating to such prevention  
3 or mitigation.”.

4 (b) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
5 Services shall provide for the transfer from the Federal  
6 Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund (as de-  
7 scribed in section 1841 of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1395t)) and the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust  
9 Fund (as described in section 1817 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395i)), in such proportions as determined appropriate by  
11 the Secretary, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
12 Services Program Management Account, of \$210,000,000,  
13 to remain available until expended, for purposes of enter-  
14 ing into contracts with quality improvement organizations  
15 under part B of title XI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320c  
16 et seq.). Of the amount transferred pursuant to the pre-  
17 vious sentence, not less than \$110,000,000 shall be used  
18 for purposes of entering into such a contract that includes  
19 the requirement described in section 1862(g)(2)(A) of  
20 such Act (as added by subsection (a)).

21 **SEC. 30211. REQUIRING LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES TO**  
22 **REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING**  
23 **TO COVID–19 CASES AND DEATHS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
25 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-

1 retary”) shall, as soon as practicable, require that the in-  
2 formation described in paragraph (1) of section 483.80(g)  
3 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, or a successor  
4 regulation, be reported by a facility (as defined for pur-  
5 poses of such section).

6 (b) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
7 shall post the following information with respect to skilled  
8 nursing facilities (as defined in section 1819(a) of the So-  
9 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(a))) and nursing fa-  
10 cilities (as defined in section 1919(a) of such Act (42  
11 U.S.C. 1396r(a))) on the Nursing Home Compare website  
12 (as described in section 1819(i) of the Social Security Act  
13 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(i))), or a successor website, aggre-  
14 gated by State:

15 (1) The age, race/ethnicity, and preferred lan-  
16 guage of the residents of such skilled nursing facili-  
17 ties and nursing facilities with suspected or con-  
18 firmed COVID–19 infections, including residents  
19 previously treated for COVID–19.

20 (2) The age, race/ethnicity, and preferred lan-  
21 guage relating to total deaths and COVID–19  
22 deaths among residents of such skilled nursing facili-  
23 ties and nursing facilities.

24 (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Any information reported  
25 under this section that is made available to the public shall

1 be made so available in a manner that protects the identity  
 2 of residents of skilled nursing facilities and nursing facili-  
 3 ties.

4 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may imple-  
 5 ment the provisions of this section by program instruction  
 6 or otherwise.

7 **SEC. 30212. FLOOR ON THE MEDICARE AREA WAGE INDEX**  
 8 **FOR HOSPITALS IN ALL-URBAN STATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the So-  
 10 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amend-  
 11 ed—

12 (1) in clause (i), in the first sentence, by strik-  
 13 ing “or (iii)” and inserting “, (iii), or (iv)”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
 15 clause:

16 “(iv) FLOOR ON AREA WAGE INDEX  
 17 FOR HOSPITALS IN ALL-URBAN STATES.—

18 “(I) IN GENERAL.—For dis-  
 19 charges occurring on or after October  
 20 1, 2021, the area wage index applica-  
 21 ble under this subparagraph to any  
 22 hospital in an all-urban State (as de-  
 23 fined in subclause (IV)) may not be  
 24 less than the minimum area wage  
 25 index for the fiscal year for hospitals

1 in that State, as established under  
2 subclause (II).

3 “(II) MINIMUM AREA WAGE  
4 INDEX.—For purposes of subclause  
5 (I), the Secretary shall establish a  
6 minimum area wage index for a fiscal  
7 year for hospitals in each all-urban  
8 State using the methodology described  
9 in section 412.64(h)(4) of title 42,  
10 Code of Federal Regulations, as in ef-  
11 fect for fiscal year 2018.

12 “(III) WAIVING BUDGET NEU-  
13 TRALITY.—Pursuant to the fifth sen-  
14 tence of clause (i), this subsection  
15 shall not be applied in a budget neu-  
16 tral manner.

17 “(IV) ALL-URBAN STATE DE-  
18 FINED.—In this clause, the term ‘all-  
19 urban State’ means a State in which  
20 there are no rural areas (as defined in  
21 paragraph (2)(D)) or a State in which  
22 there are no hospitals classified as  
23 rural under this section.”.

24 (b) WAIVING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—

1           (1) TECHNICAL AMENDATORY CORRECTION.—  
2           Section 10324(a)(2) of Public Law 111–148 is  
3           amended by striking “third sentence” and inserting  
4           “fifth sentence”.

5           (2) WAIVER.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E)(i) of the  
6           Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)(i))  
7           is amended, in the fifth sentence—

8                   (A) by striking “and the amendments” and  
9                   inserting “, the amendments”; and

10                   (B) by inserting “, and the amendments  
11                   made by section 30212 of The Heroes Act”  
12                   after “Care Act”.

13 **SEC. 30213. RISK CORRIDOR PROGRAM FOR MEDICARE AD-**  
14 **VANTAGE PLANS.**

15           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853 of the Social Secu-  
16           rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23) is amended by adding at  
17           the end the following new subsection:

18           “(p) RISK CORRIDOR PROGRAM DURING THE  
19           COVID–19 EMERGENCY.—

20                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
21                   lish and administer a program of risk corridors for  
22                   each plan year, any portion of which occurs during  
23                   the emergency period defined in section  
24                   1135(g)(1)(B), under which the Secretary shall  
25                   make payments to MA organizations offering a



1 Medicare Advantage plan based on the ratio of the  
2 allowable costs of the plan to the aggregate pre-  
3 miums of the plan.

4 “(2) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—The Secretary  
5 shall provide under the program established under  
6 paragraph (1) that if the allowable costs for a Medi-  
7 care Advantage plan for any plan year are more  
8 than 105 percent of the target amount, the Sec-  
9 retary shall pay to the plan an amount equal to 75  
10 percent of the allowable costs in excess of 105 per-  
11 cent of the target amount.

12 “(3) TIMING.—

13 “(A) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY  
14 PLANS.—With respect to a plan year for which  
15 the program described in paragraph (1) is es-  
16 tablished and administered, not later than July  
17 1 of the succeeding plan year each MA organi-  
18 zation offering a Medicare Advantage plan shall  
19 submit to the Secretary such information as the  
20 Secretary may require for purposes of carrying  
21 out such program.

22 “(B) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall pay  
23 to an MA organization offering a Medicare Ad-  
24 vantage plan eligible to receive a payment under  
25 the program with respect to a plan year the

1 amount provided under paragraph (2) for such  
2 plan year not later than 60 days after such or-  
3 ganization submits information with respect to  
4 such plan and plan year under subparagraph  
5 (A).

6 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—

7 “(A) ALLOWABLE COSTS.—The amount of  
8 allowable costs of a MA organization offering a  
9 Medicare Advantage plan for a plan year is an  
10 amount equal to the total costs (other than ad-  
11 ministrative costs) of such plan in providing  
12 benefits covered by such plan, but only to the  
13 extent that such costs are incurred with respect  
14 to such benefits for items and services that are  
15 benefits under the original medicare fee-for-  
16 service program option.

17 “(B) TARGET AMOUNT.—The target  
18 amount described in this paragraph is, with re-  
19 spect to a Medicare Advantage plan and a plan  
20 year, the total amount of payments paid to the  
21 MA organization for the plan for benefits under  
22 the original medicare fee-for-service program  
23 option for the plan year, taking into account  
24 amounts paid by the Secretary and enrollees,  
25 based upon the bid amount submitted under

1 section 1854, reduced by the total amount of  
2 administrative expenses for the year assumed in  
3 such bid.

4 “(5) FUNDING.—There are appropriated to the  
5 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program  
6 Management Account, out of any monies in the  
7 Treasury not otherwise obligated, such sums as may  
8 be necessary for purposes of carrying out this sub-  
9 section.”.

10 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human  
12 Service may implement the amendments made by this sec-  
13 tion by program instruction or otherwise.

14 **SEC. 30214. RELIEF FOR SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS FROM**  
15 **INACCURATE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY**  
16 **CERTAIN MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CON-**  
17 **TRACTORS.**

18 Section 1886(d)(5) of the Social Security Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)) is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following new subparagraph:

21 “(N)(i) Subject to clause (ii), in the case of a sole  
22 community hospital or a medicare-dependent, small rural  
23 hospital with respect to which a medicare administrative  
24 contractor initially determined and paid a volume decrease  
25 adjustment under subparagraph (D)(ii) or (G)(iii) for a

1 specified cost reporting period, at the election of the hos-  
2 pital, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
3 replace the volume decrease adjustment subsequently de-  
4 termined for that specified cost reporting period by the  
5 medicare administrative contractor with the volume de-  
6 crease adjustment initially determined and paid by the  
7 medicare administrative contractor for that specified cost  
8 reporting period.

9       “(ii)(I) Clause (i) shall not apply in the case of a sole  
10 community hospital or a medicare-dependent, small rural  
11 hospital for which the medicare administrative contractor  
12 determination of the volume decrease adjustment with re-  
13 spect to a specified cost reporting period of the hospital  
14 is administratively final before the date that is three years  
15 before the date of the enactment of this section.

16       “(II) For purposes of subclause (I), the date on which  
17 the medicare administrative contractor determination with  
18 respect to a volume decrease adjustment for a specified  
19 cost reporting period is administratively final is the latest  
20 of the following:

21               “(aa) The date of the contractor determination  
22               (as defined in section 405.1801 of title 42, Code of  
23               Federal Regulations).

24               “(bb) The date of the final outcome of any re-  
25               opening of the medicare administrative contractor

1 determination under section 405.1885 of title 42,  
2 Code of Federal Regulations.

3 “(cc) The date of the final outcome of the final  
4 appeal filed by such hospital with respect to such  
5 volume decrease adjustment for such specified cost  
6 reporting period.

7 “(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the term  
8 ‘specified cost reporting period’ means a cost reporting pe-  
9 riod of a sole community hospital or a medicare-depend-  
10 ent, small rural hospital, as the case may be, that begins  
11 during a fiscal year before fiscal year 2018.”.

12 **SEC. 30215. DEEMING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO BE LOCATED**  
13 **IN AN URBAN AREA FOR PURPOSES OF PAY-**  
14 **MENT FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES**  
15 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

16 Section 1886(d)(10) of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(10)) is amended by adding at the end  
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(G)(i) For purposes of payment under this sub-  
20 section for discharges occurring during the 3-year period  
21 beginning on October 1, 2020, each hospital located in Al-  
22 bany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Montgomery, or Rensselaer  
23 County of New York shall be deemed to be located in the  
24 large urban area of Hartford-West Hartford-East of Hart-  
25 ford, Connecticut (CBSA 25540).



1           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3           “(8) SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR CER-  
4 TAIN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

5           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,  
6 subject to subparagraph (B), require an Ex-  
7 change to provide—

8           “(i) for a special enrollment period  
9 during the emergency period described in  
10 section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Secu-  
11 rity Act—

12           “(I) which shall begin on the  
13 date that is one week after the date of  
14 the enactment of this paragraph and  
15 which, in the case of an Exchange es-  
16 tablished or operated by the Secretary  
17 within a State pursuant to section  
18 1321(c), shall be an 8-week period;  
19 and

20           “(II) during which any individual  
21 who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a  
22 qualified health plan through the Ex-  
23 change may enroll in such a qualified  
24 health plan; and

1           “(ii) that, in the case of an individual  
2           who enrolls in a qualified health plan  
3           through the Exchange during such enroll-  
4           ment period, the coverage period under  
5           such plan shall begin, at the option of the  
6           individual, on April 1, 2020, or on the first  
7           day of the month following the day the in-  
8           dividual selects a plan through such special  
9           enrollment period.

10           “(B) EXCEPTION.—The requirement of  
11           subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a State-op-  
12           erated or State-established Exchange if such  
13           Exchange, prior to the date of the enactment of  
14           this paragraph, established or otherwise pro-  
15           vided for a special enrollment period to address  
16           access to coverage under qualified health plans  
17           offered through such Exchange during the  
18           emergency period described in section  
19           1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act.”.

20           (b) FEDERAL EXCHANGE OUTREACH AND EDU-  
21           CATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 1321(c) of the Patient  
22           Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18041(c))  
23           is amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
24           graph:



1           “(3) OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVI-  
2           TIES.—

3                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an Ex-  
4           change established or operated by the Secretary  
5           within a State pursuant to this subsection, the  
6           Secretary shall carry out outreach and edu-  
7           cational activities for purposes of informing po-  
8           tential enrollees in qualified health plans offered  
9           through the Exchange of the availability of cov-  
10          erage under such plans and financial assistance  
11          for coverage under such plans. Such outreach  
12          and educational activities shall be provided in a  
13          manner that is culturally and linguistically ap-  
14          propriate to the needs of the populations being  
15          served by the Exchange (including hard-to-  
16          reach populations, such as racial and sexual mi-  
17          norities, limited English proficient populations,  
18          and young adults).

19                   “(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No  
20          funds appropriated under this paragraph shall  
21          be used for expenditures for promoting non-  
22          ACA compliant health insurance coverage.

23                   “(C) NON-ACA COMPLIANT HEALTH IN-  
24          SURANCE COVERAGE.—For purposes of sub-  
25          paragraph (B):

1           “(i) The term ‘non-ACA compliant  
2           health insurance coverage’ means health  
3           insurance coverage, or a group health plan,  
4           that is not a qualified health plan.

5           “(ii) Such term includes the following:

6                   “(I) An association health plan.

7                   “(II) Short-term limited duration  
8           insurance.

9           “(D) FUNDING.—There are appropriated,  
10          out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise  
11          appropriated, \$25,000,000, to remain available  
12          until expended—

13                   “(i) to carry out this paragraph;  
14          and—

15                   “(ii) at the discretion of the Sec-  
16          retary, to carry out section 1311(i), with  
17          respect to an Exchange established or op-  
18          erated by the Secretary within a State pur-  
19          suant to this subsection.”.

20          (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Health and  
21          Human Services may implement the provisions of (includ-  
22          ing amendments made by) this section through subregu-  
23          latory guidance, program instruction, or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 30302. EXPEDITED MEETING OF ACIP FOR COVID-19**  
2 **VACCINES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 3091 of  
4 the 21st Century Cures Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–4 note),  
5 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices shall  
6 meet and issue a recommendation with respect to a vac-  
7 cine that is intended to prevent or treat COVID–19 not  
8 later than 15 business days after the date on which such  
9 vaccine is licensed under section 351 of the Public Health  
10 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

11 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Advisory  
12 Committee on Immunization Practices” means the Advi-  
13 sory Committee on Immunization Practices established by  
14 the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to  
15 section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 217a), acting through the Director of the Centers for Dis-  
17 ease Control and Prevention.

18 **SEC. 30303. COVERAGE OF COVID-19 RELATED TREATMENT**  
19 **AT NO COST SHARING.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan and a health  
21 insurance issuer offering group or individual health insur-  
22 ance coverage (including a grandfathered health plan (as  
23 defined in section 1251(e) of the Patient Protection and  
24 Affordable Care Act)) shall provide coverage, and shall not  
25 impose any cost sharing (including deductibles, copay-  
26 ments, and coinsurance) requirements, for the following

1 items and services furnished during any portion of the  
2 emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section  
3 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-  
4 5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of  
5 this Act:

6           (1) Medically necessary items and services (in-  
7           cluding in-person or telehealth visits in which such  
8           items and services are furnished) that are furnished  
9           to an individual who has been diagnosed with (or  
10          after provision of the items and services is diagnosed  
11          with) COVID-19 to treat or mitigate the effects of  
12          COVID-19.

13          (2) Medically necessary items and services (in-  
14          cluding in-person or telehealth visits in which such  
15          items and services are furnished) that are furnished  
16          to an individual who is presumed to have COVID-  
17          19 but is never diagnosed as such, if the following  
18          conditions are met:

19                (A) Such items and services are furnished  
20                to the individual to treat or mitigate the effects  
21                of COVID-19 or to mitigate the impact of  
22                COVID-19 on society.

23                (B) Health care providers have taken ap-  
24                propriate steps under the circumstances to  
25                make a diagnosis, or confirm whether a diag-

1           nosis was made, with respect to such individual,  
2           for COVID–19, if possible.

3           (b) ITEMS AND SERVICES RELATED TO COVID–  
4 19.—For purposes of this section—

5           (1) not later than one week after the date of  
6           the enactment of this section, the Secretary of  
7           Health and Human Services, Secretary of Labor,  
8           and Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly issue  
9           guidance specifying applicable diagnoses and medi-  
10          cally necessary items and services related to  
11          COVID–19; and

12          (2) such items and services shall include all  
13          items or services that are relevant to the treatment  
14          or mitigation of COVID–19, regardless of whether  
15          such items or services are ordinarily covered under  
16          the terms of a group health plan or group or indi-  
17          vidual health insurance coverage offered by a health  
18          insurance issuer.

19          (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

20          (1) APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO PHSA,  
21          ERISA, AND IRC.—The provisions of this section  
22          shall be applied by the Secretary of Health and  
23          Human Services, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary  
24          of the Treasury to group health plans and health in-  
25          surance issuers offering group or individual health

1 insurance coverage as if included in the provisions of  
2 part A of title XXVII of the Public Health Service  
3 Act, part 7 of the Employee Retirement Income Se-  
4 curity Act of 1974, and subchapter B of chapter 100  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable.

6 (2) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—An individual  
7 with respect to whom an action is taken by a group  
8 health plan or health insurance issuer offering group  
9 or individual health insurance coverage in violation  
10 of subsection (a) may commence a civil action  
11 against the plan or issuer for appropriate relief. The  
12 previous sentence shall not be construed as limiting  
13 any enforcement mechanism otherwise applicable  
14 pursuant to paragraph (1).

15 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Health and  
16 Human Services, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of the  
17 Treasury may implement the provisions of this section  
18 through sub-regulatory guidance, program instruction or  
19 otherwise.

20 (e) TERMS.—The terms “group health plan”; “health  
21 insurance issuer”; “group health insurance coverage”, and  
22 “individual health insurance coverage” have the meanings  
23 given such terms in section 2791 of the Public Health  
24 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91), section 733 of the Em-  
25 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29

1 U.S.C. 1191b), and section 9832 of the Internal Revenue  
2 Code of 1986, as applicable.

3 **SEC. 30304. REQUIRING PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFILL NOTI-**  
4 **FICATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

5 (a) ERISA.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part 7 of sub-  
7 title B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income  
8 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1185 et seq.) is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sec-  
10 tion:

11 **“SEC. 716. PROVISION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFILL NO-**  
12 **TIFICATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan, and a  
14 health insurance issuer offering health insurance coverage  
15 in connection with a group health plan, that provides bene-  
16 fits for prescription drugs under such plan or such cov-  
17 erage shall provide to each participant or beneficiary  
18 under such plan or such coverage who resides in an emer-  
19 gency area during an emergency period—

20 “(1) not later than 5 business days after the  
21 date of the beginning of such period with respect to  
22 such area (or, the case of the emergency period de-  
23 scribed in section 30304(d)(2) of The Heroes Act,  
24 not later than 5 business days after the date of the  
25 enactment of this section), a notification (written in

1 a manner that is clear and understandable to the av-  
2 erage participant or beneficiary)—

3 “(A) of whether such plan or coverage will  
4 waive, during such period with respect to such  
5 a participant or beneficiary, any time restric-  
6 tions under such plan or coverage on any au-  
7 thorized refills for such drugs to enable such re-  
8 fills in advance of when such refills would oth-  
9 erwise have been permitted under such plan or  
10 coverage; and

11 “(B) in the case that such plan or coverage  
12 will waive such restrictions during such period  
13 with respect to such a participant or bene-  
14 ficiary, that contains information on how such  
15 a participant or beneficiary may obtain such a  
16 refill; and

17 “(2) in the case such plan or coverage elects to  
18 so waive such restrictions during such period with  
19 respect to such a participant or beneficiary after the  
20 notification described in paragraph (1) has been pro-  
21 vided with respect to such period, not later than 5  
22 business days after such election, a notification of  
23 such election that contains the information described  
24 in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph.



1 “(b) EMERGENCY AREA; EMERGENCY PERIOD.—For  
 2 purposes of this section, an ‘emergency area’ is a geo-  
 3 graphical area in which, and an ‘emergency period’ is the  
 4 period during which, there exists—

5 “(1) an emergency or disaster declared by the  
 6 President pursuant to the National Emergencies Act  
 7 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
 8 gency Assistance Act; and

9 “(2) a public health emergency declared by the  
 10 Secretary pursuant to section 319 of the Public  
 11 Health Service Act.”.

12 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
 13 tents of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
 14 Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item  
 15 relating to section 714 the following:

“Sec. 715. Additional market reforms.

“Sec. 716. Provision of prescription drug refill notifications during emer-  
 gencies.”.

16 (b) PHSA.—Subpart II of part A of title XXVII of  
 17 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–11 et  
 18 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
 19 section:

20 **“SEC. 2730. PROVISION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFILL**  
 21 **NOTIFICATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan, and a  
 23 health insurance issuer offering group or individual health  
 24 insurance coverage, that provides benefits for prescription

1 drugs under such plan or such coverage shall provide to  
2 each participant, beneficiary, or enrollee enrolled under  
3 such plan or such coverage who resides in an emergency  
4 area during an emergency period—

5           “(1) not later than 5 business days after the  
6 date of the beginning of such period with respect to  
7 such area (or, the case of the emergency period de-  
8 scribed in section 30304(d)(2) of The Heroes Act,  
9 not later than 5 business days after the date of the  
10 enactment of this section), a notification (written in  
11 a manner that is clear and understandable to the av-  
12 erage participant, beneficiary, or enrollee)—

13           “(A) of whether such plan or coverage will  
14 waive, during such period with respect to such  
15 a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee, any time  
16 restrictions under such plan or coverage on any  
17 authorized refills for such drugs to enable such  
18 refills in advance of when such refills would  
19 otherwise have been permitted under such plan  
20 or coverage; and

21           “(B) in the case that such plan or coverage  
22 will waive such restrictions during such period  
23 with respect to such a participant, beneficiary,  
24 or enrollee, that contains information on how

1           such a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee may  
2           obtain such a refill; and

3           “(2) in the case such plan or coverage elects to  
4           so waive such restrictions during such period with  
5           respect to such a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee  
6           after the notification described in paragraph (1) has  
7           been provided with respect to such period, not later  
8           than 5 business days after such election, a notifica-  
9           tion of such election that contains the information  
10          described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph.

11          “(b) EMERGENCY AREA; EMERGENCY PERIOD.—For  
12          purposes of this section, an ‘emergency area’ is a geo-  
13          graphical area in which, and an ‘emergency period’ is the  
14          period during which, there exists—

15                 “(1) an emergency or disaster declared by the  
16                 President pursuant to the National Emergencies Act  
17                 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
18                 gency Assistance Act; and

19                 “(2) a public health emergency declared by the  
20                 Secretary pursuant to section 319.”.

21          (c) IRC.—

22                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter  
23                 100 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
24                 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 9816. PROVISION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFILL**  
2 **NOTIFICATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan that pro-  
4 vides benefits for prescription drugs under such plan shall  
5 provide to each participant or beneficiary enrolled under  
6 such plan who resides in an emergency area during an  
7 emergency period, not later than 5 business days after the  
8 date of the beginning of such period with respect to such  
9 area (or, the case of the emergency period described in  
10 section 30304(d)(2) of The Heroes Act, not later than 5  
11 business days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
12 tion)—

13 “(1) a notification (written in a manner that is  
14 clear and understandable to the average participant  
15 or beneficiary)—

16 “(A) of whether such plan will waive, dur-  
17 ing such period with respect to such a partici-  
18 pant or beneficiary, any time restrictions under  
19 such plan on any authorized refills for such  
20 drugs to enable such refills in advance of when  
21 such refills would otherwise have been per-  
22 mitted under such plan; and

23 “(B) in the case that such plan will waive  
24 such restrictions during such period with re-  
25 spect to such a participant or beneficiary, that

1 contains information on how such a participant  
2 or beneficiary may obtain such a refill; and

3 “(2) in the case such plan elects to so waive  
4 such restrictions during such period with respect to  
5 such a participant or beneficiary after the notifica-  
6 tion described in paragraph (1) has been provided  
7 with respect to such period, not later than 5 busi-  
8 ness days after such election, a notification of such  
9 election that contains the information described in  
10 subparagraph (B) of such paragraph.

11 “(b) EMERGENCY AREA; EMERGENCY PERIOD.—For  
12 purposes of this section, an ‘emergency area’ is a geo-  
13 graphical area in which, and an ‘emergency period’ is the  
14 period during which, there exists—

15 “(1) an emergency or disaster declared by the  
16 President pursuant to the National Emergencies Act  
17 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
18 gency Assistance Act; and

19 “(2) a public health emergency declared by the  
20 Secretary pursuant to section 319 of the Public  
21 Health Service Act.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23 tions for subchapter B of chapter 100 of the Inter-  
24 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
25 the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9816. Provision of prescription drug refill notifications during emergencies.”.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply with respect to—

3 (1) emergency periods beginning on or after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act; and

5 (2) the emergency period relating to the public  
6 health emergency declared by the Secretary of  
7 Health and Human Services pursuant to section 319  
8 of the Public Health Service Act on January 31,  
9 2020, entitled “Determination that a Public Health  
10 Emergency Exists Nationwide as the Result of the  
11 2019 Novel Coronavirus”.

12 **SEC. 30305. IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN NOTIFICATIONS**  
13 **PROVIDED TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES BY**  
14 **GROUP HEALTH PLANS IN THE CASE OF**  
15 **QUALIFYING EVENTS.**

16 (a) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT  
17 OF 1974.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 606 of the Employee  
19 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
20 1166) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)(4), in the matter fol-  
22 lowing subparagraph (B), by striking “under  
23 this subsection” and inserting “under this part

1 in accordance with the notification requirements  
2 under subsection (c)”; and

3 (B) in subsection (c)—

4 (i) by striking “For purposes of sub-  
5 section (a)(4), any notification” and insert-  
6 ing “For purposes of subsection (a)(4)—  
7 “(1) any notification”;

8 (ii) by striking “, whichever is applica-  
9 ble, and any such notification” and insert-  
10 ing “of subsection (a), whichever is appli-  
11 cable;

12 “(2) any such notification”; and

13 (iii) by striking “such notification is  
14 made” and inserting “such notification is  
15 made; and

16 “(3) any such notification shall, with respect to  
17 each qualified beneficiary with respect to whom such  
18 notification is made, include information regarding  
19 any Exchange established under title I of the Pa-  
20 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act through  
21 which such a qualified beneficiary may be eligible to  
22 enroll in a qualified health plan (as defined in sec-  
23 tion 1301 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
24 Care Act), including—

1           “(A) the publicly accessible Internet  
2 website address for such Exchange;

3           “(B) the publicly accessible Internet  
4 website address for the Find Local Help direc-  
5 tory maintained by the Department of Health  
6 and Human Services on the healthcare.gov  
7 Internet website (or a successor website);

8           “(C) a clear explanation that—

9                   “(i) an individual who is eligible for  
10 continuation coverage may also be eligible  
11 to enroll, with financial assistance, in a  
12 qualified health plan offered through such  
13 Exchange, but, in the case that such indi-  
14 vidual elects to enroll in such continuation  
15 coverage and subsequently elects to termi-  
16 nate such continuation coverage before the  
17 period of such continuation coverage ex-  
18 pires, such individual will not be eligible to  
19 enroll in a qualified health plan offered  
20 through such Exchange during a special  
21 enrollment period; and

22                   “(ii) an individual who elects to enroll  
23 in continuation coverage will remain eligi-  
24 ble to enroll in a qualified health plan of-  
25 fered through such Exchange during an



1 open enrollment period and may be eligible  
2 for financial assistance with respect to en-  
3 rolling in such a qualified health plan;

4 “(D) information on consumer protections  
5 with respect to enrolling in a qualified health  
6 plan offered through such Exchange, including  
7 the requirement for such a qualified health plan  
8 to provide coverage for essential health benefits  
9 (as defined in section 1302(b) of the Patient  
10 Protection and Affordable Care Act) and the re-  
11 quirements applicable to such a qualified health  
12 plan under part A of title XXVII of the Public  
13 Health Service Act; and

14 “(E) information on the availability of fi-  
15 nancial assistance with respect to enrolling in a  
16 qualified health plan, including the maximum  
17 income limit for eligibility for a premium tax  
18 credit under section 36B of the Internal Rev-  
19 enue Code of 1986.”.

20 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
21 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to quali-  
22 fying events occurring on or after the date that is  
23 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2206 of the Public  
2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb–6) is amend-  
3 ed—

4           (A) by striking “In accordance” and in-  
5 serting the following:

6           “(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance”;

7           (B) by striking “of such beneficiary’s  
8 rights under this subsection” and inserting “of  
9 such beneficiary’s rights under this title in ac-  
10 cordance with the notification requirements  
11 under subsection (b)”;

12           (C) by striking “For purposes of para-  
13 graph (4),” and all that follows through “such  
14 notification is made.” and inserting the fol-  
15 lowing:

16           “(b) RULES RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF QUALI-  
17 FIED BENEFICIARIES BY PLAN ADMINISTRATOR.—For  
18 purposes of subsection (a)(4)—

19           “(1) any notification shall be made within 14  
20 days of the date on which the plan administrator is  
21 notified under paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection  
22 (a), whichever is applicable;

23           “(2) any such notification to an individual who  
24 is a qualified beneficiary as the spouse of the cov-  
25 ered employee shall be treated as notification to all

1 other qualified beneficiaries residing with such  
2 spouse at the time such notification is made; and

3 “(3) any such notification shall, with respect to  
4 each qualified beneficiary with respect to whom such  
5 notification is made, include information regarding  
6 any Exchange established under title I of the Pa-  
7 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act through  
8 which such a qualified beneficiary may be eligible to  
9 enroll in a qualified health plan (as defined in sec-  
10 tion 1301 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
11 Care Act), including—

12 “(A) the publicly accessible Internet  
13 website address for such Exchange;

14 “(B) the publicly accessible Internet  
15 website address for the Find Local Help direc-  
16 tory maintained by the Department of Health  
17 and Human Services on the healthcare.gov  
18 Internet website (or a successor website);

19 “(C) a clear explanation that—

20 “(i) an individual who is eligible for  
21 continuation coverage may also be eligible  
22 to enroll, with financial assistance, in a  
23 qualified health plan offered through such  
24 Exchange, but, in the case that such indi-  
25 vidual elects to enroll in such continuation

1 coverage and subsequently elects to termi-  
2 nate such continuation coverage before the  
3 period of such continuation coverage ex-  
4 pires, such individual will not be eligible to  
5 enroll in a qualified health plan offered  
6 through such Exchange during a special  
7 enrollment period; and

8 “(ii) an individual who elects to enroll  
9 in continuation coverage will remain eligi-  
10 ble to enroll in a qualified health plan of-  
11 fered through such Exchange during an  
12 open enrollment period and may be eligible  
13 for financial assistance with respect to en-  
14 rolling in such a qualified health plan;

15 “(D) information on consumer protections  
16 with respect to enrolling in a qualified health  
17 plan offered through such Exchange, including  
18 the requirement for such a qualified health plan  
19 to provide coverage for essential health benefits  
20 (as defined in section 1302(b) of the Patient  
21 Protection and Affordable Care Act) and the re-  
22 quirements applicable to such a qualified health  
23 plan under part A of title XXVII; and

24 “(E) information on the availability of fi-  
25 nancial assistance with respect to enrolling in a

1 qualified health plan, including the maximum  
2 income limit for eligibility for a premium tax  
3 credit under section 36B of the Internal Rev-  
4 enue Code of 1986.”.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
6 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to quali-  
7 fying events occurring on or after the date that is  
8 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (c) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4980B(f)(6) of the  
11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

12 (A) in subparagraph (D)—

13 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “under  
14 subparagraph (C)” and inserting “under  
15 clause (iii)”; and

16 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and  
17 (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II), respectively,  
18 and moving the margin of each such sub-  
19 clause, as so redesignated, 2 ems to the  
20 right;

21 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
22 through (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respec-  
23 tively, and moving the margin of each such  
24 clause, as so redesignated, 2 ems to the right;

1 (C) by striking “In accordance” and in-  
2 serting the following:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance”;

4 (D) by inserting after “of such bene-  
5 ficiary’s rights under this subsection” the fol-  
6 lowing: “in accordance with the notification re-  
7 quirements under subparagraph (C)”;

8 (E) by striking “The requirements of sub-  
9 paragraph (B)” and all that follows through  
10 “such notification is made.” and inserting the  
11 following:

12 “(B) ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMPLI-  
13 ANCE WITH REQUIREMENT FOR NOTIFICATION  
14 OF MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS BY EMPLOYERS.—  
15 The requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii) shall  
16 be considered satisfied in the case of a multiem-  
17 ployer plan in connection with a qualifying  
18 event described in paragraph (3)(B) if the plan  
19 provides that the determination of the occur-  
20 rence of such qualifying event will be made by  
21 the plan administrator.

22 “(C) RULES RELATING TO NOTIFICATION  
23 OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES BY PLAN ADMIN-  
24 ISTRATOR.—For purposes of subparagraph  
25 (A)(iv)—

1           “(i) any notification shall be made  
2           within 14 days (or, in the case of a group  
3           health plan which is a multiemployer plan,  
4           such longer period of time as may be pro-  
5           vided in the terms of the plan) of the date  
6           on which the plan administrator is notified  
7           under clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph  
8           (A), whichever is applicable;

9           “(ii) any such notification to an indi-  
10          vidual who is a qualified beneficiary as the  
11          spouse of the covered employee shall be  
12          treated as notification to all other qualified  
13          beneficiaries residing with such spouse at  
14          the time such notification is made; and

15          “(iii) any such notification shall, with  
16          respect to each qualified beneficiary with  
17          respect to whom such notification is made,  
18          include information regarding any Ex-  
19          change established under title I of the Pa-  
20          tient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
21          through which such a qualified beneficiary  
22          may be eligible to enroll in a qualified  
23          health plan (as defined in section 1301 of  
24          the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
25          Act), including—

1           “(I) the publicly accessible Inter-  
2 net website address for such Ex-  
3 change;

4           “(II) the publicly accessible  
5 Internet website address for the Find  
6 Local Help directory maintained by  
7 the Department of Health and  
8 Human Services on the healthcare.gov  
9 Internet website (or a successor  
10 website);

11           “(III) a clear explanation that—

12           “(aa) an individual who is  
13 eligible for continuation coverage  
14 may also be eligible to enroll,  
15 with financial assistance, in a  
16 qualified health plan offered  
17 through such Exchange, but, in  
18 the case that such individual  
19 elects to enroll in such continu-  
20 ation coverage and subsequently  
21 elects to terminate such continu-  
22 ation coverage before the period  
23 of such continuation coverage ex-  
24 pires, such individual will not be  
25 eligible to enroll in a qualified



1 health plan offered through such  
2 Exchange during a special enroll-  
3 ment period; and

4 “(bb) an individual who  
5 elects to enroll in continuation  
6 coverage will remain eligible to  
7 enroll in a qualified health plan  
8 offered through such Exchange  
9 during an open enrollment period  
10 and may be eligible for financial  
11 assistance with respect to enroll-  
12 ing in such a qualified health  
13 plan;

14 “(IV) information on consumer  
15 protections with respect to enrolling in  
16 a qualified health plan offered  
17 through such Exchange, including the  
18 requirement for such a qualified  
19 health plan to provide coverage for es-  
20 sential health benefits (as defined in  
21 section 1302(b) of the Patient Protec-  
22 tion and Affordable Care Act) and the  
23 requirements applicable to such a  
24 qualified health plan under part A of

1 title XXVII of the Public Health  
2 Service Act; and

3 “(V) information on the avail-  
4 ability of financial assistance with re-  
5 spect to enrolling in a qualified health  
6 plan, including the maximum income  
7 limit for eligibility for a premium tax  
8 credit under section 36B.”.

9 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
10 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to quali-  
11 fying events occurring on or after the date that is  
12 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (d) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 14 days after  
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 the Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treas-  
16 ury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
17 shall—

18 (1) update the model Consolidated Omnibus  
19 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (referred to in  
20 this subsection as “COBRA”) continuation coverage  
21 general notice and the model COBRA continuation  
22 coverage election notice developed by the Secretary  
23 of Labor for purposes of facilitating compliance of  
24 group health plans with the notification require-  
25 ments under section 606 of the Employee Retire-

1       ment Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166)  
2       to include the information described in paragraph  
3       (3) of subsection (c) of such section 606, as added  
4       by subsection (a)(1);

5               (2) provide an opportunity for consumer testing  
6       of each such notice, as so updated, to ensure that  
7       each such notice is clear and understandable to the  
8       average participant or beneficiary of a group health  
9       plan; and

10              (3) rename the model COBRA continuation  
11       coverage general notice and the model COBRA con-  
12       tinuation coverage election notice as the “model  
13       COBRA continuation coverage and Affordable Care  
14       Act coverage general notice” and the “model  
15       COBRA continuation coverage and Affordable Care  
16       Act coverage election notice”, respectively.

17 **SEC. 30306. SOONER COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR COVID-19.**

18       Section 6001(a) of division F of the Families First  
19       Coronavirus Response Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5 note) is  
20       amended by striking “beginning on or after” and inserting  
21       “beginning before, on, or after”.

1 **SEC. 30307. RISK CORRIDOR PROGRAM FOR HEALTH IN-**  
2 **SURANCE COVERAGE OFFERED IN THE INDIV-**  
3 **IDUAL OR SMALL GROUP MARKET.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
5 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
6 retary”) shall establish and administer a program of risk  
7 corridors for plan years 2020 and 2021 under which the  
8 Secretary shall make payments to health insurance issuers  
9 offering health insurance coverage in the individual or  
10 small group market based on the ratio of the allowable  
11 costs of the coverage to the aggregate premiums of the  
12 coverage.

13 (b) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—The Secretary shall  
14 provide under the program established under subsection  
15 (a) that if the allowable costs for a health insurance issuer  
16 offering health insurance coverage in the individual or  
17 small group market for any plan year are more than 105  
18 percent of the target amount, the Secretary shall pay to  
19 the issuer an amount equal to 75 percent of the allowable  
20 costs in excess of 105 percent of the target amount.

21 (c) INFORMATION COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall  
22 establish a process under which information is collected  
23 from health insurance issuers offering health insurance  
24 coverage in the individual or small group market for pur-  
25 poses of carrying out this section.

1 (d) NON-APPLICATION.—The provisions of this sec-  
2 tion shall not apply with respect to any group or individual  
3 health insurance coverage in relation to its provision of  
4 excepted benefits described in section 2791(c)(1) of the  
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91(c)).

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) ALLOWABLE COSTS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of allow-  
9 able costs of a health insurance issuer offering  
10 health insurance coverage in the individual or  
11 small group market for any year is an amount  
12 equal to the total costs (other than administra-  
13 tive costs) of such issuer in providing benefits  
14 covered by such coverage.

15 (B) CERTAIN REDUCTIONS.—Allowable  
16 costs shall reduced by any—

17 (i) risk adjustment payments received  
18 under section 1343 of the Patient Protec-  
19 tion and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 18063); and

21 (ii) reinsurance payments received  
22 pursuant to a waiver approved under sec-  
23 tion 1332 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 18052).

24 (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The terms “health  
25 insurance issuer”, “health insurance coverage”, “in-

1       dividual market”, and “small group market” have  
2       the meanings given such terms in section 2791 of  
3       the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–  
4       91).

5           (3) TARGET AMOUNT.—The target amount of  
6       health insurance coverage offered in the individual  
7       or small group market for any year is an amount  
8       equal to the total premiums (including any premium  
9       subsidies under any governmental program), reduced  
10      by the administrative costs of the coverage.

11       (f) TREATMENT FOR MLR.—Payments made under  
12      this section with respect to an applicable plan year to a  
13      health insurance issuer offering health insurance coverage  
14      in the individual or small group market shall for purposes  
15      of section 2718(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
16      U.S.C. 300gg–18(b)) be included in the calculation of the  
17      premium revenue with respect to such issuer and year.

18       (g) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Health and  
19      Human Services may implement the provisions of this sec-  
20      tion by subregulatory guidance, program instruction, or  
21      otherwise.

22       (h) APPROPRIATION.—There are appropriated, out of  
23      any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
24      such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 30308. RISK CORRIDOR PROGRAM FOR SELF-INSURED**  
2 **GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH INSUR-**  
3 **ANCE COVERAGE OFFERED IN THE LARGE**  
4 **GROUP MARKET.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
6 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
7 retary”), in coordination with the Secretary of Labor and  
8 the Secretary of the Treasury, shall establish and admin-  
9 ister a program of risk corridors for plan years 2020 and  
10 2021 under which the Secretary, in coordination with the  
11 Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of the Treasury,  
12 shall make payments in accordance with subsection (b) to  
13 self-insured group health plans and health insurance  
14 issuers offering health insurance coverage in the large  
15 group market.

16 (b) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—The Secretary, in  
17 coordination with the Secretary of Labor and the Sec-  
18 retary of the Treasury, shall provide under the program  
19 established under subsection (a) that if the allowable costs  
20 for a self-insured group health plan or health insurance  
21 coverage offered in the large group market for any plan  
22 year are more than 105 percent of the target amount, the  
23 Secretary shall pay to the plan, or issuer of such coverage,  
24 an amount equal to 75 percent of the allowable costs in  
25 excess of 105 percent of the target amount.

26 (c) INFORMATION COLLECTION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, the Secretary  
2 of Labor, and the Secretary of the Treasury may re-  
3 quire self-insured group health plans and health in-  
4 surance issuers of health insurance coverage offered  
5 in the large group market to report to the applicable  
6 Secretary, in a form, manner, and timeframe speci-  
7 fied by the Secretaries, information necessary for  
8 purposes of carrying out this section in accordance  
9 with the process established under paragraph (2).

10           (2) PROCESS.—The Secretary, the Secretary of  
11 Labor, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall joint-  
12 ly establish a process prescribing the form and man-  
13 ner under which information is collected from self-  
14 insured group health plans and health insurance  
15 issuers offering health insurance coverage in the  
16 large group market for purposes of carrying out this  
17 section.

18           (d) DEFINITIONS.—

19           (1) ALLOWABLE COSTS.—

20           (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of allow-  
21 able costs of a self-insured group health plan or  
22 health insurance coverage offered in the large  
23 group market for any plan year is an amount  
24 equal to the total costs (other than administra-  
25 tive costs) of such plan or the issuer of such



1 coverage in covering items and services fur-  
2 nished during such plan year under such plan  
3 or such coverage.

4 (B) CERTAIN REDUCTIONS.—Allowable  
5 costs of a self-insured group health plan or  
6 health insurance coverage offered in the large  
7 group market for a plan year shall be reduced  
8 by any—

9 (i) reinsurance payments received by  
10 such plan or coverage pursuant to a waiver  
11 approved under section 1332 of such Act  
12 (42 U.S.C. 18052) for such plan year; and

13 (ii) other payments received by such  
14 plan or coverage (as specified by the Sec-  
15 retary) for such plan year.

16 (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—For purposes of this  
17 section, the terms “excepted benefits”, “health in-  
18 surance issuer”, “health insurance coverage”, and  
19 “large group market” have the meanings given such  
20 terms in section 2791 of the Public Health Service  
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91), section 733 of the Em-  
22 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
23 U.S.C. 1191b), and section 9832 of the Internal  
24 Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable, and the term  
25 “self-insured group health plan” has the meaning

1 given such term for purposes of section 2701(a)(5)  
2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 300gg(a)(5)).

4 (3) TARGET AMOUNT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The target amount  
6 of—

7 (i) a self-insured group health plan for  
8 an applicable plan year is—

9 (I) in the case such plan was of-  
10 fered during the preceding plan year  
11 and was subject to the requirement of  
12 section 601(a) of the Employee Re-  
13 tirement Income Security Act of 1974  
14 (29 U.S.C. 1161(a)) during such pre-  
15 ceding plan year, the expected cost to  
16 the plan for all individuals covered  
17 under such plan for such preceding  
18 plan year (without regard to whether  
19 such cost is paid by the employer or  
20 employee), taking into account appli-  
21 cable premiums (as defined in section  
22 604(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C.  
23 1164(1))) for such plan and preceding  
24 plan year, reduced by any administra-

1           tive costs for such preceding plan year  
2           and increased by 5 percent; or

3                   (II) in the case such plan is not  
4           described in subclause (I), the ex-  
5           pected cost to the plan for all individ-  
6           uals covered under such plan for such  
7           applicable plan year (as determined  
8           under a methodology specified by the  
9           Secretary), reduced by any adminis-  
10          trative costs for such plan year; and

11                   (ii) health insurance coverage offered  
12          in the large group market for an applicable  
13          plan year is an amount equal to the total  
14          premiums (including any premium sub-  
15          sidies under any governmental program),  
16          as defined by the Secretary, for such plan  
17          year, reduced by the administrative costs  
18          of the coverage for such plan year.

19                   (B) APPLICABLE PLAN YEAR.—The term  
20           “applicable plan year” means plan year 2020 or  
21           plan year 2021, as applicable.

22           (e) APPLICATION.—

23                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of subsection  
24           (c) shall be applied by the Secretary of Health and  
25           Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, and the

1 Secretary of the Treasury to group health plans and  
2 health insurance issuers offering health insurance  
3 coverage in the large group market as if such sub-  
4 section were included in the provisions of part A of  
5 title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 300gg et seq.), part 7 of the Employee Re-  
7 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
8 1181 et seq.), and subchapter B of chapter 100 of  
9 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable.

10 (2) TREATMENT FOR MLR.—Payments made  
11 under this section with respect to an applicable plan  
12 year to a self-insured group health plan or health in-  
13 surance issuer offering health insurance coverage in  
14 the large group market shall for purposes of section  
15 2718(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 300gg–18(b)) be included in the calculation of the  
17 premium revenue with respect to such plan or issuer,  
18 respectively, and year.

19 (f) NON-APPLICATION.—The provisions of this sec-  
20 tion shall not apply with respect to—

21 (1) any group health plan or group or indi-  
22 vidual health insurance coverage in relation to its  
23 provision of excepted benefits; or

1           (2) a grandfathered health plan, as defined in  
2           section 1251(e) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
3           fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18011(e)).

4           (g) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary, the Sec-  
5           retary of Labor, and the Secretary of the Treasury may  
6           implement the provisions of this section by subregulatory  
7           guidance, program instruction, or otherwise.

8           (h) APPROPRIATION.—There are appropriated, out of  
9           any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
10          such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

## 11                           **Subtitle B—Worker Health**

### 12                           **Coverage Protection**

#### 13   **SEC. 30311. SHORT TITLE.**

14          This subtitle may be cited as the “Worker Health  
15          Coverage Protection Act”.

#### 16   **SEC. 30312. PRESERVING HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WORK-** 17                           **ERS.**

18          (a) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR COBRA CONTINU-  
19          ATION COVERAGE AND FURLOUGHED CONTINUATION  
20          COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.—

21                       (1) PROVISION OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

22                               (A) REDUCTION OF PREMIUMS PAY-  
23                               ABLE.—

24                                       (i) COBRA CONTINUATION COV-  
25                                       ERAGE.—In the case of any premium for a

1 period of coverage during the period begin-  
2 ning on March 1, 2020, and ending on  
3 January 31, 2021 for COBRA continu-  
4 ation coverage with respect to any assist-  
5 ance eligible individual described in para-  
6 graph (3)(A), such individual shall be  
7 treated for purposes of any COBRA con-  
8 tinuation provision as having paid the  
9 amount of such premium if such individual  
10 pays (and any person other than such indi-  
11 vidual's employer pays on behalf of such  
12 individual) 0 percent of the amount of  
13 such premium owed by such individual (as  
14 determined without regard to this sub-  
15 section).

16 (ii) FURLOUGHED CONTINUATION  
17 COVERAGE.—In the case of any premium  
18 for a period of coverage during the period  
19 beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending  
20 on January 31, 2021 for coverage under a  
21 group health plan with respect to any as-  
22 sistance eligible individual described in  
23 paragraph (3)(B), such individual shall be  
24 treated for purposes of coverage under the  
25 plan offered by the plan sponsor in which

1 the individual is enrolled as having paid  
2 the amount of such premium if such indi-  
3 vidual pays (and any person other than  
4 such individual's employer pays on behalf  
5 of such individual) 0 percent of the  
6 amount of such premium owed by such in-  
7 dividual (as determined without regard to  
8 this subsection).

9 (B) PLAN ENROLLMENT OPTION.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
11 the COBRA continuation provisions, any  
12 assistance eligible individual who is en-  
13 rolled in a group health plan offered by a  
14 plan sponsor may, not later than 90 days  
15 after the date of notice of the plan enroll-  
16 ment option described in this subpara-  
17 graph, elect to enroll in coverage under a  
18 plan offered by such plan sponsor that is  
19 different than coverage under the plan in  
20 which such individual was enrolled at the  
21 time—

22 (I) in the case of any assistance  
23 eligible individual described in para-  
24 graph (3)(A), the qualifying event  
25 specified in section 603(2) of the Em-

1            ployee Retirement Income Security  
2            Act of 1974, section 4980B(f)(3)(B)  
3            of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
4            section 2203(2) of the Public Health  
5            Service Act, or section 8905a of title  
6            5, United States Code (except for the  
7            voluntary termination of such individ-  
8            ual's employment by such individual),  
9            occurred, and such coverage shall be  
10           treated as COBRA continuation cov-  
11           erage for purposes of the applicable  
12           COBRA continuation coverage provi-  
13           sion; or

14                    (II) in the case of any assistance  
15                    eligible individual described in para-  
16                    graph (3)(B), the furlough period  
17                    began with respect to such individual.

18                    (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Any assistance  
19                    eligible individual may elect to enroll in  
20                    different coverage as described in clause (i)  
21                    only if—

22                            (I) the employer involved has  
23                            made a determination that such em-  
24                            ployer will permit such assistance eli-  
25                            gible individual to enroll in different



1 coverage as provided under this sub-  
2 paragraph;

3 (II) the premium for such dif-  
4 ferent coverage does not exceed the  
5 premium for coverage in which such  
6 individual was enrolled at the time  
7 such qualifying event occurred or im-  
8 mediately before such furlough began;

9 (III) the different coverage in  
10 which the individual elects to enroll is  
11 coverage that is also offered to the ac-  
12 tive employees of the employer, who  
13 are not in a furlough period, at the  
14 time at which such election is made;  
15 and

16 (IV) the different coverage in  
17 which the individual elects to enroll is  
18 not—

19 (aa) coverage that provides  
20 only dental, vision, counseling, or  
21 referral services (or a combina-  
22 tion of such services);

23 (bb) a qualified small em-  
24 ployer health reimbursement ar-  
25 rangement (as defined in section

1 9831(d)(2) of the Internal Rev-  
2 enue Code of 1986);

3 (cc) a flexible spending ar-  
4 rangement (as defined in section  
5 106(c)(2) of the Internal Rev-  
6 enue Code of 1986); or

7 (dd) benefits that provide  
8 coverage for services or treat-  
9 ments furnished in an on-site  
10 medical facility maintained by  
11 the employer and that consists  
12 primarily of first-aid services,  
13 prevention and wellness care, or  
14 similar care (or a combination of  
15 such care).

16 (C) PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT.—For pro-  
17 visions providing the payment of such premium,  
18 see section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code  
19 of 1986, as added by paragraph (14).

20 (2) LIMITATION OF PERIOD OF PREMIUM AS-  
21 SISTANCE.—

22 (A) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL COV-  
23 ERAGE.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not apply with  
24 respect to—

1 (i) any assistance eligible individual  
2 described in paragraph (3)(A) for months  
3 of coverage beginning on or after the ear-  
4 lier of—

5 (I) the first date that such indi-  
6 vidual is eligible for coverage under  
7 any other group health plan (other  
8 than coverage consisting of only den-  
9 tal, vision, counseling, or referral serv-  
10 ices (or a combination thereof), cov-  
11 erage under a flexible spending ar-  
12 rangement (as defined in section  
13 106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
14 Code of 1986), coverage of treatment  
15 that is furnished in an on-site medical  
16 facility maintained by the employer  
17 and that consists primarily of first-aid  
18 services, prevention and wellness care,  
19 or similar care (or a combination  
20 thereof)), or eligible for benefits under  
21 the Medicare program under title  
22 XVIII of the Social Security Act; or

23 (II) the earliest of—

24 (aa) the date following the  
25 expiration of the maximum pe-

1           riod of continuation coverage re-  
2           quired under the applicable  
3           COBRA continuation coverage  
4           provision; or

5                   (bb) the date following the  
6                   expiration of the period of con-  
7                   tinuation coverage allowed under  
8                   paragraph (4)(B)(ii); or

9                   (ii) any assistance eligible individual  
10                  described in paragraph (3)(B) for months  
11                  of coverage beginning on or after the ear-  
12                  lier of—

13                   (I) the first date that such indi-  
14                   vidual is eligible for coverage under  
15                   any other group health plan (other  
16                   than coverage consisting of only den-  
17                   tal, vision, counseling, or referral serv-  
18                   ices (or a combination thereof), cov-  
19                   erage under a flexible spending ar-  
20                   rangement (as defined in section  
21                   106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
22                   Code of 1986), coverage of treatment  
23                   that is furnished in an on-site medical  
24                   facility maintained by the employer  
25                   and that consists primarily of first-aid

1 services, prevention and wellness care,  
2 or similar care (or a combination  
3 thereof)), or eligible for benefits under  
4 the Medicare program under title  
5 XVIII of the Social Security Act; or

6 (II) the first date that such indi-  
7 vidual is no longer in the furlough pe-  
8 riod.

9 (B) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Any  
10 assistance eligible individual shall notify the  
11 group health plan with respect to which para-  
12 graph (1)(A) applies if such paragraph ceases  
13 to apply by reason of clause (i)(I) or (ii)(I) of  
14 subparagraph (A) (as applicable). Such notice  
15 shall be provided to the group health plan in  
16 such time and manner as may be specified by  
17 the Secretary of Labor.

18 (C) SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOL-  
19 LOWING EXPIRATION OF PREMIUM ASSIST-  
20 ANCE.—Notwithstanding section 1311 of the  
21 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42  
22 U.S.C. 18031), the expiration of premium as-  
23 sistance pursuant to a limitation specified  
24 under subparagraph (A) shall be treated as a  
25 qualifying event for which any assistance eligi-

1           ble individual is eligible to enroll in a qualified  
2           health plan offered through an Exchange under  
3           title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 18001 et seq.)  
4           during a special enrollment period.

5           (3) ASSISTANCE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For  
6           purposes of this section, the term “assistance eligible  
7           individual” means, with respect to a period of cov-  
8           erage during the period beginning on March 1,  
9           2020, and ending on January 31, 2021—

10           (A) any individual that is a qualified bene-  
11           ficiary that—

12                   (i) is eligible for COBRA continuation  
13                   coverage by reason of a qualifying event  
14                   specified in section 603(2) of the Employee  
15                   Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,  
16                   section 4980B(f)(3)(B) of the Internal  
17                   Revenue Code of 1986, section 2203(2) of  
18                   the Public Health Service Act, or section  
19                   8905a of title 5, United States Code (ex-  
20                   cept for the voluntary termination of such  
21                   individual’s employment by such indi-  
22                   vidual); and

23                   (ii) elects such coverage; or

24           (B) any covered employee that is in a fur-  
25           lough period that remains eligible for coverage

1 under a group health plan offered by the em-  
2 ployer of such covered employee.

3 (4) EXTENSION OF ELECTION PERIOD AND EF-  
4 FECT ON COVERAGE.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of apply-  
6 ing section 605(a) of the Employee Retirement  
7 Income Security Act of 1974, section  
8 4980B(f)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code  
9 of 1986, section 2205(a) of the Public Health  
10 Service Act, and section 8905a(c)(2) of title 5,  
11 United States Code, in the case of—

12 (i) an individual who does not have an  
13 election of COBRA continuation coverage  
14 in effect on the date of the enactment of  
15 this Act but who would be an assistance el-  
16 igible individual described in paragraph  
17 (3)(A) if such election were so in effect; or

18 (ii) an individual who elected COBRA  
19 continuation coverage on or after March 1,  
20 2020, and discontinued from such coverage  
21 before the date of the enactment of this  
22 Act,

23 such individual may elect the COBRA continu-  
24 ation coverage under the COBRA continuation  
25 coverage provisions containing such provisions

1 during the period beginning on the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act and ending 60 days after  
3 the date on which the notification required  
4 under paragraph (7)(C) is provided to such in-  
5 dividual.

6 (B) COMMENCEMENT OF COBRA CONTINU-  
7 ATION COVERAGE.—Any COBRA continuation  
8 coverage elected by a qualified beneficiary dur-  
9 ing an extended election period under subpara-  
10 graph (A)—

11 (i) shall apply as if such qualified ben-  
12 efiary had been covered as of the date of  
13 a qualifying event specified in section  
14 603(2) of the Employee Retirement In-  
15 come Security Act of 1974, section  
16 4980B(f)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue  
17 Code of 1986, section 2203(2) of the Pub-  
18 lic Health Service Act, or section 8905a of  
19 title 5, United States Code, except for the  
20 voluntary termination of such beneficiary’s  
21 employment by such beneficiary, that oc-  
22 curs no earlier than March 1, 2020 (in-  
23 cluding the treatment of premium pay-  
24 ments under paragraph (1)(A) and any



1 cost-sharing requirements for items and  
2 services under a group health plan); and

3 (ii) shall not extend beyond the period  
4 of COBRA continuation coverage that  
5 would have been required under the appli-  
6 cable COBRA continuation coverage provi-  
7 sion if the coverage had been elected as re-  
8 quired under such provision.

9 (5) EXPEDITED REVIEW OF DENIALS OF PRE-  
10 MIUM ASSISTANCE.—In any case in which an indi-  
11 vidual requests treatment as an assistance eligible  
12 individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
13 paragraph (3) and is denied such treatment by the  
14 group health plan, the Secretary of Labor (or the  
15 Secretary of Health and Human Services in connec-  
16 tion with COBRA continuation coverage which is  
17 provided other than pursuant to part 6 of subtitle B  
18 of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-  
19 rity Act of 1974), in consultation with the Secretary  
20 of the Treasury, shall provide for expedited review of  
21 such denial. An individual shall be entitled to such  
22 review upon application to such Secretary in such  
23 form and manner as shall be provided by such Sec-  
24 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Treas-  
25 ury. Such Secretary shall make a determination re-

1       garding such individual's eligibility within 15 busi-  
2       ness days after receipt of such individual's applica-  
3       tion for review under this paragraph. Either Sec-  
4       retary's determination upon review of the denial  
5       shall be de novo and shall be the final determination  
6       of such Secretary. A reviewing court shall grant def-  
7       erence to such Secretary's determination. The provi-  
8       sions of this paragraph, paragraphs (1) through (4),  
9       and paragraphs (7) through (9) shall be treated as  
10      provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement In-  
11      come Security Act of 1974 for purposes of part 5 of  
12      subtitle B of such title.

13               (6) DISREGARD OF SUBSIDIES FOR PURPOSES  
14      OF FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS.—Notwith-  
15      standing any other provision of law, any premium  
16      assistance with respect to an assistance eligible indi-  
17      vidual under this subsection shall not be considered  
18      income, in-kind support, or resources for purposes of  
19      determining the eligibility of the recipient (or the re-  
20      cipient's spouse or family) for benefits or assistance,  
21      or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, or  
22      any other benefit provided under any Federal pro-  
23      gram or any program of a State or political subdivi-  
24      sion thereof financed in whole or in part with Fed-  
25      eral funds.

## 1 (7) COBRA-SPECIFIC NOTICE.—

## 2 (A) GENERAL NOTICE.—

3 (i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of no-  
4 tices provided under section 606(a)(4) of  
5 the Employee Retirement Income Security  
6 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), section  
7 4980B(f)(6)(D) of the Internal Revenue  
8 Code of 1986, section 2206(4) of the Pub-  
9 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb-  
10 6(4)), or section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5,  
11 United States Code, with respect to indi-  
12 viduals who, during the period described in  
13 paragraph (3), become entitled to elect  
14 COBRA continuation coverage, the re-  
15 quirements of such provisions shall not be  
16 treated as met unless such notices include  
17 an additional notification to the recipient a  
18 written notice in clear and understandable  
19 language of—

20 (I) the availability of premium  
21 assistance with respect to such cov-  
22 erage under this subsection; and

23 (II) the option to enroll in dif-  
24 ferent coverage if the employer per-  
25 mits assistance eligible individuals de-

1           scribed in paragraph (3)(A) to elect  
2           enrollment in different coverage (as  
3           described in paragraph (1)(B)).

4           (ii) ALTERNATIVE NOTICE.—In the  
5           case of COBRA continuation coverage to  
6           which the notice provision under such sec-  
7           tions does not apply, the Secretary of  
8           Labor, in consultation with the Secretary  
9           of the Treasury and the Secretary of  
10          Health and Human Services, shall, in con-  
11          sultation with administrators of the group  
12          health plans (or other entities) that provide  
13          or administer the COBRA continuation  
14          coverage involved, provide rules requiring  
15          the provision of such notice.

16          (iii) FORM.—The requirement of the  
17          additional notification under this subpara-  
18          graph may be met by amendment of exist-  
19          ing notice forms or by inclusion of a sepa-  
20          rate document with the notice otherwise  
21          required.

22          (B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—Each ad-  
23          ditional notification under subparagraph (A)  
24          shall include—

1 (i) the forms necessary for estab-  
2 lishing eligibility for premium assistance  
3 under this subsection;

4 (ii) the name, address, and telephone  
5 number necessary to contact the plan ad-  
6 ministrator and any other person main-  
7 taining relevant information in connection  
8 with such premium assistance;

9 (iii) a description of the extended elec-  
10 tion period provided for in paragraph  
11 (4)(A);

12 (iv) a description of the obligation of  
13 the qualified beneficiary under paragraph  
14 (2)(B) and the penalty provided under sec-  
15 tion 6720C of the Internal Revenue Code  
16 of 1986 for failure to carry out the obliga-  
17 tion;

18 (v) a description, displayed in a  
19 prominent manner, of the qualified bene-  
20 ficiary's right to a reduced premium and  
21 any conditions on entitlement to the re-  
22 duced premium;

23 (vi) a description of the option of the  
24 qualified beneficiary to enroll in different  
25 coverage if the employer permits such ben-

1           eficiary to elect to enroll in such different  
2           coverage under paragraph (1)(B); and

3           (vii) information regarding any Ex-  
4           change established under title I of the Pa-  
5           tient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
6           (42 U.S.C. 18001 et seq.) through which a  
7           qualified beneficiary may be eligible to en-  
8           roll in a qualified health plan, including—

9           (I) the publicly accessible inter-  
10          net website address for such Ex-  
11          change;

12          (II) the publicly accessible inter-  
13          net website address for the Find  
14          Local Help directory maintained by  
15          the Department of Health and  
16          Human Services on the healthcare.gov  
17          internet website (or a successor  
18          website);

19          (III) a clear explanation that—

20           (aa) an individual who is eli-  
21           gible for continuation coverage  
22           may also be eligible to enroll,  
23           with financial assistance, in a  
24           qualified health plan offered  
25           through such Exchange, but, in

1 the case that such individual  
2 elects to enroll in such continu-  
3 ation coverage and subsequently  
4 elects to terminate such continu-  
5 ation coverage before the period  
6 of such continuation coverage ex-  
7 pires, such termination does not  
8 initiate a special enrollment pe-  
9 riod (absent a qualifying event  
10 specified in section 603(2) of the  
11 Employee Retirement Income Se-  
12 curity Act of 1974, section  
13 4980B(f)(3)(B) of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code of 1986, section  
15 2203(2) of the Public Health  
16 Service Act, or section 8905a of  
17 title 5, United States Code, with  
18 respect to such individual); and

19 (bb) an individual who elects  
20 to enroll in continuation coverage  
21 will remain eligible to enroll in a  
22 qualified health plan offered  
23 through such Exchange during  
24 an open enrollment period and  
25 may be eligible for financial as-

1                   sistance with respect to enrolling  
2                   in such a qualified health plan;  
3                   (IV) information on consumer  
4                   protections with respect to enrolling in  
5                   a qualified health plan offered  
6                   through such Exchange, including the  
7                   requirement for such a qualified  
8                   health plan to provide coverage for es-  
9                   sential health benefits (as defined in  
10                  section 1302(b) of such Act (42  
11                  U.S.C. 18022(b))) and the require-  
12                  ments applicable to such a qualified  
13                  health plan under part A of title  
14                  XXVII of the Public Health Service  
15                  Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg et seq.);  
16                  (V) information on the avail-  
17                  ability of financial assistance with re-  
18                  spect to enrolling in a qualified health  
19                  plan, including the maximum income  
20                  limit for eligibility for the premium  
21                  tax credit under section 36B of the  
22                  Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and  
23                  (VI) information on any special  
24                  enrollment periods during which any  
25                  assistance eligible individual described



1 in paragraph (3)(A)(i) may be eligible  
2 to enroll, with financial assistance, in  
3 a qualified health plan offered  
4 through such Exchange (including a  
5 special enrollment period for which an  
6 individual may be eligible due to the  
7 expiration of premium assistance pur-  
8 suant to a limitation specified under  
9 paragraph (2)(A)).

10 (C) NOTICE IN CONNECTION WITH EX-  
11 TENDED ELECTION PERIODS.—In the case of  
12 any assistance eligible individual described in  
13 paragraph (3)(A) (or any individual described  
14 in paragraph (4)(A)) who became entitled to  
15 elect COBRA continuation coverage before the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the adminis-  
17 trator of the applicable group health plan (or  
18 other entity) shall provide (within 60 days after  
19 the date of enactment of this Act) for the addi-  
20 tional notification required to be provided under  
21 subparagraph (A) and failure to provide such  
22 notice shall be treated as a failure to meet the  
23 notice requirements under the applicable  
24 COBRA continuation provision.

1 (D) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 30  
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3 with respect to any assistance eligible individual  
4 described in paragraph (3)(A)—

5 (i) the Secretary of Labor, in con-  
6 sultation with the Secretary of the Treas-  
7 ury and the Secretary of Health and  
8 Human Services, shall prescribe models for  
9 the additional notification required under  
10 this paragraph (other than the additional  
11 notification described in clause (ii)); and

12 (ii) in the case of any additional noti-  
13 fication provided pursuant to subpara-  
14 graph (A) under section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of  
15 title 5, United States Code, the Office of  
16 Personnel Management shall prescribe a  
17 model for such additional notification.

18 (8) FURLOUGH-SPECIFIC NOTICE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any as-  
20 sistance eligible individual described in para-  
21 graph (3)(B) who, during the period described  
22 in such paragraph, becomes eligible for assist-  
23 ance pursuant to paragraph (1)(A)(ii), the re-  
24 quirements of section 606(a)(4) of the Em-  
25 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

1 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), section 4980B(f)(6)(D) of  
2 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, section  
3 2206(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 300bb-6(4)), or section 8905a(f)(2)(A)  
5 of title 5, United States Code, shall not be  
6 treated as met unless the group health plan ad-  
7 ministrator, in accordance with the timing re-  
8 quirement specified under subparagraph (B),  
9 provides to the individual a written notice in  
10 clear and understandable language of—

11 (i) the availability of premium assist-  
12 ance with respect to such coverage under  
13 this subsection;

14 (ii) the option of the qualified bene-  
15 ficiary to enroll in different coverage if the  
16 employer permits such beneficiary to elect  
17 to enroll in such different coverage under  
18 paragraph (1)(B); and

19 (iii) the information specified under  
20 paragraph (7)(B) (as applicable).

21 (B) TIMING SPECIFIED.—For purposes of  
22 subparagraph (A), the timing requirement spec-  
23 ified in this subparagraph is—

24 (i) with respect to such an individual  
25 who is within a furlough period during the

1 period beginning on March 1, 2020, and  
2 ending on the date of the enactment of this  
3 Act, 30 days after the date of such enact-  
4 ment; and

5 (ii) with respect to such an individual  
6 who is within a furlough period during the  
7 period beginning on the first day after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act and end-  
9 ing on January 31, 2021, 30 days after  
10 the date of the beginning of such furlough  
11 period.

12 (C) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 30  
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
14 with respect to any assistance eligible individual  
15 described in paragraph (3)(B)—

16 (i) the Secretary of Labor, in con-  
17 sultation with the Secretary of the Treas-  
18 ury and the Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services, shall prescribe models for  
20 the notification required under this para-  
21 graph (other than the notification de-  
22 scribed in clause (ii)); and

23 (ii) in the case of any notification pro-  
24 vided pursuant to subparagraph (A) under  
25 section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5, United

1 States Code, the Office of Personnel Man-  
2 agement shall prescribe a model for such  
3 notification.

4 (9) NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF PERIOD OF  
5 PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any as-  
7 sistance eligible individual, subject to subpara-  
8 graph (B), the requirements of section  
9 606(a)(4) of the Employee Retirement Income  
10 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), sec-  
11 tion 4980B(f)(6)(D) of the Internal Revenue  
12 Code of 1986, section 2206(4) of the Public  
13 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb–6(4)), or  
14 section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5, United States  
15 Code, shall not be treated as met unless the  
16 employer of the individual, during the period  
17 specified under subparagraph (C), provides to  
18 such individual a written notice in clear and un-  
19 derstandable language—

20 (i) that the premium assistance for  
21 such individual will expire soon and the  
22 prominent identification of the date of  
23 such expiration;

1 (ii) that such individual may be eligi-  
2 ble for coverage without any premium as-  
3 sistance through—

4 (I) COBRA continuation cov-  
5 erage; or

6 (II) coverage under a group  
7 health plan;

8 (iii) that the expiration of premium  
9 assistance is treated as a qualifying event  
10 for which any assistance eligible individual  
11 is eligible to enroll in a qualified health  
12 plan offered through an Exchange under  
13 title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 18001 et  
14 seq.) during a special enrollment period;  
15 and

16 (iv) the information specified in para-  
17 graph (7)(B)(vii).

18 (B) EXCEPTION.—The requirement for the  
19 group health plan administrator to provide the  
20 written notice under subparagraph (A) shall be  
21 waived in the case the premium assistance for  
22 such individual expires pursuant to clause (i)(I)  
23 or (ii)(I) of paragraph (2)(A).

24 (C) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—For purposes of  
25 subparagraph (A), the period specified in this

1           subparagraph is, with respect to the date of ex-  
2           piration of premium assistance for any assist-  
3           ance eligible individual pursuant to a limitation  
4           requiring a notice under this paragraph, the pe-  
5           riod beginning on the day that is 45 days before  
6           the date of such expiration and ending on the  
7           day that is 15 days before the date of such ex-  
8           piration.

9           (D) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 30  
10          days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
11          with respect to any assistance eligible indi-  
12          vidual—

13                 (i) the Secretary of Labor, in con-  
14                 sultation with the Secretary of the Treas-  
15                 ury and the Secretary of Health and  
16                 Human Services, shall prescribe models for  
17                 the notification required under this para-  
18                 graph (other than the notification de-  
19                 scribed in clause (ii)); and

20                 (ii) in the case of any notification pro-  
21                 vided pursuant to subparagraph (A) under  
22                 section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5, United  
23                 States Code, the Office of Personnel Man-  
24                 agement shall prescribe a model for such  
25                 notification.

1           (10) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the  
2 Treasury and the Secretary of Labor may jointly  
3 prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may  
4 be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provi-  
5 sions of this subsection, including the prevention of  
6 fraud and abuse under this subsection, except that  
7 the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health  
8 and Human Services may prescribe such regulations  
9 (including interim final regulations) or other guid-  
10 ance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry  
11 out the provisions of paragraphs (5), (7), (8), (9),  
12 and (11).

13           (11) OUTREACH.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
15 Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
16 Treasury and the Secretary of Health and  
17 Human Services, shall provide outreach con-  
18 sisting of public education and enrollment as-  
19 sistance relating to premium assistance pro-  
20 vided under this subsection. Such outreach shall  
21 target employers, group health plan administra-  
22 tors, public assistance programs, States, insur-  
23 ers, and other entities as determined appro-  
24 priate by such Secretaries. Such outreach shall  
25 include an initial focus on those individuals



1 electing continuation coverage who are referred  
2 to in paragraph (7)(C). Information on such  
3 premium assistance, including enrollment, shall  
4 also be made available on websites of the De-  
5 partments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and  
6 Human Services.

7 (B) ENROLLMENT UNDER MEDICARE.—

8 The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
9 shall provide outreach consisting of public edu-  
10 cation. Such outreach shall target individuals  
11 who lose health insurance coverage. Such out-  
12 reach shall include information regarding en-  
13 rollment for benefits under title XVIII of the  
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) for  
15 purposes of preventing mistaken delays of such  
16 enrollment by such individuals, including life-  
17 time penalties for failure of timely enrollment.

18 (12) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-  
19 tion:

20 (A) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “admin-  
21 istrator” has the meaning given such term in  
22 section 3(16)(A) of the Employee Retirement  
23 Income Security Act of 1974.

24 (B) COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE.—

25 The term “COBRA continuation coverage”

1 means continuation coverage provided pursuant  
2 to part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the Em-  
3 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
4 (other than under section 609), title XXII of  
5 the Public Health Service Act, section 4980B of  
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (other than  
7 subsection (f)(1) of such section insofar as it  
8 relates to pediatric vaccines), or section 8905a  
9 of title 5, United States Code, or under a State  
10 program that provides comparable continuation  
11 coverage. Such term does not include coverage  
12 under a health flexible spending arrangement  
13 under a cafeteria plan within the meaning of  
14 section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
15 1986.

16 (C) COBRA CONTINUATION PROVISION.—  
17 The term “COBRA continuation provision”  
18 means the provisions of law described in sub-  
19 paragraph (B).

20 (D) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term  
21 “covered employee” has the meaning given such  
22 term in section 607(2) of the Employee Retire-  
23 ment Income Security Act of 1974.

24 (E) QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY.—The term  
25 “qualified beneficiary” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 607(3) of the Employee  
2 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

3 (F) GROUP HEALTH PLAN.—The term  
4 “group health plan” has the meaning given  
5 such term in section 607(1) of the Employee  
6 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

7 (G) STATE.—The term “State” includes  
8 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
9 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Amer-  
10 ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the  
11 Northern Mariana Islands.

12 (H) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—Any ref-  
13 erence in this subsection to a period of coverage  
14 shall be treated as a reference to a monthly or  
15 shorter period of coverage with respect to which  
16 premiums are charged with respect to such cov-  
17 erage.

18 (I) PLAN SPONSOR.—The term “plan  
19 sponsor” has the meaning given such term in  
20 section 3(16)(B) of the Employee Retirement  
21 Income Security Act of 1974.

22 (J) FURLOUGH PERIOD.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—The term “furlough  
24 period” means, with respect to an indi-

1           vidual and an employer of such individual,  
2           a period—

3                   (I) beginning with the first  
4                   month beginning on or after March 1,  
5                   2020 and before January 31, 2021,  
6                   during which such individual’s em-  
7                   ployer reduces such individual’s work  
8                   hours (due to a lack of work, funds,  
9                   or other nondisciplinary reason) to an  
10                  amount that is less than 70 percent of  
11                  the base month amount; and

12                  (II) ending with the earlier of—

13                       (aa) the first month begin-  
14                       ning after January 31, 2021; or

15                       (bb) the month following the  
16                       first month during which work  
17                       hours of such employee are great-  
18                       er than 80 percent of work hours  
19                       of the base month amount.

20                  (ii) **BASE MONTH AMOUNT.**—For pur-  
21                  poses of clause (i), the term “base month  
22                  amount” means, with respect to an indi-  
23                  vidual and an employer of such individual,  
24                  the greater of—

1 (I) such individual's work hours  
2 in the month prior (or in the case  
3 such individual had no work hours in  
4 the month prior and had work hours  
5 in the 3 months prior, the last month  
6 with work hours within the prior 3  
7 months); and

8 (II) such individual's work hours  
9 during the period beginning January  
10 1, 2020 and ending January 31,  
11 2020.

12 (13) REPORTS.—

13 (A) INTERIM REPORT.—The Secretary of  
14 the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall  
15 jointly submit an interim report to the Com-  
16 mittee on Education and Labor, the Committee  
17 on Ways and Means, and the Committee on En-  
18 ergy and Commerce of the House of Represent-  
19 atives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
20 cation, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee  
21 on Finance of the Senate regarding the pre-  
22 mium assistance provided under this subsection  
23 that includes—

1 (i) the number of individuals provided  
2 such assistance as of the date of the re-  
3 port; and

4 (ii) the total amount of expenditures  
5 incurred (with administrative expenditures  
6 noted separately) in connection with such  
7 assistance as of the date of the report.

8 (B) FINAL REPORT.—As soon as prac-  
9 ticable after the last period of COBRA continu-  
10 ation coverage for which premium assistance is  
11 provided under this section, the Secretary of the  
12 Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall  
13 jointly submit a final report to each Committee  
14 referred to in subparagraph (A) that includes—

15 (i) the number of individuals provided  
16 premium assistance under this section;

17 (ii) the average dollar amount  
18 (monthly and annually) of premium assist-  
19 ance provided to such individuals; and

20 (iii) the total amount of expenditures  
21 incurred (with administrative expenditures  
22 noted separately) in connection with pre-  
23 mium assistance under this section.

24 (14) COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chap-  
2           ter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
3           amended by adding at the end the following  
4           new section:

5   **“SEC. 6432. CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSIST-**  
6                           **ANCE.**

7           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The person to whom premiums  
8           are payable for continuation coverage under section  
9           30312(a)(1) of the Worker Health Coverage Protection  
10          Act shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed  
11          by section 3111(a), or so much of the taxes imposed under  
12          section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect  
13          under section 3111(a), for each calendar quarter an  
14          amount equal to the premiums not paid by assistance eligi-  
15          ble individuals for such coverage by reason of such section  
16          30312(a)(1) with respect to such calendar quarter.

17          “(b) PERSON TO WHOM PREMIUMS ARE PAYABLE.—  
18          For purposes of subsection (a), except as otherwise pro-  
19          vided by the Secretary, the person to whom premiums are  
20          payable under such continuation coverage shall be treated  
21          as being—

22                 “(1) in the case of any group health plan which  
23                 is a multiemployer plan (as defined in section 3(37)  
24                 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
25                 1974), the plan,

1           “(2) in the case of any group health plan not  
2 described in paragraph (1)—

3           “(A) which provides furlough continuation  
4 coverage described in section 30312(a)(1)(A)(ii)  
5 of the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act  
6 or subject to the COBRA continuation provi-  
7 sions contained in—

8           “(i) this title,

9           “(ii) the Employee Retirement Income  
10 Security Act of 1974,

11           “(iii) the Public Health Service Act,

12           or

13           “(iv) title 5, United States Code, or

14           “(B) under which some or all of the cov-  
15 erage is not provided by insurance,  
16 the employer maintaining the plan, and

17           “(3) in the case of any group health plan not  
18 described in paragraph (1) or (2), the insurer pro-  
19 viding the coverage under the group health plan.

20           “(c) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

21           “(1) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOY-  
22 MENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a)  
23 with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed  
24 the tax imposed by section 3111(a), or so much of  
25 the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are at-



1       tributable to the rate in effect under section  
2       3111(a), for such calendar quarter (reduced by any  
3       credits allowed under subsections (e) and (f) of sec-  
4       tion 3111, sections 7001 and 7003 of the Families  
5       First Coronavirus Response Act, section 2301 of the  
6       CARES Act, and sections 20204 and 20212 of the  
7       COVID–19 Tax Relief Act of 2020 for such quarter)  
8       on the wages paid with respect to the employment  
9       of all employees of the employer.

10           “(2) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

11           “(A) CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.—If the  
12           amount of the credit under subsection (a) ex-  
13           ceeds the limitation of paragraph (1) for any  
14           calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated  
15           as an overpayment that shall be refunded under  
16           sections 6402(a) and 6413(b).

17           “(B) CREDIT MAY BE ADVANCED.—In an-  
18           ticipation of the credit, including the refundable  
19           portion under subparagraph (A), the credit may  
20           be advanced, according to forms and instruc-  
21           tions provided by the Secretary, up to an  
22           amount calculated under subsection (a) through  
23           the end of the most recent payroll period in the  
24           quarter.

1           “(C) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The  
2           Secretary shall waive any penalty under section  
3           6656 for any failure to make a deposit of the  
4           tax imposed by section 3111(a), or so much of  
5           the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are  
6           attributable to the rate in effect under section  
7           3111(a), if the Secretary determines that such  
8           failure was due to the anticipation of the credit  
9           allowed under this section.

10           “(D) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For  
11           purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United  
12           States Code, any amounts due to an employer  
13           under this paragraph shall be treated in the  
14           same manner as a refund due from a credit  
15           provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of  
16           such section.

17           “(3) LIMITATION ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
18           FURLOUGHED EMPLOYEES.—In the case of an indi-  
19           vidual who for any month is an assistance eligible  
20           individual described in section 30312(a)(3)(B) of the  
21           Worker Health Coverage Protection Act with respect  
22           to any coverage, the credit determined with respect  
23           to such individual under subsection (a) for any such  
24           month ending during a calendar quarter shall not  
25           exceed the amount of premium the individual would

1       have paid for a full month of such coverage for the  
2       month preceding the first month for which an indi-  
3       vidual is such an assistance eligible individual.

4       “(d) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.—For purposes of  
5 this section, the term ‘person’ includes any governmental  
6 entity or Indian tribal government (as defined in section  
7 139E(c)(1)).

8       “(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes  
9 of chapter 1, the gross income of any person allowed a  
10 credit under this section shall be increased for the taxable  
11 year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter  
12 with respect to which such credit is allowed by the amount  
13 of such credit. No amount for which a credit is allowed  
14 under this section shall be taken into account as qualified  
15 wages under section 2301 of the CARES Act or as quali-  
16 fied health plan expenses under section 7001(d) or  
17 7003(d) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

18       “(f) REPORTING.—Each person entitled to reim-  
19 bursement under subsection (a) for any period shall sub-  
20 mit such reports (at such time and in such manner) as  
21 the Secretary may require, including—

22               “(1) an attestation of involuntary termination  
23       of employment, reduction of hours, or furloughing,  
24       for each assistance eligible individual on the basis of  
25       whose termination, reduction of hours, or fur-

1       loughing entitlement to reimbursement is claimed  
2       under subsection (a),

3             “(2) a report of the amount of payroll taxes off-  
4       set under subsection (a) for the reporting period,  
5       and

6             “(3) a report containing the TINs of all covered  
7       employees, the amount of subsidy reimbursed with  
8       respect to each employee, and a designation with re-  
9       spect to each employee as to whether the subsidy re-  
10      imbursement is for coverage of 1 individual or 2 or  
11      more individuals.

12      “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue such  
13      regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or ap-  
14      propriate to carry out this section, including—

15             “(1) the requirement to report information or  
16      the establishment of other methods for verifying the  
17      correct amounts of reimbursements under this sec-  
18      tion,

19             “(2) the application of this section to group  
20      health plans that are multiemployer plans (as de-  
21      fined in section 3(37) of the Employee Retirement  
22      Income Security Act of 1974),

23             “(3) to allow the advance payment of the credit  
24      determined under subsection (a), subject to the limi-

1 tations provided in this section, based on such infor-  
2 mation as the Secretary shall require,

3 “(4) to provide for the reconciliation of such  
4 advance payment with the amount of the credit at  
5 the time of filing the return of tax for the applicable  
6 quarter or taxable year, and

7 “(5) with respect to the application of the cred-  
8 it to third party payors (including professional em-  
9 ployer organizations, certified professional employer  
10 organizations, or agents under section 3504).”.

11 (B) SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS HELD  
12 HARMLESS.—There are hereby appropriated to  
13 the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance  
14 Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-  
15 ance Trust Fund established under section 201  
16 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) and  
17 the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account  
18 established under section 15A(a) of the Rail-  
19 road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n-  
20 1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in reve-  
21 nues to the Treasury by reason of this section  
22 (without regard to this subparagraph).  
23 Amounts appropriated by the preceding sen-  
24 tence shall be transferred from the general fund  
25 at such times and in such manner as to rep-

1           licate to the extent possible the transfers which  
2           would have occurred to such Trust Fund or Ac-  
3           count had this section not been enacted.

4           (C) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of  
5           sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 of the  
6           Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by  
7           adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6432. Continuation coverage premium assistance.”.

8           (D) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments  
9           made by this paragraph shall apply to pre-  
10          miums to which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies.

11          (E) SPECIAL RULE IN CASE OF EMPLOYEE  
12          PAYMENT THAT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THIS  
13          SECTION.—

14           (i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an  
15           assistance eligible individual who pays,  
16           with respect any period of coverage to  
17           which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies, the  
18           amount of the premium for such coverage  
19           that the individual would have (but for this  
20           Act) been required to pay, the person to  
21           whom such payment is payable shall reim-  
22           burse such individual for the amount of  
23           such premium paid.

24           (ii) CREDIT OF REIMBURSEMENT.—A  
25           person to which clause (i) applies shall be

1 allowed a credit in the manner provided  
 2 under section 6432 of the Internal Rev-  
 3 enue Code of 1986 for any payment made  
 4 to the employee under such clause.

5 (iii) PAYMENT OF CREDITS.—Any  
 6 person to which clause (i) applies shall  
 7 make the payment required under such  
 8 clause to the individual not later than 60  
 9 days after the date on which such indi-  
 10 vidual elects continuation coverage under  
 11 section 30312(a)(1) of the Worker Health  
 12 Coverage Protection Act.

13 (15) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY  
 14 HEALTH PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR  
 15 PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subchapter B  
 17 of chapter 68 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 18 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 19 lowing new section:

20 **“SEC. 6720C. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY HEALTH**  
 21 **PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR**  
 22 **CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSIST-**  
 23 **ANCE.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except in the case of failure de-  
 25 scribed in subsection (b) or (c), any person required to

1 notify a group health plan under section 30312(a)(2)(B)  
2 of the Worker Health Coverage Protection Act who fails  
3 to make such a notification at such time and in such man-  
4 ner as the Secretary of Labor may require shall pay a  
5 penalty of \$250.

6 “(b) INTENTIONAL FAILURE.—In the case of any  
7 such failure that is fraudulent, such person shall pay a  
8 penalty equal to the greater of—

9 “(1) \$250, or

10 “(2) 110 percent of the premium assistance  
11 provided under section 30312(a)(1)(A) of such Act  
12 after termination of eligibility under such section.

13 “(c) REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION.—No penalty  
14 shall be imposed under this section with respect to any  
15 failure if it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable  
16 cause and not to willful neglect.”.

17 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of  
18 sections of part I of subchapter B of chapter 68  
19 of such Code is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following new item:

“Sec. 6720C. Penalty for failure to notify health plan of cessation of eligibility  
for continuation coverage premium assistance.”.

21 (16) COORDINATION WITH HCTC.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 35(g)(9) of the  
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to  
24 read as follows:



1           “(9) CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM AS-  
2           SISTANCE.—In the case of an assistance eligible in-  
3           dividual who receives premium assistance for con-  
4           tinuation coverage under section 30312(a)(1) of the  
5           Worker Health Coverage Protection Act for any  
6           month during the taxable year, such individual shall  
7           not be treated as an eligible individual, a certified  
8           individual, or a qualifying family member for pur-  
9           poses of this section or section 7527 with respect to  
10          such month.”.

11           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
12          made by subparagraph (A) shall apply to tax-  
13          able years ending after the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this Act.

15          (17) EXCLUSION OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE  
16          PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM GROSS INCOME.—

17           (A) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter  
18          B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
19          1986 is amended by inserting after section  
20          139H the following new section:

21       **“SEC. 139I. CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSIST-**  
22       **ANCE.**

23           “**In the case of an assistance eligible individual (as**  
24       **defined in subsection (a)(3) of section 30312 of the Work-**  
25       **er Health Coverage Protection Act), gross income does not**

1 include any premium assistance provided under subsection  
2 (a)(1) of such section.”.

3 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of  
4 sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter  
5 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after  
6 the item relating to section 139H the following  
7 new item:

“Sec. 139I. Continuation coverage premium assistance.”.

8 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments  
9 made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable  
10 years ending after the date of the enactment of  
11 this Act.

12 (18) DEADLINES WITH RESPECT TO NO-  
13 TICES.—Notwithstanding section 518 of the Em-  
14 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and  
15 section 7508A of the Internal Revenue Code of  
16 1986, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of  
17 the Treasury, respectively, may not waive or extend  
18 any deadline with respect to the provision of notices  
19 described in paragraphs (7), (8), and (9).

20 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—In all matters of in-  
21 terpretation, rules, and operational procedures, the lan-  
22 guage of this section shall be interpreted broadly for the  
23 benefit of workers and their families.

1           **TITLE IV—APPLICATION TO**  
2           **OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS**

3   **SEC. 30401. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST**  
4                   **SHARING FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES RE-**  
5                   **CEIVING COVID-19 TREATMENT.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6006(a) of the Families  
7 First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127; 38  
8 U.S.C. 1074 note) is amended by striking “or visits de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (2) of such section” and inserting  
10 “, visits described in paragraph (2) of such section, or  
11 medical care to treat COVID–19”.

12           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to medical care fur-  
14 nished on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15   **SEC. 30402. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST**  
16                   **SHARING FOR VETERANS RECEIVING COVID-**  
17                   **19 TREATMENT FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT**  
18                   **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6006(b) of the Families  
20 First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127; 38  
21 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by striking “or visits de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (2) of such section” and inserting  
23 “, visits described in paragraph (2) of such section, or hos-  
24 pital care or medical services to treat COVID–19”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to hospital care and  
3 medical services furnished on or after the date of the en-  
4 actment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 30403. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST**  
6 **SHARING FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOY-**  
7 **EES RECEIVING COVID-19 TREATMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6006(c) of the Families  
9 First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127; 5  
10 U.S.C. 8904 note) is amended by striking “or visits de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (2) of such section” and inserting  
12 “, visits described in paragraph (2) of such section, or hos-  
13 pital care or medical services to treat COVID–19”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to hospital care and  
16 medical services furnished on or after the date of the en-  
17 actment of this Act.

18 **TITLE V—PUBLIC HEALTH**  
19 **POLICIES**

20 **SEC. 30501. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this title:

22 (1) Except as inconsistent with the provisions  
23 of this title, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-  
24 retary of Health and Human Services.

1           (2) The term “State” refers to each of the 50  
2 States and the District of Columbia.

3           (3) The term “Tribal”, with respect to a de-  
4 partment of health (or health department), in-  
5 cludes—

6           (A) Indian Tribes that—

7                   (i) are operating one or more health  
8 facilities pursuant to an agreement under  
9 the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
10 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et  
11 seq.); or

12                   (ii) receive services from a facility op-  
13 erated by the Indian Health Services; and

14           (B) Tribal organizations and Urban Indian  
15 organizations.

## 16           **Subtitle A—Supply Chain** 17           **Improvements**

### 18   **SEC. 30511. MEDICAL SUPPLIES RESPONSE COORDINATOR.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint a  
20 Medical Supplies Response Coordinator to coordinate the  
21 efforts of the Federal Government regarding the supply  
22 and distribution of critical medical supplies and equipment  
23 related to detecting, diagnosing, preventing, and treating  
24 COVID–19, including personal protective equipment, med-  
25 ical devices, drugs, and vaccines.

1 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify to be appointed as  
2 the Medical Supplies Response Coordinator, an individual  
3 shall be a senior government official with—

4 (1) health care training, including training re-  
5 lated to infectious diseases or hazardous exposures;  
6 and

7 (2) a familiarity with medical supply chain lo-  
8 gistics.

9 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The Medical Supplies Response Co-  
10 ordinator shall—

11 (1) consult with State, local, territorial, and  
12 Tribal officials to ensure that health care facilities  
13 and health care workers have sufficient personal pro-  
14 tective equipment and other medical supplies;

15 (2) evaluate ongoing needs of States, localities,  
16 territories, Tribes, health care facilities, and health  
17 care workers to determine the need for critical med-  
18 ical supplies and equipment;

19 (3) serve as a point of contact for industry for  
20 procurement and distribution of critical medical sup-  
21 plies and equipment, including personal protective  
22 equipment, medical devices, testing supplies, drugs,  
23 and vaccines;

24 (4) procure and distribute critical medical sup-  
25 plies and equipment, including personal protective

1 equipment, medical devices, testing supplies, drugs,  
2 and vaccines;

3 (5)(A) establish and maintain an up-to-date na-  
4 tional database of hospital capacity, including beds,  
5 ventilators, and supplies, including personal protec-  
6 tive equipment, medical devices, drugs, and vaccines;  
7 and

8 (B) provide weekly reports to the Congress on  
9 gaps in such capacity and progress made toward  
10 closing the gaps;

11 (6) require, as necessary, industry reporting on  
12 production and distribution of personal protective  
13 equipment, medical devices, testing supplies, drugs,  
14 and vaccines and assess financial penalties as may  
15 be specified by the Medical Supplies Response Coord-  
16 inator for failure to comply with such requirements  
17 for reporting on production and distribution;

18 (7) consult with the Secretary and the Adminis-  
19 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-  
20 cy, as applicable, to ensure sufficient production lev-  
21 els under the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
22 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.); and

23 (8) monitor the prices of critical medical sup-  
24 plies and equipment, including personal protective  
25 equipment and medical devices, drugs, and vaccines

1 related to detecting, diagnosing, preventing, and  
2 treating COVID–19 and report any suspected price  
3 gouging of such materials to the Federal Trade  
4 Commission and appropriate law enforcement offi-  
5 cials.

6 **SEC. 30512. INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN LIST OF DE-**  
7 **VICES DETERMINED TO BE IN SHORTAGE.**

8 Section 506J(g)(2)(A) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
9 and Cosmetic Act, as added by section 3121 of the  
10 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), is amended by insert-  
11 ing “, including the device identifier or national product  
12 code for such device, if applicable” before the period at  
13 the end.

14 **SEC. 30513. EXTENDED SHELF LIFE DATES FOR ESSENTIAL**  
15 **DEVICES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Food, Drug, and  
17 Cosmetic Act is amended by inserting after section 506J  
18 (21 U.S.C. 356j) the following:

19 **“SEC. 506K. EXTENDED SHELF LIFE DATES FOR ESSENTIAL**  
20 **DEVICES.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A manufacturer of a device sub-  
22 ject to notification requirements under section 506J (in  
23 this section referred to as an ‘essential device’) shall—

24 “(1) submit to the Secretary data and informa-  
25 tion as required by subsection (b)(1);



1           “(2) conduct and submit the results of any  
2 studies required under subsection (b)(3); and

3           “(3) make any labeling change described in  
4 subsection (c) by the date specified by the Secretary  
5 pursuant to such subsection.

6           “(b) NOTIFICATION.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue  
8 an order requiring the manufacturer of any essential  
9 device to submit, in such manner as the Secretary  
10 may prescribe, data and information from any stage  
11 of development of the device (including pilot, inves-  
12 tigational, and final product validation) that are  
13 adequate to assess the shelf life of the device to de-  
14 termine the longest supported expiration date.

15           “(2) UNAVAILABLE OR INSUFFICIENT DATA  
16 AND INFORMATION.—If the data and information re-  
17 ferred to in paragraph (1) are not available or are  
18 insufficient, the Secretary may require the manufac-  
19 turer of the device to—

20           “(A) conduct studies adequate to provide  
21 the data and information; and

22           “(B) submit to the Secretary the results,  
23 data, and information generated by such studies  
24 when available.

1           “(c) LABELING.—The Secretary may issue an order  
2 requiring the manufacturer of an essential device to make  
3 by a specified date any labeling change regarding the expi-  
4 ration period that the Secretary determines to be appro-  
5 priate based on the data and information required to be  
6 submitted under this section or any other data and infor-  
7 mation available to the Secretary.

8           “(d) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Nothing in this section  
9 shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary to disclose  
10 any information that is a trade secret or confidential infor-  
11 mation subject to section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United  
12 States Code, or section 1905 of title 18, United States  
13 Code.”.

14           (b) CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY.—Section 303(f) of  
15 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
16 333(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

17           “(10) CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY WITH RESPECT  
18 TO EXTENDED SHELF LIFE DATES FOR ESSENTIAL DE-  
19 VICES.—If the manufacturer of a device subject to notifi-  
20 cation requirements under section 506J violates section  
21 506K by failing to submit data and information as re-  
22 quired under section 506K(b)(1), failing to conduct or  
23 submit the results of studies as required under section  
24 506K(b)(3), or failing to make a labeling change as re-  
25 quired under section 506K(c), such manufacturer shall be

1 liable to the United States for a civil penalty in an amount  
2 not to exceed \$10,000 for each such violation.”.

3 (c) EMERGENCY USE ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS.—Sub-  
4 paragraph (A) of section 564A(a)(1) of the Federal Food,  
5 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3a(a)(1)) is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “(A) is approved or cleared under this  
8 chapter, otherwise listed as a device pursuant to  
9 section 510(j), conditionally approved under  
10 section 571, or licensed under section 351 of  
11 the Public Health Service Act;”.

12 **SEC. 30514. AUTHORITY TO DESTROY COUNTERFEIT DE-**  
13 **VICES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(a) of the Federal  
15 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in the fourth sentence, by inserting “or  
18 counterfeit device” after “counterfeit drug”; and

19 (2) by striking “The Secretary of the Treasury  
20 shall cause the destruction of” and all that follows  
21 through “liable for costs pursuant to subsection  
22 (c).” and inserting the following: “The Secretary of  
23 the Treasury shall cause the destruction of any such  
24 article refused admission unless such article is ex-  
25 ported, under regulations prescribed by the Sec-

1       retary of the Treasury, within 90 days of the date  
2       of notice of such refusal or within such additional  
3       time as may be permitted pursuant to such regula-  
4       tions, except that the Secretary of Health and  
5       Human Services may destroy, without the oppor-  
6       tunity for export, any drug or device refused admis-  
7       sion under this section, if such drug or device is val-  
8       ued at an amount that is \$2,500 or less (or such  
9       higher amount as the Secretary of the Treasury may  
10      set by regulation pursuant to section 498(a)(1) of  
11      the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1498(a)(1))) and  
12      was not brought into compliance as described under  
13      subsection (b). The Secretary of Health and Human  
14      Services shall issue regulations providing for notice  
15      and an opportunity to appear before the Secretary  
16      of Health and Human Services and introduce testi-  
17      mony, as described in the first sentence of this sub-  
18      section, on destruction of a drug or device under the  
19      seventh sentence of this subsection. The regulations  
20      shall provide that prior to destruction, appropriate  
21      due process is available to the owner or consignee  
22      seeking to challenge the decision to destroy the drug  
23      or device. Where the Secretary of Health and  
24      Human Services provides notice and an opportunity  
25      to appear and introduce testimony on the destruc-

1       tion of a drug or device, the Secretary of Health and  
2       Human Services shall store and, as applicable, dis-  
3       pose of the drug or device after the issuance of the  
4       notice, except that the owner and consignee shall re-  
5       main liable for costs pursuant to subsection (c).”.

6       (b) DEFINITION.—Section 201(h) of the Federal  
7       Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(h)) is  
8       amended—

9               (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (1), (2),  
10       and (3) as clauses (A), (B), and (C), respectively;  
11       and

12               (2) after making such redesignations—

13                       (A) by striking “(h) The term” and insert-  
14               ing “(h)(1) The term”; and

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

16       “(2) The term ‘counterfeit device’ means a device  
17       which, or the container, packaging, or labeling of which,  
18       without authorization, bears a trademark, trade name, or  
19       other identifying mark, imprint, or symbol, or any likeness  
20       thereof, or is manufactured using a design, of a device  
21       manufacturer, packer, or distributor other than the person  
22       or persons who in fact manufactured, packed, or distrib-  
23       uted such device and which thereby falsely purports or is  
24       represented to be the product of, or to have been packed

1 or distributed by, such other device manufacturer, packer,  
2 or distributor.

3 “(3) For purposes of subparagraph (2)—

4 “(A) the term ‘manufactured’ refers to any of  
5 the following activities: manufacture, preparation,  
6 propagation, compounding, assembly, or processing;  
7 and

8 “(B) the term ‘manufacturer’ means a person  
9 who is engaged in any of the activities listed in  
10 clause (A).”.

11 **SEC. 30515. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DRUG MANU-**  
12 **FACTURERS.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENTS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.—  
14 Section 510(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
15 Act (21 U.S.C. 360(i)) is amended by inserting at the end  
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(5) The requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2)  
18 shall apply to establishments within a foreign country en-  
19 gaged in the manufacture, preparation, propagation,  
20 compounding, or processing of any drug, including the ac-  
21 tive pharmaceutical ingredient, that is required to be listed  
22 pursuant to subsection (j). Such requirements shall apply  
23 regardless of whether the drug or active pharmaceutical  
24 ingredient undergoes further manufacture, preparation,  
25 propagation, compounding, or processing at a separate es-

1 tablishment or establishments outside the United States  
2 prior to being imported or offered for import into the  
3 United States.”.

4 (b) LISTING OF DRUGS.—Section 510(j)(1) of the  
5 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
6 360(j)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at  
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraph:

13 “(F) in the case of a drug contained in the ap-  
14 plicable list, a certification that the registrant has—

15 “(i) identified every other establishment  
16 where manufacturing is performed for the drug;  
17 and

18 “(ii) notified each known foreign establish-  
19 ment engaged in the manufacture, preparation,  
20 propagation, compounding, or processing of the  
21 drug, including the active pharmaceutical ingre-  
22 dient, of the inclusion of the drug in the list  
23 and the obligation to register.”.

24 (c) QUARTERLY REPORTING ON AMOUNT OF DRUGS  
25 MANUFACTURED.—Section 510(j)(3)(A) of the Federal

1 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as added by section 3112  
2 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is amended  
3 by striking “annually” and inserting “once during the  
4 month of March of each year, once during the month of  
5 June of each year, once during the month of September  
6 of each year, and once during the month of December of  
7 each year”.

8 **SEC. 30516. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE DOMES-**  
9 **TIC MANUFACTURING OF CRITICAL DRUGS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall enter  
12 into an agreement with the National Academies of  
13 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (referred to in this  
14 section as the “National Academies”) under which, not  
15 later than 90 days after the date of entering into the  
16 agreement, the National Academies will—

17 (1) establish a committee of experts who are  
18 knowledgeable about drug and device supply issues,  
19 including—

20 (A) sourcing and production of critical  
21 drugs and devices;

22 (B) sourcing and production of active  
23 pharmaceutical ingredients in critical drugs;

24 (C) the raw materials and other compo-  
25 nents for critical drugs and devices; and



1 (D) the public health and national security  
2 implications of the current supply chain for  
3 critical drugs and devices;

4 (2) convene a public symposium to—

5 (A) analyze the impact of United States  
6 dependence on the foreign manufacturing of  
7 critical drugs and devices on patient access and  
8 care, including in hospitals and intensive care  
9 units; and

10 (B) recommend strategies to end United  
11 States dependence on foreign manufacturing to  
12 ensure the United States has a diverse and vital  
13 supply chain for critical drugs and devices to  
14 protect the Nation from natural or hostile oc-  
15 currences; and

16 (3) submit a report on the symposium's pro-  
17 ceedings to the Congress and publish a summary of  
18 such proceedings on the public website of the Na-  
19 tional Academies.

20 (b) SYMPOSIUM.—In carrying out the agreement  
21 under subsection (a), the National Academies shall consult  
22 with—

23 (1) the Department of Health and Human  
24 Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the  
25 Department of Defense, the Department of Com-

1 merce, the Department of State, the Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs, the Department of Justice, and  
3 any other Federal agencies as appropriate; and

4 (2) relevant stakeholders, including drug and  
5 device manufacturers, health care providers, medical  
6 professional societies, State-based societies, public  
7 health experts, State and local public health depart-  
8 ments, State medical boards, patient groups, health  
9 care distributors, wholesalers and group purchasing  
10 organizations, pharmacists, and other entities with  
11 experience in health care and public health, as ap-  
12 propriate.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

14 (1) The term “critical”—

15 (A) with respect to a device, refers to a de-  
16 vice classified by the Food and Drug Adminis-  
17 tration as implantable, life-saving, and life-sus-  
18 taining; or

19 (B) with respect to a drug, refers to a  
20 drug that is described in subsection (a) of sec-  
21 tion 506C of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
22 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 356c) (relating to notifi-  
23 cation of any discontinuance or interruption in  
24 the production of life-saving drugs).



1 **SEC. 30519. NATIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN CON-**  
2 **TINUOUS PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFAC-**  
3 **TURING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3016 of the 21st Century  
5 Cures Act (21 U.S.C. 399h) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 3016. NATIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN CON-**  
7 **TINUOUS PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFAC-**  
8 **TURING.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
10 Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of  
11 Food and Drugs—

12 “(1) shall solicit and, beginning not later than  
13 1 year after the date of enactment of the Inspector  
14 General Independence Act, receive requests from in-  
15 stitutions of higher education to be designated as a  
16 National Center of Excellence in Continuous Phar-  
17 maceutical Manufacturing (in this section referred to  
18 as a ‘National Center of Excellence’) to support the  
19 advancement and development of continuous manu-  
20 facturing; and

21 “(2) shall so designate any institution of higher  
22 education that—

23 “(A) requests such designation; and

24 “(B) meets the criteria specified in sub-  
25 section (c).

1       “(b) REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION.—A request for  
2 designation under subsection (a) shall be made to the Sec-  
3 retary at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
4 information as the Secretary may require. Any such re-  
5 quest shall include a description of how the institution of  
6 higher education meets or plans to meet each of the cri-  
7 teria specified in subsection (c).

8       “(c) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION DESCRIBED.—The  
9 criteria specified in this subsection with respect to an in-  
10 stitution of higher education are that the institution has,  
11 as of the date of the submission of a request under sub-  
12 section (a) by such institution—

13           “(1) physical and technical capacity for re-  
14 search and development of continuous manufac-  
15 turing;

16           “(2) manufacturing knowledge-sharing net-  
17 works with other institutions of higher education,  
18 large and small pharmaceutical manufacturers, ge-  
19 neric and nonprescription manufacturers, contract  
20 manufacturers, and other entities;

21           “(3) proven capacity to design and demonstrate  
22 new, highly effective technology for use in contin-  
23 uous manufacturing;

1           “(4) a track record for creating and transfer-  
2           ring knowledge with respect to continuous manufac-  
3           turing;

4           “(5) the potential to train a future workforce  
5           for research on and implementation of advanced  
6           manufacturing and continuous manufacturing; and

7           “(6) experience in participating in and leading  
8           a continuous manufacturing technology partnership  
9           with other institutions of higher education, large and  
10          small pharmaceutical manufacturers (including ge-  
11          neric and nonprescription drug manufacturers), con-  
12          tract manufacturers, and other entities—

13                 “(A) to support companies with continuous  
14                 manufacturing in the United States;

15                 “(B) to support Federal agencies with  
16                 technical assistance, which may include regu-  
17                 latory and quality metric guidance as applica-  
18                 ble, for advanced manufacturing and continuous  
19                 manufacturing;

20                 “(C) with respect to continuous manufac-  
21                 turing, to organize and conduct research and  
22                 development activities needed to create new and  
23                 more effective technology, capture and dissemi-  
24                 nate expertise, create intellectual property, and  
25                 maintain technological leadership;

1           “(D) to develop best practices for design-  
2           ing continuous manufacturing; and

3           “(E) to assess and respond to the work-  
4           force needs for continuous manufacturing, in-  
5           cluding the development of training programs if  
6           needed.

7           “(d) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—The Sec-  
8           retary may terminate the designation of any National Cen-  
9           ter of Excellence designated under this section if the Sec-  
10          retary determines such National Center of Excellence no  
11          longer meets the criteria specified in subsection (c). Not  
12          later than 60 days before the effective date of such a ter-  
13          mination, the Secretary shall provide written notice to the  
14          National Center of Excellence, including the rationale for  
15          such termination.

16          “(e) CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATION.—As a condi-  
17          tion of designation as a National Center of Excellence  
18          under this section, the Secretary shall require that an in-  
19          stitution of higher education enter into an agreement with  
20          the Secretary under which the institution agrees—

21                 “(1) to collaborate directly with the Food and  
22                 Drug Administration to publish the reports required  
23                 by subsection (g);

1           “(2) to share data with the Food and Drug Ad-  
2           ministration regarding best practices and research  
3           generated through the funding under subsection (f);

4           “(3) to develop, along with industry partners  
5           (which may include large and small biopharma-  
6           ceutical manufacturers, generic and nonprescription  
7           manufacturers, and contract manufacturers) and an-  
8           other institution or institutions designated under  
9           this section, if any, a roadmap for developing a con-  
10          tinuous manufacturing workforce;

11          “(4) to develop, along with industry partners  
12          and other institutions designated under this section,  
13          a roadmap for strengthening existing, and devel-  
14          oping new, relationships with other institutions; and

15          “(5) to provide an annual report to the Food  
16          and Drug Administration regarding the institution’s  
17          activities under this section, including a description  
18          of how the institution continues to meet and make  
19          progress on the criteria listed in subsection (c).

20          “(f) FUNDING.—

21                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
22                 funding, through grants, contracts, or cooperative  
23                 agreements, to the National Centers of Excellence  
24                 designated under this section for the purpose of  
25                 studying and recommending improvements to contin-



1 uous manufacturing, including such improvements  
2 as may enable the Centers—

3 “(A) to continue to meet the conditions  
4 specified in subsection (e); and

5 “(B) to expand capacity for research on,  
6 and development of, continuing manufacturing.

7 “(2) CONSISTENCY WITH FDA MISSION.—As a  
8 condition on receipt of funding under this sub-  
9 section, a National Center of Excellence shall agree  
10 to consider any input from the Secretary regarding  
11 the use of funding that would—

12 “(A) help to further the advancement of  
13 continuous manufacturing through the National  
14 Center of Excellence; and

15 “(B) be relevant to the mission of the  
16 Food and Drug Administration.

17 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
18 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
19 this subsection \$100,000,000, to remain available  
20 until expended.

21 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
22 this section shall be construed as precluding a Na-  
23 tional Center for Excellence designated under this  
24 section from receiving funds under any other provi-  
25 sion of this Act or any other Federal law.

1 “(g) ANNUAL REVIEW AND REPORTS.—

2 “(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning not later  
3 than 1 year after the date on which the first des-  
4 ignation is made under subsection (a), and annually  
5 thereafter, the Secretary shall—

6 “(A) submit to Congress a report describ-  
7 ing the activities, partnerships and collabora-  
8 tions, Federal policy recommendations, previous  
9 and continuing funding, and findings of, and  
10 any other applicable information from, the Na-  
11 tional Centers of Excellence designated under  
12 this section; and

13 “(B) make such report available to the  
14 public in an easily accessible electronic format  
15 on the website of the Food and Drug Adminis-  
16 tration.

17 “(2) REVIEW OF NATIONAL CENTERS OF EX-  
18 CELLENCE AND POTENTIAL DESIGNEES.—The Sec-  
19 retary shall periodically review the National Centers  
20 of Excellence designated under this section to ensure  
21 that such National Centers of Excellence continue to  
22 meet the criteria for designation under this section.

23 “(3) REPORT ON LONG-TERM VISION OF FDA  
24 ROLE.—Not later than 2 years after the date on  
25 which the first designation is made under subsection

1 (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the National  
2 Centers of Excellence designated under this section,  
3 shall submit a report to the Congress on the long-  
4 term vision of the Department of Health and  
5 Human Services on the role of the Food and Drug  
6 Administration in supporting continuous manufac-  
7 turing, including—

8 “(A) a national framework of principles re-  
9 lated to the implementation and regulation of  
10 continuous manufacturing;

11 “(B) a plan for the development of Federal  
12 regulations and guidance for how advanced  
13 manufacturing and continuous manufacturing  
14 can be incorporated into the development of  
15 pharmaceuticals and regulatory responsibilities  
16 of the Food and Drug Administration; and

17 “(C) appropriate feedback solicited from  
18 the public, which may include other institutions,  
19 large and small biopharmaceutical manufactur-  
20 ers, generic and nonprescription manufacturers,  
21 and contract manufacturers.

22 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING.—The term  
24 ‘advanced manufacturing’ means an approach for  
25 the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals that incor-

1 porates novel technology, or uses an established  
2 technique or technology in a new or innovative way  
3 (such as continuous manufacturing where the input  
4 materials are continuously transformed within the  
5 process by two or more unit operations) that en-  
6 hances drug quality or improves the manufacturing  
7 process.

8 “(2) CONTINUOUS MANUFACTURING.—The  
9 term ‘continuous manufacturing’—

10 “(A) means a process where the input ma-  
11 terials are continuously fed into and trans-  
12 formed within the process, and the processed  
13 output materials are continuously removed from  
14 the system; and

15 “(B) consists of an integrated process that  
16 consists of a series of two or more unit oper-  
17 ations.

18 “(3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—  
19 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the  
20 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the  
21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

22 “(4) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
23 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
24 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.”.

1 (b) TRANSITION RULE.—Section 3016 of the 21st  
2 Century Cures Act (21 U.S.C. 399h), as in effect on the  
3 day before the date of the enactment of this section, shall  
4 apply with respect to grants awarded under such section  
5 before such date of enactment.

6 **SEC. 30520. VACCINE MANUFACTURING AND ADMINISTRA-**  
7 **TION CAPACITY.**

8 (a) ENHANCING MANUFACTURING CAPACITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
10 through the Director of the Biomedical Advanced  
11 Research and Development Authority, shall, as ap-  
12 propriate, award contracts, grants, and cooperative  
13 agreements, and enter into other transactions, to ex-  
14 pand and enhance manufacturing capacity of vac-  
15 cines and vaccine candidates to prevent the spread  
16 of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

17 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
18 carry out this subsection, there are authorized to be  
19 appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-  
20 cal years 2020 through 2024, to remain available  
21 until expended.

22 (b) REPORT ON VACCINE MANUFACTURING AND AD-  
23 MINISTRATION CAPACITY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,  
25 2020, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee

1 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
3 cation, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report  
4 detailing—

5 (A) an assessment of the estimated supply  
6 of vaccines and ancillary medical products re-  
7 lated to vaccine administration necessary to  
8 control and stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2  
9 and COVID-19, domestically and internation-  
10 ally;

11 (B) an assessment of current and future  
12 domestic manufacturing capacity for vaccines or  
13 vaccine candidates to control or stop the spread  
14 of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, vaccine can-  
15 didates, and ancillary products related to the  
16 administration of such vaccines, including iden-  
17 tification of any gaps in manufacturing capae-  
18 ity;

19 (C) activities conducted to expand and en-  
20 hance manufacturing capacity for vaccines, vac-  
21 cine candidates, and ancillary medical products  
22 to levels sufficient to control and stop the  
23 spread of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, do-  
24 mestically and internationally, including a list  
25 and explanation of all contracts, grants, and co-

1           operative agreements awarded, and other trans-  
2           actions entered into, for purposes of such ex-  
3           pansion and enhancement and how such activi-  
4           ties will help to meet future domestic manufac-  
5           turing capacity needs;

6           (D) a plan for the ongoing support of en-  
7           hanced manufacturing capacity for vaccines,  
8           vaccine candidates, and ancillary medical prod-  
9           ucts sufficient to control and stop the spread of  
10          SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, domestically  
11          and internationally; and

12          (E) a plan to support the administration of  
13          vaccines approved or authorized by the Food  
14          and Drug Administration to control and stop  
15          the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19,  
16          domestically and internationally, including Fed-  
17          eral workforce enhancements necessary to ad-  
18          minister such vaccines.

19          (2) ANCILLARY MEDICAL PRODUCTS.—For pur-  
20          poses of this subsection, “ancillary medical prod-  
21          ucts” includes—

22                  (A) vials;

23                  (B) bandages;

24                  (C) alcohol swabs;

25                  (D) syringes;

- 1 (E) needles;
- 2 (F) gloves and other personal protective
- 3 equipment; and
- 4 (G) other medical products the Secretary
- 5 determines necessary for the administration of
- 6 vaccines.

## 7 **Subtitle B—Strategic National**

## 8 **Stockpile Improvements**

### 9 **SEC. 30531. EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.**

10 Section 319F–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42

11 U.S.C. 247d–6b) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (I), by striking “;

14 and” and inserting a semicolon;

15 (B) in subparagraph (J), by striking the

16 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

17 and

18 (C) by inserting the following new subpara-

19 graph at the end:

20 “(K) ensure the contents of the stockpile

21 remain in good working order and, as appro-

22 priate, conduct maintenance services on such

23 contents; and”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)(7)(B), by adding at the

25 end the following new clause:



1                   “(ix) EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE  
2                   SERVICE.—In carrying out this section, the  
3                   Secretary may enter into contracts for the  
4                   procurement of equipment maintenance  
5                   services.”.

6 **SEC. 30532. SUPPLY CHAIN FLEXIBILITY MANUFACTURING**  
7                   **PILOT.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 319F–2(a)(3) of the Pub-  
9 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)(3)), as  
10 amended by section 30531, is further amended by adding  
11 at the end the following new subparagraph:

12                   “(L) enhance medical supply chain elas-  
13                   ticity and establish and maintain domestic re-  
14                   serves of critical medical supplies (including  
15                   personal protective equipment, ancillary medical  
16                   supplies, and other applicable supplies required  
17                   for the administration of drugs, vaccines and  
18                   other biological products, and other medical de-  
19                   vices (including diagnostic tests)) by—

20                   “(i) increasing emergency stock of  
21                   critical medical supplies;

22                   “(ii) geographically diversifying pro-  
23                   duction of such medical supplies;

24                   “(iii) purchasing, leasing, or entering  
25                   into joint ventures with respect to facilities

1 and equipment for the production of such  
2 medical supplies; and

3 “(iv) working with distributors of  
4 such medical supplies to manage the do-  
5 mestic reserves established under this sub-  
6 paragraph by refreshing and replenishing  
7 stock of such medical supplies.”.

8 (b) REPORTING; SUNSET.—Section 319F–2(a) of the  
9 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) REPORTING.—Not later than September  
12 30, 2022, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
13 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of  
14 Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
15 cation, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report  
16 on the details of each purchase, lease, or joint ven-  
17 ture entered into under paragraph (3)(L), including  
18 the amount expended by the Secretary on each such  
19 purchase, lease, or joint venture.

20 “(7) SUNSET.—The authority to make pur-  
21 chases, leases, or joint ventures pursuant to para-  
22 graph (3)(L) shall cease to be effective on Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2023.”.

1 (c) FUNDING.—Section 319F–2(f) of the Public  
2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(f)) is amended by  
3 adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) SUPPLY CHAIN ELASTICITY.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
6 carrying out subsection (a)(3)(L), there is au-  
7 thorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for  
8 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2023, to re-  
9 main available until expended.

10 “(B) RELATION TO OTHER AMOUNTS.—  
11 The amount authorized to be appropriated by  
12 subparagraph (A) for the purpose of carrying  
13 out subsection (a)(3)(L) is in addition to any  
14 other amounts available for such purpose.”.

15 **SEC. 30533. REIMBURSABLE TRANSFERS FROM STRATEGIC**  
16 **NATIONAL STOCKPILE.**

17 Section 319F–2(a) of the Public Health Service Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)), as amended, is further amended  
19 by adding at the end the following:

20 “(8) TRANSFERS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Without regard to  
22 chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, the  
23 Secretary may transfer to any Federal depart-  
24 ment or agency, on a reimbursable basis, any  
25 drugs, vaccines and other biological products,

1 medical devices, and other supplies in the stock-  
2 pile if—

3 “(i) the transferred supplies are less  
4 than 6 months from expiry;

5 “(ii) the stockpile is able to replenish  
6 the supplies, as appropriate; and

7 “(iii) the Secretary decides the trans-  
8 fer is in the best interest of the United  
9 States Government.

10 “(B) USE OF REIMBURSEMENT.—Reim-  
11 bursement derived from the transfer of supplies  
12 pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be used by  
13 the Secretary, without further appropriation  
14 and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out  
15 this section.

16 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than September  
17 30, 2022, the Secretary shall submit to the  
18 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committee  
20 on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of  
21 the Senate a report on each transfer made  
22 under this paragraph and the amount received  
23 by the Secretary in exchange for that transfer.

1           “(D) SUNSET.—The authority to make  
2           transfers under this paragraph shall cease to be  
3           effective on September 30, 2023.”.

4 **SEC. 30534. STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE ACTION RE-**  
5 **PORTING.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Pre-  
7           paredness and Response (in this section referred to as the  
8           “Assistant Secretary”), in coordination with the Adminis-  
9           trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
10          shall—

11           (1) not later than 30 days after the date of en-  
12          actment of this Act, issue a report to the Committee  
13          on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
14          resentatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
15          cation, Labor and Pensions of the Senate regarding  
16          all State, local, Tribal, and territorial requests for  
17          supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile re-  
18          lated to COVID–19; and

19           (2) not less than every 30 days thereafter  
20          through the end of the emergency period (as such  
21          term is defined in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the So-  
22          cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B))),  
23          submit to such committees an updated version of  
24          such report.

25          (b) REPORTING PERIOD.—

1           (1) INITIAL REPORT.—The initial report under  
2 subsection (a) shall address all requests described in  
3 such subsection made during the period—

4                   (A) beginning on January 31, 2020; and

5                   (B) ending on the date that is 30 days be-  
6 fore the date of submission of the report.

7           (2) UPDATES.—Each update to the report  
8 under subsection (a) shall address all requests de-  
9 scribed in such subsection made during the period—

10                   (A) beginning at the end of the previous  
11 reporting period under this section; and

12                   (B) ending on the date that is 30 days be-  
13 fore the date of submission of the updated re-  
14 port.

15           (c) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under sub-  
16 section (a) (and updates thereto) shall include—

17                   (1) the details of each request described in such  
18 subsection, including—

19                           (A) the specific medical countermeasures,  
20 including devices such as personal protective  
21 equipment, and other materials requested; and

22                           (B) the amount of such materials re-  
23 quested; and

24                   (2) the outcomes of each request described in  
25 subsection (a), including—

1 (A) whether the request was wholly ful-  
2 filled, partially fulfilled, or denied;

3 (B) if the request was wholly or partially  
4 fulfilled, the fulfillment amount; and

5 (C) if the request was partially fulfilled or  
6 denied, a rationale for such outcome.

7 **SEC. 30535. IMPROVED, TRANSPARENT PROCESSES FOR**  
8 **THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2021,  
10 the Secretary, in collaboration with the Assistant Sec-  
11 retary for Preparedness and Response and the Director  
12 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall  
13 develop and implement improved, transparent processes  
14 for the use and distribution of drugs, vaccines and other  
15 biological products, medical devices, and other supplies  
16 (including personal protective equipment, ancillary med-  
17 ical supplies, and other applicable supplies required for the  
18 administration of drugs, vaccines and other biological  
19 products, diagnostic tests, and other medical devices ) in  
20 the Strategic National Stockpile under section 319F–2 of  
21 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b) (in  
22 this section referred to as the “Stockpile”).

23 (b) PROCESSES.—The processes developed under  
24 subsection (a) shall include—

1           (1) the form and manner in which States, local-  
2           ities, Tribes, and territories are required to submit  
3           requests for supplies from the Stockpile;

4           (2) the criteria used by the Secretary in re-  
5           sponding to such requests, including the reasons for  
6           fulfilling or denying such requests;

7           (3) what circumstances result in prioritization  
8           of distribution of supplies from the Stockpile to  
9           States, localities, Tribes, or territories;

10          (4) clear plans for future, urgent communica-  
11          tion between the Secretary and States, localities,  
12          Tribes, and territories regarding the outcome of  
13          such requests; and

14          (5) any differences in the processes developed  
15          under subsection (a) for geographically related emer-  
16          gencies, such as weather events, and national emer-  
17          gencies, such as pandemics.

18          (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January  
19          1, 2021, the Secretary shall—

20               (1) submit a report to the Committee Energy  
21               and Commerce of the House of Representatives and  
22               the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and  
23               Pensions of the Senate regarding the improved,  
24               transparent processes developed under this section;  
25               and



1           (2) include in such report recommendations for  
2           opportunities for communication (by telebriefing,  
3           phone calls, or in-person meetings) between the Sec-  
4           retary and States, localities, Tribes, and territories  
5           regarding such improved, transparent processes.

6 **SEC. 30536. GAO STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND BENE-**  
7                                   **FITS OF A STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE**  
8                                   **USER FEE AGREEMENT.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.— The Comptroller General of the  
10          United States shall conduct a study to investigate the fea-  
11          sibility of establishing user fees to offset certain Federal  
12          costs attributable to the procurement of single-source ma-  
13          terials for the Strategic National Stockpile under section  
14          319F–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
15          247d–6b) and distributions of such materials from the  
16          Stockpile. In conducting this study, the Comptroller Gen-  
17          eral shall consider, to the extent information is available—

18                   (1) whether entities receiving such distributions  
19                   generate profits from those distributions;

20                   (2) any Federal costs attributable to such dis-  
21                   tributions;

22                   (3) whether such user fees would provide the  
23                   Secretary with funding to potentially offset procure-  
24                   ment costs of such materials for the Strategic Na-  
25                   tional Stockpile; and

1           (4) any other issues the Comptroller General  
2 identifies as relevant.

3           (b) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2023, the  
4 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to  
5 the Congress a report on the findings and conclusions of  
6 the study under subsection (a).

## 7           **Subtitle C—Testing and Testing** 8           **Infrastructure Improvements**

### 9           **SEC. 30541. COVID-19 TESTING STRATEGY.**

10          (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than June 15, 2020, the  
11 Secretary shall update the COVID-19 strategic testing  
12 plan under the heading “Department of Health and  
13 Human Services—Office of the Secretary—Public Health  
14 and Social Service Emergency Fund” in title I of division  
15 B of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care  
16 Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139, 134 Stat. 620,  
17 626-627) and submit to the appropriate congressional  
18 committees such updated national plan identifying—

19           (1) what level of, types of, and approaches to  
20 testing (including predicted numbers of tests, popu-  
21 lations to be tested, and frequency of testing and the  
22 appropriate setting whether a health care setting  
23 (such as hospital-based, high-complexity laboratory,  
24 point-of-care, mobile testing units, pharmacies or  
25 community health centers) or non-health care setting

1 (such as workplaces, schools, or child care centers))  
2 are necessary—

3 (A) to sufficiently monitor and contribute  
4 to the control of the transmission of SARS-  
5 CoV-2 in the United States;

6 (B) to ensure that any reduction in social  
7 distancing efforts, when determined appropriate  
8 by public health officials, can be undertaken in  
9 a manner that optimizes the health and safety  
10 of the people of the United States, and reduces  
11 disparities (including disparities related to race,  
12 ethnicity, sex, age, disability status, socio-  
13 economic status, and geographic location) in the  
14 prevalence of, incidence of, and health outcomes  
15 with respect to, COVID-19; and

16 (C) to provide for ongoing surveillance suf-  
17 ficient to support contact tracing, case identi-  
18 fication, quarantine, and isolation to prevent fu-  
19 ture outbreaks of COVID-19;

20 (2) specific plans and benchmarks, each with  
21 clear timelines, to ensure—

22 (A) such level of, types of, and approaches  
23 to testing as are described in paragraph (1),  
24 with respect to optimizing health and safety;

1           (B) sufficient availability of all necessary  
2 testing materials and supplies, including extrac-  
3 tion and testing kits, reagents, transport media,  
4 swabs, instruments, analysis equipment, per-  
5 sonal protective equipment if necessary for test-  
6 ing (including point-of-care testing), and other  
7 equipment;

8           (C) allocation of testing materials and sup-  
9 plies in a manner that optimizes public health,  
10 including by considering the variable impact of  
11 SARS-CoV-2 on specific States, territories, In-  
12 dian Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian  
13 organizations, communities, industries, and pro-  
14 fessions;

15           (D) sufficient evidence of validation for  
16 tests that are deployed as a part of such strat-  
17 egy;

18           (E) sufficient laboratory and analytical ca-  
19 pacity, including target turnaround time for  
20 test results;

21           (F) sufficient personnel, including per-  
22 sonnel to collect testing samples, conduct and  
23 analyze results, and conduct testing follow-up,  
24 including contact tracing, as appropriate; and

1 (G) enforcement of the Families First  
2 Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–  
3 127) to ensure patients who are tested are not  
4 subject to cost sharing;

5 (3) specific plans to ensure adequate testing in  
6 rural areas, frontier areas, health professional short-  
7 age areas, and medically underserved areas (as de-  
8 fined in section 330I(a) of the Public Health Service  
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–14(a))), and for underserved  
10 populations, Native Americans (including Indian  
11 Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian orga-  
12 nizations), and populations at increased risk related  
13 to COVID–19;

14 (4) specific plans to ensure accessibility of test-  
15 ing to people with disabilities, older individuals, and  
16 individuals with underlying health conditions or  
17 weakened immune systems; and

18 (5) specific plans for broadly developing and  
19 implementing testing for potential immunity in the  
20 United States, as appropriate, in a manner suffi-  
21 cient—

22 (A) to monitor and contribute to the con-  
23 trol of SARS–CoV–2 in the United States;

24 (B) to ensure that any reduction in social  
25 distancing efforts, when determined appropriate

1 by public health officials, can be undertaken in  
2 a manner that optimizes the health and safety  
3 of the people of the United States; and

4 (C) to reduce disparities (including dispari-  
5 ties related to race, ethnicity, sex, age, dis-  
6 ability status, socioeconomic status, and geo-  
7 graphic location) in the prevalence of, incidence  
8 of, and health outcomes with respect to,  
9 COVID-19.

10 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall carry out  
11 this section—

12 (1) in coordination with the Administrator of  
13 the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

14 (2) in collaboration with other agencies and de-  
15 partments, as appropriate; and

16 (3) taking into consideration the State plans for  
17 COVID-19 testing prepared as required under the  
18 heading “Department of Health and Human Serv-  
19 ices—Office of the Secretary—Public Health and  
20 Social Service Emergency Fund” in title I of divi-  
21 sion B of the Paycheck Protection Program and  
22 Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-  
23 139; 134 Stat. 620, 624).

24 (c) UPDATES.—

1           (1) FREQUENCY.—The updated national plan  
2 under subsection (a) shall be updated every 30 days  
3 until the end of the public health emergency first de-  
4 clared by the Secretary under section 319 of the  
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on Jan-  
6 uary 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19.

7           (2) RELATION TO OTHER LAW.—Paragraph (1)  
8 applies in lieu of the requirement (for updates every  
9 90 days until funds are expended) in the second to  
10 last proviso under the heading “Department of  
11 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-  
12 retary—Public Health and Social Service Emergency  
13 Fund” in title I of division B of the Paycheck Pro-  
14 tection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act  
15 (Public Law 116–139; 134 Stat. 620, 627).

16       (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
17 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
18 mittees” means—

19           (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the  
20 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
21 of Representatives; and

22           (2) the Committee on Appropriations and the  
23 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pen-  
24 sions and of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 30542. CENTRALIZED TESTING INFORMATION**  
2 **WEBSITE.**

3 The Secretary shall establish and maintain a public,  
4 searchable webpage, to be updated and corrected as nec-  
5 essary through a process established by the Secretary, on  
6 the website of the Department of Health and Human  
7 Services that—

8 (1) identifies all in vitro diagnostic and sero-  
9 logical tests used in the United States to analyze  
10 clinical specimens for detection of SARS-CoV-2 or  
11 antibodies specific to SARS-CoV-2, including—

12 (A) those tests—

13 (i) that are approved, cleared, or au-  
14 thorized under section 510(k), 513, 515, or  
15 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 360(k), 360c, 360e,  
17 360bbb-3);

18 (ii) that have been validated by the  
19 test's developers for use on clinical speci-  
20 mens and for which the developer has noti-  
21 fied the Food and Drug Administration of  
22 the developer's intent to market the test  
23 consistent with applicable guidance issued  
24 by the Secretary; or

25 (iii) that have been developed and au-  
26 thorized by a State that has notified the



1 Secretary of the State’s intention to review  
2 tests intended to diagnose COVID–19; and

3 (B) other SARS–CoV–2-related tests that  
4 the Secretary determines appropriate in guid-  
5 ance, which may include tests related to the  
6 monitoring of COVID–19 patient status;

7 (2) provides relevant information, as deter-  
8 mined by the Secretary, on each test identified pur-  
9 suant to paragraph (1), which may include—

10 (A) the name and contact information of  
11 the developer of the test;

12 (B) the date of receipt of notification by  
13 the Food and Drug Administration of the devel-  
14 oper’s intent to market the test;

15 (C) the date of authorization for use of the  
16 test on clinical specimens, where applicable;

17 (D) the letter of authorization for use of  
18 the test on clinical specimens, where applicable;

19 (E) any fact sheets, manufacturer instruc-  
20 tions, and package inserts for the test, includ-  
21 ing information on intended use;

22 (F) sensitivity and specificity of the test;  
23 and

24 (G) in the case of tests distributed by com-  
25 mercial manufacturers, the number of tests dis-

1           tributed and, if available, the number of labora-  
2           tories in the United States with the required  
3           platforms installed to perform the test; and

4           (3) includes—

5                   (A) a list of laboratories certified under  
6                   section 353 of the Public Health Service Act  
7                   (42 U.S.C. 263a; commonly referred to as  
8                   “CLIA”) that—

9                           (i) meet the regulatory requirements  
10                           under such section to perform high- or  
11                           moderate-complexity testing; and

12                           (ii) are authorized to perform SARS-  
13                           CoV-2 diagnostic or serological tests on  
14                           clinical specimens; and

15                   (B) information on each laboratory identi-  
16                   fied pursuant to subparagraph (A), including—

17                           (i) the name and address of the lab-  
18                           oratory;

19                           (ii) the CLIA certificate number;

20                           (iii) the laboratory type;

21                           (iv) the certificate type; and

22                           (v) the complexity level.

1 **SEC. 30543. MANUFACTURER REPORTING OF TEST DIS-**  
2 **TRIBUTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A commercial manufacturer of an  
4 in vitro diagnostic or serological COVID–19 test shall, on  
5 a weekly basis, submit a notification to the Secretary re-  
6 garding distribution of each such test, which notifica-  
7 tion—

8 (1) shall include the number of tests distributed  
9 and the entities to which the tests are distributed;  
10 and

11 (2) may include the quantity of such tests dis-  
12 tributed by the manufacturer.

13 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Nothing in this section shall  
14 be construed as authorizing the Secretary to disclose any  
15 information that is a trade secret or confidential informa-  
16 tion subject to section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States  
17 Code, or section 1905 of title 18, United States Code.

18 (c) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.—If a manu-  
19 facturer fails to submit a notification as required under  
20 subsection (a), the following applies:

21 (1) The Secretary shall issue a letter to such  
22 manufacturer informing such manufacturer of such  
23 failure.

24 (2) Not later than 7 calendar days after the  
25 issuance of a letter under paragraph (1), the manu-

1        factorer to whom such letter is issued shall submit  
2        to the Secretary a written response to such letter—

3                (A) setting forth the basis for noncompli-  
4                ance; and

5                (B) providing information as required  
6                under subsection (a).

7        (3) Not later than 14 calendar days after the  
8        issuance of a letter under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
9        retary shall make such letter and any response to  
10       such letter under paragraph (2) available to the pub-  
11       lic on the internet website of the Food and Drug Ad-  
12       ministration, with appropriate redactions made to  
13       protect information described in subsection (b). The  
14       preceding sentence shall not apply if the Secretary  
15       determines that—

16               (A) the letter under paragraph (1) was  
17               issued in error; or

18               (B) after review of such response, the  
19               manufacturer had a reasonable basis for not  
20               notifying as required under subsection (a).

21 **SEC. 30544. STATE TESTING REPORT.**

22        For any State that authorizes (or intends to author-  
23       ize) one or more laboratories in the State to develop and  
24       perform in vitro diagnostic COVID–19 tests, the head of

1 the department or agency of such State with primary re-  
2 sponsibility for health shall—

3 (1) notify the Secretary of such authorization  
4 (or intention to authorize); and

5 (2) provide the Secretary with a weekly re-  
6 port—

7 (A) identifying all laboratories authorized  
8 (or intended to be authorized) by the State to  
9 develop and perform in vitro diagnostic  
10 COVID–19 tests;

11 (B) including relevant information on all  
12 laboratories identified pursuant to subpara-  
13 graph (A), which may include information on  
14 laboratory testing capacity;

15 (C) identifying all in vitro diagnostic  
16 COVID–19 tests developed and approved for  
17 clinical use in laboratories identified pursuant  
18 to subparagraph (A); and

19 (D) including relevant information on all  
20 tests identified pursuant to subparagraph (C),  
21 which may include—

22 (i) the name and contact information  
23 of the developer of any such test;

24 (ii) any fact sheets, manufacturer in-  
25 structions, and package inserts for any

1           such test, including information on in-  
2           tended use; and

3                   (iii) the sensitivity and specificity of  
4           any such test.

5 **SEC. 30545. STATE LISTING OF TESTING SITES.**

6           Not later than 14 days after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act, any State receiving funding or assistance  
8 under this Act, as a condition on such receipt, shall estab-  
9 lish and maintain a public, searchable webpage on the offi-  
10 cial website of the State that—

11                   (1) identifies all sites located in the State that  
12           provide diagnostic or serological testing for SARS-  
13           CoV-2; and

14                   (2) provides appropriate contact information for  
15           SARS-CoV-2 testing sites pursuant to paragraph  
16           (1).

17 **SEC. 30546. REPORTING OF COVID-19 TESTING RESULTS.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—Every laboratory that performs or  
19 analyzes a test that is intended to detect SARS-CoV-2  
20 or to diagnose a possible case of COVID-19 shall report  
21 daily the number of tests performed and the results from  
22 each such test to the Secretary of Health and Human  
23 Services and to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in  
24 such form and manner as such Secretaries may prescribe.  
25 Such information shall be made available to the public in

1 a searchable, electronic format as soon as is practicable,  
2 and in no case later than one week after such information  
3 is received.

4 (b) **ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—The  
5 Secretaries specified in subsection (a)—

6 (1) may specify additional reporting require-  
7 ments under this section by regulation, including by  
8 interim final rule, or by guidance; and

9 (2) may issue such regulations or guidance  
10 without regard to the procedures otherwise required  
11 by section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

12 **SEC. 30547. GAO REPORT ON DIAGNOSTIC TESTS.**

13 (a) **GAO STUDY.**—Not later than 18 months after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
15 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on  
16 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives  
17 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pen-  
18 sions of the Senate a report describing the response of  
19 entities described in subsection (b) to the COVID–19 pan-  
20 demic with respect to the development, regulatory evalua-  
21 tion, and deployment of diagnostic tests.

22 (b) **ENTITIES DESCRIBED.**—Entities described in  
23 this subsection include—

24 (1) laboratories, including public health, aca-  
25 demic, clinical, and commercial laboratories;

1           (2) diagnostic test manufacturers;

2           (3) State, local, Tribal, and territorial govern-  
3           ments; and

4           (4) the Food and Drug Administration, the  
5           Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the  
6           Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Na-  
7           tional Institutes of Health, and other relevant Fed-  
8           eral agencies, as appropriate.

9           (c) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a)  
10          shall include—

11           (1) a description of actions taken by entities de-  
12           scribed in subsection (b) to develop, evaluate, and  
13           deploy diagnostic tests;

14           (2) an assessment of the coordination of Fed-  
15           eral agencies in the development, regulatory evalua-  
16           tion, and deployment of diagnostic tests;

17           (3) an assessment of the standards used by the  
18           Food and Drug Administration to evaluate diag-  
19           nostic tests;

20           (4) an assessment of the clarity of Federal  
21           agency guidance related to testing, including the  
22           ability for individuals without medical training to  
23           understand which diagnostic tests had been evalu-  
24           ated by the Food and Drug Administration;

25           (5) a description of—



1           (A) actions taken and clinical processes  
2           employed by States and territories that have  
3           authorized laboratories to develop and perform  
4           diagnostic tests not authorized, approved, or  
5           cleared by the Food and Drug Administration,  
6           including actions of such States and territories  
7           to evaluate the accuracy and sensitivity of such  
8           tests; and

9           (B) the standards used by States and ter-  
10          ritories when deciding when to authorize labora-  
11          tories to develop or perform diagnostic tests;

12          (6) an assessment of the steps taken by labora-  
13          tories and diagnostic test manufacturers to validate  
14          diagnostic tests, as well as the evidence collected by  
15          such entities to support validation; and

16          (7) based on available reports, an assessment of  
17          the accuracy and sensitivity of a representative sam-  
18          ple of available diagnostic tests.

19          (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “diag-  
20          nostic test” means an in vitro diagnostic product (as de-  
21          fined in section 809.3(a) of title 21, Code of Federal Regu-  
22          lations) for—

23                 (1) the detection of SARS-CoV-2;

24                 (2) the diagnosis of the virus that causes  
25          COVID-19; or

1           (3) the detection of antibodies specific to  
2           SARS-CoV-2, such as a serological test.

3 **SEC. 30548. PUBLIC HEALTH DATA SYSTEM TRANS-**  
4 **FORMATION.**

5           Subtitle C of title XXVIII of the Public Health Serv-  
6 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-31 et seq.) is amended by add-  
7 ing at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 2822. PUBLIC HEALTH DATA SYSTEM TRANS-**  
9 **FORMATION.**

10          “(a) EXPANDING CDC AND PUBLIC HEALTH DE-  
11 PARTMENT CAPABILITIES.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
13 through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
14 Control and Prevention, shall—

15                   “(A) conduct activities to expand, enhance,  
16 and improve applicable public health data sys-  
17 tems used by the Centers for Disease Control  
18 and Prevention, related to the interoperability  
19 and improvement of such systems (including as  
20 it relates to preparedness for, prevention and  
21 detection of, and response to public health  
22 emergencies); and

23                   “(B) award grants or cooperative agree-  
24 ments to State, local, Tribal, or territorial pub-  
25 lic health departments for the expansion and

1 modernization of public health data systems, to  
2 assist public health departments in—

3 “(i) assessing current data infrastruc-  
4 ture capabilities and gaps to improve and  
5 increase consistency in data collection,  
6 storage, and analysis and, as appropriate,  
7 to improve dissemination of public health-  
8 related information;

9 “(ii) improving secure public health  
10 data collection, transmission, exchange,  
11 maintenance, and analysis;

12 “(iii) improving the secure exchange  
13 of data between the Centers for Disease  
14 Control and Prevention, State, local, Trib-  
15 al, and territorial public health depart-  
16 ments, public health organizations, and  
17 health care providers, including by public  
18 health officials in multiple jurisdictions  
19 within such State, as appropriate, and by  
20 simplifying and supporting reporting by  
21 health care providers, as applicable, pursu-  
22 ant to State law, including through the use  
23 of health information technology;

24 “(iv) enhancing the interoperability of  
25 public health data systems (including sys-

1           tems created or accessed by public health  
2           departments) with health information tech-  
3           nology, including with health information  
4           technology certified under section  
5           3001(c)(5);

6           “(v) supporting and training data sys-  
7           tems, data science, and informatics per-  
8           sonnel;

9           “(vi) supporting earlier disease and  
10          health condition detection, such as through  
11          near real-time data monitoring, to support  
12          rapid public health responses;

13          “(vii) supporting activities within the  
14          applicable jurisdiction related to the expan-  
15          sion and modernization of electronic case  
16          reporting; and

17          “(viii) developing and disseminating  
18          information related to the use and impor-  
19          tance of public health data.

20          “(2) DATA STANDARDS.—In carrying out para-  
21          graph (1), the Secretary, acting through the Direc-  
22          tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
23          tion, shall, as appropriate and in consultation with  
24          the Office of the National Coordinator for Health  
25          Information Technology, designate data and tech-

1 nology standards (including standards for interoper-  
2 ability) for public health data systems, with def-  
3 erence given to standards published by consensus-  
4 based standards development organizations with  
5 public input and voluntary consensus-based stand-  
6 ards bodies.

7 “(3) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—The  
8 Secretary may develop and utilize public-private  
9 partnerships for technical assistance, training, and  
10 related implementation support for State, local,  
11 Tribal, and territorial public health departments,  
12 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
13 on the expansion and modernization of electronic  
14 case reporting and public health data systems, as  
15 applicable.

16 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 “(1) HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
18 STANDARDS.—The Secretary may not award a grant  
19 or cooperative agreement under subsection (a)(1)(B)  
20 unless the applicant uses or agrees to use standards  
21 endorsed by the National Coordinator for Health In-  
22 formation Technology pursuant to section  
23 3001(e)(1) or adopted by the Secretary under sec-  
24 tion 3004.

1           “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the  
2           requirement under paragraph (1) with respect to an  
3           applicant if the Secretary determines that the activi-  
4           ties under subsection (a)(1)(B) cannot otherwise be  
5           carried out within the applicable jurisdiction.

6           “(3) APPLICATION.—A State, local, Tribal, or  
7           territorial health department applying for a grant or  
8           cooperative agreement under this section shall sub-  
9           mit an application to the Secretary at such time and  
10          in such manner as the Secretary may require. Such  
11          application shall include information describing—

12                   “(A) the activities that will be supported  
13                   by the grant or cooperative agreement; and

14                   “(B) how the modernization of the public  
15                   health data systems involved will support or im-  
16                   pact the public health infrastructure of the  
17                   health department, including a description of  
18                   remaining gaps, if any, and the actions needed  
19                   to address such gaps.

20          “(c) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not  
21          later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
22          section, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the  
23          Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall submit  
24          to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pen-  
25          sions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and

1 Commerce of the House of Representatives a coordinated  
2 strategy and an accompanying implementation plan that  
3 identifies and demonstrates the measures the Secretary  
4 will utilize to—

5           “(1) update and improve applicable public  
6 health data systems used by the Centers for Disease  
7 Control and Prevention; and

8           “(2) carry out the activities described in this  
9 section to support the improvement of State, local,  
10 Tribal, and territorial public health data systems.

11           “(d) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, acting  
12 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control  
13 and Prevention, shall consult with State, local, Tribal, and  
14 territorial health departments, professional medical and  
15 public health associations, associations representing hos-  
16 pitals or other health care entities, health information  
17 technology experts, and other appropriate public or private  
18 entities regarding the plan and grant program to mod-  
19 ernize public health data systems pursuant to this section.  
20 Activities under this subsection may include the provision  
21 of technical assistance and training related to the ex-  
22 change of information by such public health data systems  
23 used by relevant health care and public health entities at  
24 the local, State, Federal, Tribal, and territorial levels, and  
25 the development and utilization of public-private partner-

1 ships for implementation support applicable to this sec-  
2 tion.

3 “(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
4 after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary  
5 shall submit a report to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
6 cation, Labor and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-  
7 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives that includes—

9 “(1) a description of any barriers to—

10 “(A) public health authorities imple-  
11 menting interoperable public health data sys-  
12 tems and electronic case reporting;

13 “(B) the exchange of information pursuant  
14 to electronic case reporting; or

15 “(C) reporting by health care providers  
16 using such public health data systems, as ap-  
17 propriate, and pursuant to State law;

18 “(2) an assessment of the potential public  
19 health impact of implementing electronic case re-  
20 porting and interoperable public health data sys-  
21 tems; and

22 “(3) a description of the activities carried out  
23 pursuant to this section.

24 “(f) ELECTRONIC CASE REPORTING.—In this sec-  
25 tion, the term ‘electronic case reporting’ means the auto-



1 mated identification, generation, and bilateral exchange of  
2 reports of health events among electronic health record or  
3 health information technology systems and public health  
4 authorities.

5 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
6 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
7 priated \$450,000,000 to remain available until ex-  
8 pended.”.

9 **SEC. 30549. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE LABORATORY IN-**  
10 **FRASTRUCTURE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants  
12 to States and political subdivisions of States to support  
13 the improvement, renovation, or modernization of infra-  
14 structure at clinical laboratories (as defined in section 353  
15 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a)) that  
16 will help to improve SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19 testing  
17 and response activities, including the expansion and en-  
18 hancement of testing capacity at such laboratories.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
20 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
21 \$1,000,000,000 to remain available until expended.

1 **SEC. 30550. CORE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR**  
2 **STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL**  
3 **HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.**

4 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary, acting through the  
5 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
6 tion, shall establish a core public health infrastructure  
7 program consisting of awarding grants under subsection  
8 (b).

9 (b) GRANTS.—

10 (1) AWARD.—For the purpose of addressing  
11 core public health infrastructure needs, the Sec-  
12 retary—

13 (A) shall award a grant to each State  
14 health department; and

15 (B) may award grants on a competitive  
16 basis to State, local, Tribal, or territorial health  
17 departments.

18 (2) ALLOCATION.—Of the total amount of  
19 funds awarded as grants under this subsection for a  
20 fiscal year—

21 (A) not less than 50 percent shall be for  
22 grants to State health departments under para-  
23 graph (1)(A); and

24 (B) not less than 30 percent shall be for  
25 grants to State, local, Tribal, or territorial  
26 health departments under paragraph (1)(B).

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, local, Tribal, or terri-  
2 torial health department receiving a grant under sub-  
3 section (b) shall use the grant funds to address core public  
4 health infrastructure needs, including those identified in  
5 the accreditation process under subsection (g).

6 (d) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATE HEALTH DEPART-  
7 MENTS.—In making grants under subsection (b)(1)(A),  
8 the Secretary shall award funds to each State health de-  
9 partment in accordance with—

10 (1) a formula based on population size; burden  
11 of preventable disease and disability; and core public  
12 health infrastructure gaps, including those identified  
13 in the accreditation process under subsection (g);  
14 and

15 (2) application requirements established by the  
16 Secretary, including a requirement that the State  
17 health department submit a plan that demonstrates  
18 to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the State’s  
19 health department will—

20 (A) address its highest priority core public  
21 health infrastructure needs; and

22 (B) as appropriate, allocate funds to local  
23 health departments within the State.

24 (e) COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO STATE, LOCAL, TRIB-  
25 AL, AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.—In

1 making grants under subsection (b)(1)(B), the Secretary  
2 shall give priority to applicants demonstrating core public  
3 health infrastructure needs identified in the accreditation  
4 process under subsection (g).

5 (f) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—The Secretary may  
6 award a grant to an entity under subsection (b) only if  
7 the entity demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Sec-  
8 retary that—

9 (1) funds received through the grant will be ex-  
10 pended only to supplement, and not supplant, non-  
11 Federal and Federal funds otherwise available to the  
12 entity for the purpose of addressing core public  
13 health infrastructure needs; and

14 (2) with respect to activities for which the grant  
15 is awarded, the entity will maintain expenditures of  
16 non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level  
17 not less than the level of such expenditures main-  
18 tained by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the  
19 fiscal year for which the entity receives the grant.

20 (g) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH ACCRED-  
21 ITATION PROGRAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

23 (A) develop, and periodically review and  
24 update, standards for voluntary accreditation of  
25 State, local, Tribal, and territorial health de-

1           partments and public health laboratories for the  
2           purpose of advancing the quality and perform-  
3           ance of such departments and laboratories; and

4                   (B) implement a program to accredit such  
5           health departments and laboratories in accord-  
6           ance with such standards.

7           (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary  
8           may enter into a cooperative agreement with a pri-  
9           vate nonprofit entity to carry out paragraph (1).

10          (h) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-  
11         gress an annual report on progress being made to accredit  
12         entities under subsection (g), including—

13                 (1) a strategy, including goals and objectives,  
14                 for accrediting entities under subsection (g) and  
15                 achieving the purpose described in subsection  
16                 (g)(1)(A);

17                 (2) identification of gaps in research related to  
18                 core public health infrastructure; and

19                 (3) recommendations of priority areas for such  
20                 research.

21          (i) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “core pub-  
22         lic health infrastructure” includes—

23                 (1) workforce capacity and competency;

24                 (2) laboratory systems;

- 1           (3) testing capacity, including test platforms,  
2           mobile testing units, and personnel;
- 3           (4) health information, health information sys-  
4           tems, and health information analysis;
- 5           (5) disease surveillance;
- 6           (6) contact tracing;
- 7           (7) communications;
- 8           (8) financing;
- 9           (9) other relevant components of organizational  
10          capacity; and
- 11          (10) other related activities.

12          (j) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—To carry  
13 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated  
14 \$6,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

15 **SEC. 30551. CORE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND**  
16 **ACTIVITIES FOR CDC.**

17          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, acting through the  
18 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
19 tion, shall expand and improve the core public health in-  
20 frastructure and activities of the Centers for Disease Con-  
21 trol and Prevention to address unmet and emerging public  
22 health needs.

23          (b) **REPORT.**—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-  
24 gress an annual report on the activities funded through  
25 this section.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “core  
2 public health infrastructure” has the meaning given to  
3 such term in section 30550.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
5 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
6 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

7 **Subtitle D—COVID-19 National**  
8 **Testing and Contact Tracing**  
9 **Initiative**

10 **SEC. 30561. NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 TESTING,**  
11 **CONTACT TRACING, SURVEILLANCE, CON-**  
12 **TAINMENT, AND MITIGATION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
14 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
15 tion, and in coordination with State, local, Tribal, and ter-  
16 ritorial health departments, shall establish and implement  
17 a nationwide evidence-based system for—

18 (1) testing, contact tracing, surveillance, con-  
19 tainment, and mitigation with respect to COVID-19;

20 (2) offering guidance on voluntary isolation and  
21 quarantine of individuals infected with, or exposed to  
22 individuals infected with, the virus that causes  
23 COVID-19; and

1           (3) public reporting on testing, contact tracing,  
2           surveillance, and voluntary isolation and quarantine  
3           activities with respect to COVID–19.

4           (b) COORDINATION; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In  
5           carrying out the national system under this section, the  
6           Secretary shall—

7           (1) coordinate State, local, Tribal, and terri-  
8           torial activities related to testing, contact tracing,  
9           surveillance, containment, and mitigation with re-  
10          spect to COVID–19, as appropriate; and

11          (2) provide technical assistance for such activi-  
12          ties, as appropriate.

13          (c) CONSIDERATION.—In establishing and imple-  
14          menting the national system under this section, the Sec-  
15          retary shall take into consideration—

16          (1) the State plans referred to in the heading  
17          “Public Health and Social Services Emergency  
18          Fund” in title I of division B of the Paycheck Pro-  
19          tection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act  
20          (Public Law 116–139); and

21          (2) the testing strategy submitted under section  
22          30541.

23          (d) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall—

24          (1) not later than December 31, 2020, submit  
25          to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the



1 House of Representatives and the Committee on  
2 Health, Education, Labor and Pensions a preliminary  
3 report on the effectiveness of the activities carried  
4 out pursuant to this subtitle; and

5 (2) not later than December 21, 2021, submit  
6 to such committees a final report on such effectiveness.  
7

8 **SEC. 30562. GRANTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—To implement the national system  
10 under section 30561, the Secretary, acting through the  
11 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
12 shall, subject to the availability of appropriations,  
13 award grants to State, local, Tribal, and territorial health  
14 departments that seek grants under this section to carry  
15 out coordinated testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment,  
16 and mitigation with respect to COVID–19, including—  
17

18 (1) diagnostic and surveillance testing and reporting;  
19

20 (2) community-based contact tracing efforts;  
21 and

22 (3) policies related to voluntary isolation and  
23 quarantine of individuals infected with, or exposed to  
24 individuals infected with, the virus that causes  
25 COVID–19.

1 (b) FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that—

2 (1) the grants under subsection (a) provide  
3 flexibility for State, local, Tribal, and territorial  
4 health departments to modify, establish, or maintain  
5 evidence-based systems; and

6 (2) local health departments receive funding  
7 from State health departments or directly from the  
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to con-  
9 tribute to such systems, as appropriate.

10 (c) ALLOCATIONS.—

11 (1) FORMULA.—The Secretary, acting through  
12 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
13 Prevention, shall allocate amounts made available  
14 pursuant to subsection (a) in accordance with a for-  
15 mula to be established by the Secretary that pro-  
16 vides a minimum level of funding to each State,  
17 local, Tribal, and territorial health department that  
18 seeks a grant under this section and allocates addi-  
19 tional funding based on the following prioritization:

20 (A) The Secretary shall give highest pri-  
21 ority to applicants proposing to serve popu-  
22 lations in one or more geographic regions with  
23 a high burden of COVID–19 based on data pro-  
24 vided by the Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention, or other sources as determined by  
2 the Secretary.

3 (B) The Secretary shall give second high-  
4 est priority to applicants preparing for, or cur-  
5 rently working to mitigate, a COVID–19 surge  
6 in a geographic region that does not yet have  
7 a high number of reported cases of COVID–19  
8 based on data provided by the Centers for Dis-  
9 ease Control and Prevention, or other sources  
10 as determined by the Secretary.

11 (C) The Secretary shall give third highest  
12 priority to applicants proposing to serve high  
13 numbers of low-income and uninsured popu-  
14 lations, including medically underserved popu-  
15 lations (as defined in section 330(b)(3) of the  
16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 254b(b)(3))), health professional shortage areas  
18 (as defined under section 332(a) of the Public  
19 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e(a))), racial  
20 and ethnic minorities, or geographically diverse  
21 areas, as determined by the Secretary.

22 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than the date  
23 that is one week before first awarding grants under  
24 this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
25 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
2 cation, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a notifica-  
3 tion detailing the formula established under para-  
4 graph (1) for allocating amounts made available pur-  
5 suant to subsection (a).

6 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, local, Tribal, and ter-  
7 ritorial health department receiving a grant under this  
8 section shall, to the extent possible, use the grant funds  
9 for the following activities, or other activities deemed ap-  
10 propriate by the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
11 trol and Prevention:

12 (1) TESTING.—To implement a coordinated  
13 testing system that—

14 (A) leverages or modernizes existing test-  
15 ing infrastructure and capacity;

16 (B) is consistent with the updated testing  
17 strategy required under section 30541;

18 (C) is coordinated with the State plan for  
19 COVID–19 testing prepared as required under  
20 the heading “Department of Health and  
21 Human Services—Office of the Secretary—  
22 Public Health and Social Service Emergency  
23 Fund” in title I of division B of the Paycheck  
24 Protection Program and Health Care Enhance-

1           ment Act (Public Law 116–139; 134 Stat. 620,  
2           624);

3           (D) is informed by contact tracing and  
4           surveillance activities under this subtitle;

5           (E) is informed by guidelines established  
6           by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
7           tion for which populations should be tested;

8           (F) identifies how diagnostic and sero-  
9           logical tests in such system shall be validated  
10          prior to use;

11          (G) identifies how diagnostic and sero-  
12          logical tests and testing supplies will be distrib-  
13          uted to implement such system;

14          (H) identifies specific strategies for ensur-  
15          ing testing capabilities and accessibility in  
16          medically underserved populations (as defined  
17          in section 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Serv-  
18          ice Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3))), health profes-  
19          sional shortage areas (as defined under section  
20          332(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
21          U.S.C. 254e(a))), racial and ethnic minority  
22          populations, and geographically diverse areas,  
23          as determined by the Secretary;

24          (I) identifies how testing may be used, and  
25          results may be reported, in both health care set-

1 tings (such as hospitals, laboratories for mod-  
2 erate or high-complexity testing, pharmacies,  
3 mobile testing units, and community health cen-  
4 ters) and non-health care settings (such as  
5 workplaces, schools, childcare centers, or drive-  
6 throughs);

7 (J) allows for testing in sentinel surveil-  
8 lance programs, as appropriate; and

9 (K) supports the procurement and dis-  
10 tribution of diagnostic and serological tests and  
11 testing supplies to meet the goals of the system.

12 (2) CONTACT TRACING.—To implement a co-  
13 ordinated contact tracing system that—

14 (A) leverages or modernizes existing con-  
15 tact tracing systems and capabilities, including  
16 community health workers, health departments,  
17 and Federally qualified health centers;

18 (B) is able to investigate cases of COVID-  
19 19, and help to identify other potential cases of  
20 COVID-19, through tracing contacts of individ-  
21 uals with positive diagnoses;

22 (C) establishes culturally competent and  
23 multilingual strategies for contact tracing,  
24 which may include consultation with and sup-

1 port for cultural or civic organizations with es-  
2 tablished ties to the community;

3 (D) provides individuals identified under  
4 the contact tracing program with information  
5 and support for containment or mitigation;

6 (E) enables State, local, Tribal, and terri-  
7 torial health departments to work with a non-  
8 governmental, community partner or partners  
9 and State and local workforce development sys-  
10 tems (as defined in section 3(67) of Workforce  
11 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
12 3102(67))) receiving grants under section  
13 30566(b) of this Act to hire and compensate a  
14 locally-sourced contact tracing workforce, if  
15 necessary, to supplement the public health  
16 workforce, to—

17 (i) identify the number of contact  
18 tracers needed for the respective State, lo-  
19 cality, territorial, or Tribal health depart-  
20 ment to identify all cases of COVID–19  
21 currently in the jurisdiction and those an-  
22 ticipated to emerge over the next 18  
23 months in such jurisdiction;

24 (ii) outline qualifications necessary for  
25 contact tracers;

1 (iii) train the existing and newly hired  
2 public health workforce on best practices  
3 related to tracing close contacts of individ-  
4 uals diagnosed with COVID–19, including  
5 the protection of individual privacy and cy-  
6 bersecurity protection; and

7 (iv) equip the public health workforce  
8 with tools and resources to enable a rapid  
9 response to new cases;

10 (F) identifies the level of contact tracing  
11 needed within the State, locality, territory, or  
12 Tribal area to contain and mitigate the trans-  
13 mission of COVID–19;

14 (G) establishes statewide mechanisms to  
15 integrate regular evaluation to the Centers for  
16 Disease Control and Prevention regarding con-  
17 tact tracing efforts, makes such evaluation pub-  
18 licly available, and to the extent possible pro-  
19 vides for such evaluation at the county level;  
20 and

21 (H) identifies specific strategies for ensur-  
22 ing contact tracing activities in medically un-  
23 derserved populations (as defined in section  
24 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3))), health professional short-



1 age areas (as defined under section 332(a) of  
2 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 254e(a))), racial and ethnic minority popu-  
4 lations, and geographically diverse areas, as de-  
5 termined by the Secretary.

6 (3) SURVEILLANCE.—To strengthen the exist-  
7 ing public health surveillance system that—

8 (A) leverages or modernizes existing sur-  
9 veillance systems within the respective State,  
10 local, Tribal, or territorial health department  
11 and national surveillance systems;

12 (B) detects and identifies trends in  
13 COVID–19 at the county level;

14 (C) evaluates State, local, Tribal, and ter-  
15 ritorial health departments in achieving surveil-  
16 lance capabilities with respect to COVID–19;

17 (D) integrates and improves disease sur-  
18 veillance and immunization tracking; and

19 (E) identifies specific strategies for ensur-  
20 ing disease surveillance in medically under-  
21 served populations (as defined in section  
22 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
23 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3))), health professional short-  
24 age areas (as defined under section 332(a) of  
25 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

1           254e(a))), racial and ethnic minority popu-  
2           lations, and geographically diverse areas, as de-  
3           termined by the Secretary.

4           (4) CONTAINMENT AND MITIGATION.—To im-  
5           plement a coordinated containment and mitigation  
6           system that—

7                   (A) leverages or modernizes existing con-  
8                   tainment and mitigation strategies within the  
9                   respective State, local, Tribal, or territorial gov-  
10                  ernments and national containment and mitiga-  
11                  tion strategies;

12                  (B) may provide for, connect to, and lever-  
13                  age existing social services and support for indi-  
14                  viduals who have been infected with or exposed  
15                  to COVID–19 and who are isolated or quar-  
16                  antined in their homes, such as through—

17                           (i) food assistance programs;

18                           (ii) guidance for household infection  
19                           control;

20                           (iii) information and assistance with  
21                           childcare services; and

22                           (iv) information and assistance per-  
23                           taining to support available under the  
24                           CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) and  
25                           this Act;

1 (C) provides guidance on the establishment  
2 of safe, high-quality, facilities for the voluntary  
3 isolation of individuals infected with, or quar-  
4 antine of the contacts of individuals exposed to  
5 COVID-19, where hospitalization is not re-  
6 quired, which facilities should—

7 (i) be prohibited from making inquir-  
8 ies relating to the citizenship status of an  
9 individual isolated or quarantined; and

10 (ii) be operated by a non-Federal,  
11 community partner or partners that—

12 (I) have previously established re-  
13 lationships in localities;

14 (II) work with local places of  
15 worship, community centers, medical  
16 facilities, and schools to recruit local  
17 staff for such facilities; and

18 (III) are fully integrated into  
19 State, local, Tribal, or territorial con-  
20 tainment and mitigation efforts; and

21 (D) identifies specific strategies for ensur-  
22 ing containment and mitigation activities in  
23 medically underserved populations (as defined  
24 in section 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Serv-  
25 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3))), health profes-

1           sional shortage areas (as defined under section  
2           332(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
3           U.S.C. 254e(a))), racial and ethnic minority  
4           populations, and geographically diverse areas,  
5           as determined by the Secretary.

6           (e) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall facilitate  
7 mechanisms for timely, standardized reporting by grantees  
8 under this section regarding implementation of the sys-  
9 tems established under this section and coordinated proc-  
10 esses with the reporting as required and under the heading  
11 “Department of Health and Human Services—Office of  
12 the Secretary—Public Health and Social Service Emer-  
13 gency Fund” in title I of division B of the Paycheck Pro-  
14 tection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Pub-  
15 lic Law 116–139, 134 Stat. 620), including—

16           (1) a summary of county or local health depart-  
17           ment level information from the States receiving  
18           funding, and information from directly funded local-  
19           ities, territories, and Tribal entities, about the activi-  
20           ties that will be undertaken using funding awarded  
21           under this section, including subgrants;

22           (2) any anticipated shortages of required mate-  
23           rials for testing for COVID–19 under subsection (a);  
24           and

1           (3) other barriers in the prevention, mitigation,  
2 or treatment of COVID–19 under this section.

3           (f) PUBLIC LISTING OF AWARDS.—The Secretary  
4 shall—

5           (1) not later than 7 days after first awarding  
6 grants under this section, post in a searchable, elec-  
7 tronic format a list of all awards made by the Sec-  
8 retary under this section, including the recipients  
9 and amounts of such awards; and

10           (2) update such list not less than every 7 days  
11 until all funds made available to carry out this sec-  
12 tion are expended.

13 **SEC. 30563. GUIDANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INFORMA-**  
14 **TION, AND COMMUNICATION.**

15           (a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 14 days after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in coordi-  
17 nation with other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall  
18 issue guidance, provide technical assistance, and provide  
19 information to States, localities, Tribes, and territories,  
20 with respect to the following:

21           (1) The diagnostic and serological testing of in-  
22 dividuals identified through contact tracing for  
23 COVID–19, including information with respect to  
24 the reduction of duplication related to programmatic  
25 activities, reporting, and billing.

1           (2) Best practices regarding contact tracing, in-  
2           cluding the collection of data with respect to such  
3           contact tracing and requirements related to the  
4           standardization of demographic and syndromic infor-  
5           mation collected as part of contact tracing efforts.

6           (3) Best practices regarding COVID–19 disease  
7           surveillance, including best practices to reduce dupli-  
8           cation in surveillance activities, identifying gaps in  
9           surveillance and surveillance systems, and ways in  
10          which the Secretary plans to effectively support  
11          State, local, Tribal and territorial health depart-  
12          ments in addressing such gaps.

13          (4) Information on ways for State, local, Tribal,  
14          and territorial health departments to establish and  
15          maintain the testing, contact tracing, and surveil-  
16          lance activities described in paragraphs (1) through  
17          (3).

18          (5) The protection of any personally identifiable  
19          health information collected pursuant to this sub-  
20          title.

21          (6) Best practices regarding privacy and cyber-  
22          security protection related to contact tracing, con-  
23          tainment, and mitigation efforts.

24          (b) GUIDANCE ON PAYMENT.—Not later than 14  
25          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary, in coordination with the Administrator of the Cen-  
2 ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Director of the  
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in coordi-  
4 nation with other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall  
5 develop and issue to State, local, Tribal, and territorial  
6 health departments clear guidance and policies—

7           (1) with respect to the coordination of claims  
8           submitted for payment out of the Public Health and  
9           Social Services Emergency Fund for services fur-  
10          nished in a facility referred to in section  
11          30562(d)(4)(C);

12           (2) identifying how an individual who is isolated  
13          or quarantined at home or in such a facility—

14                   (A) incurs no out-of-pocket costs for any  
15                   services furnished to such individual while iso-  
16                   lated; and

17                   (B) may receive income support for lost  
18                   earnings or payments for expenses such as child  
19                   care or elder care while such individual is iso-  
20                   lated at home or in such a facility;

21           (3) providing information and assistance per-  
22          taining to support available under the CARES Act  
23          (Public Law 116–136) and this Act; and

24           (4) identifying State, local, Tribal, and terri-  
25          torial health departments or partner agencies that

1        may provide social support services, such as gro-  
2        ceries or meals, health education, internet access,  
3        and behavioral health services, to individuals who  
4        isolated or quarantined at home or in such a facility.

5        (c) GUIDANCE ON TESTING.—Not later than 14 days  
6        after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,  
7        in coordination with the Commissioner of Food and  
8        Drugs, the Director of the National Institutes of Health,  
9        and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
10        Prevention, and in coordination with other Federal agen-  
11        cies as appropriate, shall develop and issue to State, local,  
12        Tribal, and territorial health departments clear guidance  
13        and policies regarding—

14            (1) objective standards to characterize the per-  
15            formance of all diagnostic and serological tests for  
16            COVID–19 in order to independently evaluate tests  
17            continuously over time;

18            (2) protocols for the evaluation of the perform-  
19            ance of diagnostic and serological tests for COVID–  
20            19; and

21            (3) a repository of characterized specimens to  
22            use to evaluate the performance of those tests that  
23            can be made available for appropriate entities to use  
24            to evaluate performance.



1 (d) COMMUNICATION.—The Secretary shall identify  
2 and publicly announce the form and manner for commu-  
3 nication with State, local, Tribal, and territorial health de-  
4 partments for purposes of carrying out the activities ad-  
5 dressed by guidance issued under subsections (a) and (b).

6 (e) AVAILABILITY TO PROVIDERS.—Guidance issued  
7 under subsection (a)(1) shall be issued to health care pro-  
8 viders.

9 (f) ONGOING PROVISION OF GUIDANCE AND TECH-  
10 NICAL ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding whether funds are  
11 available specifically to carry out this subtitle, guidance  
12 and technical assistance shall continue to be provided  
13 under this section.

14 **SEC. 30564. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

15 The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of  
16 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in col-  
17 laboration with the Director of the National Institutes of  
18 Health, the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Re-  
19 search and Quality, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,  
20 and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
21 icaid Services, shall support research and development on  
22 more efficient and effective strategies—

23 (1) for the surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 and  
24 COVID-19;

1           (2) for the testing and identification of individ-  
2           uals infected with COVID–19; and

3           (3) for the tracing of contacts of individuals in-  
4           fected with COVID–19.

5 **SEC. 30565. AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS.**

6           The Secretary, acting through the Director of the  
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in coordi-  
8 nation with other offices and agencies, as appropriate,  
9 shall award competitive grants or contracts to one or more  
10 public or private entities, including faith-based organiza-  
11 tions, to carry out multilingual and culturally appropriate  
12 awareness campaigns. Such campaigns shall—

13           (1) be based on available scientific evidence;

14           (2) increase awareness and knowledge of  
15 COVID–19, including countering stigma associated  
16 with COVID–19;

17           (3) improve information on the availability of  
18 COVID–19 diagnostic testing; and

19           (4) promote cooperation with contact tracing ef-  
20           forts.

21 **SEC. 30566. GRANTS TO STATE AND TRIBAL WORKFORCE**  
22 **AGENCIES.**

23           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
25           vided, the terms in this section have the meanings

1 given the terms in section 3 of the Workforce Inno-  
2 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

3 (2) APPRENTICESHIP; APPRENTICESHIP PRO-  
4 GRAM.—The term “apprenticeship” or “apprentice-  
5 ship program” means an apprenticeship program  
6 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-  
7 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”)   
8 (50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),  
9 including any requirement, standard, or rule promul-  
10 gated under such Act, as such requirement, stand-  
11 ard, or rule was in effect on December 30, 2019.

12 (3) CONTACT TRACING AND RELATED POSI-  
13 TIONS.—The term “contact tracing and related posi-  
14 tions” means employment related to contact tracing,  
15 surveillance, containment, and mitigation activities  
16 as described in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of sec-  
17 tion 30562(d).

18 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
19 ty” means—

20 (A) a State or territory, including the Dis-  
21 trict of Columbia and Puerto Rico;

22 (B) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization,  
23 Alaska Native entity, Indian-controlled organi-  
24 zations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian or-  
25 ganizations;

1 (C) an outlying area; or

2 (D) a local board, if an eligible entity  
3 under subparagraphs (A) through (C) has not  
4 applied with respect to the area over which the  
5 local board has jurisdiction as of the date on  
6 which the local board submits an application  
7 under subsection (c).

8 (5) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—Notwithstanding  
9 section 170(b)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and  
10 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(b)(2)), the term  
11 “eligible individual” means an individual seeking or  
12 securing employment in contact tracing and related  
13 positions and served by an eligible entity or commu-  
14 nity-based organization receiving funding under this  
15 section.

16 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
17 the Secretary of Labor.

18 (b) GRANTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of  
20 appropriations under subsection (g), the Secretary  
21 shall award national dislocated worker grants under  
22 section 170(b)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation  
23 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(b)(1)(B)) to  
24 each eligible entity that seeks a grant to assist local  
25 boards and community-based organizations in car-

1       rying out activities under subsections (f) and (d), re-  
2       spectively, for the following purposes:

3               (A) To support the recruitment, place-  
4               ment, and training, as applicable, of eligible in-  
5               dividuals seeking employment in contact tracing  
6               and related positions in accordance with the na-  
7               tional system for COVID–19 testing, contact  
8               tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitiga-  
9               tion established under section 30561.

10              (B) To assist with the employment transi-  
11              tion to new employment or education and train-  
12              ing of individuals employed under this section  
13              in preparation for and upon termination of such  
14              employment.

15       (2) **TIMELINE.**—The Secretary of Labor shall—

16              (A) issue application requirements under  
17              subsection (c) not later than 10 days after the  
18              date of enactment of this section; and

19              (B) award grants to an eligible entity  
20              under paragraph (1) not later than 10 days  
21              after the date on which the Secretary receives  
22              an application from such entity.

23       (c) **GRANT APPLICATION.**—An eligible entity apply-  
24       ing for a grant under this section shall submit an applica-  
25       tion to the Secretary, at such time and in such form and

1 manner as the Secretary may reasonably require, which  
2 shall include a description of—

3 (1) how the eligible entity will support the re-  
4 cruitment, placement, and training, as applicable, of  
5 eligible individuals seeking employment in contact  
6 tracing and related positions by partnering with—

7 (A) a State, local, Tribal, or territorial  
8 health department; or

9 (B) one or more nonprofit or community-  
10 based organizations partnering with such health  
11 departments;

12 (2) how the activities described in paragraph  
13 (1) will support State efforts to address the demand  
14 for contact tracing and related positions with respect  
15 to—

16 (A) the State plans referred to in the head-  
17 ing “Public Health and Social Services Emer-  
18 gency Fund” in title I of division B of the Pay-  
19 check Protection Program and Health Care En-  
20 hancement Act (Public Law 116–139);

21 (B) the testing strategy submitted under  
22 section 30541; and

23 (C) the number of eligible individuals that  
24 the State plans to recruit and train under the

1 plans and strategies described in subparagraphs  
2 (A) and (B);

3 (3) the specific strategies for recruiting and  
4 placement of eligible individuals from or residing  
5 within the communities in which they will work, in-  
6 cluding—

7 (A) plans for the recruitment of eligible in-  
8 dividuals to serve as contact tracers and related  
9 positions, including dislocated workers, individ-  
10 uals with barriers to employment, veterans, new  
11 entrants in the workforce, or underemployed or  
12 furloughed workers, who are from or reside in  
13 or near the local area in which they will serve,  
14 and who, to the extent practicable—

15 (i) have experience or a background in  
16 industry-sectors and occupations such as  
17 public health, social services, customer  
18 service, case management, or occupations  
19 that require related qualifications, skills, or  
20 competencies, such as strong interpersonal  
21 and communication skills, needed for con-  
22 tact tracing and related positions, as de-  
23 scribed in section 30562(d)(2)(E)(ii); or

24 (ii) seek to transition to public health  
25 and public health related occupations upon

1           the conclusion of employment in contact  
2           tracing and related positions; and

3           (B) how such strategies will take into ac-  
4           count the diversity of such community, includ-  
5           ing racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, linguistic, or  
6           geographic diversity;

7           (4) the amount, timing, and mechanisms for  
8           distribution of funds provided to local boards or  
9           through subgrants as described in subsection (d);

10          (5) for eligible entities described in subpara-  
11          graphs (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(4), a de-  
12          scription of how the eligible entity will ensure the eq-  
13          uitable distribution of funds with respect to—

14               (A) geography (such as urban and rural  
15               distribution);

16               (B) medically underserved populations (as  
17               defined in section 33(b)(3) of the Public Health  
18               Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)));

19               (C) health professional shortage areas (as  
20               defined under section 332(a) of the Public  
21               Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e(a))); and

22               (D) the racial and ethnic diversity of the  
23               area; and

24          (6) for eligible entities who are local boards, a  
25          description of how a grant to such eligible entity



1 would serve the equitable distribution of funds as de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (5).

3 (d) SUBGRANT AUTHORIZATION AND APPLICATION  
4 PROCESS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may award  
6 a subgrant to one or more community-based organi-  
7 zations for the purposes of partnering with a State  
8 or local board to conduct outreach and education ac-  
9 tivities to inform potentially eligible individuals  
10 about employment opportunities in contact tracing  
11 and related positions.

12 (2) APPLICATION.—A community-based organi-  
13 zation shall submit an application at such time and  
14 in such manner as the eligible entity may reasonably  
15 require, including—

16 (A) a demonstration of the community-  
17 based organization's established expertise and  
18 effectiveness in community outreach in the local  
19 area that such organization plans to serve;

20 (B) a demonstration of the community-  
21 based organization's expertise in providing em-  
22 ployment or public health information to the  
23 local areas in which such organization plans to  
24 serve; and

1 (C) a description of the expertise of the  
2 community-based organization in utilizing cul-  
3 turally competent and multilingual strategies in  
4 the provision of services.

5 (e) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.—

6 (1) FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION.—

7 (A) USE OF FUNDS.— The Secretary of  
8 Labor shall use the funds appropriated to carry  
9 out this section as follows:

10 (i) Subject to clause (ii), the Secretary  
11 shall distribute funds among eligible enti-  
12 ties in accordance with a formula to be es-  
13 tablished by the Secretary that provides a  
14 minimum level of funding to each eligible  
15 entity that seeks a grant under this section  
16 and allocates additional funding as follows:

17 (I) The formula shall give first  
18 priority based on the number and pro-  
19 portion of contact tracing and related  
20 positions that the State plans to re-  
21 cruit, place, and train individuals as a  
22 part of the State strategy described in  
23 subsection (c)(2)(A).

1                   (II) Subject to subclause (I), the  
2                   formula shall give priority in accord-  
3                   ance with section 30562(c).

4                   (ii) Not more than 2 percent of the  
5                   funding for administration of the grants  
6                   and for providing technical assistance to  
7                   recipients of funds under this section.

8                   (B) **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.**—If the ge-  
9                   ographic region served by one or more eligible  
10                  entities overlaps, the Secretary shall distribute  
11                  funds among such entities in such a manner  
12                  that ensures equitable distribution with respect  
13                  to the factors under subsection (c)(5).

14                  (2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY USE OF FUNDS.**—An eli-  
15                  gible entity described in subparagraphs (A) through  
16                  (C) of subsection (a)(4)—

17                         (A) shall, not later than 30 days after the  
18                         date on which the entity receives grant funds  
19                         under this section, provide not less than 70 per-  
20                         cent of grant funds to local boards for the pur-  
21                         pose of carrying out activities in subsection (f);

22                         (B) may use up to 20 percent of such  
23                         funds to make subgrants to community-based  
24                         organizations in the service area to conduct out-

1 reach, to potential eligible individuals, as de-  
2 scribed in subsection (d);

3 (C) in providing funds to local boards and  
4 awarding subgrants under this subsection shall  
5 ensure the equitable distribution with respect to  
6 the factors described in subsection (c)(5); and

7 (D) may use not more than 10 percent of  
8 the funds awarded under this section for the  
9 administrative costs of carrying out the grant  
10 and for providing technical assistance to local  
11 boards and community-based organizations.

12 (3) LOCAL BOARD USE OF FUNDS.—A local  
13 board, or an eligible entity that is a local board,  
14 shall use—

15 (A) not less than 60 percent of the funds  
16 for recruitment and training for COVID-19  
17 testing, contact tracing, surveillance, contain-  
18 ment, and mitigation established under section  
19 30561;

20 (B) not less than 30 of the funds to sup-  
21 port the transition of individuals hired as con-  
22 tact tracers and related positions into an edu-  
23 cation or training program, or unsubsidized em-  
24 ployment upon completion of such positions;  
25 and

1 (C) not more than 10 percent of the funds  
2 for administrative costs.

3 (f) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The State or local boards  
4 shall use funds awarded under this section to support the  
5 recruitment and placement of eligible individuals, training  
6 and employment transition as related to contact tracing  
7 and related positions, and for the following activities:

8 (1) Establishing or expanding partnerships  
9 with—

10 (A) State, local, Tribal, and territorial  
11 public health departments;

12 (B) community-based health providers, in-  
13 cluding community health centers and rural  
14 health clinics;

15 (C) labor organizations or joint labor man-  
16 agement organizations;

17 (D) two-year and four-year institutions of  
18 higher education (as defined in section 101 of  
19 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
20 1001)), including institutions eligible to receive  
21 funds under section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-  
22 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)); and

23 (E) community action agencies or other  
24 community-based organizations serving local

1 areas in which there is a demand for contact  
2 tracing and related positions.

3 (2) Providing training for contact tracing and  
4 related positions in coordination with State, local,  
5 Tribal, or territorial health departments that is con-  
6 sistent with the State or territorial testing and con-  
7 tact tracing strategy, and ensuring that eligible indi-  
8 viduals receive compensation while participating in  
9 such training.

10 (3) Providing eligible individuals with—

11 (A) adequate and safe equipment, environ-  
12 ments, and facilities for training and super-  
13 vision, as applicable;

14 (B) information regarding the wages and  
15 benefits related to contact tracing and related  
16 positions, as compared to State, local, and na-  
17 tional averages;

18 (C) supplies and equipment needed by the  
19 eligible individuals to support placement of an  
20 individual in contact tracing and related posi-  
21 tions, as applicable;

22 (D) an individualized employment plan for  
23 each eligible individual, as applicable—

1 (i) in coordination with the entity em-  
2 ploying the eligible individual in a contact  
3 tracing and related positions; and

4 (ii) which shall include providing a  
5 case manager to work with each eligible in-  
6 dividual to develop the plan, which may in-  
7 clude—

8 (I) identifying employment and  
9 career goals, and setting appropriate  
10 achievement objectives to attain such  
11 goals; and

12 (II) exploring career pathways  
13 that lead to in-demand industries and  
14 sectors, including in public health and  
15 related occupations; and

16 (E) services for the period during which  
17 the eligible individual is employed in a contact  
18 tracing and related position to ensure job reten-  
19 tion, which may include—

20 (i) supportive services throughout the  
21 term of employment;

22 (ii) a continuation of skills training as  
23 related to employment in contact tracing  
24 and related positions, that is conducted in

1 collaboration with the employers of such  
2 individuals;

3 (iii) mentorship services and job re-  
4 tention support for eligible individuals; or

5 (iv) targeted training for managers  
6 and workers working with eligible individ-  
7 uals (such as mentors), and human re-  
8 source representatives;

9 (4) Supporting the transition and placement in  
10 unsubsidized employment for eligible individuals  
11 serving in contact tracing and related positions after  
12 such positions are no longer necessary in the State  
13 or local area, including—

14 (A) any additional training and employ-  
15 ment activities as described in section 170(d)(4)  
16 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
17 Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(d)(4));

18 (B) developing the appropriate combina-  
19 tion of services to enable the eligible individual  
20 to achieve the employment and career goals  
21 identified under paragraph (3)(D)(ii)(I); and

22 (C) services to assist eligible individuals in  
23 maintaining employment for not less than 12  
24 months after the completion of employment in



1 contact tracing and related positions, as appro-  
2 priate.

3 (5) Any other activities as described in sub-  
4 sections (a)(3) and (b) of section 134 of the Work-  
5 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
6 3174).

7 (g) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding section  
8 170(d)(3)(A) of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
9 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(d)(3)(A)), a person may be  
10 employed in a contact tracing and related positions using  
11 funds under this section for a period not greater than 2  
12 years.

13 (h) REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days of  
15 the enactment of this Act, and once grant funds  
16 have been expended under this section, the Secretary  
17 shall report to the Committee on Education and  
18 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
19 mittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of  
20 the Senate, and make publicly available a report  
21 containing a description of—

22 (A) the number of eligible individuals re-  
23 cruited, hired, and trained in contact tracing  
24 and related positions;

1           (B) the number of individuals successfully  
2 transitioned to unsubsidized employment or  
3 training at the completion of employment in  
4 contact tracing and related positions using  
5 funds under this subtitle;

6           (C) the number of such individuals who  
7 were unemployed prior to being hired, trained,  
8 or deployed as described in paragraph (1);

9           (D) the performance of each program sup-  
10 ported by funds under this subtitle with respect  
11 to the indicators of performance under section  
12 116 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
13 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141), as applicable;

14           (E) the number of individuals in unsub-  
15 sidized employment within six months and 1  
16 year, respectively, of the conclusion of employ-  
17 ment in contact tracing and related positions  
18 and, of those, the number of individuals within  
19 a State, territorial, or local public health de-  
20 partment in an occupation related to public  
21 health;

22           (F) any information on how eligible enti-  
23 ties, local boards, or community-based organiza-  
24 tions that received funding under this sub-  
25 section were able to support the goals of the na-

1           tional system for COVID–19 testing, contact  
2           tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitiga-  
3           tion established under section 30561 of this  
4           Act; and

5           (G) best practices for improving and in-  
6           creasing the transition of individuals employed  
7           in contract tracing and related positions to un-  
8           subsidized employment.

9           (2) DISAGGREGATION.—All data reported under  
10          paragraph (1) shall be disaggregated by race, eth-  
11          nicity, sex, age, and, with respect to individuals with  
12          barriers to employment, subpopulation of such indi-  
13          viduals, except for when the number of participants  
14          in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reli-  
15          able information or when the results would reveal  
16          personally identifiable information about an indi-  
17          vidual participant.

18          (i) SPECIAL RULE.—Any funds used for programs  
19          under this section that are used to fund an apprenticeship  
20          or apprenticeship program shall only be used for, or pro-  
21          vided to, an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program  
22          that meets the definition of such term subsection (a) of  
23          this section, including any funds awarded for the purposes  
24          of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, or the de-

1 velopment, implementation, or administration, of an ap-  
2 prenticeship or an apprenticeship program.

3 (j) INFORMATION SHARING REQUIREMENT FOR  
4 HHS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
5 acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention, shall provide the Secretary of  
7 Labor, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Em-  
8 ployment and Training Administration, with information  
9 on grants under section 30562, including—

10 (1) the formula used to award such grants to  
11 State, local, Tribal, and territorial health depart-  
12 ments;

13 (2) the dollar amounts of and scope of the work  
14 funded under such grants;

15 (3) the geographic areas served by eligible enti-  
16 ties that receive such grants; and

17 (4) the number of contact tracers and related  
18 positions to be hired using such grants.

19 (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the  
20 amounts appropriated to carry out this subtitle,  
21 \$500,000,000 shall be used by the Secretary of Labor to  
22 carry out subsections (a) through (h) of this section.

1 **SEC. 30567. APPLICATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT**  
2 **TO CONTRACTS AND GRANTS.**

3 Contracts and grants which include contact tracing  
4 as part of the scope of work and that are awarded under  
5 this subtitle shall require that contract tracers and related  
6 positions are paid not less than the prevailing wage and  
7 fringe rates required under chapter 67 of title 41, United  
8 States Code (commonly known as the “Service Contract  
9 Act”) for the area in which the work is performed. To  
10 the extent that a nonstandard wage determination is re-  
11 quired to establish a prevailing wage for contact tracers  
12 and related positions for purposes of this subtitle, the Sec-  
13 retary of Labor shall issue such determination not later  
14 than 14 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
15 based on a job description used by the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention and contractors or grantees per-  
17 forming contact tracing for State public health agencies.

18 **SEC. 30568. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 To carry out this subtitle, there are authorized to be  
20 appropriated \$75,000,000,000, to remain available until  
21 expended.

1 **Subtitle E—Demographic Data and**  
2 **Supply Reporting Related to**  
3 **COVID-19**

4 **SEC. 30571. COVID-19 REPORTING PORTAL.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 15 days after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish  
7 and maintain an online portal for use by eligible health  
8 care entities to track and transmit data regarding their  
9 personal protective equipment and medical supply inven-  
10 tory and capacity related to COVID-19.

11 (b) **ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE ENTITIES.**—In this sec-  
12 tion, the term “eligible health care entity” means a li-  
13 censed acute care hospital, hospital system, or long-term  
14 care facility with confirmed cases of COVID-19.

15 (c) **SUBMISSION.**—An eligible health care entity shall  
16 report using the portal under this section on a biweekly  
17 basis in order to assist the Secretary in tracking usage  
18 and need of COVID-related supplies and personnel in a  
19 regular and real-time manner.

20 (d) **INCLUDED INFORMATION.**—The Secretary shall  
21 design the portal under this section to include information  
22 on personal protective equipment and medical supply in-  
23 ventory and capacity related to COVID-19, including with  
24 respect to the following:

1           (1) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.—

2           Total personal protective equipment inventory, in-  
3           cluding, in units, the numbers of N95 masks and  
4           authorized equivalent respirator masks, surgical  
5           masks, exam gloves, face shields, isolation gowns,  
6           and coveralls.

7           (2) MEDICAL SUPPLY.—

8           (A) Total ventilator inventory, including, in  
9           units, the number of universal, adult, pediatric,  
10          and infant ventilators.

11          (B) Total diagnostic and serological test  
12          inventory, including, in units, the number of  
13          test platforms, tests, test kits, reagents, trans-  
14          port media, swabs, and other materials or sup-  
15          plies determined necessary by the Secretary.

16          (3) CAPACITY.—

17          (A) Case count measurements, including  
18          confirmed positive cases and persons under in-  
19          vestigation.

20          (B) Total number of staffed beds, includ-  
21          ing medical surgical beds, intensive care beds,  
22          and critical care beds.

23          (C) Available beds, including medical sur-  
24          gical beds, intensive care beds, and critical care  
25          beds.

1 (D) Total number of COVID–19 patients  
2 currently utilizing a ventilator.

3 (E) Average number of days a COVID–19  
4 patient is utilizing a ventilator.

5 (F) Total number of additionally needed  
6 professionals in each of the following categories:  
7 intensivists, critical care physicians, respiratory  
8 therapists, registered nurses, certified registered  
9 nurse anesthetists, and laboratory personnel.

10 (G) Total number of hospital personnel  
11 currently not working due to self-isolation fol-  
12 lowing a known or presumed COVID–19 expo-  
13 sure.

14 (e) ACCESS TO INFORMATION RELATED TO INVEN-  
15 TORY AND CAPACITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
16 relevant agencies and officials, including the Centers for  
17 Disease Control and Prevention, the Assistant Secretary  
18 for Preparedness and Response, and the Federal Emer-  
19 gency Management Agency, have access to information re-  
20 lated to inventory and capacity submitted under this sec-  
21 tion.

22 (f) WEEKLY REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On a weekly  
23 basis, the Secretary shall transmit information related to  
24 inventory and capacity submitted under this section to the  
25 appropriate committees of the House and Senate.



1 **SEC. 30572. REGULAR CDC REPORTING ON DEMOGRAPHIC**  
2 **DATA.**

3 Not later than 14 days after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act, the Secretary, in coordination with the Direc-  
5 tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
6 shall amend the reporting under the heading “Department  
7 of Health and Human Services—Office of the Secretary—  
8 Public Health and Social Service Emergency Fund” in  
9 title I of division B of the Paycheck Protection Program  
10 and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–139;  
11 134 Stat. 620, 626) on the demographic characteristics,  
12 including race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender, geographic re-  
13 gion, and other relevant factors of individuals tested for  
14 or diagnosed with COVID–19, to include—

15 (1) providing technical assistance to State,  
16 local, and territorial health departments to improve  
17 the collection and reporting of such demographic  
18 data;

19 (2) if such data is not so collected or reported,  
20 the reason why the State, local, or territorial depart-  
21 ment of health has not been able to collect or pro-  
22 vide such information; and

23 (3) making a copy of such report available pub-  
24 licly on the website of the Centers for Disease Con-  
25 trol and Prevention.

1 **SEC. 30573. FEDERAL MODERNIZATION FOR HEALTH IN-**  
2 **EQUITIES DATA.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall work with  
4 covered agencies to support the modernization of data col-  
5 lection methods and infrastructure at such agencies for  
6 the purpose of increasing data collection related to health  
7 inequities, such as racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, sex, gen-  
8 der, and disability disparities.

9 (b) **COVERED AGENCY DEFINED.**—In this section,  
10 the term “covered agency” means each of the following  
11 Federal agencies:

12 (1) The Agency for Healthcare Research and  
13 Quality.

14 (2) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
15 vention.

16 (3) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
17 ices.

18 (4) The Food and Drug Administration.

19 (5) The Office of the National Coordinator for  
20 Health Information Technology.

21 (6) The National Institutes of Health.

22 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated to each covered agency to  
24 carry out this section \$4,000,000, to remain available  
25 until expended.

1 **SEC. 30574. MODERNIZATION OF STATE AND LOCAL**  
2 **HEALTH INEQUITIES DATA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting  
5 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control  
6 and Prevention, shall award grants to State, local, and  
7 territorial health departments in order to support the  
8 modernization of data collection methods and infrastruc-  
9 ture for the purposes of increasing data related to health  
10 inequities, such as racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, sex, gen-  
11 der, and disability disparities. The Secretary shall—

12 (1) provide guidance, technical assistance, and  
13 information to grantees under this section on best  
14 practices regarding culturally competent, accurate,  
15 and increased data collection and transmission; and

16 (2) track performance of grantees under this  
17 section to help improve their health inequities data  
18 collection by identifying gaps and taking effective  
19 steps to support States, localities, and territories in  
20 addressing the gaps.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22 on which the first grant is awarded under this section,  
23 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy  
24 and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the  
25 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of  
26 the Senate an initial report detailing—

1           (1) nationwide best practices for ensuring  
2 States and localities collect and transmit health in-  
3 equities data;

4           (2) nationwide trends which hinder the collec-  
5 tion and transmission of health inequities data;

6           (3) Federal best practices for working with  
7 States and localities to ensure culturally competent,  
8 accurate, and increased data collection and trans-  
9 mission; and

10           (4) any recommended changes to legislative or  
11 regulatory authority to help improve and increase  
12 health inequities data collection.

13       (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31,  
14 2023, the Secretary shall—

15           (1) update and finalize the initial report under  
16 subsection (b); and

17           (2) submit such final report to the committees  
18 specified in such subsection.

19       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

22 **SEC. 30575. TRIBAL FUNDING TO RESEARCH HEALTH IN-**  
23 **EQUITIES INCLUDING COVID-19.**

24       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Indian

1 Health Service, in coordination with Tribal Epidemiology  
2 Centers and other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall  
3 conduct or support research and field studies for the pur-  
4 poses of improved understanding of Tribal health inequi-  
5 ties among American Indians and Alaska Natives, includ-  
6 ing with respect to—

- 7 (1) disparities related to COVID–19;
- 8 (2) public health surveillance and infrastructure  
9 regarding unmet needs in Indian country and Urban  
10 Indian communities;
- 11 (3) population-based health disparities;
- 12 (4) barriers to health care services;
- 13 (5) the impact of socioeconomic status; and
- 14 (6) factors contributing to Tribal health inequi-  
15 ties.

16 (b) CONSULTATION, CONFER, AND COORDINATION.—  
17 In carrying out this section, the Director of the Indian  
18 Health Service shall—

- 19 (1) consult with Indian Tribes and Tribal orga-  
20 nizations;
- 21 (2) confer with Urban Indian organizations;  
22 and
- 23 (3) coordinate with the Director of the Centers  
24 for Disease Control and Prevention and the Director  
25 of the National Institutes of Health.

1 (c) PROCESS.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Indian Health  
3 Service shall establish a nationally representative panel to  
4 establish processes and procedures for the research and  
5 field studies conducted or supported under subsection (a).  
6 The Director shall ensure that, at a minimum, the panel  
7 consists of the following individuals:

8 (1) Elected Tribal leaders or their designees.

9 (2) Tribal public health practitioners and ex-  
10 perts from the national and regional levels.

11 (d) DUTIES.—The panel established under subsection  
12 (c) shall, at a minimum—

13 (1) advise the Director of the Indian Health  
14 Service on the processes and procedures regarding  
15 the design, implementation, and evaluation of, and  
16 reporting on, research and field studies conducted or  
17 supported under this section;

18 (2) develop and share resources on Tribal pub-  
19 lic health data surveillance and reporting, including  
20 best practices; and

21 (3) carry out such other activities as may be  
22 appropriate to establish processes and procedures for  
23 the research and field studies conducted or sup-  
24 ported under subsection (a).

1 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after expending  
2 all funds made available to carry out this section, the Di-  
3 rector of the Indian Health Service, in coordination with  
4 the panel established under subsection (c), shall submit  
5 an initial report on the results of the research and field  
6 studies under this section to—

7 (1) the Committee on Energy and Commerce  
8 and the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
9 House of Representatives; and

10 (2) the Committee on Indian Affairs and the  
11 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pen-  
12 sions of the Senate.

13 (f) TRIBAL DATA SOVEREIGNTY.—The Director of  
14 the Indian Health Service shall ensure that all research  
15 and field studies conducted or supported under this sec-  
16 tion are tribally-directed and carried out in a manner  
17 which ensures Tribal-direction of all data collected under  
18 this section—

19 (1) according to Tribal best practices regarding  
20 research design and implementation, including by  
21 ensuring the consent of the Tribes involved to public  
22 reporting of Tribal data;

23 (2) according to all relevant and applicable  
24 Tribal, professional, institutional, and Federal

1 standards for conducting research and governing re-  
2 search ethics;

3 (3) with the prior and informed consent of any  
4 Indian Tribe participating in the research or sharing  
5 data for use under this section; and

6 (4) in a manner that respects the inherent sov-  
7 ereignty of Indian Tribes, including Tribal govern-  
8 ance of data and research.

9 (g) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31,  
10 2023, the Director of the Indian Health Service shall—

11 (1) update and finalize the initial report under  
12 subsection (e); and

13 (2) submit such final report to the committees  
14 specified in such subsection.

15 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal or-  
17 ganization” have the meanings given to such terms  
18 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and  
19 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

20 (2) The term “Urban Indian organization” has  
21 the meaning given to such term in section 4 of the  
22 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.  
23 1603).



1 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

4 **SEC. 30576. CDC FIELD STUDIES PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC**  
5 **HEALTH INEQUITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting  
8 through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
9 in collaboration with State, local, and territorial health de-  
10 partments, shall complete (by the reporting deadline in  
11 subsection (b)) field studies to better understand health  
12 inequities that are not currently tracked by the Secretary.  
13 Such studies shall include an analysis of—

14 (1) the impact of socioeconomic status on  
15 health care access and disease outcomes, including  
16 COVID–19 outcomes;

17 (2) the impact of disability status on health  
18 care access and disease outcomes, including COVID–  
19 19 outcomes;

20 (3) the impact of language preference on health  
21 care access and disease outcomes, including COVID–  
22 19 outcomes;

23 (4) factors contributing to disparities in health  
24 outcomes for the COVID–19 pandemic; and

1           (5) other topics related to disparities in health  
2           outcomes for the COVID–19 pandemic, as deter-  
3           mined by the Secretary.

4           (b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2021,  
5           the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy  
6           and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the  
7           Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of  
8           the Senate an initial report on the results of the field stud-  
9           ies under this section.

10          (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31,  
11          2023, the Secretary shall—

12                 (1) update and finalize the initial report under  
13                 subsection (b); and

14                 (2) submit such final report to the committees  
15                 specified in such subsection.

16          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
17          authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18          \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

19          **SEC. 30577. ADDITIONAL REPORTING TO CONGRESS ON**  
20                         **THE RACE AND ETHNICITY RATES OF COVID–**  
21                         **19 TESTING, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND MOR-**  
22                         **TALITIES.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 1, 2020,  
24           the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Appro-  
25           priations and the Committee on Energy and Commerce

1 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
2 Appropriations and the Committee on Health, Education,  
3 Labor and Pensions of the Senate an initial report—

4           (1) describing the testing, positive diagnoses,  
5           hospitalization, intensive care admissions, and mor-  
6           tality rates associated with COVID–19,  
7           disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender,  
8           geographic region, and other relevant factors as de-  
9           termined by the Secretary;

10           (2) including an analysis of any variances of  
11           testing, positive diagnoses, hospitalizations, and  
12           deaths by demographic characteristics; and

13           (3) including proposals for evidenced-based re-  
14           sponse strategies to reduce disparities related to  
15           COVID–19.

16           (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31,  
17 2024, the Secretary shall—

18           (1) update and finalize the initial report under  
19           subsection (a); and

20           (2) submit such final report to the committees  
21           specified in such subsection.

22           (c) COORDINATION.—In preparing the report sub-  
23           mitted under this section, the Secretary shall take into ac-  
24           count and otherwise coordinate such report with reporting  
25           required under section 30572 and under the heading “De-

1 partment of Health and Human Services—Office of the  
2 Secretary—Public Health and Social Service Emergency  
3 Fund” in title I of division B of the Paycheck Protection  
4 Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law  
5 116–139; 134 Stat. 620, 626).

## 6 **Subtitle F—Miscellaneous**

### 7 **SEC. 30581. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO AMENDMENTS**

#### 8 **MADE BY CARES ACT.**

9 (a) The amendments made by this section shall take  
10 effect as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act  
11 (Public Law 116–136).

12 (b) Section 3112 of division A of the CARES Act  
13 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking the  
15 comma before “or a permanent”;

16 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “and sub-  
17 paragraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting “as subpara-  
18 graphs (A) and (B)”; and

19 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “Drug, Cos-  
20 metic Act” and inserting “Drug, and Cosmetic Act”.

21 (c) Section 6001(a)(1)(D) of division F of the Fami-  
22 lies First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–  
23 127), as amended by section 3201 of division A of the  
24 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), is amended by strik-  
25 ing “other test that”.

1 (d) Subsection (k)(9) of section 543 of the Public  
2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd-2), as added by sec-  
3 tion 3221(d) of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law  
4 116-136), is amended by striking “unprotected health in-  
5 formation” and inserting “unsecured protected health in-  
6 formation”.

7 (e) Section 3401(2)(D) of division A of the CARES  
8 Act (Public Law 116-136), is amended by striking “Not  
9 Later than” and inserting “Not later than”.

10 (f) Section 831(f) of the Public Health Service Act,  
11 as redesignated by section 3404(a)(6)(E) and amended by  
12 section 3404(a)(6)(G) of division A of the CARES Act  
13 (Public Law 116-136), is amended by striking “a health  
14 care facility, or a partnership of such a school and facil-  
15 ity”.

16 (g) Section 846(i) of the Public Health Service Act,  
17 as amended by section 3404(i)(8)(C) of division A of the  
18 CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), is amended by strik-  
19 ing “871(b),” and inserting “871(b),”.

20 (h) Section 3606(a)(1)(A) of division A of the  
21 CARES Act (Public Law 116-136) is amended by striking  
22 “In general” and inserting “IN GENERAL”.

23 (i) Section 3856(b)(1) of division A of the CARES  
24 Act (Public Law 116-136) is amended to read as follows:

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 905(b)(4) of the  
2           FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–  
3           52) is amended by striking ‘Section 744H(e)(2)(B)  
4           of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
5           U.S.C. 379j–52(e)(2)(B))’ and inserting ‘Section  
6           744H(f)(2)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
7           metic Act, as redesignated by section 403(c)(1) of  
8           this Act.’”.

9           **TITLE VI—PUBLIC HEALTH**  
10           **ASSISTANCE**

11           **Subtitle A—Assistance to Providers**  
12           **and Health System**

13           **SEC. 30611. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days after the  
15           date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting  
16           through the Administrator of the Health Resources and  
17           Services Administration, shall establish a program under  
18           which the Secretary shall reimburse, through grants or  
19           other mechanisms, eligible health care providers for eligi-  
20           ble expenses or lost revenues occurring during calendar  
21           quarters beginning on or after January 1, 2020, to pre-  
22           vent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, in an  
23           amount calculated under subsection (c).

24           (b) QUARTERLY BASIS.—

1           (1) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.—The Sec-  
2           retary shall give applicants a period of 7 calendar  
3           days after the close of a quarter to submit applica-  
4           tions under this section with respect to such quarter,  
5           except that the Secretary shall give applicants a pe-  
6           riod of 7 calendar days after the date of enactment  
7           of this Act to submit applications with respect to the  
8           quarter beginning on January 1, 2020, if the appli-  
9           cant has not previously submitted an application  
10          with the respect to such quarter.

11          (2) REVIEW AND PAYMENT.—The Secretary  
12          shall—

13                (A) review applications and make awards  
14                of reimbursement under this section on a quar-  
15                terly basis; and

16                (B) award the reimbursements under this  
17                section for a quarter not later than 14 calendar  
18                days after the close of the quarter, except that  
19                the Secretary shall award the reimbursements  
20                under this section for the quarter beginning on  
21                January 1, 2020, not later than 14 calendar  
22                days after the date of enactment of this Act.

23          (c) CALCULATION.—

24                (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the reim-  
25                bursement to an eligible health care provider under

1 this section with respect to a calendar quarter shall  
2 equal—

3 (A) the sum of—

4 (i) 100 percent of the eligible ex-  
5 penses, as described in subsection (d), of  
6 the provider during the quarter; and

7 (ii) subject to paragraph (3), 60 per-  
8 cent of the lost revenues, as described in  
9 subsection (e), of the provider during the  
10 quarter; less

11 (B) any funds that are—

12 (i) received by the provider during the  
13 quarter pursuant to the Coronavirus Pre-  
14 paredness and Response Supplemental Ap-  
15 propriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-  
16 123), the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
17 sponse Act (Public Law 116-127), the  
18 CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), or the  
19 Paycheck Protection Program and Health  
20 Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-  
21 139); and

22 (ii) not required to be repaid.

23 (2) CARRYOVER.—If the amount determined  
24 under paragraph (1)(B) for a calendar quarter with  
25 respect to an eligible health care provider exceeds



1 the amount determined under paragraph (1)(A) with  
2 respect to such provider and quarter, the amount of  
3 such difference shall be applied in making the cal-  
4 culation under this subsection, over each subsequent  
5 calendar quarter for which the eligible health care  
6 provider seeks reimbursement under this section.

7 (3) LOST REVENUE LIMITATION.—If the  
8 amount determined under subsection (e) with re-  
9 spect to the lost revenue of an eligible health care  
10 provider for a calendar quarter does not exceed an  
11 amount that equals 10 percent of the net patient  
12 revenue (as defined in such subsection) of the pro-  
13 vider for the corresponding quarter in 2019, the ad-  
14 dend under paragraph (1)(A)(ii), in making the cal-  
15 culation under paragraph (1), is deemed to be zero.

16 (d) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—Subject to subsection  
17 (h)(1), expenses eligible for reimbursement under this sec-  
18 tion include expenses for—

19 (1) building or construction of temporary struc-  
20 tures;

21 (2) leasing of properties;

22 (3) medical supplies and equipment including  
23 personal protective equipment;

24 (4) in vitro diagnostic tests, serological tests, or  
25 testing supplies;

- 1 (5) increased workforce and trainings;
- 2 (6) emergency operation centers;
- 3 (7) construction or retrofitting of facilities;
- 4 (8) mobile testing units;
- 5 (9) surge capacity;
- 6 (10) retention of workforce; and
- 7 (11) such other items and services as the Sec-
- 8 retary determines to be appropriate, in consultation
- 9 with relevant stakeholders.

10 (e) LOST REVENUES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (h)(1),  
12 for purposes of subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii), the lost rev-  
13 enues of an eligible health care provider, with re-  
14 spect to the calendar quarter involved, shall be equal  
15 to—

16 (A) net patient revenue of the provider for  
17 the corresponding quarter in 2019 minus net  
18 patient revenue of the provider for such quar-  
19 ter; less

20 (B) the savings of the provider during the  
21 calendar quarter involved attributable to fore-  
22 gone wages, payroll taxes, and benefits of per-  
23 sonnel who were furloughed or laid off by the  
24 provider during that quarter.

1           (2) NET PATIENT REVENUE DEFINED.—For  
2 purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the term “net patient  
3 revenue”, with respect to an eligible health care pro-  
4 vider and a calendar quarter, means the sum of—

5           (A) 200 percent of the total amount of re-  
6 imbursement received by the provider during  
7 the quarter for all items and services furnished  
8 under a State plan or a waiver of a State plan  
9 under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);

11           (B) 125 percent of the total amount of re-  
12 imbursement received by the provider during  
13 the quarter for all items and services furnished  
14 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); and

16           (C) 100 percent of the total amount of re-  
17 imbursement not described in subparagraph (A)  
18 or (B) received by the provider during the quar-  
19 ter for all items and services.

20           (f) INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR A QUARTER.—If there  
21 are insufficient funds made available to reimburse all eligi-  
22 ble health care providers for all eligible expenses and lost  
23 revenues for a quarter in accordance with this section, the  
24 Secretary shall—

1           (1) prioritize reimbursement of eligible ex-  
2           penses; and

3           (2) using the entirety of the remaining funds,  
4           uniformly reduce the percentage of lost revenues  
5           otherwise applicable under subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii) to  
6           the extent necessary to reimburse a portion of the  
7           lost revenues of all eligible health care providers ap-  
8           plying for reimbursement.

9           (g) APPLICATION.—A health care provider seeking  
10          reimbursement under this section for a calendar quarter  
11          shall submit to the Secretary an application that—

12           (1) provides documentation demonstrating that  
13           the health care provider is an eligible health care  
14           provider;

15           (2) includes a valid tax identification number of  
16           the health care provider or, if the health care pro-  
17           vider does not have a valid tax identification num-  
18           ber, an employer identification number or such other  
19           identification number as the Secretary may accept or  
20           may assign;

21           (3) attests to the eligible expenses and lost rev-  
22           enues of the health care provider, as described in  
23           subsection (d), occurring during the calendar quar-  
24           ter;

1 (4) includes an itemized listing of each such eli-  
2 gible expense, including expenses incurred in pro-  
3 viding uncompensated care;

4 (5) for purposes of subsection (c)(3), attests to  
5 whether the amount determined under subsection (e)  
6 with respect to the lost revenue of an eligible health  
7 care provider for a calendar quarter exceeds an  
8 amount that equals 10 percent of the net patient  
9 revenue (as defined in such subsection) of the pro-  
10 vider for the corresponding quarter in 2019;

11 (6) includes projections of the eligible expenses  
12 and lost revenues of the health care provider, as de-  
13 scribed in subsection (c), for the calendar quarter  
14 that immediately follows the calendar quarter for  
15 which reimbursement is sought; and

16 (7) indicates the dollar amounts described in  
17 each of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection  
18 (e)(1) and subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of sub-  
19 section (e)(2) for the calendar quarter and any other  
20 information the Secretary determines necessary to  
21 determine expenses and lost revenue related to  
22 COVID-19.

23 (h) LIMITATIONS.—

24 (1) NO DUPLICATIVE REIMBURSEMENT.—The  
25 Secretary may not provide, and a health care pro-

1 vider may not accept, reimbursement under this sec-  
2 tion for expenses or losses with respect to which—

3 (A) the eligible health care provider is re-  
4 imburged from other sources; or

5 (B) other sources are obligated to reim-  
6 burse the provider.

7 (2) NO EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.—Reim-  
8 bursement for eligible expenses (as described in sub-  
9 section (d)) and lost revenues (as described in sub-  
10 section (e)) shall not include compensation or bene-  
11 fits, including salary, bonuses, awards of stock, or  
12 other financial benefits, for an officer or employee  
13 described in section 4004(a)(2) of the CARES Act  
14 (Public Law 116–136).

15 (i) NO BALANCE BILLING AS CONDITION OF RE-  
16 CEIPT OF FUNDS.—

17 (1) PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN  
18 HEALTH PLANS.—As a condition of receipt of reim-  
19 bursement under this section, a health care provider,  
20 in the case such provider furnishes during the emer-  
21 gency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of  
22 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-  
23 5(g)(1)(B)) (whether before, on, or after, the date  
24 on which the provider submits an application under  
25 this section) a medically necessary item or service

1 described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of para-  
2 graph (3) to an individual who is described in such  
3 subparagraph (A), (B), or (C), respectively, and en-  
4 rolled in a group health plan or group or individual  
5 health insurance coverage offered by a health insur-  
6 ance issuer (including grandfathered health plans as  
7 defined in section 1251(e) of the Patient Protection  
8 and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18011(e)) and  
9 such provider is a nonparticipating provider with re-  
10 spect to such plan or coverage and such plan or cov-  
11 erage and such items and services would otherwise  
12 be covered under such plan if furnished by a partici-  
13 pating provider—

14 (A) may not bill or otherwise hold liable  
15 such individual for a payment amount for such  
16 item or service that is more than the cost-shar-  
17 ing amount that would apply under such plan  
18 or coverage for such item or service if such pro-  
19 vider furnishing such service were a partici-  
20 pating provider with respect to such plan or  
21 coverage;

22 (B) shall reimburse such individual in a  
23 timely manner for any amount for such item or  
24 service paid by the individual to such provider  
25 in excess of such cost-sharing amount;

1 (C) shall submit any claim for such item or  
2 service directly to the plan or coverage; and

3 (D) shall not bill the individual for such  
4 cost-sharing amount until such individual is in-  
5 formed by the plan or coverage of the required  
6 payment amount.

7 (2) PROTECTING UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.—

8 As a condition of receipt of reimbursement under  
9 this section, a health care provider, in the case such  
10 reimbursement is with respect to expenses incurred  
11 in providing uncompensated care (as described in  
12 subsection (g)(4)) with respect to a medically nec-  
13 essary item or service described in subparagraph  
14 (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (3) furnished during  
15 such emergency period (whether before, on, or after,  
16 the date on which the provider submits an applica-  
17 tion under this section) by the provider to an indi-  
18 vidual who is described in such subparagraph (A),  
19 (B), or (C), respectively—

20 (A) shall consider such reimbursement as  
21 payment in full with respect to such item or  
22 service so furnished to such individual;

23 (B) may not bill or otherwise hold liable  
24 such individual for any payment for such item  
25 or service so furnished to such individual; and



1           (C) shall reimburse such individual in a  
2           timely manner for any amount for such item or  
3           service paid by the individual to such provider.

4           (3) MEDICALLY NECESSARY ITEMS AND SERV-  
5           ICES DESCRIBED.—For purposes of this subsection,  
6           medically necessary items and services described in  
7           this paragraph are—

8           (A) medically necessary items and services  
9           (including in-person or telehealth visits in which  
10           such items and services are furnished) that are  
11           furnished to an individual who has been diag-  
12           nosed with (or after provision of the items and  
13           services is diagnosed with) COVID–19 to treat  
14           or mitigate the effects of COVID–19;

15           (B) medically necessary items and services  
16           (including in-person or telehealth visits in which  
17           such items and services are furnished) that are  
18           furnished to an individual who is presumed, in  
19           accordance with paragraph (4), to have  
20           COVID–19 but is never diagnosed as such; and

21           (C) a diagnostic test (and administration  
22           of such test) as described in section 6001(a) of  
23           division F of the Families First Coronavirus  
24           Response Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5 note) admin-  
25           istered to an individual.

1           (4) PRESUMPTIVE CASE OF COVID-19.—For  
2 purposes of paragraph (3)(B), an individual shall be  
3 presumed to have COVID-19 if the medical record  
4 documentation of the individual supports a diagnosis  
5 of COVID-19, even if the individual does not have  
6 a positive in vitro diagnostic test result in the med-  
7 ical record of the individual.

8           (5) PENALTY.—In the case of an eligible health  
9 care provider that is paid a reimbursement under  
10 this section and that is in violation of paragraph (1)  
11 or (2), in addition to any other penalties that may  
12 be prescribed by law, the Secretary may recoup from  
13 such provider up to the full amount of reimburse-  
14 ment the provider receives under this section.

15           (6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16           (A) NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDER.—The  
17 term “nonparticipating provider” means, with  
18 respect to an item or service and group health  
19 plan or group or individual health insurance  
20 coverage offered by a health insurance issuer, a  
21 health care provider that does not have a con-  
22 tractual relationship directly or indirectly with  
23 the plan or issuer, respectively, for furnishing  
24 such an item or service under the plan or cov-  
25 erage.

1 (B) PARTICIPATING PROVIDER.—The term  
2 “participating provider” means, with respect to  
3 an item or service and group health plan or  
4 group or individual health insurance coverage  
5 offered by a health insurance issuer, a health  
6 care provider that has a contractual relation-  
7 ship directly or indirectly with the plan or  
8 issuer, respectively, for furnishing such an item  
9 or service under the plan or coverage.

10 (C) GROUP HEALTH PLAN, HEALTH INSUR-  
11 ANCE COVERAGE.—The terms “group health  
12 plan”, “health insurance issuer”, “group health  
13 insurance coverage”, and “individual health in-  
14 surance coverage” shall have the meanings  
15 given such terms under section 2791 of the  
16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-  
17 91).

18 (j) REPORTS.—

19 (1) AWARD INFORMATION.—In making awards  
20 under this section, the Secretary shall post in a  
21 searchable, electronic format, a list of all recipients  
22 and awards pursuant to funding authorized under  
23 this section.

24 (2) REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS.—Each recipient  
25 of an award under this section shall, as a condition

1 on receipt of such award, submit reports and main-  
2 tain documentation, in such form, at such time, and  
3 containing such information, as the Secretary deter-  
4 mines is needed to ensure compliance with this sec-  
5 tion.

6 (3) PUBLIC LISTING OF AWARDS.—The Sec-  
7 retary shall—

8 (A) not later than 7 days after the date of  
9 enactment of this Act, post in a searchable,  
10 electronic format, a list of all awards made by  
11 the Secretary under this section, including the  
12 recipients and amounts of such awards; and

13 (B) update such list not less than every 7  
14 days until all funds made available to carry out  
15 this section are expended.

16 (4) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
18 after final payments are made under this sec-  
19 tion, the Inspector General of the Department  
20 of Health and Human Services shall transmit a  
21 final report on audit findings with respect to  
22 the program under this section to the Com-  
23 mittee on Energy and Commerce and the Com-  
24 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives and the Committee on Health,

1 Education, Labor and Pensions and the Com-  
2 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate.

3 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
4 this paragraph shall be construed as limiting  
5 the authority of the Inspector General of the  
6 Department of Health and Human Services or  
7 the Comptroller General of the United States to  
8 conduct audits of interim payments earlier than  
9 the deadline described in subparagraph (A).

10 (k) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DEFINED.—

11 In this section:

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible health  
13 care provider” means a health care provider de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (2) that provides diagnostic or  
15 testing services or treatment to individuals with a  
16 confirmed or possible diagnosis of COVID–19.

17 (2) HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DESCRIBED.—A  
18 health care provider described in this paragraph is  
19 any of the following:

20 (A) A health care provider enrolled as a  
21 participating provider under a State plan ap-  
22 proved under title XIX of the Social Security  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver of  
24 such a plan).

1 (B) A provider of services (as defined in  
2 subsection (u) of section 1861 of the Social Se-  
3 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)) or a supplier (as  
4 defined in subsection (d) of such section) that  
5 is enrolled as a participating provider of serv-  
6 ices or participating supplier under the Medi-  
7 care program under title XVIII of such Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

9 (C) A public entity.

10 (D) Any other entity not described in this  
11 paragraph as the Secretary may specify.

12 (I) FUNDING.—

13 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14 There is authorized to be appropriated for an addi-  
15 tional amount to carry out this section  
16 \$100,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
17 pended.

18 (2) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.—

19 (A) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to  
21 amounts authorized to be appropriated  
22 pursuant to paragraph (1), the unobligated  
23 balance of all amounts appropriated to the  
24 Health Care Provider Relief Fund shall be

1 made available only to carry out this sec-  
2 tion.

3 (ii) AMOUNTS.—For purposes of  
4 clause (i), the following amounts are  
5 deemed to be appropriated to the Health  
6 Care Provider Relief Fund:

7 (I) The unobligated balance of  
8 the appropriation of  
9 \$100,000,000,000 in the third para-  
10 graph under the heading “Depart-  
11 ment of Health and Human Serv-  
12 ices—Office of the Secretary—Public  
13 Health and Social Services Emergency  
14 Fund” in division B of the CARES  
15 Act (Public Law 116–136).

16 (II) The unobligated balance of  
17 the appropriation under the heading  
18 “Department of Health and Human  
19 Services—Office of the Secretary—  
20 Public Health and Social Services  
21 Emergency Fund” in division B of the  
22 Paycheck Protection Program and  
23 Health Care Enhancement Act (Pub-  
24 lic Law 116–139).

1 (B) LIMITATION.—Of the unobligated bal-  
2 ances described in subparagraph (A)(ii), the  
3 Secretary may not make available more than  
4 \$10,000,000,000 to reimburse eligible health  
5 care providers for expenses incurred in pro-  
6 viding uncompensated care.

7 (C) FUTURE AMOUNTS.—Any appropria-  
8 tion enacted subsequent to the date of enact-  
9 ment of this Act that is made available for re-  
10 imbursement eligible health care providers as de-  
11 scribed in subsection (a) shall be made available  
12 only to carry out this section.

13 **SEC. 30612. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-**  
14 **MENT PROGRAM.**

15 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
17 the following new subpart:

18 **“Subpart XIII—Public Health Workforce**

19 **“SEC. 340J. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health  
21 and Human Services shall establish a program to be  
22 known as the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment  
23 Program (referred to in this section as the ‘Program’) to  
24 assure an adequate supply of and encourage recruitment  
25 of public health professionals to eliminate critical public



1 health workforce shortages in local, State, territorial, and  
2 Tribal public health agencies.

3 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in  
4 the Program, an individual shall—

5 “(1)(A) be accepted for enrollment, or be en-  
6 rolled, as a student in an accredited academic edu-  
7 cational institution in a State or territory in the  
8 final semester or equivalent of a course of study or  
9 program leading to a public health degree, a health  
10 professions degree or certificate, or a degree in com-  
11 puter science, information science, information sys-  
12 tems, information technology, or statistics and have  
13 accepted employment with a local, State, territorial,  
14 or Tribal public health agency, or a related training  
15 fellowship, as recognized by the Secretary, to com-  
16 mence upon graduation; or

17 “(B)(i) have graduated, during the preceding  
18 10-year period, from an accredited educational insti-  
19 tution in a State or territory and received a public  
20 health degree, a health professions degree or certifi-  
21 cate, or a degree in computer science, information  
22 science, information systems, information tech-  
23 nology, or statistics; and

24 “(ii) be employed by, or have accepted employ-  
25 ment with, a local, State, territorial, or Tribal public

1 health agency or a related training fellowship, as  
2 recognized by the Secretary;

3 “(2) be a United States citizen;

4 “(3)(A) submit an application to the Secretary  
5 to participate in the Program; and

6 “(B) execute a written contract as required in  
7 subsection (c); and

8 “(4) not have received, for the same service, a  
9 reduction of loan obligations under section 428K or  
10 428L of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
11 U.S.C. 1078–11, 1078–12).

12 “(c) CONTRACT.—The written contract referred to in  
13 subsection (b)(3)(B) between the Secretary and an indi-  
14 vidual shall contain—

15 “(1) an agreement on the part of the Secretary  
16 that the Secretary will repay, on behalf of the indi-  
17 vidual, loans incurred by the individual in the pur-  
18 suit of the relevant degree or certificate in accord-  
19 ance with the terms of the contract;

20 “(2) an agreement on the part of the individual  
21 that the individual will serve in the full-time employ-  
22 ment of a local, State, or Tribal public health agency  
23 or a related fellowship program in a position related  
24 to the course of study or program for which the con-

1       tract was awarded for a period of time equal to the  
2       greater of—

3               “(A) 2 years; or

4               “(B) such longer period of time as deter-  
5       mined appropriate by the Secretary and the in-  
6       dividual;

7               “(3) an agreement, as appropriate, on the part  
8       of the individual to relocate to a priority service area  
9       (as determined by the Secretary) in exchange for an  
10      additional loan repayment incentive amount to be  
11      determined by the Secretary;

12              “(4) a provision that any financial obligation of  
13      the United States arising out of a contract entered  
14      into under this section and any obligation of the in-  
15      dividual that is conditioned thereon, is contingent on  
16      funds being appropriated for loan repayments under  
17      this section;

18              “(5) a statement of the damages to which the  
19      United States is entitled, under this section for the  
20      individual’s breach of the contract; and

21              “(6) such other statements of the rights and li-  
22      abilities of the Secretary and of the individual as the  
23      Secretary determines appropriate, not inconsistent  
24      with this section.

25              “(d) PAYMENTS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A loan repayment provided  
2           for an individual under a written contract referred  
3           to in subsection (b)(3)(B) shall consist of payment,  
4           in accordance with paragraph (2), for the individual  
5           toward the outstanding principal and interest on  
6           education loans incurred by the individual in the  
7           pursuit of the relevant degree in accordance with the  
8           terms of the contract.

9           “(2) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding  
10          contracts under this section, the Secretary shall en-  
11          sure—

12                 “(A) a certain percentage of contracts are  
13                 awarded to individuals who are not already  
14                 working in public health departments;

15                 “(B) an equitable distribution of funds  
16                 geographically; and

17                 “(C) an equitable distribution among  
18                 State, local, territorial, and Tribal public health  
19                 departments.

20          “(3) PAYMENTS FOR YEARS SERVED.—For  
21          each year of service that an individual contracts to  
22          serve pursuant to subsection (c)(2), the Secretary  
23          may pay not more than \$35,000 on behalf of the in-  
24          dividual for loans described in paragraph (1). With  
25          respect to participants under the Program whose

1 total eligible loans are less than \$105,000, the Sec-  
2 retary shall pay an amount that does not exceed  $\frac{1}{3}$   
3 of the eligible loan balance for each year of such  
4 service of such individual.

5 “(4) TAX LIABILITY.—For purposes of the In-  
6 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, a payment made  
7 under this section shall be treated in the same man-  
8 ner as an amount received under section 338B(g) of  
9 this Act, as described in section 108(f)(4) of such  
10 Code.

11 “(e) POSTPONING OBLIGATED SERVICE.—With re-  
12 spect to an individual receiving a degree or certificate from  
13 a health professions or other related school, the date of  
14 the initiation of the period of obligated service may be  
15 postponed as approved by the Secretary.

16 “(f) BREACH OF CONTRACT.—An individual who fails  
17 to comply with the contract entered into under subsection  
18 (c) shall be subject to the same financial penalties as pro-  
19 vided for under section 338E of the Public Health Service  
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 254o) for breaches of loan repayment con-  
21 tracts under section 338B of such Act (42 U.S.C. section  
22 254l–1).

23 “(g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
24 term ‘full-time’ means full-time as such term is used in  
25 section 455(m)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

1 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

3 “(1) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

4 “(2) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.”.

5 **SEC. 30613. EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH OUT-**  
6 **COMES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
8 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-  
9 ministration, shall award grants to eligible entities to de-  
10 velop and expand the use of technology-enabled collabo-  
11 rative learning and capacity building models to respond  
12 to ongoing and real-time learning, health care information  
13 sharing, and capacity building needs related to COVID-  
14 19.

15 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a  
16 grant under this section, an entity shall have experience  
17 providing technology-enabled collaborative learning and  
18 capacity building health care services—

19 (1) in rural areas, frontier areas, health profes-  
20 sional shortage areas, or medically underserved area;

21 or

22 (2) to medically underserved populations or In-  
23 dian Tribes.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a  
2 grant under this section shall use funds received through  
3 the grant—

4 (1) to advance quality of care in response to  
5 COVID–19, with particular emphasis on rural and  
6 underserved areas and populations;

7 (2) to protect medical personnel and first re-  
8 sponders through sharing real-time learning through  
9 virtual communities of practice;

10 (3) to improve patient outcomes for conditions  
11 affected or exacerbated by COVID–19, including im-  
12 provement of care for patients with complex chronic  
13 conditions; and

14 (4) to support rapid uptake by health care pro-  
15 fessionals of emerging best practices and treatment  
16 protocols around COVID–19.

17 (d) OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL USES OF FUNDS.—An  
18 eligible entity receiving a grant under this section may use  
19 funds received through the grant for—

20 (1) equipment to support the use and expansion  
21 of technology-enabled collaborative learning and ca-  
22 pacity building models, including hardware and soft-  
23 ware that enables distance learning, health care pro-  
24 vider support, and the secure exchange of electronic  
25 health information;

1           (2) the participation of multidisciplinary expert  
2 team members to facilitate and lead technology-en-  
3 abled collaborative learning sessions, and profes-  
4 sionals and staff assisting in the development and  
5 execution of technology-enabled collaborative learn-  
6 ing;

7           (3) the development of instructional program-  
8 ming and the training of health care providers and  
9 other professionals that provide or assist in the pro-  
10 vision of services through technology-enabled collabo-  
11 rative learning and capacity building models; and

12           (4) other activities consistent with achieving the  
13 objectives of the grants awarded under this section.

14       (e) TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED COLLABORATIVE LEARN-  
15 ING AND CAPACITY BUILDING MODEL DEFINED.—In this  
16 section, the term “technology-enabled collaborative learn-  
17 ing and capacity building model” has the meaning given  
18 that term in section 2(7) of the Expanding Capacity for  
19 Health Outcomes Act (Public Law 114–270; 130 Stat.  
20 1395).

21       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
23 \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.



1 **SEC. 30614. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESERVE**  
2 **CORPS.**

3 Section 2813 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 300hh–15) is amended by striking “\$11,200,000  
5 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting  
6 “\$31,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 and  
7 \$11,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023”.

8 **SEC. 30615. GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE IN DI-**  
9 **VERSE AND UNDERSERVED AREAS.**

10 Subpart II of part C of title VII of the Public Health  
11 Service Act is amended by inserting after section 749B  
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 293m) the following:

13 **“SEC. 749C. SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE IN UNDERSERVED**  
14 **AREAS.**

15 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the  
16 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-  
17 ministration, may award grants to institutions of higher  
18 education (including multiple institutions of higher edu-  
19 cation applying jointly) for the establishment, improve-  
20 ment, and expansion of an allopathic or osteopathic school  
21 of medicine, or a branch campus of an allopathic or osteo-  
22 pathic school of medicine.

23 “(b) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients under  
24 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to institutions  
25 of higher education that—

1           “(1) propose to use the grant for an allopathic  
2           or osteopathic school of medicine, or a branch cam-  
3           pus of an allopathic or osteopathic school of medi-  
4           cine, in a combined statistical area with fewer than  
5           200 actively practicing physicians per 100,000 resi-  
6           dents according to the medical board (or boards) of  
7           the State (or States) involved;

8           “(2) have a curriculum that emphasizes care for  
9           diverse and underserved populations; or

10           “(3) are minority-serving institutions described  
11           in the list in section 371(a) of the Higher Education  
12           Act of 1965.

13           “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The activities for which a  
14           grant under this section may be used include—

15           “(1) planning and constructing—

16           “(A) a new allopathic or osteopathic school  
17           of medicine in an area in which no other school  
18           is based; or

19           “(B) a branch campus of an allopathic or  
20           osteopathic school of medicine in an area in  
21           which no such school is based;

22           “(2) accreditation and planning activities for an  
23           allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine or  
24           branch campus;

1           “(3) hiring faculty and other staff to serve at  
2           an allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine or  
3           branch campus;

4           “(4) recruitment and enrollment of students at  
5           an allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine or  
6           branch campus;

7           “(5) supporting educational programs at an  
8           allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine or  
9           branch campus;

10          “(6) modernizing infrastructure or curriculum  
11          at an existing allopathic or osteopathic school of  
12          medicine or branch campus thereof;

13          “(7) expanding infrastructure or curriculum at  
14          existing an allopathic or osteopathic school of medi-  
15          cine or branch campus; and

16          “(8) other activities that the Secretary deter-  
17          mines further the development, improvement, and  
18          expansion of an allopathic or osteopathic school of  
19          medicine or branch campus thereof.

20          “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21                 “(1) The term ‘branch campus’ means a geo-  
22                 graphically separate site at least 100 miles from the  
23                 main campus of a school of medicine where at least  
24                 one student completes at least 60 percent of the stu-

1       dent’s training leading to a degree of doctor of medi-  
2       cine.

3               “(2) The term ‘institution of higher education’  
4       has the meaning given to such term in section  
5       101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

6       “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
7       carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-  
8       priated \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
9       pended.”.

10   **SEC. 30616. GAO STUDY ON PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
12       United States shall conduct a study on the public health  
13       workforce in the United States during the COVID–19  
14       pandemic.

15       (b) TOPICS.—The study under subsection (a) shall  
16       address—

17               (1) existing gaps in the Federal, State, local,  
18       Tribal, and territorial public health workforce, in-  
19       cluding—

20                       (A) epidemiological and disease interven-  
21       tion specialists needed during the pandemic for  
22       contact tracing, laboratory technicians nec-  
23       essary for testing, community health workers  
24       for community supports and services, and other

1 staff necessary for contact tracing, testing, or  
2 surveillance activities; and

3 (B) other personnel needed during the  
4 COVID–19 pandemic;

5 (2) challenges associated with the hiring, re-  
6 cruitment, and retention of the Federal, State, local,  
7 Tribal, and territorial public health workforce; and  
8 (3) recommended steps the Federal Government  
9 should take to improve hiring, recruitment, and re-  
10 tention of the public health workforce.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than December 1, 2021, the  
12 Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report  
13 on the findings of the study conducted under this section.

14 **SEC. 30617. LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF**  
15 **COVID–19 ON RECOVERED PATIENTS.**

16 Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
17 (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
18 the following:

19 **“SEC. 4040. LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF**  
20 **COVID–19 ON RECOVERED PATIENTS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH, in con-  
22 sultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
23 trol and Prevention, shall conduct a longitudinal study,  
24 over not less than 10 years, on the full impact of SARS–

1 CoV-2 or COVID-19 on infected individuals, including  
2 both short-term and long-term health impacts.

3 “(b) TIMING.—The Director of NIH shall begin en-  
4 rolling patients in the study under this section not later  
5 than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section.

6 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—The study under this section  
7 shall—

8 “(1) be nationwide;

9 “(2) include diversity of enrollees to account for  
10 gender, age, race, ethnicity, geography,  
11 comorbidities, and underrepresented populations, in-  
12 cluding pregnant and lactating women;

13 “(3) study individuals with COVID-19 who ex-  
14 perience mild symptoms, such individuals who expe-  
15 rienced moderate symptoms, and such individuals  
16 who experienced severe symptoms;

17 “(4) monitor the health outcomes and symp-  
18 toms of individuals with COVID-19, or who had  
19 prenatal exposure to SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19,  
20 including lung capacity and function, and immune  
21 response, taking into account any pharmaceutical  
22 interventions such individuals may have received;

23 “(5) monitor the mental health outcomes of in-  
24 dividuals with COVID-19, taking into account any  
25 interventions that affected mental health; and

1           “(6) monitor individuals enrolled in the study  
2           not less frequently than twice per year after the first  
3           year of the individual’s infection with SARS-CoV-2.

4           “(d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE RESEARCH NETWORK.—For  
5           purposes of carrying out the study under this section, the  
6           Director of NIH may develop a network of public-private  
7           research partners, provided that all research, including the  
8           research carried out through any such partner, is available  
9           publicly.

10          “(e) SUMMARIES OF FINDINGS.—The Director of  
11          NIH shall make public a summary of findings under this  
12          section not less frequently than once every 3 months for  
13          the first 2 years of the study, and not less frequently than  
14          every 6 months thereafter. Such summaries may include  
15          information about how the findings of the study under this  
16          section compare with findings from research conducted  
17          abroad.

18          “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19          is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
20          \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

21         **SEC. 30618. RESEARCH ON THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT**  
22                                 **OF COVID-19.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
24          Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, shall

1 conduct or support research on the mental health con-  
2 sequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Research under subsection (a)  
4 may include the following:

5 (1) Research on the mental health impact of  
6 SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 on health care pro-  
7 viders, including—

8 (A) traumatic stress;

9 (B) psychological distress; and

10 (C) psychiatric disorders.

11 (2) Research on the impact of SARS-CoV-2 or  
12 COVID-19 stressors on mental health over time.

13 (3) Research to strengthen the mental health  
14 response to SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, including  
15 adapting to and maintaining or providing additional  
16 services for new or increasing mental health needs.

17 (4) Research on the reach, efficiency, effective-  
18 ness, and quality of digital mental health interven-  
19 tions.

20 (5) Research on effectiveness of strategies for  
21 implementation and delivery of evidence-based men-  
22 tal health interventions and services for underserved  
23 populations.

24 (6) Research on suicide prevention.



1 (c) RESEARCH COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall  
2 coordinate activities under this section with similar activi-  
3 ties conducted by national research institutes and centers  
4 of the National Institutes of Health to the extent that  
5 such institutes and centers have responsibilities that are  
6 related to the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-  
7 2 or COVID-19.

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
9 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
10 \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended.

11 **SEC. 30619. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE**  
12 **USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**  
13 **CENTER.**

14 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health  
15 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-31 et seq.) is amended by  
16 inserting after section 520A (42 U.S.C. 290bb-32) the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 **“SEC. 520B. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**  
19 **STANCE USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL AS-**  
20 **SISTANCE CENTER.**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting  
22 through the Assistant Secretary, shall establish or operate  
23 a center to be known as the Emergency Mental Health  
24 and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance

1 Center (referred to in this section as the ‘Center’) to pro-  
2 vide technical assistance and support—

3 “(1) to public or nonprofit entities seeking to  
4 establish or expand access to mental health and sub-  
5 stance use prevention, treatment, and recovery sup-  
6 port services, and increase awareness of such serv-  
7 ices; and

8 “(2) to public health professionals, health care  
9 professionals and support staff, essential workers (as  
10 defined by a State, Tribe, locality, or territory), and  
11 members of the public to address the trauma, stress,  
12 and mental health needs associated with an emer-  
13 gency period.

14 “(b) ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.—The assistance  
15 and support provided under subsection (a) shall include  
16 assistance and support with respect to—

17 “(1) training on identifying signs of trauma,  
18 stress, and mental health needs;

19 “(2) providing accessible resources to assist in-  
20 dividuals and families experiencing trauma, stress,  
21 or other mental health needs during and after an  
22 emergency period;

23 “(3) providing resources for substance use dis-  
24 order prevention, treatment, and recovery designed

1 to assist individuals and families during and after an  
2 emergency period;

3 “(4) the provision of language access services,  
4 including translation services, interpretation, or  
5 other such services for individuals with limited  
6 English speaking proficiency or people with disabili-  
7 ties; and

8 “(5) evaluation and improvement, as necessary,  
9 of the effectiveness of such services provided by pub-  
10 lic or nonprofit entities.

11 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Center shall periodi-  
12 cally issue best practices for use by organizations seeking  
13 to provide mental health services or substance use disorder  
14 prevention, treatment, or recovery services to individuals  
15 during and after an emergency period.

16 “(d) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—In this section, the term  
17 ‘emergency period’ has the meaning given such term in  
18 section 1135(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

19 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.”.

22 **SEC. 30620. IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD AND PLASMA SUP-**  
23 **PLY.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3226 of the CARES Act  
25 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading after “**BLOOD**” by  
2 inserting “**AND PLASMA**”; and

3 (2) by inserting after “blood” each time it ap-  
4 pears “and plasma”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The item relating  
6 to section 3226 in the table of contents in section 2 of  
7 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

“Sec. 3226. Importance of the blood and plasma supply.”.

9 **Subtitle B—Assistance for**  
10 **Individuals and Families**

11 **SEC. 30631. REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HEALTH**  
12 **SERVICES RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS.**

13 Title V of division A of the Families First  
14 Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127) is  
15 amended under the heading “Department of Health and  
16 Human Services—Office of the Secretary—Public Health  
17 and Social Services Emergency Fund” by inserting “, or  
18 treatment related to SARS–CoV–2 or COVID–19 for un-  
19 insured individuals” after “or visits described in para-  
20 graph (2) of such section for uninsured individuals”.

21 **SEC. 30632. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-**  
22 **TION COVID–19 RESPONSE LINE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the public health emer-  
24 gency declared by the Secretary pursuant to section 319  
25 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on Jan-

1 uary 31, 2020 with respect to COVID–19, the Secretary,  
2 acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
3 Control and Prevention, shall maintain a toll-free tele-  
4 phone number to address public health queries, including  
5 questions concerning COVID–19.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
7 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
8 \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

9 **SEC. 30633. GRANTS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE USE DURING**  
10 **COVID–19.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Men-  
12 tal Health and Substance Use of the Department of  
13 Health and Human Services (in this section referred to  
14 as the “Assistant Secretary”), in consultation with the Di-  
15 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
16 shall award grants to States, political subdivisions of  
17 States, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and community-based  
18 entities to address the harms of drug misuse, including  
19 by—

20 (1) preventing and controlling the spread of in-  
21 fectionous diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and viral hepa-  
22 titis, and the consequences of such diseases for indi-  
23 viduals with substance use disorder;

1           (2) connecting individuals at risk for or with a  
2           substance use disorder to overdose education, coun-  
3           seling, and health education; or

4           (3) encouraging such individuals to take steps  
5           to reduce the negative personal and public health  
6           impacts of substance use or misuse during the emer-  
7           gency period.

8           (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants under  
9           this section, the Assistant Secretary shall prioritize grants  
10          to applicants proposing to serve areas with—

11           (1) a high proportion of people who meet cri-  
12          teria for dependence on or abuse of illicit drugs who  
13          have not received any treatment;

14           (2) high drug overdose death rates;

15           (3) high telemedicine infrastructure needs; and

16           (4) high behavioral health and substance use  
17          disorder workforce needs.

18          (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “emer-  
19          gency period” has the meaning given to such term in sec-  
20          tion 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
21          1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).

22          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
23          out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
24          \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 **SEC. 30634. GRANTS TO SUPPORT INCREASED BEHAVIORAL**  
2 **HEALTH NEEDS DUE TO COVID-19.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
4 Assistant Secretary of Mental Health and Substance Use,  
5 shall award grants to States, political subdivisions of  
6 States, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, commu-  
7 nity-based entities, and primary care and behavioral  
8 health organizations to address behavioral health needs  
9 caused by the public health emergency declared pursuant  
10 to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 247d) with respect to COVID-19.

12 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant  
13 under subsection (a) may use funds received through such  
14 grant to—

15 (1) increase behavioral health treatment and  
16 prevention capacity, including to—

17 (A) promote coordination among local enti-  
18 ties;

19 (B) train the behavioral health workforce,  
20 relevant stakeholders, and community members;

21 (C) upgrade technology to support effective  
22 delivery of health care services through tele-  
23 health modalities;

24 (D) purchase medical supplies and equip-  
25 ment for behavioral health treatment entities  
26 and providers;

1 (E) address surge capacity for behavioral  
2 health needs such as through mobile units; and

3 (F) promote collaboration between primary  
4 care and mental health providers; and

5 (2) support or enhance behavioral health serv-  
6 ices, including—

7 (A) emergency crisis intervention, includ-  
8 ing mobile crisis units, 24/7 crisis call centers,  
9 and medically staffed crisis stabilization pro-  
10 grams;

11 (B) screening, assessment, diagnosis, and  
12 treatment;

13 (C) mental health awareness trainings;

14 (D) evidence-based suicide prevention;

15 (E) evidence-based integrated care models;

16 (F) community recovery supports;

17 (G) outreach to underserved and minority  
18 communities; and

19 (H) for front line health care workers.

20 (c) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give priority to  
21 applicants proposing to serve areas with a high number  
22 of COVID–19 cases.

23 (d) EVALUATION.—An entity that receives a grant  
24 under this section shall prepare and submit an evaluation  
25 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-



1 taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably  
2 require, including—

- 3 (1) an evaluation of activities carried out with  
4 funds received through the grant; and
- 5 (2) a process and outcome evaluation.

6 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
7 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
8 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to  
9 remain available until expended.

## 10 **Subtitle C—Assistance to Tribes**

### 11 **SEC. 30641. IMPROVING STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL PUB-** 12 **LIC HEALTH SECURITY.**

13 Section 319C–1 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 247d–3a) is amended—

15 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AND**  
16 **LOCAL**” and inserting “**, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL**”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
20 “or” at the end;

21 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
22 “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(D) be an Indian Tribe, Tribal organiza-  
2           tion, or a consortium of Indian Tribes or Tribal  
3           organizations; and”; and

4           (B) in paragraph (2)—

5           (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
6           graph (A), by inserting “, as applicable”  
7           after “including”;

8           (ii) in subparagraph (A)(viii)—

9           (I) by inserting “and Tribal”  
10          after “with State”;

11          (II) by striking “(as defined in  
12          section 8101 of the Elementary and  
13          Secondary Education Act of 1965)”  
14          and inserting “and Tribal educational  
15          agencies (as defined in sections 8101  
16          and 6132, respectively, of the Elemen-  
17          tary and Secondary Education Act of  
18          1965)”; and

19          (III) by inserting “and Tribal”  
20          after “and State”;

21          (iii) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
22          “and tribal” and inserting “Tribal, and  
23          urban Indian organization”; and

1 (iv) in subparagraph (H), by inserting  
2 “, Indian Tribes, and urban Indian organi-  
3 zations” after “public health”;

4 (3) in subsection (e), by inserting “Indian  
5 Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian organiza-  
6 tions,” after “local emergency plans,”;

7 (4) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “tribal offi-  
8 cials” and inserting “Tribal officials”;

9 (5) in subsection (h)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

11 (i) by striking “through 2023” and  
12 inserting “and 2020”; and

13 (ii) by inserting before the period “;  
14 and \$690,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
15 2021 through 2023 for awards pursuant to  
16 paragraph (3) (subject to the authority of  
17 the Secretary to make awards pursuant to  
18 paragraphs (4) and (5)) and paragraph  
19 (8), of which not less than \$5,000,000  
20 shall be reserved each fiscal year for  
21 awards under paragraph (8)”;

22 (B) in subsection (h)(2)(B), by striking  
23 “tribal public” and inserting “Tribal public”;

24 (C) in the heading of paragraph (3), by in-  
25 serting “FOR STATES” after “AMOUNT”; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(8) TRIBAL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

3 “(A) DETERMINATION OF FUNDING  
4 AMOUNT.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
6 shall award at least 10 cooperative agree-  
7 ments under this section, in amounts not  
8 less than the minimum amount determined  
9 under clause (ii), to eligible entities de-  
10 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(D) that sub-  
11 mits to the Secretary an application that  
12 meets the criteria of the Secretary for the  
13 receipt of such an award and that meets  
14 other reasonable implementation conditions  
15 established by the Secretary, in consulta-  
16 tion with Indian Tribes, for such awards.  
17 If the Secretary receives more than 10 ap-  
18 plications under this section from eligible  
19 entities described in subsection (b)(1)(D)  
20 that meet the criteria and conditions de-  
21 scribed in the previous sentence, the Sec-  
22 retary, in consultation with Indian Tribes,  
23 may make additional awards under this  
24 section to such entities.

1                   “(ii) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—In deter-  
2                   mining the minimum amount of an award  
3                   pursuant to clause (i), the Secretary, in  
4                   consultation with Indian Tribes, shall first  
5                   determine an amount the Secretary con-  
6                   siders appropriate for the eligible entity.

7                   “(B) AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED.—  
8                   Amounts provided to a Tribal eligible entity  
9                   under a cooperative agreement under this sec-  
10                  tion for a fiscal year and remaining unobligated  
11                  at the end of such year shall remain available  
12                  to such entity during the entirety of the per-  
13                  formance period, for the purposes for which  
14                  said funds were provided.

15                  “(C) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Sub-  
16                  paragraphs (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (1)  
17                  shall not apply with respect to cooperative  
18                  agreements awarded under this section to eligi-  
19                  ble entities described in subsection (b)(1)(D).”;  
20                  and

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

22                  “(1) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TRIBAL ELIGIBLE  
23                  ENTITIES.—

24                  “(1) MODIFICATIONS.—After consultation with  
25                  Indian Tribes, the Secretary may make necessary

1 and appropriate modifications to the program under  
2 this section to facilitate the use of the cooperative  
3 agreement program by eligible entities described in  
4 subsection (b)(1)(D).

5 “(2) WAIVERS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
7 subparagraph (B), the Secretary may waive or  
8 specify alternative requirements for any provi-  
9 sion of this section (including regulations) that  
10 the Secretary administers in connection with  
11 this section if the Secretary finds that the waiv-  
12 er or alternative requirement is necessary for  
13 the effective delivery and administration of this  
14 program with respect to eligible entities de-  
15 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(D).

16 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may not  
17 waive or specify alternative requirements under  
18 subparagraph (A) relating to labor standards or  
19 the environment.

20 “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-  
21 sult with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations on  
22 the design of this program with respect to such  
23 Tribes and organizations to ensure the effectiveness  
24 of the program in enhancing the security of Indian  
25 Tribes with respect to public health emergencies.

1 “(4) REPORTING.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
3 after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
4 and as an addendum to the biennial evaluations  
5 required under subsection (k), the Secretary, in  
6 coordination with the Director of the Indian  
7 Health Service, shall—

8 “(i) conduct a review of the implemen-  
9 tation of this section with respect to eligi-  
10 ble entities described in subsection  
11 (b)(1)(D), including any factors that may  
12 have limited its success; and

13 “(ii) submit a report describing the  
14 results of the review described in clause (i)  
15 to—

16 “(I) the Committee on Indian Af-  
17 fairs, the Committee on Health, Edu-  
18 cation, Labor and Pensions, and the  
19 Committee on Appropriations of the  
20 Senate; and

21 “(II) the Subcommittee for In-  
22 digenous Peoples of the United States  
23 of the Committee on Natural Re-  
24 sources, the Committee on Energy  
25 and Commerce, and the Committee on

1 Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives.

3 “(B) ANALYSIS OF TRIBAL PUBLIC  
4 HEALTH EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE LIM-  
5 TATION.—The Secretary shall include in the  
6 initial report submitted under subparagraph (A)  
7 a description of any public health emergency in-  
8 frastructure limitation encountered by eligible  
9 entities described in subsection (b)(1)(D).”.

10 **SEC. 30642. PROVISION OF ITEMS TO INDIAN PROGRAMS**  
11 **AND FACILITIES.**

12 (a) STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE.—Section  
13 319F–2(a)(3)(G) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)(3)(G)) is amended by inserting “, and,  
15 in the case that the Secretary deploys the stockpile under  
16 this subparagraph, ensure, in coordination with the appli-  
17 cable States and programs and facilities, that appropriate  
18 drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical de-  
19 vices, and other supplies are deployed by the Secretary di-  
20 rectly to health programs or facilities operated by the In-  
21 dian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, a Tribal organiza-  
22 tion (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian  
23 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
24 U.S.C. 5304)), or an inter-Tribal consortium (as defined  
25 in section 501 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-



1 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5381)) or through an  
2 urban Indian organization (as defined in section 4 of the  
3 Indian Health Care Improvement Act), while avoiding du-  
4 plicative distributions to such programs or facilities” be-  
5 fore the semicolon.

6 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF QUALIFIED PANDEMIC OR EPI-  
7 DEMIC PRODUCTS TO IHS FACILITIES.—Title III of the  
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is  
9 amended by inserting after section 319F–4 the following:  
10 **“SEC. 319F–5. DISTRIBUTION OF QUALIFIED PANDEMIC OR**  
11 **EPIDEMIC PRODUCTS TO INDIAN PROGRAMS**  
12 **AND FACILITIES.**

13 “In the case that the Secretary distributes qualified  
14 pandemic or epidemic products (as defined in section  
15 319F–3(i)(7)) to States or other entities, the Secretary  
16 shall ensure, in coordination with the applicable States  
17 and programs and facilities, that, as appropriate, such  
18 products are distributed directly to health programs or fa-  
19 cilities operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian  
20 Tribe, a Tribal organization (as those terms are defined  
21 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
22 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), or an inter-Trib-  
23 al consortium (as defined in section 501 of the Indian  
24 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25  
25 U.S.C. 5381)) or through an urban Indian organization

1 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-  
2 provement Act), while avoiding duplicative distributions to  
3 such programs or facilities.”.

## 4 **TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS**

### 5 **SEC. 30701. NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of  
7 a covered law (or an amendment made in any such provi-  
8 sion), no person otherwise eligible shall be excluded from  
9 participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to dis-  
10 crimination in the administration of, programs and serv-  
11 ices receiving funding under a covered law (or an amend-  
12 ment made by a provision of such a covered law), based  
13 on any factor that is not merit-based, such as age, dis-  
14 ability, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity,  
15 and pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical condi-  
16 tions), race, color, national origin, immigration status, or  
17 religion.

18 (b) COVERED LAW DEFINED.—In this section, the  
19 term “covered law” includes—

20 (1) this Act (other than this section);

21 (2) title I of division B of the Paycheck Protec-  
22 tion Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act  
23 (Public Law 116–139);

24 (3) subtitles A, D, and E of title III of the  
25 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136);

1 (4) division F of the Families First Coronavirus  
2 Relief Act (Public Law 116–127); and

3 (5) division B of the Coronavirus Preparedness  
4 and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act,  
5 2020 (Public Law 116–123).

6 **DIVISION D—RETIREMENT**  
7 **PROVISIONS**

8 **SEC. 40001. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This division may be cited as the “Emergency Pen-  
10 sion Plan Relief Act of 2020”.

11 **TITLE I—RELIEF FOR MULTIEM-**  
12 **PLOYER PENSION PLANS**

13 **SEC. 40101. SPECIAL PARTITION RELIEF.**

14 (a) APPROPRIATION.—Section 4005 of the Employee  
15 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1305)  
16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(i)(1) An eighth fund shall be established for parti-  
18 tion assistance to multiemployer pension plans, as pro-  
19 vided under section 4233A, and to pay for necessary ad-  
20 ministrative and operating expenses relating to such as-  
21 sistance.

22 “(2) There is appropriated from the general fund  
23 such amounts as necessary for the costs of providing parti-  
24 tion assistance under section 4233A and necessary admin-  
25 istrative and operating expenses. The eighth fund estab-

1 lished under this subsection shall be credited with such  
2 amounts from time to time as the Secretary of the Treas-  
3 ury determines appropriate, from the general fund of the  
4 Treasury, and such amounts shall remain available until  
5 expended.”.

6 (b) SPECIAL PARTITION AUTHORITY.—The Em-  
7 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
8 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section  
9 4233 the following:

10 **“SEC. 4233A. SPECIAL PARTITION RELIEF.**

11 “(a) SPECIAL PARTITION AUTHORITY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the application of a  
13 plan sponsor of an eligible multiemployer plan for  
14 partition of the plan under this section, the corpora-  
15 tion shall order a partition of the plan in accordance  
16 with this section.

17 “(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REPAYMENT  
18 OBLIGATION.—A plan receiving partition assistance  
19 pursuant to this section shall not be subject to re-  
20 payment obligations under section 4261(b)(2).

21 “(b) ELIGIBLE PLANS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-  
23 tion, a multiemployer plan is an eligible multiem-  
24 ployer plan if—

1           “(A) the plan is in critical and declining  
2 status (within the meaning of section  
3 305(b)(6)) in any plan year beginning in 2020  
4 through 2024;

5           “(B) a suspension of benefits has been ap-  
6 proved with respect to the plan under section  
7 305(e)(9) as of the date of the enactment of  
8 this section;

9           “(C) in any plan year beginning in 2020  
10 through 2024, the plan is certified by the plan  
11 actuary to be in critical status (within the  
12 meaning of section 305(b)(2)), has a modified  
13 funded percentage of less than 40 percent, and  
14 has a ratio of active to inactive participants  
15 which is less than 2 to 3; or

16           “(D) the plan is insolvent for purposes of  
17 section 418E of the Internal Revenue Code of  
18 1986 as of the date of enactment of this sec-  
19 tion, if the plan became insolvent after Decem-  
20 ber 16, 2014, and has not been terminated by  
21 such date of enactment.

22           “(2) MODIFIED FUNDED PERCENTAGE.—For  
23 purposes of paragraph (1)(C), the term ‘modified  
24 funded percentage’ means the percentage equal to a  
25 fraction the numerator of which is current value of

1 plan assets (as defined in section 3(26) of such Act)  
2 and the denominator of which is current liabilities  
3 (as defined in section 431(c)(6)(D) of such Code and  
4 section 304(c)(6)(D) of such Act).

5 “(c) APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL PARTITION.—

6 “(1) GUIDANCE.—The corporation shall issue  
7 guidance setting forth requirements for special parti-  
8 tion applications under this section not later than  
9 120 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
10 tion. In such guidance, the corporation shall—

11 “(A) limit the materials required for a spe-  
12 cial partition application to the minimum nec-  
13 essary to make a determination on the applica-  
14 tion; and

15 “(B) provide for an alternate application  
16 for special partition under this section, which  
17 may be used by a plan that has been approved  
18 for a partition under section 4233 before the  
19 date of enactment of this section.

20 “(2) TEMPORARY PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF  
21 APPLICATIONS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The corporation may  
23 specify in guidance under paragraph (1) that,  
24 during the first 2 years following the date of  
25 enactment of this section, special partition ap-

1           plications will be provided priority consider-  
2           ation, if—

3                   “(i) the plan is likely to become insol-  
4                   vent within 5 years of the date of enact-  
5                   ment of this section;

6                   “(ii) the corporation projects a plan to  
7                   have a present value of financial assistance  
8                   payments under section 4261 that exceeds  
9                   \$1,000,000,000 if the special partition is  
10                  not ordered;

11                  “(iii) the plan has implemented ben-  
12                  efit suspensions under section 305(e)(9) as  
13                  of the date of the enactment of this sec-  
14                  tion; or

15                  “(iv) the corporation determines it ap-  
16                  propriate based on other circumstances.

17                  “(B) NO EFFECT ON AMOUNT OF ASSIST-  
18                  ANCE.—A plan that is approved for special par-  
19                  tition assistance under this section shall not re-  
20                  ceive reduced special partition assistance on ac-  
21                  count of not receiving priority consideration  
22                  under subparagraph (A).

23                  “(3) ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND OTHER IN-  
24                  FORMATION.—The corporation shall accept assump-  
25                  tions incorporated in a multiemployer plan’s deter-

1 mination that it is in critical status or critical and  
2 declining status (within the meaning of section  
3 305(b)), or that the plan’s modified funded percent-  
4 age is less than 40 percent, unless such assumptions  
5 are clearly erroneous. The corporation may require  
6 such other information as the corporation deter-  
7 mines appropriate for making a determination of eli-  
8 gibility and the amount of special partition assist-  
9 ance necessary under this section.

10 “(4) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—Any application  
11 by a plan for special partition assistance under this  
12 section shall be submitted no later than December  
13 31, 2026, and any revised application for special  
14 partition assistance shall be submitted no later than  
15 December 31, 2027.

16 “(5) NOTICE OF APPLICATION.—Not later than  
17 120 days after the date of enactment of this section,  
18 the corporation shall issue guidance requiring multi-  
19 employer plans to notify participants and bene-  
20 ficiaries that the plan has applied for partition  
21 under this section, after the corporation has deter-  
22 mined that the application is complete. Such notice  
23 shall reference the special partition relief internet  
24 website described in subsection (p).



1           “(d) DETERMINATIONS ON APPLICATIONS.—A plan’s  
2 application for special partition under this section that is  
3 timely filed in accordance with guidance issued under sub-  
4 section (c)(1) shall be deemed approved and the corpora-  
5 tion shall issue a special partition order unless the cor-  
6 poration notifies the plan within 120 days of the filing  
7 of the application that the application is incomplete or the  
8 plan is not eligible under this section. Such notice shall  
9 specify the reasons the plan is ineligible for a special parti-  
10 tion or information needed to complete the application. If  
11 a plan is denied partition under this subsection, the plan  
12 may submit a revised application under this section. Any  
13 revised application for special partition submitted by a  
14 plan shall be deemed approved unless the corporation noti-  
15 fies the plan within 120 days of the filing of the revised  
16 application that the application is incomplete or the plan  
17 is not eligible under this section. A special partition order  
18 issued by the corporation shall be effective no later than  
19 120 days after a plan’s special partition application is ap-  
20 proved by the corporation or deemed approved.

21           “(e) AMOUNT AND MANNER OF SPECIAL PARTITION  
22 ASSISTANCE.—

23           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The liabilities of an eligible  
24 multiemployer plan that the corporation assumes  
25 pursuant to a special partition order under this sec-

1       tion shall be the amount necessary for the plan to  
2       meet its funding goals described in subsection (g).

3           “(2) NO CAP.—Liabilities assumed by the cor-  
4       poration pursuant to a special partition order under  
5       this section shall not be capped by the guarantee  
6       under section 4022A. The corporation shall have dis-  
7       cretion on how liabilities of the plan are partitioned.

8       “(f) SUCCESSOR PLAN.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan created by a spe-  
10      cial partition order under this section is a successor  
11      plan to which section 4022A applies.

12          “(2) PLAN SPONSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR.—  
13      The plan sponsor of an eligible multiemployer plan  
14      prior to the special partition and the administrator  
15      of such plan shall be the plan sponsor and the ad-  
16      ministrator, respectively, of the plan created by the  
17      partition.

18      “(g) FUNDING GOALS.—

19          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The funding goals of a  
20      multiemployer plan eligible for partition under this  
21      section are both of the following:

22           “(A) The plan will remain solvent over 30  
23           years with no reduction in a participant’s or  
24           beneficiary’s accrued benefit (except to the ex-  
25           tent of a reduction in accordance with section

1           305(e)(8) adopted prior to the plan’s applica-  
2           tion for partition under this section).

3           “(B) The funded percentage of the plan  
4           (disregarding partitioned benefits) at the end of  
5           the 30-year period is projected to be 80 percent.

6           “(2) BASIS.—The funding projections under  
7           paragraph (1) shall be performed on a deterministic  
8           basis.

9           “(h) RESTORATION OF BENEFIT SUSPENSIONS.—An  
10          eligible multiemployer plan that is partitioned under this  
11          section shall—

12           “(1) reinstate any benefits that were suspended  
13          under section 305(e)(9) or section 4245(a), effective  
14          as of the first month the special partition order is  
15          effective, for participants or beneficiaries as of the  
16          effective date of the partition; and

17           “(2) provide payments equal to the amount of  
18          benefits previously suspended to any participants or  
19          beneficiaries in pay status as of the effective date of  
20          the special partition, payable in the form of a lump  
21          sum within 3 months of such effective date or in  
22          equal monthly installments over a period of 5 years,  
23          with no adjustment for interest.

24           “(i) ADJUSTMENT OF SPECIAL PARTITION ASSIST-  
25          ANCE.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Every 5 years, the corpora-  
2           tion shall adjust the special partition assistance de-  
3           scribed in subsection (e) as necessary for the eligible  
4           multiemployer plan to satisfy the funding goals de-  
5           scribed in subsection (g). If the 30 year period de-  
6           scribed in subsection (g) has lapsed, in applying this  
7           paragraph, 5 years shall be substituted for 30 years.

8           “(2) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.—An eligi-  
9           ble multiemployer plan that is the subject of a spe-  
10          cial partition order under subsection (a) shall submit  
11          such information as the corporation may require to  
12          determine the amount of the adjustment under para-  
13          graph (1).

14          “(3) CESSATION OF ADJUSTMENTS.—Adjust-  
15          ments under this subsection with respect to special  
16          partition assistance for an eligible multiemployer  
17          plan shall cease and the corporation shall perma-  
18          nently assume liability for payment of any benefits  
19          transferred to the successor plan (subject to sub-  
20          section (l)) beginning with the first plan year that  
21          the funded percentage of the eligible multiemployer  
22          plan (disregarding partitioned benefits) is at least  
23          80 percent and the plan’s projected funded percent-  
24          age for each of the next 10 years is at least 80 per-  
25          cent. Any accumulated funding deficiency of the

1 plan (within the meaning of section 304(a)) shall be  
2 reduced to zero as of the first day of the plan year  
3 for which partition assistance is permanent under  
4 this paragraph.

5 “(j) CONDITIONS ON PLANS DURING PARTITION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The corporation may im-  
7 pose, by regulation, reasonable conditions on an eli-  
8 gible multiemployer plan that is partitioned under  
9 section (a) relating to increases in future accrual  
10 rates and any retroactive benefit improvements, allo-  
11 cation of plan assets, reductions in employer con-  
12 tribution rates, diversion of contributions to, and al-  
13 location of, expenses to other retirement plans, and  
14 withdrawal liability.

15 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—The corporation shall not  
16 impose conditions on an eligible multiemployer plan  
17 as a condition of or following receipt of such parti-  
18 tion assistance under this section relating to—

19 “(A) any reduction in plan benefits (in-  
20 cluding benefits that may be adjusted pursuant  
21 to section 305(e)(8));

22 “(B) plan governance, including selection  
23 of, removal of, and terms of contracts with,  
24 trustees, actuaries, investment managers, and  
25 other service providers; or

1           “(C) any funding rules relating to the plan  
2           that is partitioned under this section.

3           “(3) CONDITION.—An eligible multiemployer  
4           plan that is partitioned under subsection (a) shall  
5           continue to pay all premiums due under section  
6           4007 for participants and beneficiaries in the plan  
7           created by a special partition order until the plan  
8           year beginning after a cessation of adjustments ap-  
9           plies under subsection (i).

10          “(k) WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY.—An employer’s with-  
11          drawal liability for purposes of this title shall be calculated  
12          taking into account any plan liabilities that are partitioned  
13          under subsection (a) until the plan year beginning after  
14          the expiration of 15 calendar years from the effective date  
15          of the partition.

16          “(l) CESSATION OF PARTITION ASSISTANCE.—If a  
17          plan that receives partition assistance under this section  
18          becomes insolvent for purposes of section 418E of the In-  
19          ternal Revenue Code of 1986, the plan shall no longer be  
20          eligible for assistance under this section and shall be eligi-  
21          ble for assistance under section 4261.

22          “(m) REPORTING.—An eligible multiemployer plan  
23          that receives partition assistance under this section shall  
24          file with the corporation a report, including the following  
25          information, in such manner (which may include electronic

1 filing requirements) and at such time as the corporation  
2 requires:

3           “(1) The funded percentage (as defined in sec-  
4           tion 305(j)(2)) as of the first day of such plan year,  
5           and the underlying actuarial value of assets and li-  
6           abilities taken into account in determining such per-  
7           centage.

8           “(2) The market value of the assets of the plan  
9           (determined as provided in paragraph (1)) as of the  
10          last day of the plan year preceding such plan year.

11          “(3) The total value of all contributions made  
12          by employers and employees during the plan year  
13          preceding such plan year.

14          “(4) The total value of all benefits paid during  
15          the plan year preceding such plan year.

16          “(5) Cash flow projections for such plan year  
17          and the 9 succeeding plan years, and the assump-  
18          tions used in making such projections.

19          “(6) Funding standard account projections for  
20          such plan year and the 9 succeeding plan years, and  
21          the assumptions relied upon in making such projec-  
22          tions.

23          “(7) The total value of all investment gains or  
24          losses during the plan year preceding such plan year.

1           “(8) Any significant reduction in the number of  
2 active participants during the plan year preceding  
3 such plan year, and the reason for such reduction.

4           “(9) A list of employers that withdrew from the  
5 plan in the plan year preceding such plan year, the  
6 payment schedule with respect to such withdrawal li-  
7 ability, and the resulting reduction in contributions.

8           “(10) A list of employers that paid withdrawal  
9 liability to the plan during the plan year preceding  
10 such plan year and, for each employer, a total as-  
11 sessment of the withdrawal liability paid, the annual  
12 payment amount, and the number of years remain-  
13 ing in the payment schedule with respect to such  
14 withdrawal liability.

15           “(11) Any material changes to benefits, accrual  
16 rates, or contribution rates during the plan year pre-  
17 ceding such plan year, and whether such changes re-  
18 late to the conditions of the partition assistance.

19           “(12) Details regarding any funding improve-  
20 ment plan or rehabilitation plan and updates to such  
21 plan.

22           “(13) The number of participants and bene-  
23 ficiaries during the plan year preceding such plan  
24 year who are active participants, the number of par-  
25 ticipants and beneficiaries in pay status, and the



1 number of terminated vested participants and bene-  
2 ficiaries.

3 “(14) The information contained on the most  
4 recent annual funding notice submitted by the plan  
5 under section 101(f).

6 “(15) The information contained on the most  
7 recent annual return under section 6058 of the In-  
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 and actuarial report  
9 under section 6059 of such Code of the plan.

10 “(16) Copies of the plan document and amend-  
11 ments, other retirement benefit or ancillary benefit  
12 plans relating to the plan and contribution obliga-  
13 tions under such plans, a breakdown of administra-  
14 tive expenses of the plan, participant census data  
15 and distribution of benefits, the most recent actu-  
16 arial valuation report as of the plan year, financial  
17 reports, and copies of the portions of collective bar-  
18 gaining agreements relating to plan contributions,  
19 funding coverage, or benefits, and such other infor-  
20 mation as the corporation may reasonably require.

21 Any information disclosed by a plan to the corporation  
22 that could identify individual employers shall be confiden-  
23 tial and not subject to publication or disclosure.

24 “(n) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
2           the date of enactment of this section and annually  
3           thereafter, the board of directors of the corporation  
4           shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
5           cation, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on  
6           Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Edu-  
7           cation and Labor and the Committee on Ways and  
8           Means of the House of Representatives a detailed re-  
9           port on the implementation and administration of  
10          this section. Such report shall include—

11                   “(A) information on the name and number  
12                   of multiemployer plans that have applied for  
13                   partition assistance under this section;

14                   “(B) the name and number of such plans  
15                   that have been approved for partition assistance  
16                   under this section and the name and number of  
17                   the plans that have not been approved for spe-  
18                   cial partition assistance;

19                   “(C) a detailed rationale for any decision  
20                   by the corporation to not approve an applica-  
21                   tion for special partition assistance;

22                   “(D) the amount of special partition as-  
23                   sistance provided to eligible multiemployer  
24                   plans (including amounts provided on an indi-  
25                   vidual plan basis and in the aggregate);

1           “(E) the name and number of the multi-  
2 employer plans that restored benefit suspen-  
3 sions and provided lump sum or monthly in-  
4 stallment payments to participants or bene-  
5 ficiaries;

6           “(F) the amount of benefits that were re-  
7 stored and lump sum or monthly installment  
8 payments that were paid (including amounts  
9 provided on an individual plan basis and in the  
10 aggregate);

11           “(G) the name and number of the plans  
12 that received adjustments to partition assist-  
13 ance under subsection (i);

14           “(H) a list of, and rationale for, each rea-  
15 sonable condition imposed by the corporation on  
16 plans approved for special partition assistance  
17 under this section;

18           “(I) the contracts that have been awarded  
19 by the corporation to implement or administer  
20 this section;

21           “(J) the number, purpose, and dollar  
22 amounts of the contracts that have been award-  
23 ed to implement or administer the section;

24           “(K) a detailed summary of the reports re-  
25 quired under subsection (m); and

1           “(L) a detailed summary of the feedback  
2           received on the pension relief internet website  
3           established under subsection (p).

4           “(2) PBGC CERTIFICATION.—The board of di-  
5           rectors of the corporation shall include with the re-  
6           port under paragraph (1) a certification and affir-  
7           mation that the amount of special partition assist-  
8           ance provided to each plan under this section is the  
9           amount necessary to meet its funding goals under  
10          subsection (g), including, if applicable, any adjust-  
11          ment of special partition assistance as determined  
12          under subsection (i).

13          “(3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Congress may pub-  
14          licize the reports received under paragraph (1) only  
15          after redacting all sensitive or proprietary informa-  
16          tion.

17          “(o) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
18          first partition application is approved by the corporation  
19          under this section, and biennially thereafter, the Comp-  
20          troller General of the United States shall submit to the  
21          Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
22          and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the  
23          Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee  
24          on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a  
25          detailed report on the actions of the corporation to imple-

1 ment and administer this section, including an examina-  
2 tion of the contracts awarded by such corporation to carry  
3 out this section and an analysis of such corporation's com-  
4 pliance with subsections (e) and (g).

5 “(p) SPECIAL PARTITION RELIEF WEBSITE.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120  
7 days after the date of enactment of this section, the  
8 corporation shall establish and maintain a user-  
9 friendly, public-facing internet website to foster  
10 greater accountability and transparency in the im-  
11 plementation and administration of this section.

12 “(2) PURPOSE.—The internet website estab-  
13 lished and maintained under paragraph (1) shall be  
14 a portal to key information relating to this section  
15 for multiemployer plan administrators and trustees,  
16 plan participants, beneficiaries, participating em-  
17 ployers, other stakeholders, and the public.

18 “(3) CONTENT AND FUNCTION.—The internet  
19 website established under paragraph (1) shall—

20 “(A) describe the nature and scope of the  
21 special partition authority and assistance under  
22 this section in a manner calculated to be under-  
23 stood by the average plan participant;

24 “(B) include published guidance, regula-  
25 tions, and all other relevant information on the

1 implementation and administration of this sec-  
2 tion;

3 “(C) include, with respect to plan applica-  
4 tions for special partition assistance—

5 “(i) a general description of the proc-  
6 ess by which eligible plans can apply for  
7 special partition assistance, information on  
8 how and when the corporation will process  
9 and consider plan applications;

10 “(ii) information on how the corpora-  
11 tion will address any incomplete applica-  
12 tions as specified in under this section;

13 “(iii) a list of the plans that have ap-  
14 plied for special partition assistance and,  
15 for each application, the date of submis-  
16 sion of a completed application;

17 “(iv) the text of each plan’s completed  
18 application for special partition assistance  
19 with appropriate redactions of personal,  
20 proprietary, or sensitive information;

21 “(v) the estimated date that a deci-  
22 sion will be made by the corporation on  
23 each application;

24 “(vi) the actual date when such deci-  
25 sion is made;

1           “(vii) the corporation’s decision on  
2           each application; and

3           “(viii) as applicable, a detailed ration-  
4           ale for any decision not to approve a plan’s  
5           application for special partition assistance;

6           “(D) provide detailed information on each  
7           contract solicited and awarded to implement or  
8           administer this section;

9           “(E) include reports, audits, and other rel-  
10          evant oversight and accountability information  
11          on this section, including the annual reports  
12          submitted by the board of directors of the cor-  
13          poration to Congress required under subsection  
14          (n), the Office of the Inspector General audits,  
15          correspondence, and publications, and the Gov-  
16          ernment Accountability Office reports under  
17          subsection (o);

18          “(F) provide a clear means for multiem-  
19          ployer plan administrators, plan participants,  
20          beneficiaries, other stakeholders, and the public  
21          to contact the corporation and provide feedback  
22          on the implementation and administration of  
23          this section; and

24          “(G) be regularly updated to carry out the  
25          purposes of this subsection.

1       “(q) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There is au-  
2 thORIZED to be appropriated to the corporation’s Office of  
3 Inspector General \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, which  
4 shall remain available through September 30, 2028, for  
5 salaries and expenses necessary for conducting investiga-  
6 tions and audits of the implementation and administration  
7 of this section.

8       “(r) APPLICATION OF EXCISE TAX.—During the pe-  
9 riod that a plan is subject to a partition order under this  
10 section and prior to a cessation of adjustments pursuant  
11 to subsection (i)(3), the plan shall not be subject to section  
12 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

13 **SEC. 40102. REPEAL OF BENEFIT SUSPENSIONS FOR MULTI-**  
14 **EMPLOYER PLANS IN CRITICAL AND DECLIN-**  
15 **ING STATUS.**

16       (a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF  
17 1986.—Paragraph (9) of section 432(e) of the Internal  
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is repealed.

19       (b) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT IN-  
20 COME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Paragraph (9) of section  
21 305(e) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
22 of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1085(e)) is repealed.

23       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeals made by this  
24 section shall not apply to plans that have been approved  
25 for a suspension of benefit under section 432(e)(9)(G) of



1 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and section  
2 305(e)(9)(G) of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
3 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1085(e)(9)(G)) before the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 40103. TEMPORARY DELAY OF DESIGNATION OF MUL-**  
6 **TIEMPLOYER PLANS AS IN ENDANGERED,**  
7 **CRITICAL, OR CRITICAL AND DECLINING STA-**  
8 **TUS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the actuarial  
10 certification under section 305(b)(3) of the Employee Re-  
11 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section  
12 432(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if a plan  
13 sponsor of a multiemployer plan elects the application of  
14 this section, then, for purposes of section 305 of such Act  
15 and section 432 of such Code—

16 (1) the status of the plan for its first plan year  
17 beginning during the period beginning on March 1,  
18 2020, and ending on February 28, 2021, or the next  
19 succeeding plan year (as designated by the plan  
20 sponsor in such election), shall be the same as the  
21 status of such plan under such sections for the plan  
22 year preceding such designated plan year, and

23 (2) in the case of a plan which was in endan-  
24 gered or critical status for the plan year preceding  
25 the designated plan year described in paragraph (1),

1 the plan shall not be required to update its plan or  
2 schedules under section 305(c)(6) of such Act and  
3 section 432(c)(6) of such Code, or section  
4 305(e)(3)(B) of such Act and section 432(e)(3)(B)  
5 of such Code, whichever is applicable, until the plan  
6 year following the designated plan year described in  
7 paragraph (1).

8 If section 305 of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-  
9 rity Act of 1974 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue  
10 Code of 1986 did not apply to the plan year preceding  
11 the designated plan year described in paragraph (1), the  
12 plan actuary shall make a certification of the status of  
13 the plan under section 305(b)(3) of such Act and section  
14 432(b)(3) of such Code for the preceding plan year in the  
15 same manner as if such sections had applied to such pre-  
16 ceding plan year.

17 (b) EXCEPTION FOR PLANS BECOMING CRITICAL  
18 DURING ELECTION.—If—

19 (1) an election was made under subsection (a)  
20 with respect to a multiemployer plan, and

21 (2) such plan has, without regard to such elec-  
22 tion, been certified by the plan actuary under section  
23 305(b)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-  
24 rity Act of 1974 and section 432(b)(3) of the Inter-  
25 nal Revenue Code of 1986 to be in critical status for

1 the designated plan year described in subsection  
2 (a)(1), then such plan shall be treated as a plan in  
3 critical status for such plan year for purposes of ap-  
4 plying section 4971(g)(1)(A) of such Code, section  
5 302(b)(3) of such Act (without regard to the second  
6 sentence thereof), and section 412(b)(3) of such  
7 Code (without regard to the second sentence there-  
8 of).

9 (c) ELECTION AND NOTICE.—

10 (1) ELECTION.—An election under subsection  
11 (a)—

12 (A) shall be made at such time and in such  
13 manner as the Secretary of the Treasury or the  
14 Secretary's delegate may prescribe and, once  
15 made, may be revoked only with the consent of  
16 the Secretary, and

17 (B) if made—

18 (i) before the date the annual certifi-  
19 cation is submitted to the Secretary or the  
20 Secretary's delegate under section  
21 305(b)(3) of such Act and section  
22 432(b)(3) of such Code, shall be included  
23 with such annual certification, and

24 (ii) after such date, shall be submitted  
25 to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate

1 not later than 30 days after the date of the  
2 election.

3 (2) NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-  
5 tion 305(b)(3)(D) of the Employee Retirement  
6 Income Security Act of 1974 and section  
7 432(b)(3)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1986, if the plan is neither in endangered nor  
9 critical status by reason of an election made  
10 under subsection (a)—

11 (i) the plan sponsor of a multiem-  
12 ployer plan shall not be required to provide  
13 notice under such sections, and

14 (ii) the plan sponsor shall provide to  
15 the participants and beneficiaries, the bar-  
16 gaining parties, the Pension Benefit Guar-  
17 anty Corporation, and the Secretary of  
18 Labor a notice of the election under sub-  
19 section (a) and such other information as  
20 the Secretary of the Treasury (in consulta-  
21 tion with the Secretary of Labor) may re-  
22 quire—

23 (I) if the election is made before  
24 the date the annual certification is  
25 submitted to the Secretary or the Sec-

1                   retary's delegate under section  
2                   305(b)(3) of such Act and section  
3                   432(b)(3) of such Code, not later than  
4                   30 days after the date of the certifi-  
5                   cation, and

6                   (II) if the election is made after  
7                   such date, not later than 30 days  
8                   after the date of the election.

9                   (B) NOTICE OF ENDANGERED STATUS.—  
10                  Notwithstanding section 305(b)(3)(D) of such  
11                  Act and section 432(b)(3)(D) of such Code, if  
12                  the plan is certified to be in critical status for  
13                  any plan year but is in endangered status by  
14                  reason of an election made under subsection  
15                  (a), the notice provided under such sections  
16                  shall be the notice which would have been pro-  
17                  vided if the plan had been certified to be in en-  
18                  dangered status.

19 **SEC. 40104. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE FUNDING IM-**  
20 **PROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION PERIODS**  
21 **FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS IN**  
22 **CRITICAL AND ENDANGERED STATUS FOR**  
23 **2020 OR 2021.**

24                  (a) IN GENERAL.—If the plan sponsor of a multiem-  
25                  ployer plan which is in endangered or critical status for

1 a plan year beginning in 2020 or 2021 (determined after  
2 application of section 4) elects the application of this sec-  
3 tion, then, for purposes of section 305 of the Employee  
4 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

6 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), the  
7 plan's funding improvement period or rehabilitation  
8 period, whichever is applicable, shall be 15 years  
9 rather than 10 years, and

10 (2) in the case of a plan in seriously endan-  
11 gered status, the plan's funding improvement period  
12 shall be 20 years rather than 15 years.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For pur-  
14 poses of this section—

15 (1) ELECTION.—An election under this section  
16 shall be made at such time, and in such manner and  
17 form, as (in consultation with the Secretary of  
18 Labor) the Secretary of the Treasury or the Sec-  
19 retary's delegate may prescribe.

20 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Any term which is used in  
21 this section which is also used in section 305 of the  
22 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
23 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
24 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used in  
25 such sections.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to  
2 plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

3 **SEC. 40105. ADJUSTMENTS TO FUNDING STANDARD AC-**  
4 **COUNT RULES.**

5 (a) ADJUSTMENTS.—

6 (1) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
7 INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 304(b)(8)  
8 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
9 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1084(b)) is amended by adding at  
10 the end the following new subparagraph:

11 “(F) RELIEF FOR 2020 AND 2021.—A mul-  
12 tiemployer plan with respect to which the sol-  
13 vency test under subparagraph (C) is met as of  
14 February 29, 2020, may elect to apply this  
15 paragraph by substituting ‘February 29, 2020’  
16 for ‘August 31, 2008’ each place it appears in  
17 subparagraphs (A)(i), (B)(i)(I), and (B)(i)(II)  
18 (without regard to whether such plan previously  
19 elected the application of this paragraph). The  
20 preceding sentence shall not apply to a plan  
21 with respect to which a partition order is in ef-  
22 fect under section 4233A.”.

23 (2) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
24 OF 1986.—Section 431(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue

1 Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following new subparagraph:

3 “(F) RELIEF FOR 2020 AND 2021.—A mul-  
4 tiemployer plan with respect to which the sol-  
5 vency test under subparagraph (C) is met as of  
6 February 29, 2020, may elect to apply this  
7 paragraph by substituting ‘February 29, 2020’  
8 for ‘August 31, 2008’ each place it appears in  
9 subparagraphs (A)(i), (B)(i)(I), and (B)(i)(II)  
10 (without regard to whether such plan previously  
11 elected the application of this paragraph). The  
12 preceding sentence shall not apply to a plan  
13 with respect to which a partition order is in ef-  
14 fect under section 4233A of the Employee Re-  
15 tirement Income Security Act of 1974.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall take effect as of the first day of  
19 the first plan year ending on or after February 29,  
20 2020, except that any election a plan makes pursu-  
21 ant to this section that affects the plan’s funding  
22 standard account for the first plan year beginning  
23 after February 29, 2020, shall be disregarded for  
24 purposes of applying the provisions of section 305 of  
25 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of



1 1974 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code  
2 of 1986 to such plan year.

3 (2) RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFIT INCREASES.—  
4 Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the restrictions on  
5 plan amendments increasing benefits in sections  
6 304(b)(8)(D) of such Act and 431(b)(8)(D) of such  
7 Code, as applied by the amendments made by this  
8 section, shall take effect on the date of enactment of  
9 this Act.

10 **SEC. 40106. PBGC GUARANTEE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN MUL-**  
11 **TIEMPLOYER PLANS.**

12 Section 4022A(c)(1) of the Employee Retirement In-  
13 come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1322a(c)(1)) is  
14 amended by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and in-  
15 serting the following:

16 “(A) 100 percent of the accrual rate up to  
17 \$15, plus 75 percent of the lesser of—

18 “(i) \$70; or

19 “(ii) the accrual rate, if any, in excess  
20 of \$15; and

21 “(B) the number of the participant’s years  
22 of credited service.

23 For each calendar year after the first full calendar  
24 year following the date of the enactment of the In-  
25 spector General Independence Act, the accrual rates

1 in subparagraph (A) shall increase by the national  
2 average wage index (as defined in section 209(k)(1)  
3 of the Social Security Act). For purposes of this  
4 subsection, the rates applicable for determining the  
5 guaranteed benefits of the participants of any plan  
6 shall be the rates in effect for the calendar year in  
7 which the plan becomes insolvent under section 4245  
8 or the calendar year in which the plan is terminated,  
9 if earlier.”.

## 10 **TITLE II—RELIEF FOR SINGLE** 11 **EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS**

### 12 **SEC. 40201. EXTENDED AMORTIZATION FOR SINGLE EM-** 13 **PLOYER PLANS.**

14 (a) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION UNDER THE INTERNAL  
15 REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 430(c) of the Internal  
16 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
17 the following new paragraph:

18 “(8) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION.—With respect to  
19 plan years beginning after December 31, 2019—

20 “(A) the shortfall amortization bases for  
21 all plan years preceding the first plan year be-  
22 ginning after December 31, 2019 (and all  
23 shortfall amortization installments determined  
24 with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to  
25 zero, and

1                   “(B) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-  
2                   graph (2) shall each be applied by substituting  
3                   ‘15-plan-year period’ for ‘7-plan-year period’.”.

4           (b) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEE  
5 RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section  
6 303(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
7 of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083(c)) is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following new paragraph:

9                   “(8) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION.—With respect to  
10           plan years beginning after December 31, 2019—

11                   “(A) the shortfall amortization bases for  
12                   all plan years preceding the first plan year be-  
13                   ginning after December 31, 2019 (and all  
14                   shortfall amortization installments determined  
15                   with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to  
16                   zero, and

17                   “(B) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-  
18                   graph (2) shall each be applied by substituting  
19                   ‘15-plan-year period’ for ‘7-plan-year period’.”.

20           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-  
22 cember 31, 2019.

1 **SEC. 40202. EXTENSION OF PENSION FUNDING STABILIZA-**  
 2 **TION PERCENTAGES FOR SINGLE EMPLOYER**  
 3 **PLANS.**

4 (a) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF  
 5 1986.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in sub-  
 7 clause (II) of section 430(h)(2)(C)(iv) of the Inter-  
 8 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as fol-  
 9 lows:

“If the calendar year is:	The applica- ble min- imum per- centage is:	The applica- ble max- imum per- centage is:
Any year in the period starting in 2012 and end- ing in 2019 .....	90%	110%
Any year in the period starting in 2020 and end- ing in 2025 .....	95%	105%
2026 .....	90%	110%
2027 .....	85%	115%
2028 .....	80%	120%
2029 .....	75%	125%
After 2029 .....	70%	130%.”.

10 (2) FLOOR ON 25-YEAR AVERAGES.—Subclause  
 11 (I) of section 430(h)(2)(C)(iv) of such Code is  
 12 amended by adding at the end the following: “Not-  
 13 withstanding anything in this subclause, if the aver-  
 14 age of the first, second, or third segment rate for  
 15 any 25-year period is less than 5 percent, such aver-  
 16 age shall be deemed to be 5 percent.”.

17 (b) AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT IN-  
 18 COME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in sub-  
 2 clause (II) of section 303(h)(2)(C)(iv) of the Em-  
 3 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
 4 U.S.C. 1083(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II)) is amended to read as  
 5 follows:

“If the calendar year is:	The applica- ble min- imum per- centage is:	The applica- ble max- imum per- centage is:
Any year in the period starting in 2012 and end- ing in 2019 .....	90%	110%
Any year in the period starting in 2020 and end- ing in 2025 .....	95%	105%
2026 .....	90%	110%
2027 .....	85%	115%
2028 .....	80%	120%
2029 .....	75%	125%
After 2029 .....	70%	130%.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(f)(2)(D) of  
 8 such Act (29 U.S.C. 1021(f)(2)(D)) is amend-  
 9 ed—

10 (i) in clause (i) by striking “and the  
 11 Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015” both  
 12 places it appears and inserting “, the Bi-  
 13 partisan Budget Act of 2015, and the In-  
 14 spector General Independence Act”, and

15 (ii) in clause (ii) by striking “2023”  
 16 and inserting “2029”.

17 (B) STATEMENTS.—The Secretary of  
 18 Labor shall modify the statements required

1 under subclauses (I) and (II) of section  
2 101(f)(2)(D)(i) of such Act to conform to the  
3 amendments made by this section.

4 (3) FLOOR ON 25-YEAR AVERAGES.—Subclause  
5 (I) of section 303(h)(2)(C)(iv) of such Act (29  
6 U.S.C. 1083(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II)) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following: “Notwithstanding anything  
8 in this subclause, if the average of the first, second,  
9 or third segment rate for any 25-year period is less  
10 than 5 percent, such average shall be deemed to be  
11 5 percent.”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall apply with respect to plan years begin-  
14 ning after December 31, 2019.

## 15 **TITLE III—OTHER RETIREMENT** 16 **RELATED PROVISIONS**

### 17 **SEC. 40301. WAIVER OF REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019.** 18

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(a)(9)(I)(i) of the In-  
20 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “cal-  
21 endar year 2020” and inserting “calendar years 2019 and  
22 2020”.

23 (b) ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS.—Section  
24 402(c)(4) of such Code is amended by striking “2020”

1 each place it appears in the last sentence and inserting  
2 “2019 or 2020”.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
4 401(a)(9)(I) of such Code is amended—

5 (1) by striking clause (ii) and redesignating  
6 clause (iii) as clause (ii), and

7 (2) by striking “calendar year 2020” in clause  
8 (ii)(II), as so redesignated, and inserting “calendar  
9 years 2019 and 2020”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
12 ment of section 2203 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
13 Economic Security Act, except that subparagraph (c)(1)  
14 thereof shall be applied by substituting “December 31,  
15 2018” for “December 31, 2019”.

16 **SEC. 40302. WAIVER OF 60-DAY RULE IN CASE OF ROLL-**  
17 **OVER OF OTHERWISE REQUIRED MINIMUM**  
18 **DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2019 OR 2020.**

19 (a) QUALIFIED TRUSTS.—402(c)(3) of the Internal  
20 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(D) EXCEPTION FOR ROLLOVER OF OTH-  
23 ERWISE REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS IN  
24 2019 OR 2020.—In the case of an eligible roll-  
25 over distribution described in the second sen-

1           tence of paragraph (4), subparagraph (A) shall  
2           not apply to any transfer of such distribution  
3           made before December 1, 2020.”.

4           (b) INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—Section  
5 408(d)(3) of such Code is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new subparagraph:

7                   “(J) WAIVER OF 60-DAY RULE AND ONCE  
8                   PER-YEAR LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN 2019 AND  
9                   2020 ROLLOVERS.—In the case of a distribu-  
10                  tion during 2019 or 2020 to which, under sub-  
11                  paragraph (E), this paragraph would not have  
12                  applied had the minimum distribution require-  
13                  ments of section 401(a)(9) applied during such  
14                  years, the 60-day requirement under subpara-  
15                  graph (A) and the limitation under subpara-  
16                  graph (B) shall not apply to such distribution  
17                  to the extent the amount is paid into an indi-  
18                  vidual retirement account, individual retirement  
19                  annuity (other than an endowment contract), or  
20                  eligible retirement plan (as defined in subpara-  
21                  graph (A)) as otherwise required under such  
22                  subparagraph before December 1, 2020.”.

23           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
25 December 31, 2018.



1 **SEC. 40303. EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION AS TO ELIGIBILITY**  
2 **FOR INCREASED CARES ACT LOAN LIMITS**  
3 **FROM EMPLOYER PLAN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2202(b) of the  
5 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
7 graph:

8 “(4) EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION.—The admin-  
9 istrator of a qualified employer plan may rely on an  
10 employee’s certification that the requirements of  
11 subsection (a)(4)(A)(ii) are satisfied in determining  
12 whether the employee is a qualified individual for  
13 purposes of this subsection.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
15 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
16 ment of section 2202(b) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
17 and Economic Security Act.

18 **SEC. 40304. EXCLUSION OF BENEFITS PROVIDED TO VOL-**  
19 **UNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY**  
20 **MEDICAL RESPONDERS MADE PERMANENT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 139B of the Internal Rev-  
22 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (d).

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
24 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
25 December 31, 2020.

1 **SEC. 40305. APPLICATION OF SPECIAL RULES TO MONEY**  
2 **PURCHASE PENSION PLANS.**

3 Section 2202(a)(6)(B) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
4 and Economic Security Act is amended by inserting “,  
5 and, in the case of a money purchase pension plan, a  
6 coronavirus-related distribution which is an in-service  
7 withdrawal shall be treated as meeting the distribution  
8 rules of section 401(a) of such Code” before the period.

9 **SEC. 40306. GRANTS TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME WOMEN AND**  
10 **SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OB-**  
11 **TAINING QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
12 **ORDERS.**

13 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT AWARDS.**—The Sec-  
14 retary of Labor, acting through the Director of the Wom-  
15 en’s Bureau and in conjunction with the Assistant Sec-  
16 retary of the Employee Benefits Security Administration,  
17 shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible enti-  
18 ties to enable such entities to assist low-income women  
19 and survivors of domestic violence in obtaining qualified  
20 domestic relations orders and ensuring that those women  
21 actually obtain the benefits to which they are entitled  
22 through those orders.

23 (b) **DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—In this sec-  
24 tion, the term “eligible entity” means a community-based  
25 organization with proven experience and expertise in serv-

1 ing women and the financial and retirement needs of  
2 women.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that desires to  
4 receive a grant under this section shall submit an applica-  
5 tion to the Secretary of Labor at such time, in such man-  
6 ner, and accompanied by such information as the Sec-  
7 retary of Labor may require.

8 (d) MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—The Secretary of  
9 Labor shall award grants under this section in amounts  
10 of not less than \$250,000.

11 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives  
12 a grant under this section shall use the grant funds to  
13 develop programs to offer help to low-income women or  
14 survivors of domestic violence who need assistance in pre-  
15 paring, obtaining, and effectuating a qualified domestic re-  
16 lations order.

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
19 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding  
20 fiscal year.

21 **SEC. 40307. MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR MIN-**  
22 **IMUM FUNDING STANDARDS FOR COMMU-**  
23 **NITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.**

24 (a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF  
25 1986.—Subsection (m) of section 430 of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986, as added by the Setting Every Com-  
2 munity Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 “(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER  
5 PLANS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible newspaper plan  
7 sponsor of a plan under which no participant has  
8 had the participant’s accrued benefit increased  
9 (whether because of service or compensation) after  
10 April 2, 2019, may elect to have the alternative  
11 standards described in paragraph (4) apply to such  
12 plan.

13 “(2) ELIGIBLE NEWSPAPER PLAN SPONSOR.—  
14 The term ‘eligible newspaper plan sponsor’ means  
15 the plan sponsor of—

16 “(A) any community newspaper plan, or

17 “(B) any other plan sponsored, as of April  
18 2, 2019, by a member of the same controlled  
19 group of a plan sponsor of a community news-  
20 paper plan if such member is in the trade or  
21 business of publishing 1 or more newspapers.

22 “(3) ELECTION.—An election under paragraph  
23 (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner  
24 as prescribed by the Secretary. Such election, once  
25 made with respect to a plan year, shall apply to all

1 subsequent plan years unless revoked with the con-  
2 sent of the Secretary.

3 “(4) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STAND-  
4 ARDS.—The alternative standards described in this  
5 paragraph are the following:

6 “(A) INTEREST RATES.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
8 subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as pro-  
9 vided in clause (ii), the first, second, and  
10 third segment rates in effect for any  
11 month for purposes of this section shall be  
12 8 percent.

13 “(ii) NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—Not-  
14 withstanding subsection (h)(2), for pur-  
15 poses of determining the funding target  
16 and normal cost of a plan for any plan  
17 year, the present value of any benefits ac-  
18 crued or earned under the plan for a plan  
19 year with respect to which an election  
20 under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be  
21 determined on the basis of the United  
22 States Treasury obligation yield curve for  
23 the day that is the valuation date of such  
24 plan for such plan year.

1           “(iii) UNITED STATES TREASURY OB-  
2           LIGATION YIELD CURVE.—For purposes of  
3           this subsection, the term ‘United States  
4           Treasury obligation yield curve’ means,  
5           with respect to any day, a yield curve  
6           which shall be prescribed by the Secretary  
7           for such day on interest-bearing obligations  
8           of the United States.

9           “(B) SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—

10           “(i) PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZA-  
11           TION BASES.—The shortfall amortization  
12           bases determined under subsection (c)(3)  
13           for all plan years preceding the first plan  
14           year to which the election under paragraph  
15           (1) applies (and all shortfall amortization  
16           installments determined with respect to  
17           such bases) shall be reduced to zero under  
18           rules similar to the rules of subsection  
19           (c)(6).

20           “(ii) NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION  
21           BASE.—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3),  
22           the shortfall amortization base for the first  
23           plan year to which the election under para-  
24           graph (1) applies shall be the funding  
25           shortfall of such plan for such plan year

1 (determined using the interest rates as  
2 modified under subparagraph (A)).

3 “(C) DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AM-  
4 ORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.—

5 “(i) 30-YEAR PERIOD.—Subpara-  
6 graphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2)  
7 shall be applied by substituting ‘30-plan-  
8 year’ for ‘7-plan-year’ each place it ap-  
9 pears.

10 “(ii) NO SPECIAL ELECTION.—The  
11 election under subparagraph (D) of sub-  
12 section (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan  
13 year to which the election under paragraph  
14 (1) applies.

15 “(D) EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREAT-  
16 MENT.—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

17 “(5) COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.—For pur-  
18 poses of this subsection—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘community  
20 newspaper plan’ means any plan to which this  
21 section applies maintained as of December 31,  
22 2018, by an employer which—

23 “(i) maintains the plan on behalf of  
24 participants and beneficiaries with respect  
25 to employment in the trade or business of

1 publishing 1 or more newspapers which  
2 were published by the employer at any  
3 time during the 11-year period ending on  
4 the date of the enactment of this sub-  
5 section,

6 “(ii)(I) is not a company the stock of  
7 which is publicly traded (on a stock ex-  
8 change or in an over-the-counter market),  
9 and is not controlled, directly or indirectly,  
10 by such a company, or

11 “(II) is controlled, directly or indi-  
12 rectly, during the entire 30-year period  
13 ending on the date of the enactment of this  
14 subsection by individuals who are members  
15 of the same family, and does not publish or  
16 distribute a daily newspaper that is car-  
17 rier-distributed in printed form in more  
18 than 5 States, and

19 “(iii) is controlled, directly or indi-  
20 rectly—

21 “(I) by 1 or more persons resid-  
22 ing primarily in a State in which the  
23 community newspaper has been pub-  
24 lished on newsprint or carrier-distrib-  
25 uted,



1           “(II) during the entire 30-year  
2           period ending on the date of the en-  
3           actment of this subsection by individ-  
4           uals who are members of the same  
5           family,

6           “(III) by 1 or more trusts, the  
7           sole trustees of which are persons de-  
8           scribed in subclause (I) or (II), or

9           “(IV) by a combination of per-  
10          sons described in subclause (I), (II),  
11          or (III).

12          “(B) NEWSPAPER.—The term ‘newspaper’  
13          does not include any newspaper (determined  
14          without regard to this subparagraph) to which  
15          any of the following apply:

16               “(i) Is not in general circulation.

17               “(ii) Is published (on newsprint or  
18               electronically) less frequently than 3 times  
19               per week.

20               “(iii) Has not ever been regularly  
21               published on newsprint.

22               “(iv) Does not have a bona fide list of  
23               paid subscribers.

24          “(C) CONTROL.—A person shall be treated  
25          as controlled by another person if such other

1 person possesses, directly or indirectly, the  
2 power to direct or cause the direction and man-  
3 agement of such person (including the power to  
4 elect a majority of the members of the board of  
5 directors of such person) through the ownership  
6 of voting securities.

7 “(6) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes of  
8 this subsection, the term ‘controlled group’ means all  
9 persons treated as a single employer under sub-  
10 section (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 as of the  
11 date of the enactment of this subsection.”.

12 (b) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT IN-  
13 COME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Subsection (m) of section  
14 303 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
15 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083(m)), as added by the Setting Every  
16 Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019,  
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER  
19 PLANS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible newspaper plan  
21 sponsor of a plan under which no participant has  
22 had the participant’s accrued benefit increased  
23 (whether because of service or compensation) after  
24 April 2, 2019, may elect to have the alternative

1 standards described in paragraph (4) apply to such  
2 plan.

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE NEWSPAPER PLAN SPONSOR.—  
4 The term ‘eligible newspaper plan sponsor’ means  
5 the plan sponsor of—

6 “(A) any community newspaper plan, or

7 “(B) any other plan sponsored, as of April  
8 2, 2019, by a member of the same controlled  
9 group of a plan sponsor of a community news-  
10 paper plan if such member is in the trade or  
11 business of publishing 1 or more newspapers.

12 “(3) ELECTION.—An election under paragraph  
13 (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner  
14 as prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such  
15 election, once made with respect to a plan year, shall  
16 apply to all subsequent plan years unless revoked  
17 with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury.

18 “(4) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STAND-  
19 ARDS.—The alternative standards described in this  
20 paragraph are the following:

21 “(A) INTEREST RATES.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
23 subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as pro-  
24 vided in clause (ii), the first, second, and  
25 third segment rates in effect for any

1 month for purposes of this section shall be  
2 8 percent.

3 “(ii) NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—Not-  
4 withstanding subsection (h)(2), for pur-  
5 poses of determining the funding target  
6 and normal cost of a plan for any plan  
7 year, the present value of any benefits ac-  
8 crued or earned under the plan for a plan  
9 year with respect to which an election  
10 under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be  
11 determined on the basis of the United  
12 States Treasury obligation yield curve for  
13 the day that is the valuation date of such  
14 plan for such plan year.

15 “(iii) UNITED STATES TREASURY OB-  
16 LIGATION YIELD CURVE.—For purposes of  
17 this subsection, the term ‘United States  
18 Treasury obligation yield curve’ means,  
19 with respect to any day, a yield curve  
20 which shall be prescribed by the Secretary  
21 of the Treasury for such day on interest-  
22 bearing obligations of the United States.

23 “(B) SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—

24 “(i) PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZA-  
25 TION BASES.—The shortfall amortization

1 bases determined under subsection (c)(3)  
2 for all plan years preceding the first plan  
3 year to which the election under paragraph  
4 (1) applies (and all shortfall amortization  
5 installments determined with respect to  
6 such bases) shall be reduced to zero under  
7 rules similar to the rules of subsection  
8 (c)(6).

9 “(ii) NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION  
10 BASE.—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3),  
11 the shortfall amortization base for the first  
12 plan year to which the election under para-  
13 graph (1) applies shall be the funding  
14 shortfall of such plan for such plan year  
15 (determined using the interest rates as  
16 modified under subparagraph (A)).

17 “(C) DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AM-  
18 ORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.—

19 “(i) 30-YEAR PERIOD.—Subpara-  
20 graphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2)  
21 shall be applied by substituting ‘30-plan-  
22 year’ for ‘7-plan-year’ each place it ap-  
23 pears.

24 “(ii) NO SPECIAL ELECTION.—The  
25 election under subparagraph (D) of sub-

1 section (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan  
2 year to which the election under paragraph  
3 (1) applies.

4 “(D) EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREAT-  
5 MENT.—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

6 “(5) COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.—For pur-  
7 poses of this subsection—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘community  
9 newspaper plan’ means a plan to which this sec-  
10 tion applies maintained as of December 31,  
11 2018, by an employer which—

12 “(i) maintains the plan on behalf of  
13 participants and beneficiaries with respect  
14 to employment in the trade or business of  
15 publishing 1 or more newspapers which  
16 were published by the employer at any  
17 time during the 11-year period ending on  
18 the date of the enactment of this sub-  
19 section,

20 “(ii)(I) is not a company the stock of  
21 which is publicly traded (on a stock ex-  
22 change or in an over-the-counter market),  
23 and is not controlled, directly or indirectly,  
24 by such a company, or

1           “(II) is controlled, directly, or indi-  
2           rectly, during the entire 30-year period  
3           ending on the date of the enactment of this  
4           subsection by individuals who are members  
5           of the same family, and does not publish or  
6           distribute a daily newspaper that is car-  
7           rier-distributed in printed form in more  
8           than 5 States, and

9           “(iii) is controlled, directly, or indi-  
10          rectly—

11                   “(I) by 1 or more persons resid-  
12                   ing primarily in a State in which the  
13                   community newspaper has been pub-  
14                   lished on newsprint or carrier-distrib-  
15                   uted,

16                   “(II) during the entire 30-year  
17                   period ending on the date of the en-  
18                   actment of this subsection by individ-  
19                   uals who are members of the same  
20                   family,

21                   “(III) by 1 or more trusts, the  
22                   sole trustees of which are persons de-  
23                   scribed in subclause (I) or (II), or

1                   “(IV) by a combination of per-  
2                   sons described in subclause (I), (II),  
3                   or (III).

4                   “(B) NEWSPAPER.—The term ‘newspaper’  
5                   does not include any newspaper (determined  
6                   without regard to this subparagraph) to which  
7                   any of the following apply:

8                   “(i) Is not in general circulation.

9                   “(ii) Is published (on newsprint or  
10                  electronically) less frequently than 3 times  
11                  per week.

12                  “(iii) Has not ever been regularly  
13                  published on newsprint.

14                  “(iv) Does not have a bona fide list of  
15                  paid subscribers.

16                  “(C) CONTROL.—A person shall be treated  
17                  as controlled by another person if such other  
18                  person possesses, directly or indirectly, the  
19                  power to direct or cause the direction and man-  
20                  agement of such person (including the power to  
21                  elect a majority of the members of the board of  
22                  directors of such person) through the ownership  
23                  of voting securities.

24                  “(6) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes of  
25                  this subsection, the term ‘controlled group’ means all



1 persons treated as a single employer under sub-  
2 section (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 of the In-  
3 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 as of the date of the  
4 enactment of this subsection.

5 “(7) EFFECT ON PREMIUM RATE CALCULA-  
6 TION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
7 or any regulation issued by the Pension Benefit  
8 Guaranty Corporation, in the case of a plan for  
9 which an election is made to apply the alternative  
10 standards described in paragraph (3), the additional  
11 premium under section 4006(a)(3)(E) shall be deter-  
12 mined as if such election had not been made.”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall apply to plan years ending after Decem-  
15 ber 31, 2017.

16 **SEC. 40308. MINIMUM RATE OF INTEREST FOR CERTAIN DE-**  
17 **TERMINATIONS RELATED TO LIFE INSUR-**  
18 **ANCE CONTRACTS.**

19 (a) MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM RATE FOR PUR-  
20 POSES OF CASH VALUE ACCUMULATION TEST.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7702(b)(2)(A) of the  
22 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-  
23 ing “an annual effective rate of 4 percent” and in-  
24 serting “the applicable accumulation test minimum  
25 rate”.

1           (2) APPLICABLE ACCUMULATION TEST MIN-  
2           IMUM RATE.—Section 7702(b) of such Code is  
3           amended by adding at the end the following new  
4           paragraph:

5           “(3) APPLICABLE ACCUMULATION TEST MIN-  
6           IMUM RATE.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(A), the  
7           term ‘applicable accumulation test minimum rate’  
8           means the lesser of—

9                   “(A) an annual effective rate of 4 percent,  
10                   or

11                   “(B) the insurance interest rate (as de-  
12                   fined in subsection (f)(11)) in effect at the time  
13                   the contract is issued.”.

14           (b) MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM RATE FOR PUR-  
15           POSES OF GUIDELINE PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7702(c)(3)(B)(iii) of  
17           such Code is amended by striking “an annual effec-  
18           tive rate of 6 percent” and inserting “the applicable  
19           guideline premium minimum rate”.

20           (2) APPLICABLE GUIDELINE PREMIUM MIN-  
21           IMUM RATE.—Section 7702(c)(3) of such Code is  
22           amended by adding at the end the following new  
23           subparagraph:

24                   “(E) APPLICABLE GUIDELINE PREMIUM  
25                   MINIMUM RATE.—For purposes of subpara-

1 graph (B)(iii), the term ‘applicable guideline  
2 premium minimum rate’ means the applicable  
3 accumulation test minimum rate (as defined in  
4 subsection (b)(3)) plus 2 percentage points.”.

5 (c) APPLICATION OF MODIFIED MINIMUM RATES TO  
6 DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE LEVEL PREMIUM.—Sec-  
7 tion 7702(c)(4) of such Code is amended—

8 (1) by striking “4 percent” and inserting “the  
9 applicable accumulation test minimum rate”, and

10 (2) by striking “6 percent” and inserting “the  
11 applicable guideline premium minimum rate”.

12 (d) INSURANCE INTEREST RATE.—Section 7702(f)  
13 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(11) INSURANCE INTEREST RATE.—For pur-  
16 poses of this section—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘insurance  
18 interest rate’ means, with respect to any con-  
19 tract issued in any calendar year, the lesser  
20 of—

21 “(i) the section 7702 valuation inter-  
22 est rate for such calendar year (or, if such  
23 calendar year is not an adjustment year,  
24 the most recent adjustment year), or

1           “(ii) the section 7702 applicable Fed-  
2           eral interest rate for such calendar year  
3           (or, if such calendar year is not an adjust-  
4           ment year, the most recent adjustment  
5           year).

6           “(B) SECTION 7702 VALUATION INTEREST  
7           RATE.—The term ‘section 7702 valuation inter-  
8           est rate’ means, with respect to any adjustment  
9           year, the prescribed U.S. valuation interest rate  
10          for life insurance with guaranteed durations of  
11          more than 20 years (as defined in the National  
12          Association of Insurance Commissioners’ Stand-  
13          ard Valuation Law) as effective in the calendar  
14          year immediately preceding such adjustment  
15          year.

16          “(C) SECTION 7702 APPLICABLE FEDERAL  
17          INTEREST RATE.—The term ‘section 7702 ap-  
18          plicable Federal interest rate’ means, with re-  
19          spect to any adjustment year, the average  
20          (rounded to the nearest whole percentage point)  
21          of the applicable Federal mid-term rates (as de-  
22          fined in section 1274(d) but based on annual  
23          compounding) effective as of the beginning of  
24          each of the calendar months in the most recent

1           60-month period ending before the second cal-  
2           endar year prior to such adjustment year.

3           “(D) ADJUSTMENT YEAR.—The term ‘ad-  
4           justment year’ means the calendar year fol-  
5           lowing any calendar year that includes the ef-  
6           fective date of a change in the prescribed U.S.  
7           valuation interest rate for life insurance with  
8           guaranteed durations of more than 20 years (as  
9           defined in the National Association of Insur-  
10          ance Commissioners’ Standard Valuation Law).

11          “(E) TRANSITION RULE.—Notwith-  
12          standing subparagraph (A), the insurance inter-  
13          est rate shall be 2 percent in the case of any  
14          contract which is issued during the period  
15          that—

16                  “(i) begins on January 1, 2021, and

17                  “(ii) ends immediately before the be-  
18                  ginning of the first adjustment year that  
19                  beings after December 31, 2021.”.

20          (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21          this section shall apply to contracts issued after December  
22          31, 2020.

1 **DIVISION E—CONTINUED AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED**  
3 **WORKERS**

4 **SEC. 50001. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEM-**  
5 **PLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(e) of the CARES  
7 Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(e) APPLICABILITY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An agreement entered into  
10 under this section shall apply to weeks of unemploy-  
11 ment—

12 “(A) beginning after the date on which  
13 such agreement is entered into; and

14 “(B) ending on or before January 31,  
15 2021.

16 “(2) TRANSITION RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS RE-  
17 MAINING ENTITLED TO REGULAR COMPENSATION AS  
18 OF JANUARY 31, 2021.—In the case of any individual  
19 who, as of the date specified in paragraph (1)(B),  
20 has not yet exhausted all rights to regular com-  
21 pensation under the State law of a State with re-  
22 spect to a benefit year that began before such date,  
23 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation  
24 shall continue to be payable to such individual for  
25 any week beginning on or after such date for which

1 the individual is otherwise eligible for regular com-  
2 pensation with respect to such benefit year.

3 “(3) TERMINATION.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of this subsection, no Federal Pan-  
5 demic Unemployment Compensation shall be payable  
6 for any week beginning after March 31, 2021.”.

7 (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF TRANSITION  
8 RULE.—Section 2104(g) of such Act is amended by in-  
9 serting “(except for subsection (e)(2))” after “the pre-  
10 ceding provisions of this section”.

11 (c) DISREGARD OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOY-  
12 MENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—Section  
13 2104(h) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

14 “(h) DISREGARD OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEM-  
15 PLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR PURPOSES OF ALL FED-  
16 ERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS.—A Federal  
17 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation payment shall  
18 not be regarded as income and shall not be regarded as  
19 a resource for the month of receipt and the following 9  
20 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of the  
21 recipient (or the recipient’s spouse or family) for benefits  
22 or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assist-  
23 ance, under any Federal program or under any State or  
24 local program financed in whole or in part with Federal  
25 funds.”.

1 **SEC. 50002. EXTENSION AND BENEFIT PHASEOUT RULE**  
2 **FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSIST-**  
3 **ANCE.**

4 Section 2102(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
5 136) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by striking “paragraph (2)” and in-  
8 serting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

9 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
10 “December 31, 2020” and inserting “January  
11 31, 2021”; and

12 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
13 graph (4); and

14 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(3) **TRANSITION RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS RE-**  
17 **MAINING ENTITLED TO PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT**  
18 **ASSISTANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021.—**

19 “(A) **IN GENERAL.—**In the case of any in-  
20 dividual who, as of the date specified in para-  
21 graph (1)(A)(ii), is receiving Pandemic Unem-  
22 ployment Assistance but has not yet exhausted  
23 all rights to such assistance under this section,  
24 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance shall con-  
25 tinue to be payable to such individual for any  
26 week beginning on or after such date for which



1 the individual is otherwise eligible for Pandemic  
2 Unemployment Assistance.

3 “(B) TERMINATION.—Notwithstanding  
4 any other provision of this subsection, no Pan-  
5 demic Unemployment Assistance shall be pay-  
6 able for any week beginning after March 31,  
7 2021.”.

8 **SEC. 50003. EXTENSION AND BENEFIT PHASEOUT RULE**  
9 **FOR PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOY-**  
10 **MENT COMPENSATION.**

11 Section 2107(g) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
12 136) is amended to read as follows:

13 “(g) APPLICABILITY.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An agreement entered into  
15 under this section shall apply to weeks of unemploy-  
16 ment—

17 “(A) beginning after the date on which  
18 such agreement is entered into; and

19 “(B) ending on or before January 31,  
20 2021.

21 “(2) TRANSITION RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS RE-  
22 MAINING ENTITLED TO PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UN-  
23 EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AS OF JANUARY 31,  
24 2021.—In the case of any individual who, as of the  
25 date specified in paragraph (1)(A)(ii), is receiving

1 Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation  
2 but has not yet exhausted all rights to such assist-  
3 ance under this section, Pandemic Emergency Un-  
4 employment Compensation shall continue to be pay-  
5 able to such individual for any week beginning on or  
6 after such date for which the individual is otherwise  
7 eligible for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment  
8 Compensation.

9 “(3) TERMINATION.—Notwithstanding any  
10 other provision of this subsection, no Pandemic  
11 Emergency Unemployment Compensation shall be  
12 payable for any week beginning after March 31,  
13 2021.”.

14 **SEC. 50004. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF**  
15 **THE FIRST WEEK OF COMPENSABLE REG-**  
16 **ULAR UNEMPLOYMENT FOR STATES WITH NO**  
17 **WAITING WEEK.**

18 Section 2105(e)(2) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
19 116–136) is amended by striking “December 31, 2020”  
20 and inserting “January 31, 2021”.

1 **SEC. 50005. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND TECH-**  
2 **NICAL CORRECTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL**  
3 **ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 Section 903(i)(1) of the Social Security Act, as added  
5 by section 2103 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136),  
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “during  
8 the applicable period” and inserting “with respect to  
9 the applicable period”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “section  
11 3309(a)(1)” and inserting “section 3309(a)”;

12 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “shall be  
13 used exclusively” and all that follows through the  
14 end and inserting “shall be used exclusively to re-  
15 duce the amounts required to be paid in lieu of con-  
16 tributions into the State unemployment fund pursu-  
17 ant to such section by governmental entities and  
18 other organizations described in section 3309(a) of  
19 such Code”; and

20 (4) in subparagraph (D), by striking “Decem-  
21 ber 31, 2020” and inserting “January 31, 2021”.

22 **SEC. 50006. REDUCTION OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BUR-**  
23 **DEN IN DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF**  
24 **PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.**

25 Section 2102(d) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
26 136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(4) STATE FLEXIBILITY IN ESTABLISHING IN-  
2           COME.—In determining the income of an individual  
3           for purposes of an application for assistance author-  
4           ized under subsection (b), a State may rely on such  
5           wage and self-employment data as the State may  
6           elect, including any applicable data with respect to  
7           an individual’s electronically mediated employment.”.

8   **SEC. 50007. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
9                                   **STATES WITH ADVANCES.**

10          Section 1202(b)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act  
11          (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)(10)(A)) is amended by striking “De-  
12          cember 31, 2020” and inserting “June 30, 2021”.

13   **SEC. 50008. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF EX-**  
14                                   **TENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**

15          Section 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
16          sponse Act (Public Law 116–127) is amended by striking  
17          “December 31, 2020” each place it appears and inserting  
18          “June 30, 2021”.

19   **SEC. 50009. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF**  
20                                   **SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN**  
21                                   **STATES WITH PROGRAMS IN LAW.**

22          Section 2108(b)(2) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
23          116–136) is amended by striking “December 31, 2020”  
24          and inserting “January 31, 2021”.

1 **SEC. 50010. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF**  
2 **SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS.**

3 Section 2109(d)(2) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
4 116–136) is amended by striking “December 31, 2020”  
5 and inserting “January 31, 2021”.

6 **SEC. 50011. GRACE PERIOD FOR FULL FINANCING OF**  
7 **SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 2108(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
9 136) is amended by striking “shall be eligible” and all that  
10 follows through the end and inserting the following: “

11 “shall be eligible—

12 “(1) for payments under subsection (a) for  
13 weeks of unemployment beginning after the effective  
14 date of such enactment; and

15 “(2) for an additional payment equal to the  
16 total amount of payments for which the State is eli-  
17 gible pursuant to an agreement under section 2109  
18 for weeks of unemployment before such effective  
19 date.”.

20 **DIVISION F—ASSISTANCE TO AG-**  
21 **RICULTURAL PRODUCERS**  
22 **AND OTHER MATTERS RELAT-**  
23 **ING TO AGRICULTURE**

24 **SEC. 60001. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this division:

1           (1) The term “COVID–19” means the disease  
2           caused by SARS–CoV–2, or any viral strain mutat-  
3           ing therefrom with pandemic potential.

4           (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
5           of Agriculture.

## 6           **TITLE I—LIVESTOCK**

### 7   **SEC. 60101. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FOR BENEFIT OF** 8           **UNPAID CASH SELLERS OF LIVESTOCK.**

9           The Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, is amended  
10          by inserting after section 317 (7 U.S.C. 217a) the fol-  
11          lowing new section:

#### 12   **“SEC. 318. STATUTORY TRUST ESTABLISHED; DEALER.**

13          “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—All livestock purchased by  
15               a dealer in cash sales and all inventories of, or re-  
16               ceivables or proceeds from, such livestock shall be  
17               held by such dealer in trust for the benefit of all un-  
18               paid cash sellers of such livestock until full payment  
19               has been received by such unpaid cash sellers.

20               “(2) EXEMPTION.—Any dealer whose average  
21               annual purchases of livestock do not exceed  
22               \$100,000 shall be exempt from the provisions of this  
23               section.

24               “(3) EFFECT OF DISHONORED INSTRU-  
25               MENTS.—For purposes of determining full payment

1 under paragraph (1), a payment to an unpaid cash  
2 seller shall not be considered to have been made if  
3 the unpaid cash seller receives a payment instrument  
4 that is dishonored.

5 “(b) PRESERVATION OF TRUST.—An unpaid cash  
6 seller shall lose the benefit of a trust under subsection (a)  
7 if the unpaid cash seller has not preserved the trust by  
8 giving written notice to the dealer involved and filing such  
9 notice with the Secretary—

10 “(1) within 30 days of the final date for mak-  
11 ing a payment under section 409 in the event that  
12 a payment instrument has not been received; or

13 “(2) within 15 business days after the date on  
14 which the seller receives notice that the payment in-  
15 strument promptly presented for payment has been  
16 dishonored.

17 “(c) NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS.—When a dealer re-  
18 ceives notice under subsection (b) of the unpaid cash sell-  
19 er’s intent to preserve the benefits of the trust, the dealer  
20 shall, within 15 business days, give notice to all persons  
21 who have recorded a security interest in, or lien on, the  
22 livestock held in such trust.

23 “(d) CASH SALES DEFINED.—For the purpose of  
24 this section, a cash sale means a sale in which the seller  
25 does not expressly extend credit to the buyer.

1       “(e) PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK SUBJECT TO  
2 TRUST.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person purchasing live-  
4 stock subject to a dealer trust shall receive good title  
5 to the livestock if the person receives the livestock—

6                       “(A) in exchange for payment of new  
7 value; and

8                       “(B) in good faith without notice that the  
9 transfer is a breach of trust.

10               “(2) DISHONORED PAYMENT INSTRUMENT.—

11 Payment shall not be considered to have been made  
12 if a payment instrument given in exchange for the  
13 livestock is dishonored.

14               “(3) TRANSFER IN SATISFACTION OF ANTE-  
15 CEDENT DEBT.—A transfer of livestock subject to a  
16 dealer trust is not for value if the transfer is in sat-  
17 isfaction of an antecedent debt or to a secured party  
18 pursuant to a security agreement.

19               “(f) ENFORCEMENT.—Whenever the Secretary has  
20 reason to believe that a dealer subject to this section has  
21 failed to perform the duties required by this section or  
22 whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that it will  
23 be in the best interest of unpaid cash sellers, the Secretary  
24 shall do one or more of the following—



1           “(1) appoint an independent trustee to carry  
2 out the duties required by this section, preserve  
3 trust assets, and enforce the trust;

4           “(2) serve as independent trustee, preserve  
5 trust assets, and enforce the trust; or

6           “(3) file suit in the United States district court  
7 for the district in which the dealer resides to enjoin  
8 the dealer’s failure to perform the duties required by  
9 this section, preserve trust assets, and to enforce the  
10 trust. Attorneys employed by the Secretary may,  
11 with the approval of the Attorney General, represent  
12 the Secretary in any such suit. Nothing herein shall  
13 preclude unpaid sellers from filing suit to preserve  
14 or enforce the trust.”.

15 **SEC. 60102. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR MARKET-READY**  
16 **LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY LOSSES.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make pay-  
18 ments to covered producers to offset the losses of income  
19 related to the intentional depopulation of market-ready  
20 livestock and poultry due to insufficient access to meat  
21 and poultry processing related to the COVID–19 public  
22 health emergency, as determined by the Secretary.

23           (b) PAYMENT RATE FOR COVERED PRODUCERS.—

24           (1) PAYMENTS FOR FIRST 30-DAY PERIOD.—

25           For a period of 30 days beginning, with respect to

1 a covered producer, on the initial date of depopula-  
2 tion described in subsection (a) of the market-ready  
3 livestock or poultry of the covered producer, the Sec-  
4 retary shall reimburse such covered producer for 85  
5 percent of the value of losses as determined under  
6 subsection (c).

7 (2) SUBSEQUENT 30-DAY PERIODS.—For each  
8 30-day period subsequent to the 30-day period de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall reduce  
10 the value of the losses as determined under sub-  
11 section (c) with respect to a covered producer by 10  
12 percent.

13 (3) MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PAYMENT.—In no  
14 case shall the amount of payments received by a pro-  
15 ducer under this section and section 60306 exceed  
16 100 percent of the loss of such producer.

17 (c) VALUATION.—In calculating the amount of losses  
18 for purposes of the payment rates under subsection (b),  
19 the Secretary shall use the average fair market value, as  
20 determined by the Secretary in collaboration with the  
21 Chief Economist of the Department of Agriculture and the  
22 Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, for  
23 market-ready livestock, where applicable, and market-  
24 ready poultry, where applicable, during the period begin-  
25 ning March 1, 2020, and ending on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this section. In no case shall a payment made  
2 under subsection (b) exceed the average market value of  
3 market-ready livestock or poultry on the date of depopula-  
4 tion.

5 (d) PACKER-OWNED ANIMALS EXCLUDED.—The Sec-  
6 retary may not make payments under this section for the  
7 losses of packer-owned animals.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED PRODUCER.—The term “covered  
10 producer” means a person or legal entity that as-  
11 sumes the production and market risks associated  
12 with the agricultural production of livestock and  
13 poultry (as such terms are defined in section 2(a) of  
14 the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C.  
15 183(a)).

16 (2) PACKER.—The term “packer” has the  
17 meaning given the term in section 201 of the Pack-  
18 ers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 191).

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (f) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of any  
22 funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such  
23 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 60103. ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGE-**  
2 **MENT RESPONSE.**

3 Out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise  
4 appropriated, there is appropriated to carry out section  
5 10409A of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C.  
6 8308A) \$300,000,000, to remain available until expended.

7 **TITLE II—DAIRY**

8 **SEC. 60201. DAIRY DIRECT DONATION PROGRAM.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) ELIGIBLE DAIRY ORGANIZATION.—The term  
11 “eligible dairy organization” is defined in section  
12 1431(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.  
13 9071(a)).

14 (2) ELIGIBLE DISTRIBUTOR.—The term “eligi-  
15 ble distributor” means a public or private nonprofit  
16 organization that distributes donated eligible dairy  
17 products to recipient individuals and families.

18 (3) ELIGIBLE DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The term  
19 “eligible dairy products” means products primarily  
20 made from milk produced and processed within a  
21 Federal Milk Marketing Order.

22 (4) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term “eligi-  
23 ble partnership” means a partnership between an el-  
24 ible dairy organization and an eligible distributor.

25 (b) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES.—Not later  
26 than 45 days after the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary shall establish and administer a direct dairy dona-  
2 tion program for the purposes of—

3 (1) facilitating the timely donation of eligible  
4 dairy products and

5 (2) preventing and minimizing food waste.

6 (c) DONATION AND DISTRIBUTION PLANS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive re-  
8 imbursement under this section, an eligible partner-  
9 ship shall submit to the Secretary a donation and  
10 distribution plan that describes the process that the  
11 eligible partnership will use for the donation, proc-  
12 essing, transportation, temporary storage, and dis-  
13 tribution of eligible dairy products.

14 (2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL.—No later than 15  
15 business days after receiving a plan described in  
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

17 (A) review such plan; and

18 (B) issue an approval or disapproval of  
19 such plan.

20 (d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of appropriate  
22 documentation under paragraph (2), the Secretary  
23 shall reimburse an eligible dairy organization at a  
24 rate equal to the current Class I milk price multi-

1       plied by the volume of milk required to make the do-  
2       nated product.

3           (2) SPECIAL CASE.—In the case of donated  
4       Class I products, the Secretary shall reimburse an  
5       eligible dairy organization at a rate equal to the cur-  
6       rent Class I milk price plus 5 percent multiplied by  
7       the volume of milk required to make the donated  
8       Class I product.

9           (3) DOCUMENTATION.—

10           (A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible dairy orga-  
11       nization shall submit to the Secretary such doc-  
12       umentation as the Secretary may require to  
13       demonstrate the eligible dairy product produc-  
14       tion and donation to the eligible distributor.

15           (B) VERIFICATION.—The Secretary may  
16       verify the accuracy of documentation submitted.

17           (3) RETROACTIVE REIMBURSEMENT.—In pro-  
18       viding reimbursements under paragraph (1), the  
19       Secretary may provide reimbursements for milk  
20       costs incurred before the date on which the donation  
21       and distribution plan for the applicable participating  
22       partnership was approved by the Secretary.

23           (e) PROHIBITION ON RESALE OF PRODUCTS.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible distributor that  
25       receives eligible dairy products donated under this

1 section may not sell the products into commercial  
2 markets.

3 (2) PROHIBITION ON FUTURE PARTICIPA-  
4 TION.—An eligible distributor that the Secretary de-  
5 termines has violated paragraph (1) shall not be eli-  
6 gible for any future participation in the program es-  
7 tablished under this section.

8 (f) REVIEWS.—The Secretary shall conduct appro-  
9 priate reviews or audits to ensure the integrity of the pro-  
10 gram established under this section.

11 (g) PUBLICATION OF DONATION ACTIVITY.—The  
12 Secretary, acting through the Agricultural Marketing  
13 Service, shall publish on the publicly accessible website of  
14 such agency periodic reports containing donation activity  
15 under this section.

16 (h) SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a  
18 supplemental reimbursement to an eligible dairy or-  
19 ganization for an approved donation and distribution  
20 plan in accordance with the milk donation program  
21 established under section 1431 of the Agricultural  
22 Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9071).

23 (2) REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATION.—A sup-  
24 plemental reimbursement described in paragraph (1)  
25 shall be equal to the value of—

- 1 (A) the sum of—  
2 (i) the Class IV milk price for the ap-  
3 plicable month, plus  
4 (ii) 5 percent of the Class I price for  
5 the applicable month, multiplied by  
6 (B) the volume of eligible milk under such  
7 approved donation plan.

8 (i) FUNDING.—Out of any amounts of the Treasury  
9 not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to carry  
10 out this section \$500,000,000, to remain available until  
11 expended.

12 **SEC. 60202. SUPPLEMENTAL DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE**  
13 **PAYMENTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide sup-  
15 plemental dairy margin coverage payments to eligible  
16 dairy operations described in subsection (b)(1) whenever  
17 the average actual dairy production margin (as defined in  
18 section 1401 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.  
19 9051)) for a month is less than the coverage level thresh-  
20 old selected by such eligible dairy operation under such  
21 section 1406.

22 (b) ELIGIBLE DAIRY OPERATION DESCRIBED.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible dairy operation  
24 described in this subsection is a dairy operation  
25 that—



1 (A) is located in the United States; and

2 (B) during a calendar year in which such  
3 dairy operation is a participating dairy oper-  
4 ation (as defined in section 1401 of the Agricul-  
5 tural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9051)), has a pro-  
6 duction history established under the dairy  
7 margin coverage program under section 1405 of  
8 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9055)  
9 of less than 5 million pounds, as determined in  
10 accordance with subsection (c) of such section  
11 1405.

12 (2) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible  
13 dairy operation shall only be eligible for payments  
14 under this section during a calendar year in which  
15 such eligible dairy operation is enrolled in the dairy  
16 margin coverage (as defined in section 1401 of the  
17 Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9051)).

18 (c) SUPPLEMENTAL PRODUCTION HISTORY CAL-  
19 CULATION.—For purposes of determining the production  
20 history of an eligible dairy operation under this section,  
21 such dairy operation’s production history shall be equal  
22 to—

23 (1) the production volume of such dairy oper-  
24 ation for the 2019 milk marketing year; minus

1           (2) the dairy margin coverage production his-  
2           tory of such dairy operation established under sec-  
3           tion 1405 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.  
4           9055).

5           (d) COVERAGE PERCENTAGE.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of calculating  
7           payments to be issued under this section during a  
8           calendar year, an eligible dairy operation’s coverage  
9           percentage shall be equal to the coverage percentage  
10          selected by such eligible dairy operation with respect  
11          to such calendar year under section 1406 of the Ag-  
12          ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9056).

13          (2) 5-MILLION POUND LIMITATION.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not  
15           provide supplemental dairy margin coverage on  
16           an eligible dairy operation’s actual production  
17           for a calendar year such that the total covered  
18           production history of such dairy operation ex-  
19           ceeds 5 million pounds.

20           (B) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—In cal-  
21           culating the total covered production history of  
22           an eligible dairy operation under subparagraph  
23           (A), the Secretary shall multiply the coverage  
24           percentage selected by such operation under

1 section 1406 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7  
2 U.S.C. 9056) by the sum of—

3 (i) the supplemental production his-  
4 tory calculated under subsection (c) with  
5 respect to such dairy operation; and

6 (ii) the dairy margin coverage produc-  
7 tion history described in subsection (e)(2)  
8 with respect to such dairy operation.

9 (e) PREMIUM COST.—The premium cost for an eligi-  
10 ble dairy operation under this section for a calendar year  
11 shall be equal to the product of multiplying—

12 (1) the Tier I premium cost calculated with re-  
13 spect to such dairy operation for such year under  
14 section 1407(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7  
15 U.S.C. 9057(b)); by

16 (2) the production history calculation with re-  
17 spect to such dairy operation determined under sub-  
18 section (c) (such that total covered production his-  
19 tory does not exceed 5 million pounds).

20 (f) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 45 days after the  
21 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
22 issue regulations to carry out this section.

23 (g) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO DAIRY MARGIN  
24 COVERAGE ENROLLMENT.—The Secretary may not re-  
25 open or otherwise provide a special enrollment for dairy

1 margin coverage (as defined in section 1401 of the Agri-  
2 cultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9051)) for purposes of es-  
3 tablishing eligibility for supplemental dairy margin cov-  
4 erage payments under this section.

5 (h) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR  
6 YEAR 2020.—The Secretary shall make payments under  
7 this section to eligible dairy operations described in sub-  
8 section (b)(1) for months after and including January,  
9 2020.

10 (i) SUNSET.—The authority to make payments under  
11 this section shall terminate on December 31, 2023.

12 (j) FUNDING.—Out of any amounts in the Treasury  
13 not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to carry  
14 out this section such sums as may be necessary.

15 **SEC. 60203. RECOURSE LOAN PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL**  
16 **PROCESSORS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make re-  
18 course loans available to qualified applicants during the  
19 COVID–19 pandemic.

20 (b) AMOUNT OF LOAN.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—A recourse loan made under  
22 this section shall be provided to qualified applicants  
23 up to the value of the eligible dairy product inven-  
24 tory of the applicant as determined by the Secretary  
25 and consistent with subsection (c).

1           (2) VALUATION.—For purposes of making re-  
2           course loans under this section, the Secretary shall  
3           conduct eligible dairy product valuations to provide,  
4           to the maximum extent practicable, funds to con-  
5           tinue the operations of qualified applicants.

6           (c) INVENTORY USED AS COLLATERAL.—Eligible  
7           dairy product inventory used as collateral for the recourse  
8           loan program under this section shall be pledged on a ro-  
9           tating basis to prevent spoilage of perishable products.

10          (d) TERM OF LOAN.—A recourse loan under this sec-  
11          tion may be made for a period as determined by the Sec-  
12          retary, except that no such recourse loan may end after  
13          the date that is 24 months after the date of the enactment  
14          of this section.

15          (e) FUNDING.—Out of any amounts in the Treasury  
16          not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to carry  
17          out this section \$500,000,000.

18          (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19               (1) ELIGIBLE DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The term  
20               “eligible dairy products” means all dairy products  
21               whether in base commodity or finished product form.

22               (2) QUALIFIED APPLICANT.—The term “quali-  
23               fied applicant” means any commercial processors,  
24               packagers, merchants, marketers, wholesalers, and

1 distributors of eligible dairy products impacted by  
2 COVID–19.

3 **SEC. 60204. DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE PREMIUM DIS-**  
4 **COUNT FOR 3-YEAR SIGNUP.**

5 The Secretary shall provide a 15 percent discount for  
6 the premiums described in subsections (b) and (c) of sec-  
7 tion 1407 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9051)  
8 and the premium described in section 60202(e) for a dairy  
9 operation (as defined in 1401 of such Act (7 U.S.C.  
10 9051)) that makes a 1-time, three-year election to enroll  
11 in dairy margin coverage under part I of subtitle D of  
12 such Act for calendar years 2021 through 2023.

13 **TITLE III—SPECIALTY CROPS**  
14 **AND OTHER COMMODITIES**

15 **SEC. 60301. SUPPORT FOR SPECIALTY CROP SECTOR.**

16 Section 101(l) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness  
17 Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note) is amended by adding  
18 at the end the following:

19 “(3) COVID–19 OUTBREAK RELIEF.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
21 make grants to States eligible to receive a grant  
22 under this section to assist State efforts to sup-  
23 port the specialty crop sector for impacts re-  
24 lated to the COVID–19 public health emer-  
25 gency.

1           “(B) FUNDING.—There is appropriated,  
2           out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise  
3           appropriated, to carry out subparagraph (A)  
4           not less than \$100,000,000, to remain available  
5           until expended.”.

6 **SEC. 60302. SUPPORT FOR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL MAR-**  
7           **KETS.**

8           Section 210A(i) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of  
9           1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(d)) is amended by adding at the  
10          end the following:

11           “(4) GRANTS FOR COVID–19 LOSSES.—

12           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to grants  
13           made under the preceding provisions of this  
14           subsection, the Secretary shall make grants to  
15           eligible entities specified in paragraphs (5)(B)  
16           and (6)(B) of subsection (d) to provide assist-  
17           ance in response to the COVID–19 pandemic.

18           “(B) MATCHING FUNDS APPLICABILITY.—  
19           The Secretary may not require a recipient of a  
20           grant under subparagraph (A) to provide any  
21           nonFederal matching funds.

22           “(F) FUNDING.—There is appropriated,  
23           out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise  
24           appropriated, to carry out this paragraph,

1           \$50,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
2           pended.”.

3 **SEC. 60303. SUPPORT FOR FARMING OPPORTUNITIES**  
4           **TRAINING AND OUTREACH.**

5           Section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,  
6 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

8           “(m) **ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**—

9           “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall make  
10 grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or  
11 contracts with, eligible entities specified in sub-  
12 section (c)(1) or entities eligible for grants under  
13 subsection (d) to provide training, outreach, and  
14 technical assistance on operations, financing, and  
15 marketing to beginning farmers and ranchers, so-  
16 cially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and vet-  
17 eran farmers and ranchers.

18           “(2) **MATCHING FUNDS APPLICABILITY.**—The  
19 Secretary may not require a recipient of a grant  
20 under this subsection to provide any nonFederal  
21 matching funds.

22           “(3) **FUNDING.**—There is appropriated, out of  
23 any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
24 priated, to carry out this subsection, \$50,000,000, to  
25 remain available until expended.”.



1 **SEC. 60304. SUPPORT FOR FARM STRESS PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants  
3 to State departments of agriculture (or such equivalent  
4 department) to expand or sustain stress assistance pro-  
5 grams for individuals who are engaged in farming, ranch-  
6 ing, and other agriculture-related occupations, including—

7 (1) programs that meet the criteria specified in  
8 section 7522(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation, and  
9 Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 5936(b)(1)); and

10 (2) any State initiatives carried out as of the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act that provide stress  
12 assistance for such individuals.

13 (b) GRANT TIMING AND AMOUNT.—In making grants  
14 under subsection (a), not later than 60 days after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act and subject to subsection (c),  
16 the Secretary shall—

17 (1) make awards to States submitting State  
18 plans that meet the criteria specified in paragraph  
19 (1)(A) of such subsection within the time period  
20 specified by the Secretary, in an amount not to ex-  
21 ceed, \$500,000 for each State; and

22 (2) of the amounts made available under sub-  
23 section (f), allocate among such States, an amount  
24 to be determined by the Secretary.

25 (c) STATE PLAN.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—A State department of agri-  
2           culture seeking a grant under subsection (b) shall  
3           submit to the Secretary a State plan to expand or  
4           sustain stress assistance programs described in sub-  
5           section (a) that includes—

6                   (A) a description of each activity and the  
7                   estimated amount of funding to support each  
8                   program and activity carried out through such  
9                   a program;

10                   (B) an estimated timeline for the operation  
11                   of each such program and activity;

12                   (C) the total amount of funding sought;  
13                   and

14                   (D) an assurance that the State depart-  
15                   ment of agriculture will comply with the report-  
16                   ing requirement under subsection (e).

17           (2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 20 days after  
18           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19           shall issue guidance for States with respect to the  
20           submission of a State plan under paragraph (1) and  
21           the allocation criteria under subsection (b).

22           (3) REALLOCATION.—If, after the first grants  
23           are awarded pursuant to allocation under subsection  
24           (b), any funds made available under subsection (f)

1 to carry out this subsection remain unobligated, the  
2 Secretary shall—

3 (A) inform States that submit plans as de-  
4 scribed in subsection (b), of such availability;  
5 and

6 (B) reallocate such funds among such  
7 States, as the Secretary determines to be ap-  
8 propriate and equitable.

9 (d) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary may issue  
10 guidance to encourage State departments of agriculture  
11 to use funds provided under this section to support pro-  
12 grams described in subsection (a) that are operated by—

13 (1) Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the  
14 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
15 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304));

16 (2) State cooperative extension services; and

17 (3) nongovernmental organizations.

18 (e) REPORTING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19 public health emergency declared under section 319 of the  
20 Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January  
21 31, 2020, is terminated, each State receiving additional  
22 grants under subsection (b) shall submit a report to the  
23 Secretary describing—

24 (1) the activities conducted using such funds;

1           (2) the amount of funds used to support each  
2 such activity; and

3           (3) the estimated number of individuals served  
4 by each such activity.

5           (f) FUNDING.—Out of any money not otherwise ap-  
6 propriated, there is appropriated to carry out this section  
7 \$28,000,000, to remain available until expended.

8           (g) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
9 “State” means—

10           (1) a State;

11           (2) the District of Columbia;

12           (3) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

13           (4) any other territory or possession of the  
14 United States.

15 **SEC. 60305. SUPPORT FOR PROCESSED COMMODITIES.**

16           (a) RENEWABLE FUEL REIMBURSEMENT PRO-  
17 GRAM.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make  
19 payments in accordance with this subsection to eligi-  
20 ble entities that experienced unexpected market  
21 losses as a result of the COVID–19 pandemic during  
22 the applicable period.

23           (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (A) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—The term “ap-  
2 plicable period” means January 1, 2020,  
3 through May 1, 2020.

4 (B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible  
5 entity” means any domestic entity or facility  
6 that produced any qualified fuel in the calendar  
7 year 2019.

8 (C) QUALIFIED FUEL.—The term “quali-  
9 fied fuel” means any advanced biofuel, biomass-  
10 based diesel, cellulosic biofuel, conventional  
11 biofuel, or renewable fuel, as such terms are de-  
12 fined in section 211(o)(1) of the Clean Air Act  
13 (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(1)), that is produced in the  
14 United States.

15 (3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of the  
16 payment payable to an eligible entity shall be the  
17 sum of—

18 (A) \$0.45 multiplied by the number of gal-  
19 lons of qualified fuel produced by the eligible  
20 entity during the applicable period; and

21 (B) if the Secretary determines that the el-  
22 igible entity was unable to produce any quali-  
23 fied fuel throughout 1 or more calendar months  
24 during the applicable period due to the  
25 COVID–19 pandemic, \$0.45 multiplied by 50

1           percent of the number of gallons produced by  
2           the eligible entity in the corresponding month  
3           or months in calendar year 2019.

4           (4) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
5           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6           shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the  
7           House of Representatives and the Committee on Ag-  
8           riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a  
9           report on the payments made under this subsection,  
10          including the identity of each payment recipient and  
11          the amount of the payment paid to the payment re-  
12          cipient.

13          (5) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of  
14          any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
15          priated, such sums as may be necessary for pay-  
16          ments to eligible entities under this subsection.

17          (6) ADMINISTRATION.—

18                 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use  
19                 the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Com-  
20                 modity Credit Corporation to carry out this  
21                 subsection.

22                 (B) REGULATIONS.—

23                         (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise  
24                         provided in this subsection, not later than  
25                         30 days after the date of the enactment of

1           this Act, the Secretary and the Commodity  
2           Credit Corporation, as appropriate, shall  
3           prescribe such regulations as are necessary  
4           to carry out this subsection.

5                   (ii) PROCEDURE.—The promulgation  
6           of regulations under, and administration  
7           of, this subsection shall be made without  
8           regard to—

9                           (I) the notice and comment pro-  
10           visions of section 553 of title 5,  
11           United States Code; and

12                           (II) chapter 35 of title 44,  
13           United States Code (commonly known  
14           as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

15           (b) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR TEXTILE  
16           MILLS.—

17                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make  
18           emergency assistance available to domestic users of  
19           upland cotton and extra long staple cotton in the  
20           form of a payment in an amount determined under  
21           paragraph (2), regardless of the origin of such up-  
22           land cotton or extra long staple cotton, during the  
23           10-month period beginning on March 1, 2020.

24                   (2) CALCULATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The  
25           amount of the assistance provided under paragraph

1 (1) to a domestic user described in such paragraph  
2 shall be equal to 10 multiplied by the product of—

3 (A) the domestic user’s historical monthly  
4 average consumption; and

5 (B) 6 cents per pound so consumed.

6 (3) ALLOWABLE USE.—Any emergency assist-  
7 ance provided under this section shall be made avail-  
8 able only to domestic users of upland cotton and  
9 extra long staple cotton that certify that the assist-  
10 ance shall be used only for operating expenses.

11 (4) HISTORICAL MONTHLY AVERAGE CONSUMP-  
12 TION DEFINED.—The term “historical monthly aver-  
13 age consumption” means the average consumption  
14 for each month occurring during the period begin-  
15 ning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December  
16 31, 2019.

17 (5) SUNSET.—The Secretary may not provide  
18 emergency assistance under this section on or after  
19 December 31, 2020.

20 (6) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of  
21 any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
22 priated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out  
23 this subsection.



1 **SEC. 60306. DIRECT PAYMENTS TO AGRICULTURAL PRO-**  
2 **DUCERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make direct  
4 payments to producers of specialty crops, livestock, and  
5 other commodities, to cover losses in response to the  
6 COVID–19 pandemic.

7 (b) PAYMENT CALCULATIONS.—Payment under sub-  
8 section (a), shall be calculated as follows:

9 (1) SPECIALTY CROPS, LIVESTOCK, AND OTHER  
10 COMMODITIES COVERED BY CORONAVIRUS FOOD AS-  
11 SISTANCE PROGRAM.—In the case of losses of spe-  
12 cialty crops, livestock, and other commodities in-  
13 curred during the first quarter of calendar year  
14 2020 and eligible to receive direct payments under  
15 the Department of Agriculture’s final rule for the  
16 Coronavirus Food Assistance program of the De-  
17 partment of Agriculture, payments under subsection  
18 (a) shall be made to producers to ensure that they  
19 are compensated for 85 percent of the second quar-  
20 ter actual losses estimated by the Secretary.

21 (2) SPECIALTY CROPS, LIVESTOCK, AND OTHER  
22 COMMODITIES NOT COVERED BY CORONAVIRUS FOOD  
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—In the case of losses of spe-  
24 cialty crops, livestock, and other commodities for  
25 which a producer is ineligible to receive direct pay-  
26 ments under the program referred to in paragraph

1 (1), payments under subsection (a) shall be equal to  
2 85 percent of the actual losses estimated by the Sec-  
3 retary for the first and second quarters of calendar  
4 year 2020 for their commodity.

5 (c) ADJUSTMENT.—In calculating the amount of a  
6 payment under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall ac-  
7 count for price differentiation factors for a given com-  
8 modity based on location, specialized varieties, and farm-  
9 ing practices such as certified organic products, by  
10 using—

11 (1) differentiated prices, as determined by the  
12 Risk Management Agency for purposes of the Fed-  
13 eral crop insurance program under the Federal Crop  
14 Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), when avail-  
15 able; and

16 (2) other data from the Department of Agri-  
17 culture and colleges and universities, to determine  
18 estimated prices.

19 (d) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATIONS.—A  
20 payment under this section shall be deemed to be a cov-  
21 ered benefit under section 1001D(b)(2) of the Food Secu-  
22 rity Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(b)(2)), unless at least  
23 75 percent of the adjusted gross income of the recipient  
24 of the payment is derived from farming, ranching, or for-  
25 estry-related activities.

1       (e) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall begin making  
2 payments under subsection (a) not later than 60 days  
3 after the date of the enactment of this section.

4       (f) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of any  
5 funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry  
6 out this section \$16,500,000,000, to remain available until  
7 December 31, 2020.

8       (g) NOTIFICATION.—Any obligation or expenditure  
9 under this section shall be subject to the requirements de-  
10 scribed in section 20 of the Commodity Credit Corporation  
11 Charter Act, as added by section 60402.

12       (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
14 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House  
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-  
16 trition, and Forestry of the Senate a report specifying how  
17 price losses were calculated for each crop and crop dif-  
18 ferentiation factor, and evaluating the implementation,  
19 costs, and general effectiveness of this section and the  
20 Coronavirus Food Assistance program of the Department  
21 of Agriculture.

1    **TITLE IV—COMMODITY CREDIT**  
2                    **CORPORATION**

3    **SEC. 60401. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

4            Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Char-  
5    ter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) is amended by redesignating sub-  
6    section (h) as subsection (j) and inserting the following:

7            “(h) Remove and dispose of or aid in the removal or  
8    disposition of surplus livestock and poultry due to signifi-  
9    cant supply chain interruption during an emergency pe-  
10   riod.

11           “(i) Aid agricultural processing plants to ensure sup-  
12   ply chain continuity during an emergency period.”.

13   **SEC. 60402. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**

14           The Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15  
15   U.S.C. 714 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
16   following new section:

17   **“SEC. 20. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION AND OVERSIGHT**  
18                    **ON SPENDING.**

19           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall notify in  
20   writing, by first-class mail and electronic mail, the Com-  
21   mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and  
22   the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of  
23   the Senate at least 90 calendar days (not counting any  
24   day on which both the House of Representatives and Sen-

1 ate are not in session) in advance of any obligation or ex-  
2 penditure authorized under this Act.

3 “(b) WRITTEN NOTICE.—A written notice required  
4 under subsection (a) shall specify—

5 “(1) the commodities that will be affected;

6 “(2) the maximum financial benefit per com-  
7 modity;

8 “(3) the nature of the support, including—

9 “(A) direct payments;

10 “(B) technical and financial assistance;

11 “(C) marketing assistance; and

12 “(D) purchases;

13 “(4) the expected legal entities or individuals  
14 that would receive financial benefits;

15 “(5) the intended policy goals;

16 “(6) the legal justification specifying the au-  
17 thority of this Act utilized; and

18 “(7) the projected impacts to commodity mar-  
19 kets.

20 “(c) MONITORING OR OVERSIGHT.—The Comptroller  
21 General of the United States shall conduct monitoring and  
22 oversight of the exercise of authorities, the receipt, dis-  
23 bursement, and use of funds for which a report is required  
24 under subsection (a).

1       “(d) REPORTS.—In conducting monitoring and over-  
2 sight under subsection (c), the Comptroller General shall  
3 publish reports regarding the ongoing monitoring and  
4 oversight efforts, which, along with any audits and inves-  
5 tigation conducted by the Comptroller General, shall be  
6 submitted to the Committee on Agriculture of the House  
7 of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-  
8 trition, and Forestry of the Senate and posted on the  
9 website of the Government Accountability Office—

10           “(1) not later than 90 days after the initial ob-  
11 ligation or expenditure of funds subject to subsection  
12 (a), and every other month thereafter for as long as  
13 such obligations or expenditures continue; and

14           “(2) submit to the Committee on Agriculture of  
15 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
16 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate  
17 additional reports as warranted by the findings of  
18 the monitoring and oversight activities of the Comp-  
19 troller General.

20       “(e) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

21           “(1) RIGHT OF ACCESS.—In conducting moni-  
22 toring and oversight activities under subsection (c),  
23 the Comptroller General shall have access to records,  
24 upon request, of any Federal, State, or local agency,  
25 contractor, grantee, recipient, or subrecipient per-

1 taining to any obligations or expenditures subject to  
2 subsection (a), including private entities receiving  
3 such assistance.

4 “(2) COPIES.—The Comptroller General may  
5 make and retain copies of any records accessed  
6 under paragraph (1) as the Comptroller General de-  
7 termines appropriate.

8 “(3) INTERVIEWS.—In addition to such other  
9 authorities as are available, the Comptroller General  
10 or a designee of the Comptroller General may inter-  
11 view Federal, State, or local officials, contractor  
12 staff, grantee staff, recipients, or subrecipients per-  
13 taining to any obligations or expenditures subject to  
14 subsection (a), including private entities receiving  
15 such assistance.

16 “(4) INSPECTION OF FACILITIES.—As deter-  
17 mined necessary by the Comptroller General, the  
18 Government Accountability Office may inspect facili-  
19 ties at which Federal, State, or local officials, con-  
20 tractor staff, grantee staff, or recipients or sub-  
21 recipients carry out their responsibilities related to  
22 obligations or expenditures subject to subsection (a).

23 “(5) ENFORCEMENT.—Access rights under this  
24 subsection shall be subject to enforcement consistent  
25 with section 716 of title 31, United States Code.

1       “(f) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITY.—  
2 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, amend,  
3 supersede, or restrict in any manner any existing author-  
4 ity of the Comptroller General.

5       “(g) EXCEPTION TO WAITING PERIOD.—Subsection  
6 (a) shall not apply if, prior to obligating or spending any  
7 funding described in such subsection, the Secretary ob-  
8 tains approval in writing from at least three of the fol-  
9 lowing individuals—

10           “(1) the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture  
11           of the House of Representatives,

12           “(2) the Ranking Member of the Committee on  
13           Agriculture of the House of Representatives,

14           “(3) the Chair of the Committee on Agri-  
15           culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and

16           “(4) the Ranking Member of the Committee on  
17           Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

18       “(h) EXCLUSION FOR PREEXISTING AUTHORIZA-  
19 TIONS.—This section shall not apply to obligations and ex-  
20 penditures authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act  
21 of 2018 (Public Law 115–334).”.



1           **TITLE V—CONSERVATION**

2   **SEC. 60501. EMERGENCY SOIL HEALTH AND INCOME PRO-**  
3           **TECTION PILOT PROGRAM.**

4           (a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE LAND.—In this sec-  
5 tion, the term “eligible land” means cropland that—

6               (1) is selected by the owner or operator of the  
7 land for proposed enrollment in the pilot program  
8 under this section; and

9               (2) as determined by the Secretary, had a crop-  
10 ping history or was considered to be planted during  
11 each of the 3 crop years preceding enrollment.

12           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

13               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish  
14 a voluntary emergency soil health and income pro-  
15 tection pilot program under which eligible land is en-  
16 rolled through the use of contracts to assist owners  
17 and operators of eligible land to conserve and im-  
18 prove the soil, water, and wildlife resources of the el-  
19 igible land.

20               (2) DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION.—Eligible  
21 land may be enrolled in the program under this sec-  
22 tion through December 31, 2021.

23           (c) CONTRACTS.—

24               (1) REQUIREMENTS.—A contract described in  
25 subsection (b) shall—

1 (A) be entered into by the Secretary, the  
2 owner of the eligible land, and (if applicable)  
3 the operator of the eligible land; and

4 (B) provide that, during the term of the  
5 contract—

6 (i) the lowest practicable cost peren-  
7 nial conserving use cover crop for the eligi-  
8 ble land, as determined by the applicable  
9 State conservationist after considering the  
10 advice of the applicable State technical  
11 committee, shall be planted on the eligible  
12 land;

13 (ii) subject to paragraph (4), the eligi-  
14 ble land may be harvested for seed, hayed,  
15 or grazed outside the primary nesting sea-  
16 son established for the applicable county;

17 (iii) the eligible land may be eligible  
18 for a walk-in access program of the appli-  
19 cable State, if any; and

20 (iv) a nonprofit wildlife organization  
21 may provide to the owner or operator of  
22 the eligible land a payment in exchange for  
23 an agreement by the owner or operator not  
24 to harvest the conserving use cover.

25 (2) PAYMENTS.—

1 (A) RENTAL RATE.—Except as provided in  
2 paragraph (4)(B)(ii), the annual rental rate for  
3 a payment under a contract described in sub-  
4 section (b) shall be \$70 per acre.

5 (B) ADVANCE PAYMENT.—At the request  
6 of the owner and (if applicable) the operator of  
7 the eligible land, the Secretary shall make all  
8 rental payments under a contract entered into  
9 under this section within 30 days of entering  
10 into such contract.

11 (C) COST SHARE PAYMENTS.—A contract  
12 described in subsection (b) shall provide that,  
13 during the term of the contract, the Secretary  
14 shall pay, of the actual cost of establishment of  
15 the conserving use cover crop under paragraph  
16 (1)(B)(i), not more than \$30 per acre.

17 (3) TERM.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
19 subparagraph (B), each contract described in  
20 subsection (b) shall be for a term of 3 years.

21 (B) EARLY TERMINATION.—

22 (i) SECRETARY.—The Secretary may  
23 terminate a contract described in sub-  
24 section (b) before the end of the term de-  
25 scribed in subparagraph (A) if the Sec-

1           retary determines that the early termi-  
2           nation of the contract is appropriate.

3                   (ii) OWNERS AND OPERATORS.—An  
4           owner and (if applicable) an operator of el-  
5           igible land enrolled in the pilot program  
6           under this section may terminate a con-  
7           tract described in subsection (b) before the  
8           end of the term described in subparagraph  
9           (A) if the owner and (if applicable) the op-  
10          erator pay to the Secretary an amount  
11          equal to the amount of rental payments re-  
12          ceived under the contract.

13                   (4) HARVESTING, HAYING, AND GRAZING OUT-  
14          SIDE APPLICABLE PERIOD.—The harvesting for  
15          seed, haying, or grazing of eligible land under para-  
16          graph (1)(B)(ii) outside of the primary nesting sea-  
17          son established for the applicable county shall be  
18          subject to the conditions that—

19                   (A) with respect to eligible land that is so  
20          hayed or grazed, adequate stubble height shall  
21          be maintained to protect the soil on the eligible  
22          land, as determined by the applicable State con-  
23          servatorist after considering the advice of the  
24          applicable State technical committee; and

1 (B) with respect to eligible land that is so  
2 harvested for seed—

3 (i) the eligible land shall not be eligi-  
4 ble to be insured or reinsured under the  
5 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.  
6 1501 et seq.); and

7 (ii) the annual rental rate for a pay-  
8 ment under a contract described in sub-  
9 section (b) shall be \$52.50 per acre.

10 (d) ACREAGE LIMITATION.—Not more than  
11 5,000,000 total acres of eligible land may be enrolled  
12 under the pilot program under this section.

13 (e) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of any  
14 funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such  
15 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

## 16 **TITLE W—NUTRITION**

### 17 **SEC. 60601. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this title:

19 (1) COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—  
20 The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”  
21 means the public health emergency declared by the  
22 Secretary of Health and Human Services under sec-  
23 tion 319 of the Public Health Services Act (42  
24 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to  
25 COVID–19.

1           (2) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE  
2 PROGRAM.—The term “supplemental nutrition as-  
3 sistance program” has the meaning given such term  
4 in section 3(t) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
5 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(t)).

6 **SEC. 60602. ENHANCED PROJECTS TO HARVEST, PROCESS,**  
7 **PACKAGE, OR TRANSPORT DONATED COM-**  
8 **MODITIES.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) EMERGENCY FEEDING ORGANIZATION.—  
11 The term “emergency feeding organization” has the  
12 meaning given the term in section 201A of the  
13 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C.  
14 7501).

15           (2) PROJECT.—The term “project” has the  
16 meaning given the term in section 203D(d)(1) of the  
17 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C.  
18 7507(d)(1)).

19           (3) PRIORITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT.—The  
20 term “priority agricultural product” means a dairy,  
21 meat, or poultry product, or a specialty crop—

22                   (A) packaged or marketed for sale to com-  
23 mercial or food service industries;

1 (B) for which decreased demand exists for  
2 such a product due to the COVID–19 outbreak;  
3 and

4 (C) the repurposing of which would be im-  
5 practical for grocery or retail sale.

6 (4) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
7 ing given the term in section 203D of the Emer-  
8 gency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7507).

9 (5) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agency”  
10 has the meaning given the term in section 203D of  
11 the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7  
12 U.S.C. 7507).

13 (b) ENHANCED PROJECTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (3)  
15 and (4), using funds made available under sub-  
16 section (d), the Secretary may provide funds to  
17 States to pay for harvesting, processing, packaging,  
18 or transportation costs of carrying out a project.

19 (2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after  
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
21 shall issue guidance to States—

22 (A) to carry out this section;

23 (B) to inform States of their allocations  
24 under paragraph (3); and

1 (C) to encourage States to carry out  
2 projects that work with agricultural producers,  
3 processors, and distributors with priority agri-  
4 cultural products.

5 (3) ALLOCATION.—

6 (A) ELIGIBILITY FOR ALLOCATION.—The  
7 Secretary shall allocate funds made available  
8 under subsection (d) based on the formula in  
9 effect under section 214(a) of the Emergency  
10 Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C.  
11 7515(a)), among States that timely submit a  
12 State plan of operation for a project that in-  
13 cludes—

14 (i) a list of emergency feeding organi-  
15 zations in the State that will operate the  
16 project in partnership with the State agen-  
17 cy;

18 (ii) at the option of the State, a list  
19 of priority agricultural products located in  
20 the State that are for donation to emer-  
21 gency feeding organizations and ready for  
22 transport;

23 (iii) a description of how the project  
24 will meet the purposes described in section  
25 203D(d)(3) of the Emergency Food Assist-



1           ance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7507(d)(3));

2           and

3                   (iv) a timeline of when the project will  
4           begin operating.

5           (B) REALLOCATION.—If the Secretary de-  
6           termines that a State will not expend all the  
7           funds allocated to the State under subpara-  
8           graph (A), the Secretary shall reallocate the un-  
9           expended funds to other eligible States.

10           (C) REPORT.—Each State that receives  
11           funds allocated under this paragraph shall sub-  
12           mit to the Secretary financial reports on a reg-  
13           ular basis describing the use of the funds.

14           (4) USE OF FUNDS.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives  
16           funds under section 203D(d)(5) of the Emer-  
17           gency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C.  
18           7507(d)(5)) may—

19                   (i) receive funds under this section;

20                   and

21                   (ii) use funds received under this sec-  
22           tion—

23                           (I) to expand projects for which  
24                           funds are received under such section  
25                           203D(d)(5);

1 (II) to carry out new projects  
2 with agricultural producers, proc-  
3 essors, or distributors participating in  
4 projects for which funds are received  
5 under such section 203D(d)(5); and

6 (III) to carry out projects with  
7 agricultural producers, processors, or  
8 distributors not participating in  
9 projects for which funds are received  
10 under such section 203D(d)(5).

11 (B) FEDERAL SHARE.—Funds received  
12 under this section shall not be subject to the  
13 Federal share limitation described in section  
14 203D(d)(2)(B) of the Emergency Food Assist-  
15 ance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7507(d)(2)(B)).

16 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency that carries  
18 out a project using Federal funds received under  
19 this section may enter into cooperative agreements  
20 with State agencies of other States under section  
21 203B(d) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of  
22 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7507(d)) to maximize the use of  
23 commodities donated under the project.

24 (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 15 days after  
25 entering into a cooperative agreement under para-

1 graph (1), a State agency shall submit such agree-  
2 ment to the Secretary.

3 (d) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.—Out of funds in the  
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-  
5 priated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 to remain  
6 available until September 30, 2021.

7 (e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 10 days  
8 after the date of the receipt or issuance of each document  
9 listed in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection, the  
10 Secretary shall make publicly available on the website of  
11 the Department of Agriculture the following documents:

12 (1) Any guidance issued under subsection  
13 (b)(2).

14 (2) A State plan of operation or report sub-  
15 mitted in accordance with subsection (b)(3).

16 (3) A cooperative agreement submitted in ac-  
17 cordance with subsection (c).

18 **SEC. 60603. SNAP NUTRITION EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
20 sion of law, the Secretary may issue nationwide guidance  
21 to allow funding allocated under section 28 of the Food  
22 and Nutrition Act (7 U.S.C. 2036a) to be used for individ-  
23 uals distributing food in a non-congregate setting under  
24 commodity distribution programs and child nutrition pro-  
25 grams administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of

1 the Department of Agriculture in States affected by the  
2 COVID–19 outbreak, provided that any individuals who  
3 distribute school meals under—

4           (1) the school lunch program established under  
5 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

7           (2) the school breakfast program established  
8 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
9 (42 U.S.C. 1773);

10 using funds allocated under section 28 of the Food and  
11 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036a) supplement, not  
12 supplant, individuals who are employed by local edu-  
13 cational authorities as of the date of enactment of this  
14 Act.

15           (b) SUNSET.—The authority for this section shall ex-  
16 pire 30 days after the COVID–19 public health emergency  
17 is terminated.

18 **SEC. 60604. FLEXIBILITIES FOR SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET**

19 **PROGRAM.**

20           (a) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY OR WAIVE RULES.—  
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law and if re-  
22 quested by a State agency, the Secretary of Agriculture  
23 may modify or waive any rule issued under section 4402  
24 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002

1 (7 U.S.C. 3007) that applies to such State agency if the  
2 Secretary determines that—

3 (1) such State agency is unable to comply with  
4 such rule as a result of COVID–19, and

5 (2) the requested modification or waiver is nec-  
6 essary to enable such State agency to provide assist-  
7 ance to low-income seniors under such section.

8 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 10 days  
9 after the date of the receipt or issuance of each document  
10 listed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, the  
11 Secretary shall make publicly available on the website of  
12 the Department of Agriculture the following documents:

13 (1) Any request submitted by State agencies  
14 under subsection (a).

15 (2) The Secretary’s approval or denial of each  
16 such request.

17 (c) DEFINITION OF STATE AGENCY.—The term  
18 “State agency” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
19 tion 249.2 of 18 title 7 of the Code of Federal Regula-  
20 tions.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Subsection (a) shall be in  
22 effect during the period that begins on the date of the  
23 enactment of this Act and ends 30 days after the termi-  
24 nation of the COVID–19 public health emergency.

1 **SEC. 60605. FLEXIBILITIES FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
2 **PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

3 (a) **WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE REQUIRE-**  
4 **MENT.**—Funds provided in division B of the Coronavirus  
5 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–  
6 136) for the food distribution program on Indian reserva-  
7 tions authorized by section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition  
8 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) shall not be subject to  
9 the payment of the non-Federal share requirement de-  
10 scribed in section 4(b)(4)(A) of such Act (7 U.S.C.  
11 2013(b)(4)(A)).

12 (b) **FLEXIBILITIES FOR CERTAIN HOUSEHOLDS.**—  
13 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other  
14 provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may  
15 issue guidance to waive or adjust section 4(b)(2)(C)  
16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
17 2013(b)(2)(C)) for any Tribal organization (as de-  
18 fined in section 3(v) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2012(v)),  
19 or for an appropriate State agency administering the  
20 program established under section 4(b) of such Act  
21 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)), to ensure that households on  
22 the Indian reservation who are participating in the  
23 supplemental nutrition assistance program and who  
24 are unable to access approved retail food stores due  
25 to the outbreak of COVID–19 have access to com-  
26 modities distributed under section 4(b) of such Act.

1           (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary  
2 shall make available the guidance document issued  
3 under paragraph (1) on the public website of the  
4 Department of Agriculture not later than 10 days  
5 after the date of the issuance of such guidance.

6           (3) SUNSET.—The authority under this sub-  
7 section shall expire 30 days after the termination of  
8 the COVID–19 public health emergency.

9 **SEC. 60606. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
10 **GRAM.**

11       (a) VALUE OF BENEFITS.—Notwithstanding any  
12 other provision of law, beginning on June 1, 2020, and  
13 for each subsequent month through September 30, 2021,  
14 the value of benefits determined under section 8(a) of the  
15 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)), and  
16 consolidated block grants for Puerto Rico and American  
17 Samoa determined under section 19(a) of such Act (7  
18 U.S.C. 2028(a)), shall be calculated using 115 percent of  
19 the June 2019 value of the thrifty food plan (as defined  
20 in section 3 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2012)) if the value of  
21 the benefits and block grants would be greater under that  
22 calculation than in the absence of this subsection.

23       (b) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—The minimum value of bene-  
25 fits determined under section 8(a) of the Food and

1 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) for a  
2 household of not more than 2 members shall be \$30.

3 (2) EFFECTIVENESS.—Paragraph (1) shall re-  
4 main in effect until the date on which 8 percent of  
5 the value of the thrifty food plan for a household  
6 containing 1 member, rounded to the nearest whole  
7 dollar increment, is equal to or greater than \$30.

8 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY.—In car-  
9 rying out this section, the Secretary shall—

10 (1) consider the benefit increases described in  
11 each of subsections (a) and (b) to be a “mass  
12 change”;

13 (2) require a simple process for States to notify  
14 households of the increase in benefits;

15 (3) consider section 16(c)(3)(A) of the Food  
16 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)(3)(A))  
17 to apply to any errors in the implementation of this  
18 section, without regard to the 120-day limit de-  
19 scribed in that section;

20 (4) disregard the additional amount of benefits  
21 that a household receives as a result of this section  
22 in determining the amount of overissuances under  
23 section 13 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
24 (7 U.S.C. 2022); and



1           (5) set the tolerance level for excluding small  
2 errors for the purposes of section 16(c) of the Food  
3 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)) at  
4 \$50 through September 30, 2021.

5           (d) PROVISIONS FOR IMPACTED WORKERS.—Not-  
6 withstanding any other provision of law, the requirements  
7 under subsections (d)(1)(A)(ii) and (o) of section 6 of the  
8 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) shall  
9 not be in effect during the period beginning on June 1,  
10 2020, and ending 2 years after the date of enactment of  
11 this Act.

12           (e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—For the costs of State ad-  
14 ministrative expenses associated with carrying out  
15 this section and administering the supplemental nu-  
16 trition assistance program established under the  
17 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
18 seq.), the Secretary shall make available  
19 \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and  
20 \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

21           (2) TIMING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.—Not later  
22 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this  
23 Act, the Secretary shall make available to States  
24 amounts for fiscal year 2020 under paragraph (1).

1           (3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Funds described  
2           in paragraph (1) shall be made available as grants  
3           to State agencies for each fiscal year as follows:

4                   (A) 75 percent of the amounts available  
5                   for each fiscal year shall be allocated to States  
6                   based on the share of each State of households  
7                   that participate in the supplemental nutrition  
8                   assistance program as reported to the Depart-  
9                   ment of Agriculture for the most recent 12-  
10                  month period for which data are available, ad-  
11                  justed by the Secretary (as of the date of the  
12                  enactment of this Act) for participation in dis-  
13                  aster programs under section 5(h) of the Food  
14                  and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h));  
15                  and

16                  (B) 25 percent of the amounts available  
17                  for each fiscal year shall be allocated to States  
18                  based on the increase in the number of house-  
19                  holds that participate in the supplemental nu-  
20                  trition assistance program as reported to the  
21                  Department of Agriculture over the most recent  
22                  12-month period for which data are available,  
23                  adjusted by the Secretary (as of the date of the  
24                  enactment of this Act) for participation in dis-

1            aster programs under section 5(h) of the Food  
2            and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)).

3            (f) SNAP RULES.—No funds (including fees) made  
4 available under this Act or any other Act for any fiscal  
5 year may be used to finalize, implement, administer, en-  
6 force, carry out, or otherwise give effect to—

7            (1) the final rule entitled “Supplemental Nutri-  
8            tion Assistance Program: Requirements for Able-  
9            Bodied Adults Without Dependents” published in  
10           the Federal Register on December 5, 2019 (84 Fed.  
11           Reg. 66782);

12           (2) the proposed rule entitled “Revision of Cat-  
13           egorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition  
14           Assistance Program (SNAP)” published in the Fed-  
15           eral Register on July 24, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg.  
16           35570); or

17           (3) the proposed rule entitled “Supplemental  
18           Nutrition Assistance Program: Standardization of  
19           State Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allow-  
20           ances” published in the Federal Register on October  
21           3, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 52809).

22           (g) CERTAIN EXCLUSIONS FROM SNAP INCOME.—  
23 A Federal pandemic unemployment compensation pay-  
24 ment made to an individual under section 2104 of the  
25 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) shall not be regarded

1 as income and shall not be regarded as a resource for the  
2 month of receipt and the following 9 months, for the pur-  
3 pose of determining eligibility for such individual or any  
4 other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount  
5 of benefits or assistance, under any programs authorized  
6 under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011  
7 et seq.).

8 (h) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 10 days  
9 after the date of the receipt or issuance of each document  
10 listed below, the Secretary shall make publicly available  
11 on the website of the Department of Agriculture the fol-  
12 lowing documents:

13 (1) Any State agency request to participate in  
14 the supplemental nutrition assistance program on-  
15 line program under section 7(k).

16 (2) Any State agency request to waive, adjust,  
17 or modify statutory or regulatory requirements  
18 under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 related  
19 to the COVID–19 outbreak.

20 (3) The Secretary’s approval or denial of each  
21 such request under paragraphs (1) or (2).

22 (i) FUNDING.—There are hereby appropriated to the  
23 Secretary, out of any money not otherwise appropriated,  
24 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 60607. SNAP HOT FOOD PURCHASES.**

2       During the period beginning 10 days after the date  
3 of the enactment of this Act and ending on the termi-  
4 nation date of the COVID–19 public health emergency,  
5 the term “food”, as defined in section 3 of the Food and  
6 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), shall be deemed  
7 to exclude “hot foods or hot food products ready for imme-  
8 diate consumption other than those authorized pursuant  
9 to clauses (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), and (9) of this sub-  
10 section,” for purposes of such Act, except that such exclu-  
11 sion is limited to retail food stores authorized to accept  
12 and redeem supplemental nutrition assistance program  
13 benefits as of the date of enactment of this Act.

14 **DIVISION G—ACCOUNTABILITY**  
15 **AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
16 **TITLE I—ACCOUNTABILITY**

17 **SEC. 70101. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE**  
18 **ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE.**

19       Section 15010(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
20 116–136) is amended—

21           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and (D)”  
22       and inserting “(D), and (E)”; and

23           (2) in paragraph (2)(E), by inserting “of the  
24       Council” after “Chairperson”.

1 **SEC. 70102. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN**  
2 **STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

3 (a) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF  
4 OFFICES.—Section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of  
5 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid  
7 non-duty status,” after “is removed from office”;

8 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after  
9 “any such removal”; and

10 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-  
11 fore the removal”.

12 (b) CHANGE IN STATUS OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF  
13 DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITIES.—Section 8G(e)(2) of  
14 the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is  
15 amended—

16 (1) by inserting “, is placed on paid or unpaid  
17 non-duty status,” after “office”;

18 (2) by inserting “, change in status,” after  
19 “any such removal”; and

20 (3) by inserting “, change in status,” after “be-  
21 fore the removal”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23 this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the  
24 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 70103. PRESIDENTIAL EXPLANATION OF FAILURE TO**  
2 **NOMINATE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter III of chapter 33 of  
4 title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
5 section 3349d the following new section:

6 **“§ 3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nomi-**  
7 **nate an Inspector General**

8 “If the President fails to make a formal nomination  
9 for a vacant Inspector General position that requires a for-  
10 mal nomination by the President to be filled within the  
11 period beginning on the date on which the vacancy oc-  
12 curred and ending on the day that is 210 days after that  
13 date, the President shall communicate, within 30 days  
14 after the end of such period, to Congress in writing—

15 “(1) the reasons why the President has not yet  
16 made a formal nomination; and

17 “(2) a target date for making a formal nomina-  
18 tion.”.

19 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections  
20 for chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
21 by inserting after the item relating to 3349d the following  
22 new item:

“3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nominate an Inspector General.”.

23 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act and shall apply to any vacancy first oc-  
2 ccurring on or after that date.

3 **SEC. 70104. INSPECTOR GENERAL INDEPENDENCE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Inspector General Independence Act”.

6 (b) AMENDMENT.—The Inspector General Act of  
7 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 3(b)—

9 (A) by striking “An Inspector General”  
10 and inserting “(1) An Inspector General”;

11 (B) by inserting after “by the President”  
12 the following: “in accordance with paragraph  
13 (2)”; and

14 (C) by inserting at the end the following  
15 new paragraph:

16 “(2) The President may remove an Inspector  
17 General only for any of the following grounds:

18 “(A) Permanent incapacity.

19 “(B) Inefficiency.

20 “(C) Neglect of duty.

21 “(D) Malfeasance.

22 “(E) Conviction of a felony or conduct in-  
23 volving moral turpitude.

24 “(F) Knowing violation of a law, rule, or  
25 regulation.



1 “(G) Gross mismanagement.

2 “(H) Gross waste of funds.

3 “(I) Abuse of authority.”; and

4 (2) in section 8G(e)(2), by adding at the end  
5 the following new sentence: “An Inspector General  
6 may be removed only for any of the following  
7 grounds:

8 “(A) Permanent incapacity.

9 “(B) Inefficiency.

10 “(C) Neglect of duty.

11 “(D) Malfeasance.

12 “(E) Conviction of a felony or conduct in-  
13 volving moral turpitude.

14 “(F) Knowing violation of a law, rule, or  
15 regulation.

16 “(G) Gross mismanagement.

17 “(H) Gross waste of funds.

18 “(I) Abuse of authority.”.

19 **SEC. 70105. USPS INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT RE-**  
20 **SPONSIBILITIES.**

21 The Inspector General of the United States Postal  
22 Service shall—

23 (1) conduct oversight, audits, and investigations  
24 of projects and activities carried out with funds pro-

1 vided in division A of this Act to the United States  
2 Postal Service; and

3 (2) not less than 90 days after the Postal Serv-  
4 ice commences use of funding provided by division A  
5 of this Act, and annually thereafter, initiate an audit  
6 of the Postal Service’s use of appropriations and  
7 borrowing authority provided by any division of this  
8 Act, including the use of funds to cover lost reve-  
9 nues, costs due to COVID–19, and expenditures,  
10 and submit a copy of such audit to the Committee  
11 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of  
12 the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Reform  
13 of the House of Representatives, and the Commit-  
14 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representa-  
15 tives and the Senate.

## 16 **TITLE II—CENSUS MATTERS**

### 17 **SEC. 70201. MODIFICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DEADLINES** 18 **AND TABULATION OF POPULATION.**

19 (a) DEADLINE MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding the  
20 timetables provided in sections 141(b) and (c) of title 13,  
21 United States Code, and section 22(a) of the Act entitled  
22 “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decen-  
23 nial censuses and to provide for an apportionment of Rep-  
24 resentatives in Congress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2

1 U.S.C. 2a(a)), for the 2020 decennial census of the popu-  
2 lation—

3 (1) the tabulation of total population by States  
4 required by section 141(a) of such title for the ap-  
5 portionment of Representatives in Congress among  
6 the several States shall be completed and reported  
7 by the Secretary to the President within 13 months  
8 after the decennial census date of April 1, 2020, and  
9 shall be made public by the Secretary no later than  
10 the date on which it is reported to the President;

11 (2) the President shall transmit to the Congress  
12 a statement showing the whole number of persons in  
13 each State, and the number of Representatives to  
14 which each State would be entitled under an appor-  
15 tionment of the then existing number of Representa-  
16 tives, as required by such section 22(a), and deter-  
17 mined solely as described therein, within 14 days  
18 after receipt of the tabulation reported by the Sec-  
19 retary; and

20 (3) the tabulations of populations required by  
21 section 141(c) of such title shall be completed by the  
22 Secretary as expeditiously as possible after the cen-  
23 sus date of April 1, 2020, taking into account each  
24 State's deadlines for legislative apportionment or  
25 districting, and reported to the Governor of the

1 State involved and to the officers or public bodies  
2 having responsibility for legislative apportionment or  
3 districting of such State, except that such tabula-  
4 tions of population of each State requesting a tab-  
5 ulation plan, and basic tabulations of population of  
6 each other State, shall be completed, reported, and  
7 transmitted to each respective State within 16  
8 months after the decennial census date of April 1,  
9 2020.

10 (b) **QUALITY.**—Data products and tabulations pro-  
11 duced by the Bureau of the Census pursuant to sections  
12 141(b) or (c) of title 13, United States Code, in connection  
13 with the 2020 decennial census shall meet the same or  
14 higher data quality standards as similar products pro-  
15 duced by the Bureau of the Census in connection with the  
16 2010 decennial census.

17 **SEC. 70202. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020 CENSUS.**

18 On the first day of each month during the period be-  
19 tween the date of enactment of this Act and July 1, 2021,  
20 the Director of the Bureau of the Census shall submit,  
21 to the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House  
22 of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security  
23 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Commit-  
24 tees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate, a

1 report regarding the 2020 decennial census of population  
2 containing the following information:

3 (1) The total number of field staff, sorted by  
4 category, hired by the Bureau compared to the num-  
5 ber of field staff the Bureau estimated was nec-  
6 essary to carry out such census.

7 (2) Retention rates of such hired field staff.

8 (3) Average wait time for call center calls and  
9 average wait time for each language provided.

10 (4) Anticipated schedule of such census oper-  
11 ations.

12 (5) Total tabulated responses, categorized by  
13 race and Hispanic origin.

14 (6) Total appropriations available for obligation  
15 for such census and a categorized list of total dis-  
16 bursements.

17 (7) Non-Response Follow-Up completion rates  
18 by geographic location.

19 (8) Update/Enumerate and Update/Leave com-  
20 pletion rates by geographic location.

21 (9) Total spending to date on media, advertise-  
22 ments, and partnership specialists, including a geo-  
23 graphic breakdown of such spending.

24 (10) Post-enumeration schedule and subsequent  
25 data aggregation and delivery progress.

1 **SEC. 70203. PROVIDING BUREAU OF THE CENSUS ACCESS**  
2 **TO INFORMATION FROM INSTITUTIONS OF**  
3 **HIGHER EDUCATION.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5 sion of law, including section 444 of the General Edu-  
6 cation Provisions Act (commonly known as the “Family  
7 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974”), an institu-  
8 tion of higher education may, in furtherance of a full and  
9 accurate decennial census of population count, provide to  
10 the Bureau of the Census information requested by the  
11 Bureau for purposes of enumeration for the 2020 decen-  
12 nial census of population.

13 (b) **APPLICATION.**—

14 (1) **INFORMATION.**—Only information requested  
15 on the official 2020 decennial census of population  
16 form may be provided to the Bureau of the Census  
17 pursuant to this section. No institution of higher  
18 education may provide any information to the Bu-  
19 reau on the immigration or citizenship status of any  
20 individual.

21 (2) **NOTICE REQUIRED.**—Before information  
22 can be provided to the Bureau, the institution of  
23 higher education shall give public notice of the cat-  
24 egories of information which it plans to provide and  
25 shall allow 10 days after such notice has been given  
26 for a student to inform the institution that any or

1 all of the information designated should not be re-  
2 leased without the student's prior consent. No insti-  
3 tution of higher education shall provide the Bureau  
4 with the information of any individual who has ob-  
5 jected to the provision of such information.

6 (3) USE OF INFORMATION.—Information pro-  
7 vided to the Bureau pursuant to this section may  
8 only be used for the purposes of enumeration for the  
9 2020 decennial census of population.

10 (c) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-  
11 CATION.—In this section, the term “institution of higher  
12 education” has the meaning given that term in section 102  
13 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

14 (d) SUNSET.—The authority provided in this section  
15 shall expire at the conclusion of 2020 census operations.

16 **SEC. 70204. LIMITATION ON TABULATION OF CERTAIN**  
17 **DATA.**

18 (a) LIMITATION.—The Bureau of the Census may  
19 not compile or produce any data product or tabulation as  
20 part of, in combination with, or in connection with, the  
21 2020 decennial census of population or any such census  
22 data produced pursuant to section 141(e) of title 13,  
23 United States Code, that is based in whole or in part on  
24 data that is not collected in such census.

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)  
2 shall not apply to any data product or tabulation that is  
3 required by sections 141(b) or (c) of such title, that uses  
4 the same or substantially similar methodology and data  
5 sources as a decennial census data product produced by  
6 the Bureau of the Census before January 1, 2019, or that  
7 uses a methodology and data sources that the Bureau of  
8 the Census finalized and made public prior to January 1,  
9 2018.

## 10 **TITLE III—FEDERAL** 11 **WORKFORCE**

### 12 **SEC. 70301. COVID-19 TELEWORKING REQUIREMENTS FOR** 13 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

14 (a) MANDATED TELEWORK.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective immediately upon  
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the head of any  
17 Federal agency shall require any employee of such  
18 agency who is authorized to telework under chapter  
19 65 of title 5, United States Code, or any other provi-  
20 sion of law to telework during the period beginning  
21 on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on  
22 December 31, 2020.

23 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

24 (A) the term “employee” means—



1 (i) an employee of the Library of Con-  
2 gress;

3 (ii) an employee of the Government  
4 Accountability Office;

5 (iii) a covered employee as defined in  
6 section 101 of the Congressional Account-  
7 ability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301), other  
8 than an applicant for employment;

9 (iv) a covered employee as defined in  
10 section 411(c) of title 3, United States  
11 Code;

12 (v) a Federal officer or employee cov-  
13 ered under subchapter V of chapter 63 of  
14 title 5, United States Code; or

15 (vi) any other individual occupying a  
16 position in the civil service (as that term is  
17 defined in section 2101(1) of title 5,  
18 United States Code); and

19 (B) the term “telework” has the meaning  
20 given that term in section 6501(3) of such title.

21 (b) TELEWORK PARTICIPATION GOALS.—Chapter 65  
22 of title 5, United States Code, is amended as follows:

23 (1) In section 6502—

24 (A) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (4), by striking  
2 “and” at the end;

3 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting a semi-  
5 colon; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(6) include annual goals for increasing the  
9 percent of employees of the executive agency partici-  
10 pating in teleworking—

11 “(A) three or more days per pay period;

12 “(B) one or 2 days per pay period;

13 “(C) once per month; and

14 “(D) on an occasional, episodic, or short-  
15 term basis; and

16 “(7) include methods for collecting data on, set-  
17 ting goals for, and reporting costs savings to the ex-  
18 ecutive agency achieved through teleworking, con-  
19 sistent with the guidance developed under section  
20 70302 (e) of The Heroes Act.”; and

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

22 “(d) NOTIFICATION FOR REDUCTION IN TELE-  
23 WORKING PARTICIPATION.—Not later than 30 days before  
24 the date that an executive agency implements or modifies  
25 a teleworking plan that would reduce the percentage of

1 employees at the agency who telework, the head of the ex-  
2 ecutive agency shall provide written notification, including  
3 a justification for the reduction in telework participation  
4 and a description of how the agency will pay for any in-  
5 creased costs resulting from that reduction, to—

6           “(1) the Director of the Office of Personnel  
7           Management;

8           “(2) the Committee on Oversight and Reform  
9           of the House of Representatives; and

10           “(3) the Committee on Homeland Security and  
11           Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

12           “(e) PROHIBITION ON AGENCY-WIDE LIMITS ON  
13 TELEWORKING.—An agency may not prohibit any delin-  
14 eated period of teleworking participation for all employees  
15 of the agency, including the periods described in subpara-  
16 graphs (A) through (D) of subsection (b)(6). The agency  
17 shall make any teleworking determination with respect to  
18 an employee or group of employees at the agency on a  
19 case-by-case basis.”.

20           (2) In section 6506(b)(2)—

21                   (A) in subparagraph (F)(vi), by striking  
22                   “and” at the end;

23                   (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the  
24                   period at the end and inserting a semicolon;  
25                   and

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

2 “(H) agency cost savings achieved through  
3 teleworking, consistent with the guidance devel-  
4 oped under section 2(e) of the Telework Metrics  
5 and Cost Savings Act; and

6 “(I) a detailed explanation of a plan to in-  
7 crease the Government-wide teleworking partici-  
8 pation rate above such rate applicable to fiscal  
9 year 2016, including agency-level plans to main-  
10 tain or improve such rate for each of the tele-  
11 working frequency categories listed under sub-  
12 paragraph (A)(iii).”.

13 (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 90 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Of-  
15 fice of Personnel Management, in collaboration with the  
16 Chief Human Capital Officer Council, shall establish uni-  
17 form guidance for agencies on how to collect data on, set  
18 goals for, and report cost savings achieved through, tele-  
19 working. Such guidance shall account for cost savings re-  
20 lated to travel, energy use, and real estate.

21 (d) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 6506(b)(1)  
22 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking  
23 “with Chief” and inserting “with the Chief”.

1 **SEC. 70302. RETIREMENT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

2 (a) CSRS.—Section 8336(c) of title 5, United States  
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3)(A) In this paragraph—

5 “(i) the term ‘affected individual’  
6 means an individual covered under this  
7 subchapter who—

8 “(I) is performing service in a  
9 covered position;

10 “(II) is diagnosed with COVID–  
11 19 before the date on which the indi-  
12 vidual becomes entitled to an annuity  
13 under paragraph (1) of this sub-  
14 section or subsection (e), (m), or (n),  
15 as applicable;

16 “(III) because of the illness de-  
17 scribed in subclause (II), is perma-  
18 nently unable to render useful and ef-  
19 ficient service in the employee’s cov-  
20 ered position, as determined by the  
21 agency in which the individual was  
22 serving when such individual incurred  
23 the illness; and

24 “(IV) is appointed to a position  
25 in the civil service that—

1                   “(aa) is not a covered posi-  
2                   tion; and

3                   “(bb) is within an agency  
4                   that regularly appoints individ-  
5                   uals to supervisory or administra-  
6                   tive positions related to the ac-  
7                   tivities of the former covered po-  
8                   sition of the individual;

9                   “(ii) the term ‘covered position’ means  
10                  a position as a law enforcement officer,  
11                  customs and border protection officer, fire-  
12                  fighter, air traffic controller, nuclear mate-  
13                  rials courier, member of the Capitol Police,  
14                  or member of the Supreme Court Police;  
15                  and

16                  “(iii) the term ‘COVID–19’ means the  
17                  2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV.

18                  “(B) Unless an affected individual files an  
19                  election described in subparagraph (E), cred-  
20                  itable service by the affected individual in a po-  
21                  sition described in subparagraph (A)(i)(IV)  
22                  shall be treated as creditable service in a cov-  
23                  ered position for purposes of this chapter and  
24                  determining the amount to be deducted and

1 withheld from the pay of the affected individual  
2 under section 8334.

3 “(C) Subparagraph (B) shall only apply if  
4 the affected employee transitions to a position  
5 described in subparagraph (A)(i)(IV) without a  
6 break in service exceeding 3 days.

7 “(D) The service of an affected individual  
8 shall no longer be eligible for treatment under  
9 subparagraph (B) if such service occurs after  
10 the individual—

11 “(i) is transferred to a supervisory or  
12 administrative position related to the ac-  
13 tivities of the former covered position of  
14 the individual; or

15 “(ii) meets the age and service re-  
16 quirements that would subject the indi-  
17 vidual to mandatory separation under sec-  
18 tion 8335 if such individual had remained  
19 in the former covered position.

20 “(E) In accordance with procedures estab-  
21 lished by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
22 Management, an affected individual may file an  
23 election to have any creditable service per-  
24 formed by the affected individual treated in ac-

1 cordance with this chapter without regard to  
2 subparagraph (B).

3 “(F) Nothing in this paragraph shall be  
4 construed to apply to such affected individual  
5 any other pay-related laws or regulations appli-  
6 cable to a covered position.”.

7 (b) FERS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8412(d) of title 5,  
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and  
11 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

12 (B) by inserting “(1)” before “An em-  
13 ployee”; and

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

15 “(2)(A) In this paragraph—

16 “(i) the term ‘affected individual’  
17 means an individual covered under this  
18 chapter who—

19 “(I) is performing service in a  
20 covered position;

21 “(II) is diagnosed with COVID-  
22 19 before the date on which the indi-  
23 vidual becomes entitled to an annuity  
24 under paragraph (1) of this sub-



1 section or subsection (e), as applica-  
2 ble;

3 “(III) because of the illness de-  
4 scribed in subclause (II), is perma-  
5 nently unable to render useful and ef-  
6 ficient service in the employee’s cov-  
7 ered position, as determined by the  
8 agency in which the individual was  
9 serving when such individual incurred  
10 the illness; and

11 “(IV) is appointed to a position  
12 in the civil service that—

13 “(aa) is not a covered posi-  
14 tion; and

15 “(bb) is within an agency  
16 that regularly appoints individ-  
17 uals to supervisory or administra-  
18 tive positions related to the ac-  
19 tivities of the former covered po-  
20 sition of the individual;

21 “(ii) the term ‘covered position’ means  
22 a position as a law enforcement officer,  
23 customs and border protection officer, fire-  
24 fighter, air traffic controller, nuclear mate-  
25 rials courier, member of the Capitol Police,

1 or member of the Supreme Court Police;  
2 and

3 “(iii) the term ‘COVID–19’ means the  
4 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV.

5 “(B) Unless an affected individual files an  
6 election described in subparagraph (E), cred-  
7 itable service by the affected individual in a po-  
8 sition described in subparagraph (A)(i)(IV)  
9 shall be treated as creditable service in a cov-  
10 ered position for purposes of this chapter and  
11 determining the amount to be deducted and  
12 withheld from the pay of the affected individual  
13 under section 8422.

14 “(C) Subparagraph (B) shall only apply if  
15 the affected employee transitions to a position  
16 described in subparagraph (A)(i)(IV) without a  
17 break in service exceeding 3 days.

18 “(D) The service of an affected individual  
19 shall no longer be eligible for treatment under  
20 subparagraph (B) if such service occurs after  
21 the individual—

22 “(i) is transferred to a supervisory or  
23 administrative position related to the ac-  
24 tivities of the former covered position of  
25 the individual; or

1           “(ii) meets the age and service re-  
2           quirements that would subject the indi-  
3           vidual to mandatory separation under sec-  
4           tion 8425 if such individual had remained  
5           in the former covered position.

6           “(E) In accordance with procedures estab-  
7           lished by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
8           Management, an affected individual may file an  
9           election to have any creditable service per-  
10          formed by the affected individual treated in ac-  
11          cordance with this chapter without regard to  
12          subparagraph (B).

13          “(F) Nothing in this paragraph shall be  
14          construed to apply to such affected individual  
15          any other pay-related laws or regulations appli-  
16          cable to a covered position.”.

17          (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
18          MENTS.—

19                 (A) Chapter 84 of title 5, United States  
20                 Code, is amended—

21                         (i) in section 8414(b)(3), by inserting  
22                         “(1)” after “subsection (d)”;

23                         (ii) in section 8415—

24                                 (I) in subsection (e), in the mat-  
25                                 ter preceding paragraph (1), by in-

1                   serting “(1)” after “subsection (d)”;

2                   and

3                   (II) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by

4                   striking “(d)(2)” and inserting

5                   “(d)(1)(B)”;

6                   (iii) in section 8421(a)(1), by insert-

7                   ing “(1)” after “(d)”;

8                   (iv) in section 8421a(b)(4)(B)(ii), by

9                   inserting “(1)” after “section 8412(d)”;

10                  (v) in section 8425, by inserting “(1)”

11                  after “section 8412(d)” each place it ap-

12                  pears; and

13                  (vi) in section 8462(c)(3)(B)(ii), by

14                  inserting “(1)” after “subsection (d)”.

15                  (B) Title VIII of the Foreign Service Act

16                  of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) is amended—

17                  (i) in section 805(d)(5) (22 U.S.C.

18                  4045(d)(5)), by inserting “(1)” after “or

19                  8412(d)”;

20                  (ii) in section 812(a)(2)(B) (22

21                  U.S.C. 4052(a)(2)(B)), by inserting “(1)”

22                  after “or 8412(d)”.

23                  (c) CIA EMPLOYEES.—Section 302 of the Central In-

24                  telligence Agency Retirement Act (50 U.S.C. 2152) is

25                  amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) EMPLOYEES DISABLED ON DUTY.—

2 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

3 “(A) the term ‘affected employee’ means  
4 an employee of the Agency covered under sub-  
5 chapter II of chapter 84 of title 5, United  
6 States Code, who—

7 “(i) is performing service in a position  
8 designated under subsection (a);

9 “(ii) is diagnosed with COVID–19 be-  
10 fore the date on which the employee be-  
11 comes entitled to an annuity under section  
12 233 of this Act or section 8412(d)(1) of  
13 title 5, United States Code;

14 “(iii) because of the illness described  
15 in clause (ii), is permanently unable to  
16 render useful and efficient service in the  
17 employee’s covered position, as determined  
18 by the Director; and

19 “(iv) is appointed to a position in the  
20 civil service that is not a covered position  
21 but is within the Agency;

22 “(B) the term ‘covered position’ means a  
23 position as—

1           “(i) a law enforcement officer de-  
2           scribed in section 8331(20) or 8401(17) of  
3           title 5, United States Code;

4           “(ii) a customs and border protection  
5           officer described in section 8331(31) or  
6           8401(36) of title 5, United States Code;

7           “(iii) a firefighter described in section  
8           8331(21) or 8401(14) of title 5, United  
9           States Code;

10          “(iv) an air traffic controller described  
11          in section 8331(30) or 8401(35) of title 5,  
12          United States Code;

13          “(v) a nuclear materials courier de-  
14          scribed in section 8331(27) or 8401(33) of  
15          title 5, United States Code;

16          “(vi) a member of the United States  
17          Capitol Police;

18          “(vii) a member of the Supreme Court  
19          Police;

20          “(viii) an affected employee; or

21          “(ix) a special agent described in sec-  
22          tion 804(15) of the Foreign Service Act of  
23          1980 (22 U.S.C. 4044(15)); and

24          “(C) the term ‘COVID–19’ means the  
25          2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV.

1           “(2) TREATMENT OF SERVICE AFTER DIS-  
2 ABILITY.—Unless an affected employee files an elec-  
3 tion described in paragraph (3), creditable service by  
4 the affected employee in a position described in  
5 paragraph (1)(A)(iv) shall be treated as creditable  
6 service in a covered position for purposes of this Act  
7 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, in-  
8 cluding eligibility for an annuity under section 233  
9 of this Act or 8412(d)(1) of title 5, United States  
10 Code, and determining the amount to be deducted  
11 and withheld from the pay of the affected employee  
12 under section 8422 of title 5, United States Code.

13           “(3) BREAK IN SERVICE.—Paragraph (2) shall  
14 only apply if the affected employee transitions to a  
15 position described in paragraph (1)(A)(iv) without a  
16 break in service exceeding 3 days.

17           “(4) LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OF SERV-  
18 ICE.—The service of an affected employee shall no  
19 longer be eligible for treatment under paragraph (2)  
20 if such service occurs after the employee is trans-  
21 ferred to a supervisory or administrative position re-  
22 lated to the activities of the former covered position  
23 of the employee.

24           “(5) OPT OUT.—An affected employee may file  
25 an election to have any creditable service performed

1 by the affected employee treated in accordance with  
2 chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, without  
3 regard to paragraph (2).”.

4 (d) FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DIS-  
5 ABILITY SYSTEM.—Section 806(a)(6) of the Foreign Serv-  
6 ice Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4046(a)(6)) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(D)(i) In this subparagraph—

9 “(I) the term ‘affected special  
10 agent’ means an individual covered  
11 under this subchapter who—

12 “(aa) is performing service  
13 as a special agent;

14 “(bb) is diagnosed with  
15 COVID–19 before the date on  
16 which the individual becomes en-  
17 titled to an annuity under section  
18 811;

19 “(cc) because of the illness  
20 described in item (bb), is perma-  
21 nently unable to render useful  
22 and efficient service in the em-  
23 ployee’s covered position, as de-  
24 termined by the Secretary; and



1           “(dd) is appointed to a posi-  
2           tion in the Foreign Service that  
3           is not a covered position;

4           “(II) the term ‘covered position’  
5           means a position as—

6           “(aa) a law enforcement of-  
7           ficer described in section  
8           8331(20) or 8401(17) of title 5,  
9           United States Code;

10          “(bb) a customs and border  
11          protection officer described in  
12          section 8331(31) or 8401(36) of  
13          title 5, United States Code;

14          “(cc) a firefighter described  
15          in section 8331(21) or 8401(14)  
16          of title 5, United States Code;

17          “(dd) an air traffic con-  
18          troller described in section  
19          8331(30) or 8401(35) of title 5,  
20          United States Code;

21          “(ee) a nuclear materials  
22          courier described in section  
23          8331(27) or 8401(33) of title 5,  
24          United States Code;

1                   “(ff) a member of the  
2                   United States Capitol Police;

3                   “(gg) a member of the Su-  
4                   preme Court Police;

5                   “(hh) an employee of the  
6                   Agency designated under section  
7                   302(a) of the Central Intelligence  
8                   Agency Retirement Act (50  
9                   U.S.C. 2152(a)); or

10                   “(ii) a special agent; and

11                   “(III) the term ‘COVID–19’  
12                   means the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or  
13                   2019-nCoV.

14                   “(ii) Unless an affected special agent files  
15                   an election described in clause (iv), creditable  
16                   service by the affected special agent in a posi-  
17                   tion described in clause (i)(I)(dd) shall be treat-  
18                   ed as creditable service as a special agent for  
19                   purposes of this subchapter, including deter-  
20                   mining the amount to be deducted and withheld  
21                   from the pay of the individual under section  
22                   805.

23                   “(iii) Clause (ii) shall only apply if the spe-  
24                   cial agent transitions to a position described in

1 clause (i)(I)(dd) without a break in service ex-  
2 ceeding 3 days.

3 “(iv) The service of an affected employee  
4 shall no longer be eligible for treatment under  
5 clause (ii) if such service occurs after the em-  
6 ployee is transferred to a supervisory or admin-  
7 istrative position related to the activities of the  
8 former covered position of the employee.

9 “(v) In accordance with procedures estab-  
10 lished by the Secretary, an affected special  
11 agent may file an election to have any cred-  
12 itable service performed by the affected special  
13 agent treated in accordance with this sub-  
14 chapter, without regard to clause (ii).”.

15 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—

16 (1) OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.—  
17 The Director of the Office of Personnel Management  
18 shall promulgate regulations to carry out the amend-  
19 ments made by subsections (a) and (b).

20 (2) CIA EMPLOYEES.—The Director of the  
21 Central Intelligence Agency shall promulgate regula-  
22 tions to carry out the amendment made by sub-  
23 section (c).

24 (3) FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DIS-  
25 ABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary of State shall pro-

1 mulgate regulations to carry out the amendment  
2 made by subsection (d).

3 (4) AGENCY REAPPOINTMENT.—The regula-  
4 tions promulgated to carry out the amendments  
5 made by this section shall ensure that, to the great-  
6 est extent possible, the head of each agency appoints  
7 affected employees or special agents to supervisory  
8 or administrative positions related to the activities of  
9 the former covered position of the employee or spe-  
10 cial agent.

11 (5) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—The regulations  
12 promulgated to carry out the amendments made by  
13 this section shall ensure that the creditable service  
14 of an affected employee or special agent (as the case  
15 may be) that is not in a covered position pursuant  
16 to an election made under such amendments shall be  
17 treated as the same type of service as the covered  
18 position in which the employee or agent suffered the  
19 qualifying illness.

20 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The amend-  
21 ments made by this section—

22 (1) shall take effect on the date of enactment  
23 of this section; and

24 (2) shall apply to an individual who suffers an  
25 illness described in section 8336(c)(3)(A)(i)(II) or

1 section 8412(d)(2)(A)(i)(II) of title 5, United States  
2 Code (as amended by this section), section  
3 302(d)(1)(A)(ii) of the Central Intelligence Agency  
4 Retirement Act (as amended by this section), or sec-  
5 tion 806(a)(6)(D)(i)(I)(bb) of the Foreign Service  
6 Act of 1980 (as amended by this section), on or  
7 after the date that is 2 years after the date of enact-  
8 ment of this section.

9 **SEC. 70303. PRESUMPTION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKERS'**  
10 **COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR FEDERAL**  
11 **EMPLOYEES DIAGNOSED WITH**  
12 **CORONAVIRUS.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—An employee who is diagnosed  
14 with COVID–19 during the period described in subsection  
15 (b)(2)(A) shall, with respect to any claim made by or on  
16 behalf of the employee for benefits under subchapter I of  
17 chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, be deemed to  
18 have an injury proximately caused by exposure to  
19 coronavirus arising out of the nature of the employee’s em-  
20 ployment and be presumptively entitled to such benefits,  
21 including disability compensation, medical services, and  
22 survivor benefits.

23 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

1           (1) the term “coronavirus” means SARS-  
2           CoV-2 or another coronavirus with pandemic poten-  
3           tial; and

4           (2) the term “employee”—

5           (A) means an employee as that term is de-  
6           fined in section 8101(1) of title 5, United  
7           States Code, (including an employee of the  
8           United States Postal Service, the Transpor-  
9           tation Security Administration, or the Depart-  
10          ment of Veterans Affairs, including any indi-  
11          vidual appointed under chapter 73 or 74 of title  
12          38, United States Code) employed in the Fed-  
13          eral service at anytime during the period begin-  
14          ning on January 27, 2020, and ending on Jan-  
15          uary 30, 2022—

16           (i) who carried out duties requiring  
17           contact with patients, members of the pub-  
18           lic, or co-workers; or

19           (ii) whose duties include a risk of ex-  
20           posure to the coronavirus; and

21           (B) does not include any employee other-  
22           wise covered by subparagraph (A) who is tele-  
23           working on a full-time basis during all of such  
24           period.

1                   **TITLE IV—FEDERAL**  
2                   **CONTRACTING PROVISIONS**

3   **SEC. 70401. MANDATORY TELEWORK.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—During the emergency period, the  
5 Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall  
6 direct agencies to allow telework for all contractor per-  
7 sonnel to the maximum extent practicable. Additionally,  
8 the Director shall direct contracting officers to document  
9 any decision to not allow telework during the emergency  
10 period in the contract file.

11          (b) EMERGENCY PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section,  
12 the term “emergency period” means the period that—

13               (1) begins on the date that is not later than 15  
14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

15               (2) ends on the date that the public health  
16 emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the  
17 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as re-  
18 sult of COVID–19, including any renewal thereof,  
19 expires.

20   **SEC. 70402. GUIDANCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEC-**  
21                   **TION 3610 OF THE CARES ACT.**

22          Not later than 15 days after the date of the enact-  
23 ment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Manage-  
24 ment and Budget shall issue guidance to ensure uniform  
25 implementation across agencies of section 3610 of the

1 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136). Any such guidance  
2 shall—

3 (1) limit the basic requirements for reimburse-  
4 ment to those included in such Act and the effective  
5 date for such reimbursement shall be January 31,  
6 2020; and

7 (2) clarify that the term “minimum applicable  
8 contract billing rates” as used in such section in-  
9 cludes the financial impact incurred as a con-  
10 sequence of keeping the employees or subcontractors  
11 of the contractor in a ready state (such as the base  
12 hourly wage rate of an employee, plus indirect costs,  
13 fees, and general and administrative expenses).

14 **SEC. 70403. PAST PERFORMANCE RATINGS.**

15 Section 1126 of title 41, United States Code, is  
16 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 section:

18 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR FAILURE TO DELIVER GOODS  
19 OR COMPLETE WORK DUE TO COVID–19.—If the head of  
20 an executive agency determines that a contractor failed  
21 to deliver goods or complete work as a result of measures  
22 taken as a result of COVID–19 under a contract with the  
23 agency by the date or within the time period imposed by  
24 the contract, any information relating to such failure may  
25 not be—



1           “(1) included in any past performance database  
2           used by executive agencies for making source selec-  
3           tion decisions; or

4           “(2) evaluated unfavorably as a factor of past  
5           contract performance.”.

6   **SEC. 70404. ACCELERATED PAYMENTS.**

7           Not later than 10 days after the date of the enact-  
8           ment of this Act and ending on the expiration of the public  
9           health emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the  
10          Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result  
11          of COVID–19, including any renewal thereof, the Director  
12          of the Office of Management and Budget shall direct con-  
13          tracting officers to establish an accelerated payment date  
14          for any prime contract (as defined in section 8701 of title  
15          41, United States Code) with payments due 15 days after  
16          the receipt of a proper invoice.

17                   **TITLE V—DISTRICT OF**  
18                   **COLUMBIA**

19   **SEC. 70501. SPECIAL BORROWING BY THE DISTRICT OF CO-**  
20                   **LUMBIA.**

21           (a) **AUTHORIZING BORROWING UNDER MUNICIPAL**  
22   **LIQUIDITY FACILITY OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AND**  
23   **SIMILAR FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS.**—The Council of the  
24   District of Columbia (hereafter in this section referred to  
25   as the “Council”) may by act authorize the issuance of

1 bonds, notes, and other obligations, in amounts deter-  
2 mined by the Chief Financial Officer of the District of  
3 Columbia to meet cash-flow needs of the District of Co-  
4 lumbia government, for purchase by the Board of Gov-  
5 ernors of the Federal Reserve under the Municipal Liquid-  
6 ity Facility of the Federal Reserve or any other facility  
7 or program of the Federal Reserve or another entity of  
8 the Federal government which is established in response  
9 to the COVID–19 Pandemic.

10 (b) REQUIRING ISSUANCE TO BE COMPETITIVE  
11 WITH OTHER FORMS OF BORROWING.—The Council may  
12 authorize the issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations  
13 under subsection (a) only if the issuance of such bonds,  
14 notes, and other obligations is competitive with other  
15 forms of borrowing in the financial market.

16 (c) TREATMENT AS GENERAL OBLIGATION.—Any  
17 bond, note, or other obligation issued under subsection (a)  
18 shall, if provided in the act of the Council, be a general  
19 obligation of the District.

20 (d) PAYMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION.—  
21 No appropriation is required to pay—

22 (1) any amount (including the amount of any  
23 accrued interest or premium) obligated or expended  
24 from or pursuant to subsection (a) for or from the

1 sale of any bonds, notes, or other obligation under  
2 such subsection;

3 (2) any amount obligated or expended for the  
4 payment of principal of, interest on, or any premium  
5 for any bonds, notes, or other obligations issued  
6 under subsection (a);

7 (3) any amount obligated or expended pursuant  
8 to provisions made to secure any bonds, notes, or  
9 other obligations issued under subsection (a); or

10 (4) any amount obligated or expended pursuant  
11 to commitments, including lines of credit or costs of  
12 issuance, made or entered in connection with the  
13 issuance of any bonds, notes, or other obligations for  
14 operating or capital costs financed under subsection  
15 (a).

16 (e) RENEWAL.—Any bond, note, or other obligation  
17 issued under subsection (a) may be renewed if authorized  
18 by an act of the Council.

19 (f) PAYMENT.—Any bonds, notes, or other obliga-  
20 tions issued under subsection (a), including any renewal  
21 of such bonds, notes, or other obligations, shall be due  
22 and payable on such terms and conditions as are con-  
23 sistent with the terms and conditions of the Municipal Li-  
24 quidity Facility or other facility or program referred to  
25 in subsection (a).

1 (g) INCLUSION OF PAYMENTS IN ANNUAL BUDG-  
 2 ET.—The Council shall provide in each annual budget for  
 3 the District of Columbia government sufficient funds to  
 4 pay the principal of and interest on all bonds, notes, or  
 5 other obligations issued under subsection (a) of this sec-  
 6 tion becoming due and payable during such fiscal year.

7 (h) OBLIGATION TO PAY.—The Mayor of the District  
 8 of Columbia shall ensure that the principal of and interest  
 9 on all bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under sub-  
 10 section (a) are paid when due, including by paying such  
 11 principal and interest from funds not otherwise legally  
 12 committed.

13 (i) SECURITY INTEREST IN DISTRICT REVENUES.—  
 14 The Council may by act provide for a security interest in  
 15 any District of Columbia revenues as additional security  
 16 for the payment of any bond, note, or other obligation  
 17 issued under subsection (a).

## 18 **TITLE VI—OTHER MATTERS**

### 19 **SEC. 70601. ESTIMATES OF AGGREGATE ECONOMIC** 20 **GROWTH ACROSS INCOME GROUPS.**

21 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
 22 “Measuring Real Income Growth Act of 2020”.

23 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the  
2 Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of  
3 Commerce.

4           (2) GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ANALYSIS.—  
5 The term “gross domestic product analysis”—

6           (A) means a quarterly or annual analysis  
7 conducted by the Bureau with respect to the  
8 gross domestic product of the United States;  
9 and

10           (B) includes a revision prepared by the  
11 Bureau of an analysis described in subpara-  
12 graph (A).

13           (3) RECENT ESTIMATE.—The term “recent es-  
14 timate” means the most recent estimate described in  
15 subsection (c) that is available on the date on which  
16 the gross domestic product analysis with which the  
17 estimate is to be included is conducted.

18           (c) INCLUSION IN REPORTS.—Beginning in 2020, in  
19 each gross domestic product analysis conducted by the Bu-  
20 reau, the Bureau shall include a recent estimate of, with  
21 respect to specific percentile groups of income, the total  
22 amount that was added to the economy of the United  
23 States during the period to which the recent estimate per-  
24 tains, including in—

25           (1) each of the 10 deciles of income; and

1           (2) the highest 1 percent of income.

2           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
3 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Com-  
4 merce such sums as are necessary to carry out this sec-  
5 tion.

6 **SEC. 70602. WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT**  
7                           **FOR THE DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES SUP-**  
8                           **PORT PROGRAM.**

9           The matching funds requirement under paragraphs  
10 (1)(A)(i), (1)(A)(iii), and (3)(D) of section 1032(b) of the  
11 Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1532(b)) may  
12 be modified or waived by the Administrator if a grantee  
13 or applicant is unable to meet the requirement as a result  
14 of the public health emergency declared pursuant to sec-  
15 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 247d) as a result of COVID–19.

17 **SEC. 70603. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BORROWING**  
18                           **AUTHORITY.**

19           Subsection (b)(2) of section 6001 of the Coronavirus  
20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–  
21 136) is amended to read as follows:

22                       “(2) the Secretary of the Treasury shall lend up  
23                       to the amount described in paragraph (1) at the re-  
24                       quest of the Postal Service subject to the terms and  
25                       conditions of the note purchase agreement between

1 the Postal Service and the Federal Financing Bank  
2 in effect on September 29, 2018.”.

3 **DIVISION H—VETERANS AND**  
4 **SERVICEMEMBERS PROVISIONS**

5 **SEC. 80001. MODIFICATION OF PAY LIMITATION FOR CER-**  
6 **TAIN HIGH-LEVEL EMPLOYEES AND OFFI-**  
7 **CERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
8 **AFFAIRS.**

9 (a) MODIFICATION.—Section 7404(d) of title 38,  
10 United States Code, is amended by inserting “and except  
11 for individuals appointed under 7401(4) and 7306 of this  
12 title,” after “section 7457 of this title,”.

13 (b) WAIVERS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
15 Affairs may waive the limitation described in section  
16 7404(d) of such title, as in effect on the day before  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, on the amount  
18 of basic pay payable to individuals appointed under  
19 section 7401(4) or 7306 of such title for basic pay  
20 payable during the period—

21 (A) beginning on November 1, 2010; and

22 (B) ending on the day before the date of  
23 the enactment of this Act.

24 (2) FORM.—The Secretary shall prescribe the  
25 form for requesting a waiver under paragraph (1).

1           (3) TREATMENT OF WAIVER.—A decision not to  
2           grant a waiver under paragraph (1) shall not be  
3           treated as an adverse action and is not subject to  
4           further appeal, third-party review, or judicial review.

5 **SEC. 80002. INCREASE OF AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEPART-**  
6                           **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PAYMENTS**  
7                           **DURING EMERGENCY PERIOD RESULTING**  
8                           **FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—During the covered period, the  
10          Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply each of the fol-  
11          lowing provisions of title 38, United States Code, by sub-  
12          stituting for each of the dollar amounts in such provision  
13          the amount equal to 125 percent of the dollar amount that  
14          was in effect under such provision on the date of the en-  
15          actment of this Act:

16                 (1) Subsections (l), (m), (r), and (t) of section  
17                 1114.

18                 (2) Paragraph (1)(E) of section 1115.

19                 (3) Subsection (c) of section 1311.

20                 (4) Subsection (g) of section 1315.

21                 (5) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) of  
22                 section 1521.

23                 (6) Paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection (f) of  
24                 section 1521.



1 (b) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS.—Any amount payable  
2 to an individual under subsection (a) in excess of the  
3 amount otherwise in effect shall be in addition to any  
4 other benefit or any other amount payable to that indi-  
5 vidual under any provision of law referred to in subsection  
6 (a) or any other provision of law administered by the Sec-  
7 retary of Veterans Affairs.

8 (c) COVERED PERIOD.—In this section, the covered  
9 period is the period that begins on the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act and ends 60 days after the last day of  
11 the emergency period (as defined in section 1135(g)(1) of  
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)(1))) result-  
13 ing from the COVID–19 pandemic.

14 **SEC. 80003. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST**  
15 **SHARING FOR VETERANS RECEIVING PRE-**  
16 **VENTIVE SERVICES RELATING TO COVID–19.**

17 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
18 fairs may not require any copayment or other cost sharing  
19 under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for  
20 qualifying coronavirus preventive services. The require-  
21 ment described in this subsection shall take effect with  
22 respect to a qualifying coronavirus preventive service on  
23 the specified date.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “quali-  
25 fying coronavirus preventive service” and “specified date”

1 have the meaning given those terms in section 3203 of  
2 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

3 **SEC. 80004. MODIFICATION OF CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS**  
4 **OF PER DIEM GRANTS.**

5 Section 2012(a)(2)(B) of title 38, United States  
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) in clause (i), by inserting “or (iii)” after  
8 “clause (ii)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 clause:

11 “(iii) With respect to a homeless veteran who  
12 has care of a minor dependent while receiving serv-  
13 ices from the grant recipient or eligible entity, the  
14 daily cost of care shall be the sum of the daily cost  
15 of care determined under subparagraph (A) plus, for  
16 each such minor dependent, an amount that equals  
17 50 percent of such daily cost of care.”.

18 **SEC. 80005. EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR VETERANS DUR-**  
19 **ING COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

20 (a) **EMERGENCY TREATMENT.**—Notwithstanding  
21 section 1725 or 1728 of title 38, United States Code, or  
22 any other provision of law administered by the Secretary  
23 of Veterans Affairs pertaining to furnishing emergency  
24 treatment to veterans at non-Department facilities, during  
25 the period of a covered public health emergency, the Sec-

1   retary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish to an eligible vet-  
2   eran emergency treatment at a non-Department facility in  
3   accordance with this section.

4       (b) AUTHORIZATION NOT REQUIRED.—The Sec-  
5   retary may not require an eligible veteran to seek author-  
6   ization by the Secretary for emergency treatment fur-  
7   nished to the veteran pursuant to subsection (a).

8       (c) PAYMENT RATES.—

9           (1) DETERMINATION.—The rate paid for emer-  
10   gency treatment furnished to eligible veterans pursu-  
11   ant to subsection (a) shall be equal to the rate paid  
12   by the United States to a provider of services (as de-  
13   fined in section 1861(u) of the Social Security Act  
14   (42 U.S.C. 1395x(u))) or a supplier (as defined in  
15   section 1861(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(d)))  
16   under the Medicare program under title XI or title  
17   XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et  
18   seq.), including section 1834 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
19   1395m), for the same treatment.

20          (2) FINALITY.—A payment in the amount pay-  
21   able under paragraph (1) for emergency treatment  
22   furnished to an eligible veteran pursuant to sub-  
23   section (a) shall be considered payment in full and  
24   shall extinguish the veteran's liability to the provider  
25   of such treatment, unless the provider rejects the

1 payment and refunds to the United States such  
2 amount by not later than 30 days after receiving the  
3 payment.

4 (d) CLAIMS PROCESSED BY THIRD PARTY ADMINIS-  
5 TRATORS.—

6 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8 retary shall seek to award a contract to one or more  
9 entities, or to modify an existing contract, to process  
10 claims for payment for emergency treatment fur-  
11 nished to eligible veterans pursuant to subsection  
12 (a).

13 (2) PROMPT PAYMENT STANDARD.—Section  
14 1703D of title 38, United States Code, shall apply  
15 with respect to claims for payment for emergency  
16 treatment furnished to eligible veterans pursuant to  
17 subsection (a).

18 (e) PRIMARY PAYER.—The Secretary shall be the pri-  
19 mary payer with respect to emergency treatment furnished  
20 to eligible veterans pursuant to subsection (a), and with  
21 respect to the transportation of a veteran by ambulance.  
22 In any case in which an eligible veteran is furnished such  
23 emergency treatment for a non-service-connected disability  
24 described in subsection (a)(2) of section 1729 of title 38,  
25 United States Code, the Secretary shall recover or collect

1 reasonable charges for such treatment from a health plan  
2 contract described in such section 1729 in accordance with  
3 such section.

4 (f) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply to emer-  
5 gency treatment furnished to eligible veterans during the  
6 period of a covered public health emergency, regardless of  
7 whether treatment was furnished before the date of the  
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “covered public health emer-  
11 gency” means the declaration—

12 (A) of a public health emergency, based on  
13 an outbreak of COVID–19 by the Secretary of  
14 Health and Human Services under section 319  
15 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 247d); or

17 (B) of a domestic emergency, based on an  
18 outbreak of COVID–19 by the President, the  
19 Secretary of Homeland Security, or a State or  
20 local authority.

21 (2) The term “eligible veteran” means a vet-  
22 eran enrolled in the health care system established  
23 under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

24 (3) The term “emergency treatment” means  
25 medical care or services rendered in a medical emer-

1 agency of such nature that a prudent layperson rea-  
2 sonably expects that delay in seeking immediate  
3 medical attention would be hazardous to life or  
4 health.

5 (4) The term “non-Department facility” has  
6 the meaning given that term in section 1701 of title  
7 38, United States Code.

8 **SEC. 80006. FLEXIBILITY FOR THE SECRETARY OF VET-**  
9 **ERANS AFFAIRS IN CARING FOR HOMELESS**  
10 **VETERANS DURING A COVERED PUBLIC**  
11 **HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

12 (a) GENERAL SUPPORT.—

13 (1) USE OF FUNDS.—During a covered public  
14 health emergency, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
15 may use amounts appropriated or otherwise made  
16 available to the Department of Veterans Affairs to  
17 carry out sections 2011, 2012, and 2061 of title 38,  
18 United States Code, to provide to homeless veterans  
19 the following:

20 (A) Food.

21 (B) Shelter.

22 (C) Basic supplies (such as clothing, blan-  
23 kets, and toiletry items).

24 (D) Transportation.

1           (E) Communications equipment and re-  
2           quired capabilities (such as smartphones, dis-  
3           posable phones, and phone service plans).

4           (F) Such other assistance as the Secretary  
5           determines appropriate.

6           (2) HOMELESS VETERANS ON LAND OF THE  
7           DEPARTMENT.—

8           (A) USE OF REVOLVING FUND.—During a  
9           covered public health emergency, the Secretary  
10          may use amounts in the revolving fund under  
11          section 8109(h) of title 38, United States Code,  
12          to alter parking facilities of the Department to  
13          facilitate the use of such facilities as temporary  
14          shelter locations for homeless veterans.

15          (B) PARTNERSHIPS.—During a covered  
16          public health emergency, the Secretary may  
17          partner with one or more organizations to man-  
18          age land of the Department used by homeless  
19          veterans for sleeping.

20          (C) EQUIPMENT.—During a covered public  
21          health emergency, the Secretary shall not be re-  
22          sponsible for furnishing outdoor equipment nec-  
23          essary for sleeping on land of the Department.

24          (b) GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM.—

1           (1) MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE.—Notwith-  
2 standing paragraph (2) of section 2012(a) of title  
3 38, United States Code, during a covered public  
4 health emergency, the maximum rate of per diem  
5 authorized under such section is 300 percent of the  
6 rate authorized for State homes for domiciliary care  
7 under subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 1741 of such  
8 title, as the Secretary may increase from time to  
9 time under subsection (c) of that section.

10           (2) USE OF PER DIEM PAYMENTS.—During a  
11 covered public health emergency, a recipient of a  
12 grant or an eligible entity under the grant and per  
13 diem program of the Department (in this subsection  
14 referred to as the “program”) may use per diem  
15 payments under sections 2012 and 2061 of title 38,  
16 United States Code, to provide food and basic sup-  
17 plies for—

18                   (A) homeless veterans in the program; and

19                   (B) formerly homeless veterans in the com-  
20 munity who experienced homelessness during  
21 the one-year period ending on the date of the  
22 enactment of this Act.

23           (3) ADDITIONAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.—

24                   (A) IN GENERAL.—During a covered pub-  
25 lic health emergency, the Secretary may provide



1 amounts for grants and per diem payments  
2 under the program for additional transitional  
3 housing beds to facilitate access to housing and  
4 services provided to homeless veterans.

5 (B) NOTICE; COMPETITION; PERIOD OF  
6 PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary may provide  
7 amounts under subparagraph (A)—

8 (i) without notice or competition; and

9 (ii) for a period of performance deter-  
10 mined by the Secretary.

11 (4) INSPECTIONS AND LIFE SAFETY CODE RE-  
12 QUIREMENTS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—During a covered pub-  
14 lic health emergency, the Secretary may waive  
15 any requirement under subsection (b) or (c) of  
16 section 2012 of title 38, United States Code, in  
17 order to allow the recipient of a grant or an eli-  
18 gible entity under the program—

19 (i) to quickly identify temporary alter-  
20 nate sites of care for homeless veterans  
21 that are suitable for habitation;

22 (ii) to facilitate social distancing or  
23 isolation needs; or

1 (iii) to facilitate activation or continu-  
2 ation of a program for which a grant has  
3 been awarded.

4 (B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may  
5 waive a requirement pursuant to the authority  
6 provided by subparagraph (A) with respect to a  
7 facility of a recipient of a grant or an eligible  
8 entity under the program only if the facility  
9 meets applicable local safety requirements, in-  
10 cluding fire safety requirements.

11 (c) HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.—

12 (1) COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT FACILI-  
13 TIES.—During a covered public health emergency,  
14 the Secretary may use amounts as authorized under  
15 subsection (a)(1) notwithstanding any requirement  
16 under subsection (a)(2) of section 2031 of title 38,  
17 United States Code, that community-based treat-  
18 ment facilities provide care, treatment, and rehabili-  
19 tative services to veterans described in such section.

20 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON REDUCTION OF  
21 CARE, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATIVE SERV-  
22 ICES.—During a covered public health emergency, if  
23 the Secretary reduces the care, treatment, and reha-  
24 bilitative services provided to homeless veterans  
25 under section 2031(a)(2) of title 38, United States

1 Code, the Secretary shall submit to Congress month-  
2 ly reports on the reduction of such care, treatment,  
3 and services for the duration of the covered public  
4 health emergency.

5 (3) INSPECTION AND LIFE SAFETY CODE RE-  
6 QUIREMENTS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—During a covered pub-  
8 lic health emergency, the Secretary may waive  
9 any inspection or life safety code requirement  
10 under subsection (c) of section 2032 of title 38,  
11 United States Code—

12 (i) to allow quick identification of  
13 temporary alternate sites of care for home-  
14 less veterans that are suitable for habi-  
15 tation;

16 (ii) to facilitate social distancing or  
17 isolation needs; or

18 (iii) to facilitate the operation of hous-  
19 ing under such section.

20 (B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may  
21 waive a requirement pursuant to the authority  
22 provided by subparagraph (A) with respect to a  
23 residence or facility referred to in such section  
24 2032 only if the residence or facility, as the

1 case may be, meets applicable local safety re-  
2 quirements, including fire safety requirements.

3 (d) ACCESS OF HOMELESS VETERANS TO DEPART-  
4 MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—

5 During a covered public health emergency, the Secretary  
6 may make available telehealth capabilities to homeless vet-  
7 erans who—

8 (1) are receiving services provided under chap-  
9 ter 20 of title 38, United States Code; or

10 (2) are participating in a program under such  
11 chapter.

12 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) COVERED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

14 The term “covered public health emergency” means  
15 an emergency with respect to COVID–19 declared  
16 by a Federal, State, or local authority.

17 (2) HOMELESS VETERAN; VETERAN.—The

18 terms “homeless veteran” and “veteran” have the  
19 meanings given those terms in section 2002 of title  
20 38, United States Code.

21 (3) PARKING FACILITY.—The term “parking fa-  
22 cility” has the meaning given that term in section  
23 8109(a) of such title.

24 (4) TELEHEALTH.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “telehealth”  
2 means the use of electronic information and  
3 telecommunications technologies to support and  
4 promote long-distance clinical health care, pa-  
5 tient and professional health-related education,  
6 public health, and health administration.

7           (B) TECHNOLOGIES.—For purposes of  
8 subparagraph (A), “telecommunications tech-  
9 nologies” include video conferencing, the inter-  
10 net, streaming media, and terrestrial and wire-  
11 less communications.

12 **SEC. 80007. HUD-VASH PROGRAM.**

13       The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
14 shall take such actions with respect to the supported hous-  
15 ing program carried out under section 8(o)(19) of the  
16 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
17 1437f(o)(19)) in conjunction with the Department of Vet-  
18 erans Affairs (commonly referred to as “HUD-VASH”),  
19 and shall require public housing agencies administering  
20 assistance under such program to take such actions, as  
21 may be appropriate to facilitate the issuance and utiliza-  
22 tion of vouchers for rental assistance under such program  
23 during the period of the covered public health emergency  
24 (as such term is defined in section 1 of this Act), including  
25 the following actions:

1           (1) Establishing mechanisms and procedures  
2 providing for referral and application documents  
3 used under such program to be received by fax, elec-  
4 tronic mail, drop box, or other means not requiring  
5 in-person contact.

6           (2) Establishing mechanisms and procedures  
7 for processing applications for participation in such  
8 program that do not require identification or  
9 verification of identity by social security number or  
10 photo ID in cases in which closure of governmental  
11 offices prevents confirmation or verification of iden-  
12 tity by such means.

13           (3) Providing for waiver of requirements to con-  
14 duct housing quality standard inspections with re-  
15 spect to dwelling units for which rental assistance is  
16 provided under such program.

17 **SEC. 80008. EXTENSION OF LEASE PROTECTIONS FOR**  
18 **SERVICEMEMBERS UNDER STOP MOVEMENT**  
19 **ORDERS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL, NATIONAL,**  
20 **OR GLOBAL EMERGENCY.**

21           (a) **TERMINATION.**—Subsection (a)(1) of section 305  
22 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3955)  
23 is amended—

24           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; or” and  
25 inserting a semicolon;

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

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           paragraph:

5                   “(C) the date of the lessee’s stop move-  
6                   ment order described in paragraph (1)(C) or  
7                   (2)(C) of subsection (b), as the case may be.”.

8           (b) COVERED LEASES.—

9                   (1) LEASES OF PREMISES.—Paragraph (1) of  
10                  subsection (b) of such section is amended—

11                           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
12                           or” and inserting a semicolon;

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

15                           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
16                           subparagraph:

17                                   “(C) the servicemember, while in military  
18                                   service—

19   “(i) executes a lease upon receipt of  
20   military orders for a permanent change of  
21   station or to deploy with a military unit, or  
22   as an individual in support of a military  
23   operation, for a period of not less than 90  
24   days; and

1           “(ii) thereafter receives a stop move-  
2           ment order issued by the Secretary of De-  
3           fense in response to a local, national, or  
4           global emergency, effective for an indefi-  
5           nite period or for a period of not less than  
6           30 days, which prevents the servicemember  
7           or servicemember’s dependents from occu-  
8           pying the lease for a residential, profes-  
9           sional, business, agricultural, or similar  
10          purpose.”.

11           (2) LEASES OF MOTOR VEHICLES.—Paragraph  
12          (2) of such subsection is amended—

13           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
14           or” and inserting a semicolon;

15           (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking  
16           the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

17           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
18           subparagraph:

19           “(C) the servicemember, while in military  
20           service—

21           “(i) executes a lease upon receipt of  
22           military orders described in subparagraph  
23           (B); and

24           “(ii) thereafter receives a stop move-  
25           ment order issued by the Secretary of De-



1           fense in response to a local, national, or  
2           global emergency, effective for an indefi-  
3           nite period or for a period of not less than  
4           30 days, which prevents the servicemem-  
5           ber, or the servicemember's dependents,  
6           from using the vehicle for personal or busi-  
7           ness transportation.”.

8           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION.—Paragraph  
9 (1) of subsection (d) of such section is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11           “(1) LEASE OF PREMISES.—

12           “(A) ENTRANCE TO MILITARY SERVICE,  
13           PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION, OR DEPLOY-  
14           MENT.—In the case of a lease described in sub-  
15           paragraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b)(1) that  
16           provides for monthly payment of rent, termi-  
17           nation of the lease under subsection (a) is effec-  
18           tive 30 days after the first date on which the  
19           next rental payment is due and payable after  
20           the date on which the notice under subsection  
21           (c) is delivered. In the case of any other lease  
22           described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sub-  
23           section (b)(1) termination of the lease under  
24           subsection (a) is effective on the last day of the

1 month following the month in which the notice  
2 is delivered.

3 “(B) STOP MOVEMENT ORDERS.—In the  
4 case of a lease described in subsection  
5 (b)(1)(C), termination of the lease under sub-  
6 section (a) is effective on the date on which the  
7 requirements of subsection (c) are met for such  
8 termination.”.

9 (d) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Subsection (i) is  
10 amended, in the matter before paragraph (1), by inserting  
11 “In this section:” after “DEFINITIONS.—”.

12 (e) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—The amendments  
13 made by this section shall apply to stop movement orders  
14 issued on or after March 1, 2020.

15 **SEC. 80009. TERMINATION OF TELEPHONE, MULTICHANNEL**  
16 **VIDEO PROGRAMMING, AND INTERNET AC-**  
17 **CESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BY**  
18 **SERVICEMEMBERS WHO ENTER INTO CON-**  
19 **TRACTS AFTER RECEIVING MILITARY OR-**  
20 **TERS FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION**  
21 **BUT THEN RECEIVE STOP MOVEMENT OR-**  
22 **TERS DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305A(a)(1) of the  
24 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3956) is  
25 amended—

1           (1) by striking “after the date the servicemem-  
2           ber receives military orders to relocate for a period  
3           of not less than 90 days to a location that does not  
4           support the contract.” and inserting “after—”; and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6           paragraphs:

7                   “(A) the date the servicemember receives  
8                   military orders to relocate for a period of not  
9                   less than 90 days to a location that does not  
10                  support the contract; or

11                   “(B) the date the servicemember, while in  
12                   military service, receives military orders for a  
13                   permanent change of station, thereafter enters  
14                   into the contract, and then after entering into  
15                   the contract receives a stop movement order  
16                   issued by the Secretary of Defense in response  
17                   to a local, national, or global emergency, effec-  
18                   tive for an indefinite period or for a period of  
19                   not less than 30 days, which prevents the serv-  
20                   icemember from using the services provided  
21                   under the contract.”.

22           (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—The amendments  
23           made by this section shall apply to stop movement orders  
24           issued on or after March 1, 2020.

1 **SEC. 80010. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS FOR TELE-**  
2 **PHONE, MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAM-**  
3 **MING, OR INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE BY**  
4 **CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS UNDER**  
5 **SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.**

6 Section 305A(a) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief  
7 Act (50 U.S.C. 3956(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) **ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS COVERED.**—For  
10 purposes of this section, the following individuals  
11 shall be treated as a servicemember covered by para-  
12 graph (1):

13 “(A) A spouse or dependent of a service-  
14 member who dies while in military service or a  
15 spouse or dependent of a member of the reserve  
16 components who dies while performing duty de-  
17 scribed in subparagraph (C).

18 “(B) A spouse or dependent of a service-  
19 member who incurs a catastrophic injury or ill-  
20 ness (as that term is defined in section 439(g)  
21 of title 37, United States Code), if the service-  
22 member incurs the catastrophic injury or illness  
23 while in military service or performing duty de-  
24 scribed in subparagraph (C).

25 “(C) A member of the reserve components  
26 performing military service or performing full-

1           time National Guard duty, active Guard and  
2           Reserve duty, or inactive-duty training (as such  
3           terms are defined in section 101(d) of title 10,  
4           United States Code).”.

5 **SEC. 80011. CLARIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF LEASES**  
6                   **OF PREMISES AND MOTOR VEHICLES OF**  
7                   **SERVICEMEMBERS WHO INCUR CATA-**  
8                   **STROPHIC INJURY OR ILLNESS OR DIE**  
9                   **WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE.**

10           (a) CATASTROPHIC INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.—  
11 Paragraph (4) of section 305(a) of the Servicemembers  
12 Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3955(a)), as added by section  
13 545 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
14 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16                   “(4) CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR ILLNESS OF  
17           LESSEE.—

18                           “(A) TERMINATION.—If the lessee on a  
19           lease described in subsection (b) incurs a cata-  
20           strophic injury or illness during a period of  
21           military service or while performing covered  
22           service, during the one-year period beginning on  
23           the date on which the lessee incurs such injury  
24           or illness—

1           “(i) the lessee may terminate the  
2 lease; or

3           “(ii) in the case of a lessee who lacks  
4 the mental capacity to contract or to man-  
5 age his or her own affairs (including dis-  
6 bursement of funds without limitation) due  
7 to such injury or illness, the spouse or de-  
8 pendent of the lessee may terminate the  
9 lease.

10          “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

11           “(i) The term ‘catastrophic injury or  
12 illness’ has the meaning given that term in  
13 section 439(g) of title 37, United States  
14 Code.

15           “(ii) The term ‘covered service’ means  
16 full-time National Guard duty, active  
17 Guard and Reserve duty, or inactive-duty  
18 training (as such terms are defined in sec-  
19 tion 101(d) of title 10, United States  
20 Code).”.

21          (b) DEATHS.—Paragraph (3) of such section is  
22 amended by striking “The spouse of the lessee” and in-  
23 serting “The spouse or dependent of the lessee”.

1 **SEC. 80012. DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN DEBTS ARISING FROM**  
2 **BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**  
3 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the covered period, the  
5 Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not—

6 (1) take any action to collect a covered debt (in-  
7 cluding the offset of any payment by the Secretary);

8 (2) record a covered debt;

9 (3) issue notice of a covered debt to a person  
10 or a consumer reporting agency;

11 (4) allow any interest to accrue on a covered  
12 debt; or

13 (5) apply any administrative fee to a covered  
14 debt.

15 (b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
16 the Secretary may collect a payment regarding a covered  
17 debt (including interest or any administrative fee) from  
18 a person (or the fiduciary of that person) who elects to  
19 make such a payment during the covered period.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “consumer reporting agency” has  
22 the meaning given that term in section 5701 of title  
23 38, United States Code.

24 (2) The term “covered debt” means a debt—

25 (A) owed by a person (including a fidu-  
26 ciary) to the United States;

1 (B) arising from a benefit under a covered  
2 law; and

3 (C) that is not subject to recovery under—

4 (i) section 3729 of title 31, United  
5 States Code;

6 (ii) section 1729 of title 38, United  
7 States Code; or

8 (iii) Public Law 87–693 (42 U.S.C.  
9 2651).

10 (3) The term “covered law” means any law ad-  
11 ministered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
12 through—

13 (A) the Under Secretary for Health; or

14 (B) the Under Secretary for Benefits.

15 (4) The term “covered period” means—

16 (A) the COVID–19 emergency period; and

17 (B) the 60 days immediately following the  
18 date of the end of the COVID–19 emergency  
19 period.

20 (5) The term “COVID–19 emergency period”  
21 means the emergency period described in section  
22 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 1320b-5(g)(1)(B)).



1 **SEC. 80013. TOLLING OF DEADLINES RELATING TO CLAIMS**  
2 **FOR BENEFITS ADMINISTERED BY SEC-**  
3 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **REQUIRED TOLLING.**—With respect to claims  
5 and appeals made by a claimant, the covered period shall  
6 be excluded in computing the following:

7 (1) In cases where an individual expresses an  
8 intent to file a claim, the period in which the indi-  
9 vidual is required to file the claim in order to have  
10 the effective date of the claim be determined based  
11 on the date of such intent, as described in section  
12 3.155(b)(1) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

13 (2) The period in which the claimant is re-  
14 quired to take an action pursuant to section 5104C  
15 of title 38, United States Code.

16 (3) The period in which the claimant is re-  
17 quired to appeal a change in service-connected or  
18 employability status or change in physical condition  
19 described in section 5112(b)(6) of such title.

20 (4) The period in which an individual is re-  
21 quired to file a notice of appeal under section 7266  
22 of such title.

23 (5) Any other period in which a claimant or  
24 beneficiary is required to act with respect to filing,  
25 perfecting, or appealing a claim, as determined ap-  
26 propriate by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1           (b) USE OF POSTMARK DATES.—With respect to  
2 claims filed using nonelectronic means and appeals made  
3 during the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
4 fairs and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, as  
5 the case may be, shall administer the provisions of title  
6 38, United States Code, as follows:

7           (1) In section 5110—

8           (A) in subsection (a)—

9           (i) in paragraph (1), by substituting  
10           “the earlier of the date of receipt of appli-  
11           cation therefor and the date of the post-  
12           mark or other official proof of mailing date  
13           of the application therefor” for “the date  
14           of receipt of application therefor”; and

15           (ii) in paragraph (3), by substituting  
16           “the earlier of the date of receipt of the  
17           supplemental claim and the date of the  
18           postmark or other official proof of mailing  
19           date of the supplemental claim” for “the  
20           date of receipt of the supplemental claim”;  
21           and

22           (B) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by sub-  
23           stituting “the earlier of the date of receipt of  
24           application and the date of the postmark or  
25           other official proof of mailing date of the appli-

1 cation” for “the date of receipt of the applica-  
2 tion”.

3 (2) In section 7266, without regard to sub-  
4 section (d).

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “claimant” has the meaning given  
7 that term in section 5100 of title 38, United States  
8 Code.

9 (2) The term “covered period” means the pe-  
10 riod beginning on the date of the emergency period  
11 (as defined in section 1135(g)(1) of the Social Secu-  
12 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)(1))) resulting from  
13 the COVID–19 pandemic and ending 90 days after  
14 the last day of such emergency period.

15 **SEC. 80014. PROVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
16 **FAIRS HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERV-**  
17 **ICES TO CERTAIN VETERANS WHO ARE UN-**  
18 **EMPLOYED OR LOST EMPLOYER-SPONSORED**  
19 **HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BY REASON OF A**  
20 **COVERED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the 12-month period be-  
22 ginning on the date on which a covered veteran applies  
23 for hospital care or medical services under this section,  
24 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consider the cov-  
25 ered veteran to be unable to defray the expenses of nec-

1    essary care for purposes of section 1722 of title 38, United  
2    States Code, and shall furnish to such veteran hospital  
3    care and medical services under chapter 17 of title 38,  
4    United States Code.

5           (b) COVERED VETERAN.—For purposes of this sec-  
6    tion, a covered veteran is a veteran—

7                   (1) who—

8                           (A) is unemployed; or

9                           (B) has lost access to a group health plan  
10                   or group health insurance coverage by reason of  
11                   a covered public health emergency; and

12                   (2) whose projected attributable income for the  
13                   12-month period beginning on the date of applica-  
14                   tion for hospital care or medical services under this  
15                   section is not more than the amount in effect under  
16                   section 1722(b) of title 38, United States Code.

17           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18                   (1) The term “covered public health emer-  
19                   gency” means the declaration—

20                           (A) of a public health emergency, based on  
21                   an outbreak of COVID–19 by the Secretary of  
22                   Health and Human Services under section 319  
23                   of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
24                   247d); or

1 (B) of a domestic emergency, based on an  
2 outbreak of COVID–19 by the President, the  
3 Secretary of Homeland Security, or State, or  
4 local authority.

5 (2) The terms “group health plan” and “group  
6 health insurance coverage” have the meaning given  
7 such terms in section 2701 of the Public Health  
8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-3).

9 **SEC. 80015. EXPANSION OF VET CENTER SERVICES TO VET-**  
10 **ERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
11 **FORCES WHO PERFORM CERTAIN SERVICE IN**  
12 **RESPONSE TO COVERED PUBLIC HEALTH**  
13 **EMERGENCY.**

14 Section 1712A of title 38, United States Code, is  
15 amended—

16 (1) by striking “clauses (i) through (iv)” both  
17 places it appears and inserting “clauses (i) through  
18 (v)”;

19 (2) by striking “in clause (v)” both places it ap-  
20 pears and inserting “in clause (vi)”;

21 (3) in subsection (a)(1)(C)—

22 (A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as  
23 clauses (v) and (vi), respectively; and

24 (B) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-  
25 lowing new clause (iv):

1           “(iv) Any individual who is a veteran or mem-  
2           ber of the Armed Forces (including the reserve com-  
3           ponents), who, in response to a covered public health  
4           emergency, performed active service or State active  
5           duty for a period of at least 14 days.”; and

6           (4) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the  
7           following new paragraphs:

8           “(4) The term ‘active service’ has the meaning  
9           given that term in section 101 of title 10.

10          “(5) The term ‘covered public health emer-  
11          gency’ means the declaration—

12                 “(A) of a public health emergency, based  
13                 on an outbreak of COVID–19, by the Secretary  
14                 of Health and Human Services under section  
15                 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
16                 U.S.C. 247d); or

17                 “(B) of a domestic emergency, based on an  
18                 outbreak of COVID–19, by the President, the  
19                 Secretary of Homeland Security, or a State or  
20                 local authority.”.

1     **DIVISION I—SMALL BUSINESS**  
2                     **PROVISIONS**

3     **SEC. 90001. AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION**  
4                     **PROGRAM.**

5             (a) EXTENSION OF COVERED PERIOD.—Section  
6 7(a)(36)(A)(iii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
7 636(a)(36)(A)(iii)) is amended by striking “June 30,  
8 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2020”.

9             (b) TRIBAL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—Section  
10 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
11 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended by striking “described in sec-  
12 tion 31(b)(2)(C)” each place it appears.

13             (c) INCLUSION OF CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN  
14 THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—Section  
15 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
16 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing new clause:

18                     “(vii) INCLUSION OF CRITICAL ACCESS  
19                     HOSPITALS.—During the covered period,  
20                     any nonprofit organization that is a critical  
21                     access hospital (as defined in section  
22                     1861(mm) of the Social Security Act (42  
23                     U.S.C. 1395x(mm))) shall be eligible to re-  
24                     ceive a covered loan, regardless of the sta-  
25                     tus of such a hospital as a debtor in a case

1 under chapter 11 of title 11, United States  
2 Code, or the status of any debts owed by  
3 such a hospital to the Federal Govern-  
4 ment.”.

5 (d) MODIFICATION TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Section  
6 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
7 636(a)(36)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (A) in clause (vii), by striking “section  
10 501(c)(3)” and inserting “section 501(c)”;

11 (B) in clause (viii)(II)—

12 (i) in item (dd), by striking “or” at  
13 the end;

14 (ii) in item (ee), by inserting “or”;  
15 and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing new item:

18 “(ff) any compensation of  
19 an employee who is a registered  
20 lobbyist under the Lobbying Dis-  
21 closure Act of 1995;”;

22 (C) in clause (xi)(IV), by striking “and” at  
23 the end;

24 (D) in clause (xii), by striking the period  
25 at the end and inserting “; and”; and



1 (E) by adding at the end the following new  
2 clause:

3 “(xiii) the term ‘housing cooperative’  
4 means a cooperative housing corporation  
5 (as defined in section 216(b) of the Inter-  
6 nal Revenue Code of 1986).”; and

7 (2) in subparagraph (D)—

8 (A) by striking “nonprofit organization,”  
9 each place it appears and inserting “housing co-  
10 operative,”;

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
12 clause:

13 “(vii) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ELI-  
14 GIBILITY.—During the covered period, any  
15 nonprofit organization shall be eligible to  
16 receive a covered loan. Any 501(c)(4) orga-  
17 nization (as defined in section 501(c)(4) of  
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) may  
19 receive a covered loan provided that such  
20 501(c)(4) organization has not made and  
21 will not make a contribution, expenditure,  
22 independent expenditure, or electioneering  
23 communication within the meaning of the  
24 Federal Election Campaign Act, and has  
25 not undertaken and will not undertake

1 similar campaign finance activities in State  
2 and local elections, during the election  
3 cycle which ends on the date of the general  
4 election in this calendar year;”;

5 (C) in clause (iv)—

6 (i) in subclause (II), by striking  
7 “and” at the end;

8 (ii) in subclause (III), by striking the  
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
10 and

11 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing new subclause:

13 “(IV) any nonprofit organiza-  
14 tion.”; and

15 (D) in clause (vi), by striking “nonprofit  
16 organization” and inserting “housing coopera-  
17 tive”.

18 (e) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN LOCAL NEWS  
19 MEDIA.—Section 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act  
20 (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended—

21 (1) in clause (iii)—

22 (A) by striking “business concern that em-  
23 ploys” and inserting the following: “business  
24 concern that—

25 “(I) employs”;

1 (B) in subclause (I), by striking the period  
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

4 “(II) is assigned a North American Indus-  
5 try Classification System code beginning with  
6 511110, 515112, or 515120 and the individual  
7 physical location at the time of disbursal does  
8 not exceed the size standard established by the  
9 Administrator for the applicable code shall be  
10 eligible to receive a covered loan for expenses  
11 associated with an individual physical location  
12 of that business concern to support the contin-  
13 ued provision of local news, information, con-  
14 tent, or emergency information, and, at the  
15 time of disbursal, the individual physical loca-  
16 tion.”;

17 (2) in clause (iv) (as amended by subsection  
18 (d))—

19 (A) in subclause (III), by striking “and” at  
20 the end;

21 (B) in subclause (IV), by striking the pe-  
22 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

24 “(V) an individual physical loca-  
25 tion of a business concern described in

1 clause (iii)(II), if such concern shall  
2 not pay, distribute, or otherwise pro-  
3 vide any portion of the covered loan to  
4 any other entity other than the indi-  
5 vidual physical location that is the in-  
6 tended recipient of the covered loan.”;  
7 and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
9 clause:

10 “(viii) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
11 FOR NEWS BROADCAST ENTITIES.—

12 “(I) IN GENERAL.—With respect  
13 to an individual physical location of a  
14 business concern described in clause  
15 (iii)(II), each such location shall be  
16 treated as an independent, non-  
17 affiliated entity for purposes of this  
18 paragraph. A parent company, invest-  
19 ment company, or management com-  
20 pany of one or more physical locations  
21 of a business concern described in  
22 clause (iii)(II) shall not be eligible for  
23 a covered loan.

24 “(II) DEMONSTRATION OF  
25 NEED.—Any such location that is a

1 franchise or affiliate of, or owned or  
2 controlled by a parent company, in-  
3 vestment company, or the manage-  
4 ment thereof, shall demonstrate, upon  
5 request of the Administrator, the need  
6 for a covered loan to support the con-  
7 tinued provision of local news, infor-  
8 mation, content, or emergency infor-  
9 mation, and, at the time of disbursal,  
10 the individual physical location.

11 “(III) REPORT.—The Adminis-  
12 trator and Secretary of the Treasury  
13 shall submit to the Committee on  
14 Small Business of the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives, the Committee on Small  
16 Business and Entrepreneurship of the  
17 Senate, and the Congressional Over-  
18 sight Commission established under  
19 section 4020 of the CARES Act a re-  
20 port including information on loans  
21 made to an entity described under  
22 this clause.”.

23 (f) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN TERMS THROUGH  
24 LIFE OF COVERED LOAN.—Section 7(a)(36) of the Small  
25 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “During  
2 the covered period, with” and inserting “With”;

3           (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking “During  
4 the covered period, the” and inserting “The”;

5           (3) in subparagraph (J), by striking “During  
6 the covered period, with” and inserting “With”;

7           (4) in subparagraph (M)—

8                 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “During the  
9 covered period, the” and inserting “The”; and

10                (B) in clause (iii), by striking “During the  
11 covered period, with” and inserting “With”.

12           (g) LOAN MATURITY.—Section 7(a)(36)(K)(ii) of the  
13 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(K)(ii)) is  
14 amended by inserting “minimum maturity of 5 years” be-  
15 fore “maximum maturity”.

16           (h) INTEREST CALCULATION.—Section 7(a)(36)(L)  
17 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(L)) is  
18 amended by inserting “, calculated on a non-compounding,  
19 non-adjustable basis” after “4 percent”.

20           (i) FUNDING FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PRO-  
21 GRAM.—

22                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36)(S) of the  
23 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(S)) is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1           “(S) SET ASIDE FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.—

2           The Administrator shall provide for the cost to  
3           guarantee covered loans made under this para-  
4           graph—

5                   “(i) a set aside of not less than 25  
6                   percent of each such amount for covered  
7                   loans made to eligible recipients with 10 or  
8                   fewer employees; and

9                   “(ii) a set aside of 25 percent of each  
10                  such amount for covered loans made to  
11                  nonprofit organizations, of which not more  
12                  than 12.5 percent of each such amount set  
13                  aside may be used to make covered loans  
14                  to nonprofit organizations with 500 or  
15                  more employees.”.

16           (2) SET ASIDE FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL IN-  
17           STITUTIONS.—Of amounts appropriated by the Pay-  
18           check Protection Program and Health Care En-  
19           hancement Act (Public Law 116–139) under the  
20           heading “Small Business Administration—Business  
21           Loans Program Account, CARES Act” that have  
22           not been obligated or expended, the lesser of 25 per-  
23           cent of such amounts or \$10,000,000,000 shall be  
24           set aside for the cost to guarantee covered loans  
25           made under section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business

1 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) by community financial  
2 institutions (as such term is defined in subpara-  
3 graph (A)(xi) of such section).

4 (3) AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Section 7(a)(36) of  
5 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 subparagraph:

8 “(T) AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Any amounts  
9 returned to the Secretary of the Treasury due  
10 to the cancellation of a covered loan shall be  
11 solely used for the cost to guarantee covered  
12 loans made to eligible recipients with 10 or  
13 fewer employees.”.

14 (j) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL VIOLA-  
15 TIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36) of the  
17 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)), as  
18 amended by subsection (i), is further amended by  
19 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(U) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL  
21 VIOLATIONS.—

22 “(i) FINANCIAL FRAUD OR DECEP-  
23 TION.—A entity that is a business, organi-  
24 zation, cooperative, or enterprise may not  
25 receive a covered loan if an owner of 20



1 percent or more of the equity of such enti-  
2 ty, during the 5-year period preceding the  
3 date on which such entity applies for a cov-  
4 ered loan, has been convicted of a felony of  
5 financial fraud or deception under Federal,  
6 State, or Tribal law.

7 “(ii) ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS.—An  
8 entity that is a business, organization, co-  
9 operative, or enterprise shall be an eligible  
10 recipient notwithstanding a prior arrest or  
11 conviction under Federal, State, or Tribal  
12 law of an owner of 20 percent or more of  
13 the equity of such entity, unless such  
14 owner is currently incarcerated.

15 “(iii) WAIVER.—The Administrator  
16 may waive the requirements of clause (i).”.

17 (2) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 15 days  
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
19 trator of the Small Business Administration shall  
20 make necessary revisions to any rules to carry out  
21 the amendment made by this subsection.

22 (k) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY FI-  
23 NANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—Section 7(a)(36) of the Small  
24 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)), as amended by sub-

1 section (i), is further amended by adding at the end the  
2 following new subparagraph:

3           “(V) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMU-  
4           NITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—Of amounts  
5           appropriated to carry out this paragraph, the  
6           Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with  
7           the Administrator, shall use \$250,000,000 of  
8           such amounts to provide grants to community  
9           financial institutions, insured depository institu-  
10          tions with consolidated assets of less than  
11          \$10,000,000,000, and credit unions with con-  
12          solidated assets of less than \$10,000,000,000,  
13          to ensure such institutions can update their sys-  
14          tems (including updates related to compliance  
15          with the Bank Secrecy Act) and efficiently pro-  
16          vide loans that are guaranteed under this para-  
17          graph.”.

18          (l) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7(a)(36)(G)  
19 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is  
20 amended—

21           (1) in the subparagraph heading, by striking  
22           “BORROWER REQUIREMENTS” and all that follows  
23           through “eligible recipient applying” and inserting  
24           “BORROWER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An  
25           eligible recipient applying”; and

1           (2) by redesignating subclauses (I) through  
2           (IV) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively.

3 **SEC. 90002. COMMITMENTS FOR PAYCHECK PROTECTION**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5           Section 1102(b) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
6 136) is amended by striking “June 30, 2020” and all that  
7 follows through the period at the end and inserting “De-  
8 cember 31, 2020, the amount authorized for commitments  
9 for loans made under paragraph (36) of section 7(a) of  
10 the Small Business Act, as added by subsection (a), shall  
11 be \$659,000,000,000. The amount authorized under this  
12 section for commitments for loans made under section  
13 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act shall be in addition  
14 to the amount authorized under the heading ‘Small Busi-  
15 ness Administration—Business Loans Program Account’  
16 in the Financial Services and General Government Appro-  
17 priations Act, 2020 (division C of Public Law 116–93)  
18 for commitments for general business loans made under  
19 section 7(a) of the Small Business Act.”.

20 **SEC. 90003. INCLUSION OF SCORE AND VETERAN BUSINESS**  
21 **OUTREACH CENTERS IN ENTREPRENEURIAL**  
22 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1103(a)(2) of the CARES  
24 Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

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

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 paragraphs:

5                   “(C) a Veteran Business Outreach Center  
6 (as described under section 32(d) of the Small  
7 Business Act); and

8                   “(D) the Service Corps of Retired Execu-  
9 tives Association, or any successor or other or-  
10 ganization, that receives a grant from the Ad-  
11 ministrator to operate the SCORE program es-  
12 tablished under section 8(b)(2)(A) of the Small  
13 Business Act;”.

14       (b) FUNDING.—Section 1107(a)(4) of the CARES  
15 Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

16           (1) in subparagraph (A)—

17                   (A) by striking “\$240,000,000” and in-  
18 sserting “\$220,000,000”;

19                   (B) by striking “and” at the end; and

20           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 paragraphs:

22                   “(C) \$10,000,000 shall be for a Veteran  
23 Business Outreach Center described in section  
24 1103(a)(2)(C) of this Act to carry out activities  
25 under such section; and

1           “(D) \$10,000,000 shall be for the Service  
2           Corps of Retired Executives Association de-  
3           scribed in section 1103(a)(2)(D) of this Act to  
4           carry out activities under such section;”.

5 **SEC. 90004. AMENDMENTS TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION**  
6           **PROGRAM LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

7           (a) COVERED PERIOD.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1106(a)(3) of the  
9           CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended to  
10          read as follows:

11          “(3) the term ‘covered period’ means the period  
12          beginning on the date of the origination of a covered  
13          loan and ending on the earlier of—

14                 “(A) the date that is 24 weeks after such  
15                 date of origination; or

16                 “(B) December 31, 2020;”.

17          (2) EXEMPTION FOR REHIRES.—Section  
18          1106(d)(5)(B) of such Act is amended by striking  
19          “June 30, 2020” each place it appears and inserting  
20          “December 31, 2020”.

21          (b) DEFINITION OF EXPECTED FORGIVENESS  
22          AMOUNT.—

23          (1) DEFINITION OF EXPECTED FORGIVENESS  
24          AMOUNT.—Section 1106(a)(7) of the CARES Act  
25          (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
2 “and” at the end;

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

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
6 subparagraphs:

7 “(E) interest on any other debt obligations  
8 that were incurred before the covered period;

9 “(F) any amount that was a loan made  
10 under subsection (b)(2) that was refinanced as  
11 part of a covered loan and authorized by section  
12 7(a)(36)(F)(iv) of the Small Business Act;  
13 and”.

14 (2) FORGIVENESS.—Section 1106(b) of the  
15 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by  
16 adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

17 “(5) Any payment of interest on any other debt  
18 obligations that were incurred before the covered pe-  
19 riod.

20 “(6) Any amount that was a loan made under  
21 section 7(b)(2) of the Small Business Act that was  
22 refinanced as part of a covered loan and authorized  
23 by section 7(a)(36)(F)(iv) of such Act.”.

1           (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1106  
2 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amend-  
3 ed—

4           (A) in subsection (e)—

5           (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “pay-  
6 ments on covered mortgage obligations,  
7 payments on covered lease obligations, and  
8 covered utility payments” and inserting  
9 “payments or amounts refinanced de-  
10 scribed under subsection (b) (other than  
11 payroll costs)”;

12           (ii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking  
13 “, make interest payments” and all that  
14 follows through “or make covered utility  
15 payments” and inserting “, make pay-  
16 ments described under subsection (b), or  
17 that was refinanced as part of a covered  
18 loan and authorized by section  
19 7(a)(36)(F)(iv) of the Small Business  
20 Act”; and

21           (B) in subsection (h), by striking “pay-  
22 ments for payroll costs, payments on covered  
23 mortgage obligations, payments on covered  
24 lease obligations, or covered utility payments”  
25 each place it appears and inserting “payments

1 or amounts refinanced described under sub-  
2 section (b)”.

3 (c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYCHECK  
4 PROTECTION PROGRAM LOAN FORGIVENESS.—Section  
5 1106(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) as  
6 amended by subsection (b), is further amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “and” at  
8 the end;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
10 graph (6); and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraphs:

13 “(4) information on the veteran status, gender,  
14 race, and ethnicity, as reported on Form 1919 of the  
15 Administration or any similar loan application form  
16 of the Administration, of the eligible recipient;

17 “(5) the number of full-time equivalent employ-  
18 ees of the eligible recipient—

19 “(A) on February 15, 2020;

20 “(B) on the day the eligible recipient sub-  
21 mitted an application for a covered loan; and

22 “(C) on the day the eligible recipient sub-  
23 mitted an application for forgiveness of a cov-  
24 ered loan under this section; and”.



1 (d) HOLD HARMLESS FOR ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—  
2 Section 1106(d) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)  
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
4 graph:

5 “(7) EXEMPTION BASED ON EMPLOYEE AVAIL-  
6 ABILITY.—During the period beginning on February  
7 15, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020, the  
8 amount of loan forgiveness under this section shall  
9 be determined without regard to a reduction in the  
10 number of full-time equivalent employees if an eligi-  
11 ble recipient—

12 “(A) is unable rehire an individual who  
13 was an employee of the eligible recipient on or  
14 before February 15, 2020;

15 “(B) is able to demonstrate an inability to  
16 find similarly qualified employees on or before  
17 December 31, 2020; or

18 “(C) is able to demonstrate an inability to  
19 return to the same level of business activity as  
20 such business was operating at prior to Feb-  
21 ruary 15, 2020.”.

22 (e) PROHIBITION ON LIMITING FORGIVENESS.—Sec-  
23 tion 1106(d) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136),  
24 as amended by subsection (d), is further amended by add-  
25 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

1           “(8) NO LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out this  
2           section, the Administrator may not limit the non-  
3           payroll portion of a forgivable covered loan  
4           amount.”.

5           (f) HOLD HARMLESS.—Section 1106(h) of the  
6 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as amended by sub-  
7 section (b)(3)(B), is further amended by striking “If a  
8 lender” and all that follows through “during covered pe-  
9 riod” inserting the following: “If a lender has received any  
10 documentation required under this Act related to pay-  
11 ments or amounts refinanced described under subsection  
12 (b) (other than payroll costs) made by an eligible recipient  
13 attesting that the eligible recipient has accurately verified  
14 such payments”.

15 **SEC. 90005. IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN PAY-**  
16 **CHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND EM-**  
17 **PLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT.**

18           (a) AMENDMENT TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION PRO-  
19 GRAM.—Section 1106(a)(8) of the CARES Act (Public  
20 Law 116–136) is amended by inserting “, except that such  
21 costs shall not include qualified wages taken into account  
22 in determining the credit allowed under section 2301 of  
23 this Act” before the period at the end.

24           (b) AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX  
25 CREDIT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2301(g) of the  
2 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4           “(g) ELECTION TO NOT TAKE CERTAIN WAGES INTO  
5 ACCOUNT.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply  
7 to qualified wages paid by an eligible employer with  
8 respect to which such employer makes an election  
9 (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary  
10 may prescribe) to have this section not apply to such  
11 wages.

12           “(2) COORDINATION WITH PAYCHECK PROTEC-  
13 TION PROGRAM.—The Secretary, in consultation  
14 with the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
15 ministration, shall issue guidance providing that  
16 payroll costs paid or incurred during the covered pe-  
17 riod shall not fail to be treated as qualified wages  
18 under this section by reason of an election under  
19 paragraph (1) to the extent that a covered loan of  
20 the eligible employer is not forgiven by reason of a  
21 decision under section 1106(g). Terms used in the  
22 preceding sentence which are also used in section  
23 1106 shall have the same meaning as when used in  
24 such section.”.

25           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) Section 2301 of the CARES Act (Pub-  
2 lic Law 116–136) is amended by striking sub-  
3 section (j).

4 (B) Section 2301(l) of the CARES Act  
5 (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking  
6 paragraph (3) and by redesignating paragraphs  
7 (4) and (5) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respec-  
8 tively.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10 this section shall take effect as if included in the provisions  
11 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) to which they  
12 relate.

13 **SEC. 90006. ALLOWABLE USES OF COVERED LOANS; FOR-**  
14 **GIVENESS.**

15 (a) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—Section  
16 7(a)(36)(F)(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
17 636(a)(36)(F)(i)) is amended—

18 (1) in subclause (VI), by striking “and” at the  
19 end;

20 (2) in subclause (VII), by striking the period at  
21 the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23 clause:

24 “(VIII) costs related to the provi-  
25 sion of personal protective equipment

1 for employees or other equipment or  
2 supplies determined by the employer  
3 to be necessary to protect the health  
4 and safety of employees.”.

5 (b) FORGIVENESS.—

6 (1) DEFINITION OF EXPECTED FORGIVENESS  
7 AMOUNT.—Section 1106(a)(7) of the CARES Act  
8 (Public Law 116–136), as amended by section  
9 90004(b)(1), is further amended by adding at the  
10 end the following new subparagraph:

11 “(G) payments made for the provision of  
12 personal protective equipment for employees or  
13 other equipment or supplies determined by the  
14 employer to be necessary to protect the health  
15 and safety of employees; and”.

16 (2) FORGIVENESS.—Section 1106(b) of the  
17 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as amended by  
18 section 90004(b)(2), is further amended by adding  
19 at the end the following new paragraph:

20 “(7) Any payment made for the provision of  
21 personal protective equipment for employees or other  
22 equipment or supplies determined by the employer to  
23 be necessary to protect the health and safety of em-  
24 ployees.”.

1 **SEC. 90007. PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR**  
2 **SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS UNDER THE**  
3 **CARES ACT.**

4 Section 4019 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
5 136) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
7 following:

8 “(7) SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE.—The term  
9 ‘small business assistance’ means assistance pro-  
10 vided under—

11 “(A) paragraph (36) of section 7(a) of the  
12 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), as  
13 added by section 1102 of this Act;

14 “(B) subsection (b) or (c) of section 1103  
15 of this Act;

16 “(C) section 1110 of this Act; or

17 “(D) section 1112 of this Act.”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) by inserting “or provisions relating to  
20 small business assistance” after “this subtitle”;  
21 and

22 (B) by inserting “or for any small business  
23 assistance” before the period at the end; and

24 (3) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) by inserting “or seeking any small  
26 business assistance” after “4003”;

1 (B) by inserting “or small business assist-  
2 ance” after “that transaction”;

3 (C) by inserting “or the Administrator of  
4 the Small Business Administration, as applica-  
5 ble,” after “System”; and

6 (D) by inserting “or receive the small busi-  
7 ness assistance” after “in that transaction”.

8 **SEC. 90008. FLEXIBILITY IN DEFERRAL OF PAYMENTS OF**  
9 **7(A) LOANS.**

10 Section 7(a)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
11 636(a)(7)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “The Administration” and in-  
13 serting “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator”;

14 (2) by inserting “and interest” after “prin-  
15 cipal”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 paragraphs:

18 “(B) DEFERRAL REQUIREMENTS.—With re-  
19 spect to a deferral provided under this paragraph,  
20 the Administrator—

21 “(i) shall require lenders under this sub-  
22 section to provide full payment deferment relief  
23 (including payment of principal and interest)  
24 for a period of not more than 1 year; and

1           “(ii) may allow lenders under this sub-  
2           section provide an additional deferment period  
3           if the borrower provides documentation justifi-  
4           fying such additional deferment.

5           “(C) SECONDARY MARKET.—If an investor de-  
6           clines to approve a deferral or additional deferment  
7           requested by a lender under subparagraph (B), the  
8           Administrator shall exercise the authority to pur-  
9           chase the loan so that the borrower may receive full  
10          payment deferment relief (including payment of  
11          principal and interest) or an additional deferment as  
12          described under subparagraph (B).”.

13 **SEC. 90009. CERTAIN CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS AND DIS-**  
14 **ASTER LOAN APPLICATIONS.**

15          (a) IN GENERAL.—The flush matter following sub-  
16          paragraph (E) of section 7(b)(2) of the Small Business  
17          Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2)) is amended by striking the pe-  
18          riod at the end and inserting the following: “: *Provided*  
19          *further*, That any application for a loan or guarantee made  
20          pursuant to this paragraph (2) shall include a statement  
21          that an applicant is not ineligible for assistance under this  
22          paragraph solely because of the applicant’s involvement in  
23          the criminal justice system.”.

24          (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 15 days after the  
25          date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the



1 Small Business Administration shall make necessary revi-  
2 sions to any rules to carry out the amendment made by  
3 this section.

4 **SEC. 90010. TEMPORARY FEE REDUCTIONS.**

5 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WAIVER.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning  
7 on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on  
8 September 30, 2021, and to the extent that the cost  
9 of such elimination or reduction of fees is offset by  
10 appropriations, with respect to each loan guaranteed  
11 under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15  
12 U.S.C. 636(a)) (including a recipient of assistance  
13 under the Community Advantage Pilot Program of  
14 the Administration) for which an application is ap-  
15 proved or pending approval on or after the date of  
16 enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall—

17 (A) in lieu of the fee otherwise applicable  
18 under section 7(a)(23)(A) of the Small Busi-  
19 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(23)(A)), collect no  
20 fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent pos-  
21 sible; and

22 (B) in lieu of the fee otherwise applicable  
23 under section 7(a)(18)(A) of the Small Busi-  
24 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(18)(A)), collect no

1 fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible.  
2

3 (2) APPLICATION OF FEE ELIMINATIONS OR REDUCTIONS.—To the extent that amounts are made  
4 available to the Administrator for the purpose of fee  
5 eliminations or reductions under paragraph (1), the  
6 Administrator shall—  
7

8 (A) first use any amounts provided to  
9 eliminate or reduce fees paid by small business  
10 borrowers under clauses (i) through (iii) of section 7(a)(18)(A) of the Small Business Act (15  
11 U.S.C. 636(a)(18)(A)), to the maximum extent  
12 possible; and  
13

14 (B) then use any amounts provided to  
15 eliminate or reduce fees under 7(a)(23)(A) of  
16 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
17 636(a)(23)(A)).

18 (b) TEMPORARY FEE ELIMINATION FOR THE 504  
19 LOAN PROGRAM.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning  
21 on the date of enactment of this section and ending  
22 on September 30, 2021, and to the extent the cost  
23 of such elimination in fees is offset by appropriations,  
24 with respect to each project or loan guaranteed by the Administrator pursuant to title V of the  
25

1 Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.  
2 695 et seq.) for which an application is approved or  
3 pending approval on or after the date of enactment  
4 of this section—

5 (A) the Administrator shall, in lieu of the  
6 fee otherwise applicable under section 503(d)(2)  
7 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958  
8 (15 U.S.C. 697(d)(2)), collect no fee; and

9 (B) a development company shall, in lieu  
10 of the processing fee under section  
11 120.971(a)(1) of title 13, Code of Federal Reg-  
12 ulations (relating to fees paid by borrowers), or  
13 any successor thereto, collect no fee.

14 (2) REIMBURSEMENT FOR WAIVED FEES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the  
16 cost of such payments is offset by appropria-  
17 tions, the Administrator shall reimburse each  
18 development company that does not collect a  
19 processing fee pursuant to paragraph (1)(B).

20 (B) AMOUNT.—The payment to a develop-  
21 ment company under subparagraph (A) shall be  
22 in an amount equal to 1.5 percent of the net  
23 debenture proceeds for which the development  
24 company does not collect a processing fee pur-  
25 suant to paragraph (1)(B).

1 **SEC. 90011. GUARANTEE AMOUNTS.**

2 (a) 7(a) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(2)(A) of the  
4 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(2)(A)) is  
5 amended by striking “), such participation by the  
6 Administration shall be equal to” and all that fol-  
7 lows through the period at the end and inserting “or  
8 the Community Advantage Pilot Program of the Ad-  
9 ministration), such participation by the Administra-  
10 tion shall be equal to 90 percent of the balance of  
11 the financing outstanding at the time of disburse-  
12 ment of the loan.”.

13 (2) TERMINATION.—Effective September 30,  
14 2021, section 7(a)(2)(A) of the Small Business Act  
15 (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(2)(A)), as amended by paragraph  
16 (1), is amended to read as follows:

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
18 subparagraphs (B), (D), (E), and (F), in an  
19 agreement to participate in a loan on a deferred  
20 basis under this subsection (including a loan  
21 made under the Preferred Lenders Program),  
22 such participation by the Administration shall  
23 be equal to—

24 “(i) 75 percent of the balance of the  
25 financing outstanding at the time of dis-

1                   bursement of the loan, if such balance ex-  
2                   ceeds \$150,000; or

3                   “(ii) 85 percent of the balance of the  
4                   financing outstanding at the time of dis-  
5                   bursement of the loan, if such balance is  
6                   less than or equal to \$150,000.”.

7                   (b) EXPRESS LOAN GUARANTEE AMOUNTS.—

8                   (1) TEMPORARY MODIFICATION.—Section  
9                   7(a)(31)(A)(iv) of the Small Business Act (15  
10                  U.S.C. 636(a)(31)(A)(iv)) is amended by striking  
11                  “with a guaranty rate of not more than 50 percent.”  
12                  and inserting the following: “with a guarantee  
13                  rate—

14                                   “(I) for a loan in an amount less  
15                                   than or equal to \$350,000, of not  
16                                   more than 90 percent; and

17                                   “(II) for a loan in an amount  
18                                   greater than \$350,000, of not more  
19                                   than 75 percent.”.

20                  (2) PROSPECTIVE REPEAL.—Effective January  
21                  1, 2021, section 7(a)(31)(A)(iv) of the Small Busi-  
22                  ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(31)), as amended by  
23                  paragraph (1), is amended by striking “guarantee  
24                  rate” and all that follows through the period at the

1 end and inserting “guarantee rate of not more than  
2 50 percent.”.

3 **SEC. 90012. MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT FOR 7(a) LOANS.**

4 During the period beginning on the date of enactment  
5 of this section and ending on September 30, 2021, with  
6 respect to any loan guaranteed under section 7(a) of the  
7 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) for which an appli-  
8 cation is approved or pending approval on or after the date  
9 of enactment of this section, the maximum loan amount  
10 shall be \$10,000,000.

11 **SEC. 90013. MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT FOR 504 LOANS.**

12 (a) TEMPORARY INCREASE.—During the period be-  
13 ginning on the date of enactment of this section and end-  
14 ing on September 30, 2021, with respect to each project  
15 or loan guaranteed by the Administrator pursuant to title  
16 V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15  
17 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) for which an application is approved  
18 or pending approval on or after the date of enactment of  
19 this section, the maximum loan amount shall be  
20 \$10,000,000.

21 (b) PERMANENT INCREASE FOR SMALL MANUFAC-  
22 TURERS.—Effective on October 1, 2021, section  
23 502(2)(A)(iii) of the Small Business Investment Act of  
24 1958 (15 U.S.C. 696(2)(A)(iii)) is amended by striking  
25 “\$5,500,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

1           (c) LOW-INTEREST REFINANCING UNDER THE  
2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM.—

3           (1) REPEAL.—Section 521(a) of division E of  
4 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public  
5 Law 114–113; 129 Stat. 2463; 15 U.S.C. 696 note)  
6 is repealed.

7           (2) REFINANCING.—Section 502(7) of the  
8 Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.  
9 696(7)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11                   “(C) REFINANCING NOT INVOLVING EX-  
12 PANSIONS.—

13                           “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-  
14 graph—

15                                   “(I) the term ‘borrower’ means a  
16 small business concern that submits  
17 an application to a development com-  
18 pany for financing under this sub-  
19 paragraph;

20   “(II) the term ‘eligible fixed  
21 asset’ means tangible property relat-  
22 ing to which the Administrator may  
23 provide financing under this section;  
24 and

1                   “(III) the term ‘qualified debt’  
2 means indebtedness that—

3                   “(aa) was incurred not less  
4 than 6 months before the date of  
5 the application for assistance  
6 under this subparagraph;

7                   “(bb) is a commercial loan;

8                   “(cc) the proceeds of which  
9 were used to acquire an eligible  
10 fixed asset;

11                   “(dd) was incurred for the  
12 benefit of the small business con-  
13 cern; and

14                   “(ee) is collateralized by eli-  
15 gible fixed assets; and

16                   “(ii) AUTHORITY.—A project that  
17 does not involve the expansion of a small  
18 business concern may include the refi-  
19 nancing of qualified debt if—

20                   “(I) the amount of the financing  
21 is not more than 90 percent of the  
22 value of the collateral for the financ-  
23 ing, except that, if the appraised value  
24 of the eligible fixed assets serving as  
25 collateral for the financing is less than



1 the amount equal to 125 percent of  
2 the amount of the financing, the bor-  
3 rower may provide additional cash or  
4 other collateral to eliminate any defi-  
5 ciency;

6 “(II) the borrower has been in  
7 operation for all of the 2-year period  
8 ending on the date the loan applica-  
9 tion is submitted; and

10 “(III) for a financing for which  
11 the Administrator determines there  
12 will be an additional cost attributable  
13 to the refinancing of the qualified  
14 debt, the borrower agrees to pay a fee  
15 in an amount equal to the anticipated  
16 additional cost.

17 “(iii) FINANCING FOR BUSINESS EX-  
18 PENSES.—

19 “(I) FINANCING FOR BUSINESS  
20 EXPENSES.—The Administrator may  
21 provide financing to a borrower that  
22 receives financing that includes a refi-  
23 nancing of qualified debt under clause  
24 (ii), in addition to the refinancing

1 under clause (ii), to be used solely for  
2 the payment of business expenses.

3 “(II) APPLICATION FOR FINANC-  
4 ING.— An application for financing  
5 under subclause (I) shall include—

6 “(aa) a specific description  
7 of the expenses for which the ad-  
8 ditional financing is requested;  
9 and

10 “(bb) an itemization of the  
11 amount of each expense.

12 “(III) CONDITION ON ADDI-  
13 TIONAL FINANCING.—A borrower may  
14 not use any part of the financing  
15 under this clause for non-business  
16 purposes.

17 “(iv) LOANS BASED ON JOBS.—

18 “(I) JOB CREATION AND RETEN-  
19 TION GOALS.—

20 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—The  
21 Administrator may provide fi-  
22 nancing under this subparagraph  
23 for a borrower that meets the job  
24 creation goals under subsection  
25 (d) or (e) of section 501.

1                   “(bb) ALTERNATE JOB RE-  
2                   TENTION GOAL.—The Adminis-  
3                   trator may provide financing  
4                   under this subparagraph to a  
5                   borrower that does not meet the  
6                   goals described in item (aa) in an  
7                   amount that is not more than the  
8                   product obtained by multiplying  
9                   the number of employees of the  
10                  borrower by \$75,000.

11                  “(II) NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.—  
12                  For purposes of subclause (I), the  
13                  number of employees of a borrower is  
14                  equal to the sum of—

15                         “(aa) the number of full-  
16                         time employees of the borrower  
17                         on the date on which the bor-  
18                         rower applies for a loan under  
19                         this subparagraph; and

20                         “(bb) the product obtained  
21                         by multiplying—

22                                 “(AA) the number of  
23                                 part-time employees of the  
24                                 borrower on the date on  
25                                 which the borrower applies

1 for a loan under this sub-  
2 paragraph, by

3 “(BB) the quotient ob-  
4 tained by dividing the aver-  
5 age number of hours each  
6 part time employee of the  
7 borrower works each week  
8 by 40.

9 “(vi) TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOANS.—  
10 The Administrator may provide not more  
11 than a total of \$7,500,000,000 of financ-  
12 ing under this subparagraph for each fiscal  
13 year.”.

14 (d) REFINANCING SENIOR PROJECT DEBT.—During  
15 the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment  
16 of this Act, a development company described under title  
17 V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15  
18 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) is authorized to allow the refinancing  
19 of a senior loan on an existing project in an amount that,  
20 when combined with the outstanding balance on the devel-  
21 opment company loan, is not more than 90 percent of the  
22 total value of the senior loan. Proceeds of such refinancing  
23 can be used to support business operating expenses of  
24 such development company.

1 **SEC. 90014. RECOVERY ASSISTANCE UNDER THE**  
2 **MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

3 (a) LOANS TO INTERMEDIARIES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(m) of the Small  
5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (3)(C)—

7 (i) by striking “and \$6,000,000” and  
8 inserting “\$10,000,000, in the aggre-  
9 gate,”; and

10 (ii) by inserting before the period at  
11 the end the following: “, and \$4,500,000 in  
12 any of those remaining years”;

13 (B) in paragraph (4)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
15 “subparagraph (C)” each place that term  
16 appears and inserting “subparagraphs (C)  
17 and (G)”;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by amending  
19 clause (i) to read as follows:

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to  
21 grants made under subparagraph (A) or  
22 (G), each intermediary shall be eligible to  
23 receive a grant equal to 5 percent of the  
24 total outstanding balance of loans made to  
25 the intermediary under this subsection if—

1           “(I) the intermediary provides  
2           not less than 25 percent of its loans  
3           to small business concerns located in  
4           or owned by one or more residents of  
5           an economically distressed area; or

6           “(II) the intermediary has a  
7           portfolio of loans made under this  
8           subsection—

9                   “(aa) that averages not  
10                   more than \$10,000 during the  
11                   period of the intermediary’s par-  
12                   ticipation in the program; or

13                   “(bb) of which not less than  
14                   25 percent is serving rural areas  
15                   during the period of the  
16                   intermediary’s participation in  
17                   the program.”; and

18           (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
19           lowing:

20                   “(G) GRANT AMOUNTS BASED ON APPRO-  
21                   PRIATIONS.—In any fiscal year in which the  
22                   amount appropriated to make grants under  
23                   subparagraph (A) is sufficient to provide to  
24                   each intermediary that receives a loan under  
25                   paragraph (1)(B)(i) a grant of not less than 25

1 percent of the total outstanding balance of  
2 loans made to the intermediary under this sub-  
3 section, the Administration shall make a grant  
4 under subparagraph (A) to each intermediary  
5 of not less than 25 percent and not more than  
6 30 percent of that total outstanding balance for  
7 the intermediary.”; and

8 (C) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-  
9 ing the following:

10 “(7) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR MICROLOANS.—  
11 Under the program authorized by this subsection,  
12 the Administration may fund, on a competitive basis,  
13 not more than 300 intermediaries.”.

14 (2) PROSPECTIVE AMENDMENT.—Effective on  
15 October 1, 2021, section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small  
16 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)), as amended  
17 by paragraph (1)(A), is further amended—

18 (A) by striking “\$10,000,000” and by in-  
19 serting “\$7,000,000”; and

20 (B) by striking “\$4,500,000” and insert-  
21 ing “\$3,000,000”.

22 (b) TEMPORARY WAIVER OF TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
23 ANCE GRANTS MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND FLEXI-  
24 BILITY ON PRE- AND POST-LOAN ASSISTANCE.—During  
25 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this sec-

1 tion and ending on September 30, 2021, the Administra-  
2 tion shall waive—

3 (1) the requirement to contribute non-Federal  
4 funds under section 7(m)(4)(B) of the Small Busi-  
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(B)); and

6 (2) the limitation on amounts allowed to be ex-  
7 pended to provide information and technical assist-  
8 ance under clause (i) of section 7(m)(4)(E) of the  
9 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(E)) and  
10 enter into third-party contracts to provide technical  
11 assistance under clause (ii) of such section  
12 7(m)(4)(E).

13 (c) TEMPORARY DURATION OF LOANS TO BOR-  
14 ROWERS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning  
16 on the date of enactment of this section and ending  
17 on September 30, 2021, the duration of a loan made  
18 by an eligible intermediary under section 7(m) of the  
19 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m))—

20 (A) to an existing borrower may be ex-  
21 tended to not more than 8 years; and

22 (B) to a new borrower may be not more  
23 than 8 years.

24 (2) REVERSION.—On and after October 1,  
25 2021, the duration of a loan made by an eligible



1 intermediary to a borrower under section 7(m) of  
2 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) shall be  
3 7 years or such other amount established by the Ad-  
4 ministrator.

5 (d) FUNDING.—Section 20 of the Small Business Act  
6 (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 “(h) MICROLOAN PROGRAM.—For each of fiscal  
9 years 2021 through 2025, the Administration is author-  
10 ized to make—

11 “(1) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance grants,  
12 as provided in section 7(m); and

13 “(2) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as provided  
14 in section 7(m).”.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
16 tion to amounts provided under the Consolidated Appro-  
17 priations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–93) for the program  
18 established under section 7(m) of the Small Business Act  
19 (15 U.S.C. 636(m)), there is authorized to be appro-  
20 priated for fiscal year 2020, to remain available until ex-  
21 pended—

22 (1) \$50,000,000 to provide technical assistance  
23 grants under such section 7(m); and

24 (2) \$7,000,000 to provide direct loans under  
25 such section 7(m).

1 **SEC. 90015. CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS REPORTING.**

2 Section 10 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 639)  
3 is amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

4 “(b) CYBERSECURITY REPORTS.—

5 “(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180  
6 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
7 and every year thereafter, the Administrator shall  
8 submit a report to the appropriate congressional  
9 committees that includes—

10 “(A) an assessment of the information  
11 technology (as defined in section 11101 of title  
12 40, United States Code) and cybersecurity in-  
13 frastructure of the Administration;

14 “(B) a strategy to increase the cybersecu-  
15 rity infrastructure of the Administration;

16 “(C) a detailed account of any information  
17 technology equipment or interconnected system  
18 or subsystem of equipment of the Administra-  
19 tion that was manufactured by an entity that  
20 has its principal place of business located in the  
21 People’s Republic of China; and

22 “(D) an account of any cybersecurity risk  
23 or incident that occurred at the Administration  
24 during the 2-year period preceding the date on  
25 which the report is submitted, and any action

1 taken by the Administrator to respond to or re-  
2 mediate any such cybersecurity risk or incident.

3 “(2) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—If the Adminis-  
4 trator determines that there is a reasonable basis to  
5 conclude that a cybersecurity risk or incident oc-  
6 curred at the Administration, the Administrator  
7 shall—

8 “(A) not later than 7 days after the date  
9 on which the Administrator makes that deter-  
10 mination, notify the appropriate congressional  
11 committees of the cybersecurity risk or incident;  
12 and

13 “(B) not later than 30 days after the date  
14 on which the Administrator makes a determina-  
15 tion under subparagraph (A)—

16 “(i) provide notice to individuals and  
17 small business concerns affected by the cy-  
18 bersecurity risk or incident; and

19 “(ii) submit to the appropriate con-  
20 gressional committees a report, based on  
21 information available to the Administrator  
22 as of the date which the Administrator  
23 submits the report, that includes—

24 “(I) a summary of information  
25 about the cybersecurity risk or inci-

1 dent, including how the cybersecurity  
2 risk or incident occurred; and

3 “(II) an estimate of the number  
4 of individuals and small business con-  
5 cerns affected by the cybersecurity  
6 risk or incident, including an assess-  
7 ment of the risk of harm to affected  
8 individuals and small business con-  
9 cerns.

10 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
11 this subsection shall be construed to affect the re-  
12 porting requirements of the Administrator under  
13 chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, in par-  
14 ticular the requirement to notify the Federal infor-  
15 mation security incident center under section  
16 3554(b)(7)(C)(ii) of such title, or any other provi-  
17 sion of law.

18 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
20 MITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional  
21 committees’ means—

22 “(i) the Committee on Small Business  
23 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

24 “(ii) the Committee on Small Busi-  
25 ness of the House of Representatives.

1           “(B) CYBERSECURITY RISK; INCIDENT.—  
2           The terms ‘cybersecurity risk’ and ‘incident’  
3           have the meanings given such terms, respec-  
4           tively, under section 2209(a) of the Homeland  
5           Security Act of 2002.”.

6 **SEC. 90016. REPORTING ON SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS**  
7           **UNDER THE CARES ACT.**

8           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9           (1) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-  
10          trator” mean the Small Business Administration  
11          and the Administrator thereof;

12          (2) the term “appropriate congressional com-  
13          mittees” means—

14                (A) Committee on Appropriations and the  
15                Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-  
16                neurship of the Senate; and

17                (B) the Committee on Appropriations and  
18                the Committee on Small Business of the House  
19                of Representatives;

20          (3) the term “covered assistance” means—

21                (A) loans made under section 7(a)(36) of  
22                the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36));

23                (B) an advance on a loan made under sec-  
24                tion 1110(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
25                116–136);

1 (C) loans made under section 7(b)(2) of  
2 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2)),  
3 including those made in accordance with section  
4 1110 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
5 136);

6 (D) loan forgiveness under section 1106 of  
7 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136); and

8 (E) the payment of principal, interest, and  
9 fees under section 1112(c) of the CARES Act  
10 (Public Law 116–136);

11 (4) the term “covered loan” has the meaning  
12 given the term in section 1112(a) of the CARES Act  
13 (Public Law 116–136);

14 (5) the term “demographics” means veteran  
15 status, gender, race, and ethnicity, as reported on  
16 Form 1919 of the Administration or any similar  
17 loan application form of the Administration; and

18 (6) the term “State”—

19 (A) means any State of the United States,  
20 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
21 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,  
22 Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of  
23 the Northern Mariana Islands, and any posses-  
24 sion of the United States; and

1 (B) includes an Indian tribe, as defined in  
2 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and  
3 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

4 (b) DAILY REPORTING.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning  
6 on the day after the date of enactment of this Act  
7 and ending on the date on which loan, advance, or  
8 payment activity described in this subsection related  
9 to COVID–19 has ceased, the Administrator shall,  
10 on a daily basis, report to Congress on—

11 (A) the total number and dollar amount of  
12 loans or advances, broken down by loans and  
13 advances approved and loans and advances dis-  
14 bursed, under—

15 (i) section 7(a)(36) of the Small Busi-  
16 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36));

17 (ii) section 1110(e) of the CARES Act  
18 (Public Law 116–136); and

19 (iii) section 7(b)(2) of the Small Busi-  
20 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2));

21 (B) for loans made under section 7(a)(36)  
22 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
23 636(a)(36))—

1 (i) the amount of remaining authority  
2 for the loans, in dollar amount and as a  
3 percentage; and

4 (ii) an estimate of the date on which  
5 the net and gross dollar amount of loans  
6 will reach the maximum amount author-  
7 ized for commitments for such loans;

8 (C) for advances made under section  
9 1110(e) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-  
10 136)—

11 (i) the amount of remaining funds ap-  
12 propriated for the advances, in dollar  
13 amount and as a percentage; and

14 (ii) an estimate of the date on which  
15 the funds will be expended; and

16 (D) for loans made under section 7(b)(2)  
17 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
18 636(b)(2))—

19 (i) the amount of remaining authority  
20 for the loans, in dollar amount and as a  
21 percentage; and

22 (ii) an estimate of the date on which  
23 the net and gross dollar amount of loans  
24 will reach the maximum amount author-  
25 ized for commitments for such loans.



1           (2) REPORTING ON DEBT RELIEF FOR  
2 MICROLOANS, 7(A) LOANS, AND 504 LOANS.—The Ad-  
3 ministrator shall include in each daily report sub-  
4 mitted under paragraph (1), and update on a  
5 monthly basis until the date described in paragraph  
6 (1), with respect to payments made on covered loans  
7 under section 1112(c) of the CARES Act (Public  
8 Law 116–136)—

9           (A) the amount of remaining funds appro-  
10 priated for the payments, in dollar amount and  
11 as a percentage; and

12           (B) an estimate of the date on which the  
13 funds will be expended.

14 (c) WEEKLY REPORTING.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 week after  
16 the date of enactment of this Act, and every week  
17 thereafter until the date on which loan, advance, or  
18 payment activity described in this subsection related  
19 to COVID–19 has ceased, the Administrator shall  
20 submit to Congress a report on—

21           (A) loans made under section 7(a)(36) of  
22 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)),  
23 which shall include—

24           (i) the number and dollar amount of  
25 loans approved for or disbursed to all bor-

1           rowers, including a breakout of loans by  
2           State, congressional district, demographics,  
3           industry, and loan size;

4           (ii) the number and dollar amount of  
5           loans approved for or disbursed to business  
6           concerns assigned a North American In-  
7           dustry Classification System code begin-  
8           ning with 72, including a breakout of loans  
9           by State, congressional district, demo-  
10          graphics, and loan size;

11          (iii) the number and dollar amount of  
12          loans approved for or disbursed to non-  
13          profit organizations and veterans organiza-  
14          tions (as those terms are defined in section  
15          7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15  
16          U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)), including religious  
17          institutions, including a breakout of loans  
18          by State, congressional district, industry,  
19          and loan size;

20          (iv) for each category of borrowers de-  
21          scribed in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii)—

22                (I) the number of full-time equiv-  
23                alent employees at the time at which  
24                the borrower submits a loan applica-  
25                tion;

1                   (II) the number of full-time  
2                   equivalent employees at the time at  
3                   which the borrower receives loan for-  
4                   giveness under section 1106 of the  
5                   CARES Act (Public Law 116–136);  
6                   and

7                   (III) the number of full-time  
8                   equivalent employees expected for bor-  
9                   rowers in the 6-month period fol-  
10                  lowing forgiveness of the loan;

11                  (v) the number and dollar amount of  
12                  loans fully forgiven under section 1106 of  
13                  the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as  
14                  compared to the number and dollar  
15                  amount of loans made as of the date of the  
16                  report;

17                  (vi) the number and dollar amount of  
18                  loans not fully forgiven under section 1106  
19                  of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136),  
20                  and the proportion of that dollar amount  
21                  of loans that become term loans guaran-  
22                  teed by the Administration under section  
23                  7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15  
24                  U.S.C. 636(a)(36));

1 (vii) the total amount of the lender  
2 compensation fees paid to lenders; and

3 (viii) the total amount lenders paid in  
4 broker fees; and

5 (B) loans made under section 7(b)(2) of  
6 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2))  
7 and advances made under section 1110(e) of  
8 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), which  
9 shall include—

10 (i) the number and dollar amount of  
11 loans approved for or disbursed to all bor-  
12 rowers, including a breakout of loans by  
13 State, congressional district, demographics,  
14 industry, and loan size;

15 (ii) the number and dollar amount of  
16 advances approved for or disbursed to  
17 grantees, including a breakout of loans by  
18 State, congressional district, demographics,  
19 industry, and grant size;

20 (iii) the number and dollar amount of  
21 advances approved for or disbursed to pri-  
22 vate nonprofit organizations, including a  
23 breakout by State, congressional district,  
24 industry, and loan or grant size;

1 (iv) for each category of recipients,  
2 the number of full-time equivalent employ-  
3 ees of the recipient at the time at which an  
4 application is submitted for the loan or ad-  
5 vance, and the number of jobs created or  
6 retained because of the loan or advance;

7 (v) loan processing times, including  
8 processing times for application to ap-  
9 proval and approval to disbursement; and

10 (vi) advance processing times, includ-  
11 ing the percentage of advances that were  
12 provided within 3 days of submission of  
13 the application, as required under section  
14 1110(e)(1) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
15 116–136).

16 (2) REPORTING ON DEBT RELIEF FOR  
17 MICROLOANS, 7(A) LOANS, AND 504 LOANS.—The Ad-  
18 ministrator shall include in each weekly report sub-  
19 mitted under paragraph (1), and update on a  
20 monthly basis until the date described in paragraph  
21 (1), with respect to payments made on covered loans  
22 under section 1112(c) of the CARES Act (Public  
23 Law 116–136)—

24 (A) the total dollar amount approved and  
25 the total amount disbursed by the Administra-

1           tion and the number of borrowers receiving as-  
2           sistance under such section 1112(c), including a  
3           breakdown by—

4                   (i) each type of covered loan described  
5                   in subparagraph (A) and (B) of paragraph  
6                   (1) and paragraph (2) of such section  
7                   1112(a); and

8                   (ii) whether the borrower is—

9                           (I) an existing borrower of a cov-  
10                           ered loan, as described in subpara-  
11                           graph (A) or (B) of such section  
12                           1112(c)(1); or

13                           (II) a new borrower of a covered  
14                           loan, as described in subparagraph  
15                           (C) of such section 1112(c)(1);

16           (B) the total dollar amount approved and  
17           the total amount disbursed by the Administra-  
18           tion by the Administration and number of bor-  
19           rowers receiving assistance under such section  
20           1112(c) broken out by State and congressional  
21           district, including a breakdown by each type of  
22           covered loan described in subparagraph (A) and  
23           (B) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) of such  
24           section 1112(a); and

1           (C) the total number and amount of new  
2 covered loans by approval and disbursement  
3 broken out by lending institution, including a  
4 breakout of loans by State, congressional dis-  
5 trict, demographics, industry, and loan size.

6           (d) REPORT ON WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE.—Not  
7 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
8 the Administrator and the Secretary of the Treasury shall  
9 submit to Congress a joint report on steps that the Admin-  
10 istration and the Department of the Treasury are taking  
11 to identify and prevent potential instances of waste, fraud,  
12 and abuse relating to covered assistance, including bor-  
13 rower compliance with any loan deferment, relief, or for-  
14 giveness provided through covered assistance.

15           (e) REPORT ON JOBS FOR THE DEBT RELIEF PRO-  
16 GRAM.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable,  
18 with respect to each type of covered loan described  
19 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) and  
20 paragraph (2) of section 1112(a) of the CARES Act  
21 (Public Law 116–136), the Administrator shall sub-  
22 mit to Congress a report on—

23           (A) the number of full-time equivalent em-  
24 ployees—

1 (i) for existing borrowers of a covered  
2 loan, as described in subparagraph (A) or  
3 (B) of such section 1112(c)(1) at the start  
4 of the debt relief under such section  
5 1112(c); and

6 (ii) for new borrowers of a covered  
7 loan, as described in subparagraph (C) of  
8 such section 1112(c)(1), at the time of ap-  
9 plication for the covered loan; and

10 (B) the number of jobs created or retained  
11 because of the covered loan or the debt relief.

12 (2) TIMING.—The Administrator shall, to the  
13 extent practicable, submit to Congress the report re-  
14 quired under paragraph (1) not later than October  
15 1, 2020, with an updated version submitted not later  
16 than January 31, 2021.

17 (f) REPORT ON CARES ACT SALARIES AND EX-  
18 PENSES FUNDING.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
19 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit  
20 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that  
21 includes the plans of the Administrator to use the  
22 \$675,000,000 provided in section 1107(a)(2) of the  
23 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) for salaries and ex-  
24 penses, and the \$2,100,000,000 provided in title II of the  
25 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhance-



1 ment Act (Public Law 116–139) for salaries and expenses  
2 (including staff hired, the use of outside consultants, pro-  
3 gram improvements, and system upgrades), to carry out  
4 the provisions of title I of division A of the CARES Act  
5 (Public Law 116–136).

6 (g) COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL DATA.—The Ad-  
7 ministrator shall collect and make publically available—

8 (1) the number and dollar amount of loans ap-  
9 proved and for or disbursed under 7(a)(36) of the  
10 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) to bor-  
11 rowers broken out by lending institution, including a  
12 breakout of loans made by the lending institution by  
13 State, congressional district, demographics, industry,  
14 and loan size, and the number and percent of loan  
15 applicants that were new or existing customers of  
16 the lender;

17 (2) the total amount of the lender compensation  
18 fees paid to each lender under such section 7(a)(36);

19 (3) the total amount each lender paid in broker  
20 fees under such section 7(a)(36); and

21 (4) to the extent practicable, detailed informa-  
22 tion on processing times for—

23 (A) loan approvals and loan disbursements  
24 under such section 7(a)(36); and

1 (B) notices of forgiveness of the loans  
2 under section 1106 of the CARES Act (Public  
3 Law 116–136) to borrowers.

4 (h) **FORMAT OF REPORTED DATA.**—Not later than  
5 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
6 ministrator shall make available on a publicly available  
7 website in a standardized and downloadable format, and  
8 update on a monthly basis, any data contained in a report  
9 submitted under this section.

10 **SEC. 90017. FUNDING FOR RESOURCES AND SERVICES IN**  
11 **LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH.**

12 Of the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated  
13 for salaries and expenses by section 1107(a)(2) of the  
14 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), \$25,000,000 shall be  
15 made available to carry out the requirements of section  
16 1111 of such Act.

17 **SEC. 90018. DIRECT APPROPRIATION.**

18 There is appropriated, out of amounts in the Treas-  
19 ury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending  
20 September 30, 2020, to remain available until September  
21 30, 2021—

22 (1) \$500,000,000 under the heading “Small  
23 Business Administration—Business Loans Program  
24 Account” to carry out the requirements of sections  
25 90010, 90011, and 90012 of this division;

1           (2) \$7,000,000 under the heading “Small Busi-  
2           ness Administration—Business Loans Program Ac-  
3           count” to carry out the requirements of section  
4           90014 of this division; and

5           (3) \$50,000,000 under the heading “Small  
6           Business Administration—Entrepreneurial Develop-  
7           ment Programs” for technical assistance grants, as  
8           authorized under section 90014 of this division.

9   **DIVISION J—SUPPORT FOR ES-**  
10   **SENTIAL WORKERS, AT-RISK**  
11   **INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND**  
12   **COMMUNITIES**  
13   **TITLE I—FAMILY CARE FOR**  
14   **ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

15   **SEC. 100101. FAMILY CARE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS.**

16           (a) INCREASE IN FUNDING.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount specified in  
18           subsection (c) of section 2003 of the Social Security  
19           Act for purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of such  
20           section is deemed to be \$12,150,000,000 for fiscal  
21           year 2020, of which \$850,000,000 shall be obligated  
22           by States during calendar year 2020 in accordance  
23           with subsection (b) of this section.

24           (2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the  
25           Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-

1        appropriated, there are appropriated \$850,000,000 for fis-  
2        cal year 2020 to carry out this section.

3        (b) RULES GOVERNING USE OF ADDITIONAL  
4 FUNDS.—

5            (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds are used in accord-  
6        ance with this subsection if—

7            (A) the funds are used for—

8                    (i) child care services for a child of an  
9                    essential worker; or

10                    (ii) daytime care services or other  
11                    adult protective services for an individual  
12                    who—

13                            (I) is a dependent, or a member  
14                            of the household of, an essential work-  
15                            er; and

16                            (II) requires the services;

17            (B) the funds are provided to reimburse an  
18        essential worker for the cost of obtaining the  
19        services (including child care services obtained  
20        on or after the date the Secretary of Health  
21        and Human Services declared a public health  
22        emergency pursuant to section 319 of the Pub-  
23        lic Health Service Act on January 31, 2020, en-  
24        titled “Determination that a Public Health  
25        Emergency Exists Nationwide as the Result of

1 the 2019 Novel Coronavirus’), to a provider of  
2 child care services, or to establish a temporary  
3 child care facility operated by a State or local  
4 government;

5 (C) eligibility for the funds or services, and  
6 the amount of funds or services provided, is not  
7 conditioned on a means test;

8 (D) the funds are used subject to the limi-  
9 tations in section 2005 of the Social Security  
10 Act, except that, for purposes of this subpara-  
11 graph—

12 (i) paragraphs (3), (5), and (8) of sec-  
13 tion 2005(a) of such Act shall not apply;  
14 and

15 (ii)(I) the limitation in section  
16 2005(a)(7) of such Act shall not apply  
17 with respect to any standard which the  
18 State involved determines would impede  
19 the ability of the State to provide emer-  
20 gency temporary care to a child, depend-  
21 ent, or household member referred to in  
22 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

23 (II) if the State determines that such  
24 a standard would be so impeding, the  
25 State shall report the determination to the

1 Secretary, separately from the annual re-  
2 port to the Secretary by the State;

3 (E) the funds are used to supplement, not  
4 supplant, State general revenue funds for child  
5 care assistance; and

6 (F) the funds are not used for child care  
7 costs that are—

8 (i) covered by funds provided under  
9 the Child Care and Development Block  
10 Grant Act of 1990 or section 418 of the  
11 Social Security Act; or

12 (ii) reimbursable by the Federal  
13 Emergency Management Agency.

14 (2) ESSENTIAL WORKER DEFINED.—In para-  
15 graph (1), the term “essential worker” means—

16 (A) a health sector employee;

17 (B) an emergency response worker;

18 (C) a sanitation worker;

19 (D) a worker at a business which a State  
20 or local government official has determined  
21 must remain open to serve the public during the  
22 emergency referred to in paragraph (1)(B); and

23 (E) any other worker who cannot telework,  
24 and whom the State deems to be essential dur-

1           ing the emergency referred to in paragraph  
2           (1)(B).

3 **TITLE     II—PANDEMIC     EMER-**  
4 **GENY     ASSISTANCE     AND**  
5 **SERVICES**

6 **SEC. 100201. FUNDING TO STATES, LOCALITIES, AND COM-**  
7 **MUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMER-**  
8 **GENY AID AND SERVICES.**

9           (a) FUNDING FOR STATES.—

10           (1) INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SOCIAL SERV-  
11           ICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.—

12           (A) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money  
13           in the Treasury of the United States not other-  
14           wise appropriated, there are appropriated  
15           \$9,600,000,000, which shall be available for  
16           payments under section 2002 of the Social Se-  
17           curity Act.

18           (B) DEADLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF  
19           FUNDS.—Within 45 days after the date of the  
20           enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health  
21           and Human Services shall distribute the funds  
22           made available by this paragraph, which shall  
23           be made available to States on an emergency  
24           basis for immediate obligation and expenditure.

1 (C) SUBMISSION OF REVISED PRE-EX-  
2 PENDITURE REPORT.—Within 90 days after a  
3 State receives funds made available by this  
4 paragraph, the State shall submit to the Sec-  
5 retary a revised pre-expenditure report pursu-  
6 ant to title XX of the Social Security Act that  
7 describes how the State plans to administer the  
8 funds.

9 (D) OBLIGATION OF FUNDS BY STATES.—  
10 A State to which funds made available by this  
11 paragraph are distributed shall obligate the  
12 funds not later than December 31, 2020.

13 (E) EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY  
14 STATES.—A grantee to which a State (or a sub-  
15 grantee to which a grantee) provides funds  
16 made available by this paragraph shall expend  
17 the funds not later than December 31, 2021.

18 (2) RULES GOVERNING USE OF ADDITIONAL  
19 FUNDS.—A State to which funds made available by  
20 paragraph (1)(B) are distributed shall use the funds  
21 in accordance with the following:

22 (A) PURPOSE.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—The State shall use  
24 the funds only to support the provision of



1 emergency services to disadvantaged chil-  
2 dren, families, and households.

3 (ii) DISADVANTAGED DEFINED.—In  
4 this paragraph, the term “disadvantaged”  
5 means, with respect to an entity, that the  
6 entity—

7 (I) is an individual, or is located  
8 in a community, that is experiencing  
9 material hardship;

10 (II) is a household in which there  
11 is a child (as defined in section 12(d)  
12 of the Richard B. Russell National  
13 School Lunch Act) or a child served  
14 under section 11(a)(1) of such Act,  
15 who, if not for the closure of the  
16 school attended by the child during a  
17 public health emergency designation  
18 and due to concerns about a COVID-  
19 outbreak, would receive free or re-  
20 duced price school meals pursuant to  
21 such Act;

22 (III) is an individual, or is lo-  
23 cated in a community, with barriers to  
24 employment; or

1 (IV) is located in a community  
2 that, as of the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act, is not experiencing a 56-  
4 day downward trajectory of—

5 (aa) influenza-like illnesses;

6 (bb) COVID-like syndromic  
7 cases;

8 (cc) documented COVID–19  
9 cases; or

10 (dd) positive test results as  
11 a percentage of total COVID–19  
12 tests.

13 (B) PASS-THROUGH TO LOCAL ENTI-  
14 TIES.—

15 (i) In the case of a State in which a  
16 county administers or contributes finan-  
17 cially to the non-Federal share of the  
18 amounts expended in carrying out a State  
19 program funded under title IV of the So-  
20 cial Security Act, the State may pass at  
21 least 50 percent of all funds so made avail-  
22 able through to—

23 (I) the chief elected official of the  
24 city or county that administers the  
25 program; or

1 (II) local government and com-  
2 munity-based organizations.

3 (ii) In the case of any other State and  
4 any State to which clause (i) applies that  
5 does not pass through funds as described  
6 in that clause, the State shall—

7 (I) pass at least 50 percent of  
8 the funds through to—

9 (aa)(AA) local governments  
10 that will expend or distribute the  
11 funds in consultation with com-  
12 munity-based organizations with  
13 experience serving disadvantaged  
14 families or individuals; or

15 (BB) community-based or-  
16 ganizations with experience serv-  
17 ing disadvantaged families and  
18 individuals; and

19 (bb) sub-State areas in pro-  
20 portions based on the population  
21 of disadvantaged individuals liv-  
22 ing in the areas; and

23 (II) report to the Secretary on  
24 how the State determined the

1 amounts passed through pursuant to  
2 this clause.

3 (C) METHODS.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—The State shall use  
5 the funds only for—

6 (I) administering emergency serv-  
7 ices;

8 (II) providing short-term cash,  
9 non-cash, or in-kind emergency dis-  
10 aster relief;

11 (III) providing services with dem-  
12 onstrated need in accordance with ob-  
13 jective criteria that are made available  
14 to the public;

15 (IV) operational costs directly re-  
16 lated to providing services described  
17 in subclauses (I), (II), and (III);

18 (V) local government emergency  
19 social service operations; and

20 (VI) providing emergency social  
21 services to rural and frontier commu-  
22 nities that may not have access to  
23 other emergency funding streams.

24 (ii) ADMINISTERING EMERGENCY  
25 SERVICES DEFINED.—In clause (i), the

1 term “administering emergency services”  
2 means—

3 (I) providing basic disaster relief,  
4 economic, and well-being necessities to  
5 ensure communities are able to safely  
6 observe shelter-in-place and social  
7 distancing orders;

8 (II) providing necessary supplies  
9 such as masks, gloves, and soap, to  
10 protect the public against infectious  
11 disease; and

12 (III) connecting individuals, chil-  
13 dren, and families to services or pay-  
14 ments for which they may already be  
15 eligible.

16 (D) PROHIBITIONS.—

17 (i) NO INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY DE-  
18 TERMINATIONS BY GRANTEES OR SUB-  
19 GRANTEES.—Neither a grantee to which  
20 the State provides the funds nor any sub-  
21 grantee of such a grantee may exercise in-  
22 dividual eligibility determinations for the  
23 purpose of administering short-term, non-  
24 cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief to  
25 communities.

1                   (ii) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN SO-  
2                   CIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS USE  
3                   LIMITATIONS.—The State shall use the  
4                   funds subject to the limitations in section  
5                   2005 of the Social Security Act, except  
6                   that, for purposes of this clause, section  
7                   2005(a)(2) and 2005(a)(8) of such Act  
8                   shall not apply.

9                   (iii) NO SUPPLANTATION OF CERTAIN  
10                  STATE FUNDS.—The State may use the  
11                  funds to supplement, not supplant, State  
12                  general revenue funds for social services.

13                  (iv) BAN ON USE FOR CERTAIN COSTS  
14                  REIMBURSABLE BY FEMA.—The State may  
15                  not use the funds for costs that are reim-  
16                  bursable by the Federal Emergency Man-  
17                  agement Agency, under a contract for in-  
18                  surance, or by self-insurance.

19                  (b) FUNDING FOR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN  
20                  TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—

21                       (1) GRANTS.—

22                           (A) IN GENERAL.—Within 90 days after  
23                           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
24                           retary of Health and Human Services shall

1           make grants to federally recognized Indian  
2           Tribes and Tribal organizations.

3                   (B) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of  
4           the grant for an Indian Tribe or Tribal organi-  
5           zation shall bear the same ratio to the amount  
6           appropriated by paragraph (3) as the total  
7           amount of grants awarded to the Indian Tribe  
8           or Tribal organization under the Low-Income  
9           Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and the  
10          Community Service Block Grant for fiscal year  
11          2020 bears to the total amount of grants  
12          awarded to all Indian Tribes and Tribal organi-  
13          zations under such Act and such Grant for the  
14          fiscal year.

15                   (2) RULES GOVERNING USE OF FUNDS.—An  
16          entity to which a grant is made under paragraph (1)  
17          shall obligate the funds not later than December 31,  
18          2020, and the funds shall be expended by grantees  
19          and subgrantees not later than December 31, 2021,  
20          and used in accordance with the following:

21                           (A) PURPOSE.—

22                                   (i) IN GENERAL.—The grantee shall  
23                                   use the funds only to support the provision  
24                                   of emergency services to disadvantaged  
25                                   households.

1 (ii) DISADVANTAGED DEFINED.—In  
2 clause (i), the term “disadvantaged”  
3 means, with respect to an entity, that the  
4 entity—

5 (I) is an individual, or is located  
6 in a community, that is experiencing  
7 material hardship;

8 (II) is a household in which there  
9 is a child (as defined in section 12(d)  
10 of the Richard B. Russell National  
11 School Lunch Act) or a child served  
12 under section 11(a)(1) of such Act,  
13 who, if not for the closure of the  
14 school attended by the child during a  
15 public health emergency designation  
16 and due to concerns about a COVID–  
17 19 outbreak, would receive free or re-  
18 duced price school meals pursuant to  
19 such Act;

20 (III) is an individual, or is lo-  
21 cated in a community, with barriers to  
22 employment; or

23 (IV) is located in a community  
24 that, as of the date of the enactment



1 of this Act, is not experiencing a 56-  
2 day downward trajectory of—

3 (aa) influenza-like illnesses;

4 (bb) COVID-like syndromic  
5 cases;

6 (cc) documented COVID–19  
7 cases; or

8 (dd) positive test results as  
9 a percentage of total COVID–19  
10 tests.

11 (B) METHODS.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—The grantee shall  
13 use the funds only for—

14 (I) administering emergency serv-  
15 ices;

16 (II) providing short-term, non-  
17 cash, in-kind emergency disaster re-  
18 lief; and

19 (III) tribal emergency social serv-  
20 ice operations.

21 (ii) ADMINISTERING EMERGENCY  
22 SERVICES DEFINED.—In clause (i), the  
23 term “administering emergency services”  
24 means—

1 (I) providing basic economic and  
2 well-being necessities to ensure com-  
3 munities are able to safely observe  
4 shelter-in-place and social distancing  
5 orders;

6 (II) providing necessary supplies  
7 such as masks, gloves, and soap, to  
8 protect the public against infectious  
9 disease; and

10 (III) connecting individuals, chil-  
11 dren, and families to services or pay-  
12 ments for which they may already be  
13 eligible.

14 (C) PROHIBITIONS.—

15 (i) NO INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY DE-  
16 TERMINATIONS BY GRANTEES OR SUB-  
17 GRANTEES.—Neither the grantee nor any  
18 subgrantee may exercise individual eligi-  
19 bility determinations for the purpose of ad-  
20 ministering short-term, non-cash, in-kind  
21 emergency disaster relief to communities.

22 (ii) BAN ON USE FOR CERTAIN COSTS  
23 REIMBURSABLE BY FEMA.—The grantee  
24 may not use the funds for costs that are  
25 reimbursable by the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency, under a contract for  
2 insurance, or by self-insurance.

3 (3) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the  
4 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-  
5 priated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of  
6 Health and Human Services \$400,000,000 to carry  
7 out this subsection.

8 **SEC. 100202. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO OLDER FOSTER**  
9 **YOUTH.**

10 (a) FUNDING INCREASES.—

11 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM.—The dollar amount  
12 specified in section 477(h)(1) of the Social Security  
13 Act for fiscal year 2020 is deemed to be  
14 \$193,000,000.

15 (2) EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS.—  
16 The dollar amount specified in section 477(h)(2) of  
17 such Act for fiscal year 2020 is deemed to be  
18 \$78,000,000.

19 (b) PROGRAMMATIC FLEXIBILITY.—With respect to  
20 the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends Janu-  
21 ary 31, 2021:

22 (1) ELIMINATION OF AGE LIMITATIONS ON ELI-  
23 GIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—Eligibility for services  
24 or assistance under a State program operated pursu-  
25 ant to section 477 of the Social Security Act shall

1 be provided without regard to the age of the recipi-  
2 ent.

3 (2) SUSPENSION OF WORK AND EDUCATION RE-  
4 QUIREMENTS UNDER THE EDUCATION AND TRAIN-  
5 ING VOUCHER PROGRAM.—Section 477(i)(3) of the  
6 Social Security Act shall be applied and adminis-  
7 tered without regard to any work or education re-  
8 quirement.

9 (3) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE LIMITATION ON PER-  
10 CENTAGE OF FUNDS USED FOR HOUSING ASSIST-  
11 ANCE.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
12 ices (in this subsection referred to as the “Sec-  
13 retary”) may apply and administer section 477 of  
14 the Social Security Act without regard to subsection  
15 (b)(3)(B) of such section.

16 (4) ELIMINATION OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOY-  
17 MENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FOSTER  
18 YOUTH.—The Secretary may waive the applicability  
19 of subclauses (I) through (IV) of section  
20 475(8)(B)(iv) of the Social Security Act.

21 (c) STATE DEFINED.—In subsection (a), the term  
22 “State” has the meaning given the term in section  
23 1101(a) of the Social Security Act for purposes of title  
24 IV of such Act, and includes an Indian tribe, tribal organi-  
25 zation, or tribal consortium with an application and plan

1 approved under section 477(j) of such Act for fiscal year  
2 2020.

3 **SEC. 100203. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES**  
4 **THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 511 of the  
6 Social Security Act, during the period that begins on Feb-  
7 ruary 1, 2020, and ends January 31, 2021—

8 (1) a virtual home visit shall be considered a  
9 home visit;

10 (2) funding for, and staffing levels of, a pro-  
11 gram conducted pursuant to such section shall not  
12 be reduced on account of reduced enrollment in the  
13 program; and

14 (3) funds provided for such a program may be  
15 used—

16 (A) to train home visitors in conducting a  
17 virtual home visit and in emergency prepared-  
18 ness and response planning for families served;

19 (B) for the acquisition by families enrolled  
20 in the program of such technological means as  
21 are needed to conduct and support a virtual  
22 home visit;

23 (C) to provide emergency supplies (such as  
24 diapers, formula, non-perishable food, water,

1 hand soap and hand sanitizer) to families  
2 served; and

3 (D) to provide prepaid debit cards to an el-  
4 igible family (as defined in section 511(k)(2) of  
5 such Act) for the purpose of enabling the family  
6 to meet the emergency needs of the family.

7 (b) VIRTUAL HOME VISIT DEFINED.—In subsection  
8 (a), the term “virtual home visit” means a visit that is  
9 conducted solely by electronic means.

10 (c) AUTHORITY TO DELAY DEADLINES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
12 Human Services may extend the deadline by which  
13 a requirement of section 511 of the Social Security  
14 Act must be met, by such period of time as the Sec-  
15 retary deems appropriate.

16 (2) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall provide to  
17 eligible entities funded under section 511 of the So-  
18 cial Security Act information on the parameters  
19 used in extending a deadline under paragraph (1) of  
20 this subsection.

21 (d) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.—In addition  
22 to amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in  
23 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-  
24 priated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Health  
25 and Human Services \$100,000,000, to enable eligible enti-

1 ties to conduct programs funded under section 511 of the  
2 Social Security Act pursuant to this section, which shall  
3 remain available for obligation not later than January 31,  
4 2021.

5 **TITLE III—PROGRAM FLEXI-**  
6 **BILITY DURING THE PAN-**  
7 **DEMIC**

8 **SEC. 100301. EMERGENCY FLEXIBILITY FOR CHILD WEL-**  
9 **FARE PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the period that  
11 begins on March 1, 2020, and ends January 31, 2021:

12 (1) AUTHORITY OF STATES TO DETERMINE  
13 HOW DAILY ACTIVITIES MAY BE CONDUCTED RE-  
14 MOTELY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
15 Services may allow a State to determine how daily  
16 activities under the State plan developed under part  
17 B of title IV of the Social Security Act and the  
18 State program funded under section 477 of such Act  
19 may be conducted through electronic means to com-  
20 ply with public health guidelines relating to social  
21 distancing, including conducting any required court  
22 proceedings pertaining to children in care. In mak-  
23 ing any such determination, the State shall work to  
24 ensure that the safety and health of each child in  
25 care remains paramount.

1           (2) COUNTING OF REMOTE CASEWORKER VISITS  
2 AS IN-PERSON VISITS.—In the case of a foster child  
3 who has attained 18 years of age and with respect  
4 to whom foster care maintenance payments are  
5 being made under a State plan approved under part  
6 E of title IV of the Social Security Act, caseworker  
7 contact with the child that includes visual and audi-  
8 tory contact and which is conducted solely by elec-  
9 tronic means is deemed an in-person visit to the  
10 child by the caseworker for purposes of section  
11 424(f)(1)(A) of such Act if the child is visited by the  
12 caseworker in person not less than once every 6  
13 months while in such care.

14       (b) STATE DEFINED.—In subsection (a), the term  
15 “State” has the meaning given the term in section  
16 1101(a) of the Social Security Act for purposes of title  
17 IV of such Act, and includes an Indian tribe, tribal organi-  
18 zation, or tribal consortium with an application and plan  
19 approved under this section 477(j) of such Act for fiscal  
20 year 2020.

21 **SEC. 100302. EMERGENCY FLEXIBILITY FOR CHILD SUP-**  
22 **PORT PROGRAMS.**

23       (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the period that  
24 begins on March 1, 2020, and ends January 31, 2021:



1           (1) Sections 408(a)(2), 409(a)(5), and  
2           409(a)(8) of the Social Security Act shall have no  
3           force or effect.

4           (2) Notwithstanding section 466(d) of such Act,  
5           the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this  
6           subsection referred to as the “Secretary”) may ex-  
7           empt a State from any requirement of section 466  
8           of such Act to respond to the COVID–19 pandemic,  
9           except that the Secretary may not exempt a State  
10          from any requirement to—

11                   (A) provide a parent with notice of a right  
12                   to request a review and, if appropriate, adjust-  
13                   ment of a support order; or

14                   (B) afford a parent the opportunity to  
15                   make such a request.

16          (3) The Secretary may not impose a penalty or  
17          take any other adverse action against a State pursu-  
18          ant to section 452(g)(1) of such Act for failure to  
19          achieve a paternity establishment percentage of less  
20          than 90 percent.

21          (4) The Secretary may not find that the pater-  
22          nity establishment percentage for a State is not  
23          based on reliable data for purposes of section  
24          452(g)(1) of such Act, and the Secretary may not  
25          determine that the data which a State submitted

1       pursuant to section 452(a)(4)(C)(i) of such Act and  
2       which is used in determining a performance level is  
3       not complete or reliable for purposes of section  
4       458(b)(5)(B) of such Act, on the basis of the failure  
5       of the State to submit OCSE Form 396 or 34 in a  
6       timely manner.

7               (5) The Secretary may not impose a penalty or  
8       take any other adverse action against a State for  
9       failure to comply with section 454A(g)(1)(A)(i) of  
10      such Act.

11              (6) The Secretary may not disapprove a State  
12      plan submitted pursuant to part D of title IV of  
13      such Act for failure of the plan to meet the require-  
14      ment of section 454(1) of such Act, and may not im-  
15      pose a penalty or take any other adverse action  
16      against a State with such a plan that meets that re-  
17      quirement for failure to comply with that require-  
18      ment.

19              (7) To the extent that a preceding provision of  
20      this section applies with respect to a provision of law  
21      applicable to a program operated by an Indian tribe  
22      or tribal organization (as defined in subsections (e)  
23      and (l) of section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
24      and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)),

1 that preceding provision shall apply with respect to  
2 the Indian tribe or tribal organization.

3 (b) STATE DEFINED.—In subsection (a), the term  
4 “State” has the meaning given the term in section  
5 1101(a) of the Social Security Act for purposes of title  
6 IV of such Act.

7 **SEC. 100303. EMERGENCY FLEXIBILITY FOR STATE TANF**  
8 **PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) STATE PROGRAMS.—Sections 407(a), 407(e)(1),  
10 and 408(a)(7)(A) of the Social Security Act shall have no  
11 force or effect during the applicable period, and para-  
12 graphs (3), (9), (14), and (15) of section 409(a) of such  
13 Act shall not apply with respect to conduct engaged in  
14 during the period.

15 (b) TRIBAL PROGRAMS.—The minimum work partici-  
16 pation requirements and time limits established under sec-  
17 tion 412(c) of the Social Security Act shall have no force  
18 or effect during the applicable period, and the penalties  
19 established under such section shall not apply with respect  
20 to conduct engaged in during the period.

21 (c) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Health  
23 and Human Services finds that a State or an Indian  
24 tribe has imposed a work requirement as a condition  
25 of receiving assistance, or a time limit on the provi-

1 sion of assistance, under a program funded under  
2 part A of title IV of the Social Security Act or any  
3 program funded with qualified State expenditures  
4 (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of such Act)  
5 during the applicable period, or has imposed a pen-  
6 alty for failure to comply with a work requirement  
7 during the period, the Secretary shall reduce the  
8 grant payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)  
9 of such Act or the grant payable to the tribe under  
10 section 412(a)(1) of such Act, as the case may be,  
11 for fiscal year 2021 by an amount equal to 5 percent  
12 of the State or tribal family assistance grant, as the  
13 case may be.

14 (2) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—  
15 For purposes of section 409(d) of the Social Secu-  
16 rity Act, paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be  
17 considered to be included in section 409(a) of such  
18 Act.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—The term “applica-  
21 ble period” means the period that begins on March  
22 1, 2020, and ends January 31, 2021.

23 (2) WORK REQUIREMENT.—The term “work re-  
24 quirement” means a requirement to engage in a  
25 work activity (as defined in section 407(d) of the So-

1       cial Security Act) or other work-related activity as  
 2       defined by a State or tribal program funded under  
 3       part A of title IV of such Act.

4               (3) OTHER TERMS.—Each other term has the  
 5       meaning given the term in section 419 of the Social  
 6       Security Act.

7       **DIVISION K—COVID-19 HERO**  
 8       **ACT**

9       **SEC. 110001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

10       This division may be cited as the “COVID-19 Hous-  
 11       ing, Economic Relief, and Oversight Act” or the “COVID-  
 12       19 HERO Act”.

13       **TITLE I—PROVIDING MEDICAL**  
 14       **EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RE-**  
 15       **SPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL**  
 16       **WORKERS**

17       **SEC. 110101. COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES EN-**  
 18       **HANCEMENT.**

19       (a) DETERMINATION ON EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND  
 20       RELATIONSHIP TO STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS.—

21               (1) DETERMINATION.—For the purposes of sec-  
 22       tion 101 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
 23       U.S.C. 4511), the following materials shall be  
 24       deemed to be scarce and critical materials essential  
 25       to the national defense and otherwise meet the re-

1 requirements of section 101(b) of such Act during the  
2 COVID–19 emergency period:

3 (A) Diagnostic tests, including serological  
4 tests, for COVID–19 and the reagents and  
5 other materials necessary for producing or con-  
6 ducting such tests.

7 (B) Personal protective equipment, includ-  
8 ing face shields, N–95 respirator masks, and  
9 any other masks determined by the Secretary of  
10 Health and Human Services to be needed to re-  
11 spond to the COVID–19 pandemic, and the ma-  
12 terials to produce such equipment.

13 (C) Medical ventilators, the components  
14 necessary to make such ventilators, and medi-  
15 cines needed to use a ventilator as a treatment  
16 for any individual who is hospitalized for  
17 COVID–19.

18 (D) Pharmaceuticals and any medicines  
19 determined by the Food and Drug Administra-  
20 tion or another Government agency to be effec-  
21 tive in treating COVID–19 (including vaccines  
22 for COVID–19) and any materials necessary to  
23 produce or use such pharmaceuticals or medi-  
24 cines (including self-injection syringes or other  
25 delivery systems).

1           (E) Any other medical equipment or sup-  
2 plies determined by the Secretary of Health and  
3 Human Services or the Secretary of Homeland  
4 Security to be scarce and critical materials es-  
5 sential to the national defense for purposes of  
6 section 101 of the Defense Production Act of  
7 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4511).

8           (2) EXERCISE OF TITLE I AUTHORITIES IN RE-  
9 LATION TO CONTRACTS BY STATE AND LOCAL GOV-  
10 ERNMENTS.—In exercising authorities under title I  
11 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
12 4511 et seq.) during the COVID–19 emergency pe-  
13 riod, the President (and any officer or employee of  
14 the United States to which authorities under such  
15 title I have been delegated)—

16           (A) may exercise the prioritization or allo-  
17 cation authority provided in such title I to ex-  
18 clude any materials described in paragraph (1)  
19 ordered by a State or local government that are  
20 scheduled to be delivered within 15 days of the  
21 time at which—

22           (i) the purchase order or contract by  
23 the Federal Government for such materials  
24 is made; or

1 (ii) the materials are otherwise allo-  
2 cated by the Federal Government under  
3 the authorities contained in such Act; and  
4 (B) shall, within 24 hours of any exercise  
5 of the prioritization or allocation authority pro-  
6 vided in such title I—

7 (i) notify any State or local govern-  
8 ment if the exercise of such authorities  
9 would delay the receipt of such materials  
10 ordered by such government; and

11 (ii) take such steps as may be nec-  
12 essary to ensure that such materials or-  
13 dered by such government are delivered in  
14 the shortest possible period.

15 (3) UPDATE TO THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION  
16 REGULATION.—Not later than 15 days after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Ac-  
18 quisition Regulation shall be revised to reflect the  
19 requirements of paragraph (2)(A).

20 (b) ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.—

21 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress—

22 (A) appreciates the willingness of private  
23 companies not traditionally involved in pro-  
24 ducing items for the health sector to volunteer  
25 to use their expertise and supply chains to



1 produce essential medical supplies and equip-  
2 ment;

3 (B) encourages other manufacturers to re-  
4 view their existing capacity and to develop ca-  
5 pacity to produce essential medical supplies,  
6 medical equipment, and medical treatments to  
7 address the COVID–19 emergency; and

8 (C) commends and expresses deep appre-  
9 ciation to individual citizens who have been pro-  
10 ducing personal protective equipment and other  
11 materials for, in particular, use at hospitals in  
12 their community.

13 (2) OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVE.—

14 (A) DESIGNATION.—Consistent with the  
15 authorities in title VII of the Defense Produc-  
16 tion Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4551 et seq.), the  
17 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-  
18 agement Agency, in consultation with the Sec-  
19 retary of Health and Human Services, shall  
20 designate or shall appoint, pursuant to section  
21 703 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 4553), an indi-  
22 vidual to be known as the “Outreach Rep-  
23 resentative”. Such individual shall—

24 (i) be appointed from among individ-  
25 uals with substantial experience in the pri-

1 vate sector in the production of medical  
2 supplies or equipment; and

3 (ii) act as the Government-wide single  
4 point of contact during the COVID–19  
5 emergency for outreach to manufacturing  
6 companies and their suppliers who may be  
7 interested in producing medical supplies or  
8 equipment, including the materials de-  
9 scribed under subsection (a).

10 (B) ENCOURAGING PARTNERSHIPS.—The  
11 Outreach Representative shall seek to develop  
12 partnerships between companies, in coordina-  
13 tion with the Supply Chain Stabilization Task  
14 Force or any overall coordinator appointed by  
15 the President to oversee the response to the  
16 COVID–19 emergency, including through the  
17 exercise of the authorities under section 708 of  
18 the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
19 4558).

20 (c) ENHANCEMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN PRODUC-  
21 TION.—In exercising authority under title III of the De-  
22 fense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4531 et seq.)  
23 with respect to materials described in subsection (a), the  
24 President shall seek to ensure that support is provided to  
25 companies that comprise the supply chains for reagents,

1 components, raw materials, and other materials and items  
2 necessary to produce or use the materials described in sub-  
3 section (a).

4 (d) OVERSIGHT OF CURRENT ACTIVITY AND  
5 NEEDS.—

6 (1) RESPONSE TO IMMEDIATE NEEDS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
9 President, in coordination with the National  
10 Response Coordination Center of the Federal  
11 Emergency Management Agency, the Adminis-  
12 trator of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Sec-  
13 retary of Health and Human Services, the Sec-  
14 retary of Veterans Affairs, and heads of other  
15 Federal agencies (as appropriate), shall submit  
16 to the appropriate congressional committees a  
17 report assessing the immediate needs described  
18 in subparagraph (B) to combat the COVID–19  
19 pandemic and the plan for meeting those imme-  
20 diate needs.

21 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The report required by  
22 this paragraph shall include—

23 (i) an assessment of the needs for  
24 medical supplies or equipment necessary to  
25 address the needs of the population of the

1 United States infected by the virus SARS-  
2 CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 and to pre-  
3 vent an increase in the incidence of  
4 COVID-19 throughout the United States,  
5 including diagnostic tests, serological tests,  
6 medicines that have been approved by the  
7 Food and Drug Administration to treat  
8 COVID-19, and ventilators and medicines  
9 needed to employ ventilators;

10 (ii) based on meaningful consultations  
11 with relevant stakeholders, an assessment  
12 of the need for personal protective equip-  
13 ment and other supplies (including diag-  
14 nostic tests) required by—

15 (I) health professionals, health  
16 workers, and hospital staff;

17 (II) workers in industries and  
18 sectors described in the “Advisory  
19 Memorandum on Identification of Es-  
20 sential Critical Infrastructure Work-  
21 ers during the COVID-19 Response”  
22 issued by the Director of Cybersecu-  
23 rity and Infrastructure Security Agen-  
24 cy of the Department of Homeland  
25 Security on April 17, 2020 (and any

1 expansion of industries and sectors in-  
2 cluded in updates to such advisory  
3 memorandum); and

4 (III) other workers determined to  
5 be essential based on such consulta-  
6 tion;

7 (iii) an assessment of the quantities of  
8 equipment and supplies in the Strategic  
9 National Stockpile (established under sec-  
10 tion 319F-2 of the Public Health Service  
11 Act ((42 U.S.C. 247d-6b(a)(1))) as of the  
12 date of the report, and the projected gap  
13 between the quantities of equipment and  
14 supplies identified as needed in the assess-  
15 ment under clauses (i) and (ii) and the  
16 quantities in the Strategic National Stock-  
17 pile;

18 (iv) an identification of the industry  
19 sectors and manufacturers most ready to  
20 fulfill purchase orders for such equipment  
21 and supplies (including manufacturers that  
22 may be incentivized) through the exercise  
23 of authority under section 303(e) of the  
24 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
25 U.S.C. 4533(e)) to modify, expand, or im-

1           prove production processes to manufacture  
2           such equipment and supplies to respond  
3           immediately to a need identified in clause  
4           (i) or (ii);

5           (v) an identification of Government-  
6           owned and privately-owned stockpiles of  
7           such equipment and supplies not included  
8           in the Strategic National Stockpile that  
9           could be repaired or refurbished;

10          (vi) an identification of previously dis-  
11          tributed critical supplies that can be redis-  
12          tributed based on current need;

13          (vii) a description of any exercise of  
14          the authorities described under paragraph  
15          (1)(E) or (2)(A) of subsection (a); and

16          (viii) an identification of critical areas  
17          of need, by county and by areas identified  
18          by the Indian Health Service, in the  
19          United States and the metrics and criteria  
20          for identification as a critical area.

21          (C) PLAN.—The report required by this  
22          paragraph shall include a plan for meeting the  
23          immediate needs to combat the COVID–19 pan-  
24          demic, including the needs described in sub-  
25          paragraph (B). Such plan shall include—

1 (i) each contract the Federal Govern-  
2 ment has entered into to meet such needs,  
3 including the purpose of each contract, the  
4 type and amount of equipment, supplies, or  
5 services to be provided under the contract,  
6 the entity performing such contract, and  
7 the dollar amount of each contract;

8 (ii) each contract that the Federal  
9 Government intends to enter into within  
10 14 days after submission of such report,  
11 including the information described in sub-  
12 paragraph (B) for each such contract; and

13 (iii) whether any of the contracts de-  
14 scribed in clause (i) or (ii) have or will  
15 have a priority rating under the Defense  
16 Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501  
17 et seq.), including purchase orders pursu-  
18 ant to Department of Defense Directive  
19 4400.1 (or any successor directive), sub-  
20 part A of part 101 of title 45, Code of  
21 Federal Regulations, or any other applica-  
22 ble authority.

23 (D) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The  
24 report required by this paragraph, and each up-

1 date required by subparagraph (E), shall in-  
2 clude—

3 (i) any requests for equipment and  
4 supplies from State or local governments  
5 and Indian Tribes, and an accompanying  
6 list of the employers and unions consulted  
7 in developing these requests;

8 (ii) any modeling or formulas used to  
9 determine allocation of equipment and sup-  
10 plies, and any related chain of command  
11 issues on making final decisions on alloca-  
12 tions;

13 (iii) the amount and destination of  
14 equipment and supplies delivered;

15 (iv) an explanation of why any portion  
16 of any contract, whether to replenish the  
17 Strategic National Stockpile or otherwise,  
18 will not be filled;

19 (v) of products procured under this  
20 section, the percentage of such products  
21 that are used to replenish the Strategic  
22 National Stockpile, that are targeted to  
23 COVID–19 hotspots, and that are used for  
24 the commercial market;



1 (vi) metrics, formulas, and criteria  
2 used to determine COVID–19 hotspots or  
3 areas of critical need for a State, county,  
4 or an area identified by the Indian Health  
5 Service;

6 (vii) production and procurement  
7 benchmarks, where practicable; and

8 (viii) results of the consultation with  
9 the relevant stakeholders required by sub-  
10 paragraph (B)(ii).

11 (E) UPDATES.—The President, in coordi-  
12 nation with the National Response Coordination  
13 Center of the Federal Emergency Management  
14 Agency, the Administrator of the Defense Lo-  
15 gistics Agency, the Secretary of Health and  
16 Human Services, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
17 fairs, and heads of other Federal agencies (as  
18 appropriate), shall update such report every 14  
19 days.

20 (F) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The President  
21 shall make the report required by this para-  
22 graph and each update required by subpara-  
23 graph (E) available to the public, including on  
24 a Government website.

25 (2) RESPONSE TO LONGER-TERM NEEDS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days  
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
3 President, in coordination with the National  
4 Response Coordination Center of the Federal  
5 Emergency Management Agency, the Adminis-  
6 trator of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Sec-  
7 retary of Health and Human Services, the Sec-  
8 retary of Veterans Affairs, and heads of other  
9 Federal agencies (as appropriate), shall submit  
10 to the appropriate congressional committees a  
11 report containing an assessment of the needs  
12 described in subparagraph (B) to combat the  
13 COVID–19 pandemic and the plan for meeting  
14 such needs during the 6-month period begin-  
15 ning on the date of submission of the report.

16 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The report required by  
17 this paragraph shall include—

18 (i) an assessment of the elements de-  
19 scribe in clauses (i) through (v) and clause  
20 (viii) of paragraph (1)(B); and

21 (ii) an assessment of needs related to  
22 COVID–19 vaccines and any additional  
23 services to address the COVID–19 pan-  
24 demic, including services related to health  
25 surveillance to ensure that the appropriate

1 level of contact tracing related to detected  
2 infections is available throughout the  
3 United States.

4 (C) PLAN.—The report required by this  
5 paragraph shall include a plan for meeting the  
6 longer-term needs to combat the COVID–19  
7 pandemic, including the needs described in sub-  
8 paragraph (B). This plan shall include—

9 (i) a plan to exercise authorities under  
10 the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
11 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) necessary to increase  
12 the production of the medical equipment,  
13 supplies, and services that are essential to  
14 meeting the needs identified in subpara-  
15 graph (B), including the number of N–95  
16 respirator masks and other personal pro-  
17 tective equipment needed, based on mean-  
18 ingful consultations with relevant stake-  
19 holders, by the private sector to resume  
20 economic activity and by the public and  
21 nonprofit sectors to significantly increase  
22 their activities;

23 (ii) results of the consultations with  
24 the relevant stakeholders required by  
25 clause (i);

1 (iii) an estimate of the funding and  
2 other measures necessary to rapidly ex-  
3 pand manufacturing production capacity  
4 for such equipment and supplies, includ-  
5 ing—

6 (I) any efforts to expand, retool,  
7 or reconfigure production lines;

8 (II) any efforts to establish new  
9 production lines through the purchase  
10 and installation of new equipment; or

11 (III) the issuance of additional  
12 contracts, purchase orders, purchase  
13 guarantees, or other similar measures;

14 (iv) each contract the Federal Govern-  
15 ment has entered into to meet such needs  
16 or expand such production, the purpose of  
17 each contract, the type and amount of  
18 equipment, supplies, or services to be pro-  
19 vided under the contract, the entity per-  
20 forming such contract, and the dollar  
21 amount of each contract;

22 (v) each contract that the Federal  
23 Government intends to enter into within  
24 14 days after submission of such report,

1 including the information described in  
2 clause (iv) for each such contract;

3 (vi) whether any of the contracts de-  
4 scribed in clause (iv) or (v) have or will  
5 have a priority rating under the Defense  
6 Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501  
7 et seq.), including purchase orders pursu-  
8 ant to Department of Defense Directive  
9 4400.1 (or any successor directive), sub-  
10 part A of part 101 of title 45, Code of  
11 Federal Regulations, or any other applica-  
12 ble authority; and

13 (vii) the manner in which the Defense  
14 Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501  
15 et seq.) could be used to increase services  
16 necessary to combat the COVID-19 pan-  
17 demic, including services described in sub-  
18 paragraph (B)(ii).

19 (D) UPDATES.—The President, in coordi-  
20 nation with the National Response Coordination  
21 Center of the Federal Emergency Management  
22 Agency, the Administrator of the Defense Lo-  
23 gistics Agency, the Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
25 fairs, and heads of other Federal agencies (as

1 appropriate), shall update such report every 14  
2 days.

3 (E) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Presi-  
4 dent shall make the report required by this sub-  
5 section and each update required by subpara-  
6 graph (D) available to the public, including on  
7 a Government website.

8 (3) REPORT ON EXERCISING AUTHORITIES  
9 UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
12 President, in consultation with the Adminis-  
13 trator of the Federal Emergency Management  
14 Agency, the Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-  
15 retary of Health and Human Services, shall  
16 submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
17 mittees a report on the exercise of authorities  
18 under titles I, III, and VII of the Defense Pro-  
19 duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.)  
20 prior to the date of such report.

21 (B) CONTENTS.—The report required  
22 under subparagraph (A) and each update re-  
23 quired under subparagraph (C) shall include,  
24 with respect to each exercise of such author-  
25 ity—

1 (i) an explanation of the purpose of  
2 the applicable contract, purchase order, or  
3 other exercise of authority (including an  
4 allocation of materials, services, and facili-  
5 ties under section 101(a)(2) of the Defense  
6 Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
7 4511(a)(2));

8 (ii) the cost of such exercise of au-  
9 thority; and

10 (iii) if applicable—

11 (I) the amount of goods that  
12 were purchased or allocated;

13 (II) an identification of the entity  
14 awarded a contract or purchase order  
15 or that was the subject of the exercise  
16 of authority; and

17 (III) an identification of any en-  
18 tity that had shipments delayed by the  
19 exercise of any authority under the  
20 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
21 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.).

22 (C) UPDATES.—The President shall up-  
23 date the report required under subparagraph  
24 (A) every 14 days.

1           (D) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Presi-  
2           dent shall make the report required by this sub-  
3           section and each update required by subpara-  
4           graph (C) available to the public, including on  
5           a Government website.

6           (4) QUARTERLY REPORTING.—The President  
7           shall submit to Congress, and make available to the  
8           public (including on a Government website), a quar-  
9           terly report detailing all expenditures made pursuant  
10          to titles I, III, and VII of the Defense Production  
11          Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.).

12          (5) SUNSET.—The requirements of this sub-  
13          section shall terminate on the later of—

14                 (A) December 31, 2021; or

15                 (B) the end of the COVID–19 emergency  
16          period.

17          (e) ENHANCEMENTS TO THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION  
18          ACT OF 1950.—

19                 (1) HEALTH EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—Section  
20          107 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50  
21          U.S.C. 4517) is amended by adding at the end the  
22          following:

23                 “(c) HEALTH EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—With re-  
24          spect to a public health emergency declaration by the Sec-  
25          retary of Health and Human Services under section 319



1 of the Public Health Service Act, or preparations for such  
2 a health emergency, the Secretary of Health and Human  
3 Services and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency  
4 Management Agency are authorized to carry out the au-  
5 thorities provided under this section to the same extent  
6 as the President.”.

7 (2) EMPHASIS ON BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED  
8 BY WOMEN, MINORITIES, VETERANS, AND NATIVE  
9 AMERICANS.—Section 108 of the Defense Produc-  
10 tion Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4518) is amended—

11 (A) in the heading, by striking “**MOD-**  
12 **ERNIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS SUP-**  
13 **PLIERS**” and inserting “**SMALL BUSINESS**  
14 **PARTICIPATION AND FAIR INCLUSION**”;

15 (B) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
16 follows:

17 “(a) PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing any assistance  
19 under this Act, the President shall accord a strong  
20 preference for subcontractors and suppliers that  
21 are—

22 “(A) small business concerns; or

23 “(B) businesses of any size owned by  
24 women, minorities, veterans, and the disabled.

1           “(2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—To the max-  
2           imum extent practicable, the President shall accord  
3           the preference described under paragraph (1) to  
4           small business concerns and businesses described in  
5           paragraph (1)(B) that are located in areas of high  
6           unemployment or areas that have demonstrated a  
7           continuing pattern of economic decline, as identified  
8           by the Secretary of Labor.”; and

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

10          “(c) MINORITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
11          ‘minority’—

12                       “(1) has the meaning given the term in section  
13                       308(b) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recov-  
14                       ery, and Enforcement Act of 1989; and

15                       “(2) includes any indigenous person in the  
16                       United States, including any territories of the  
17                       United States.”.

18                       (3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANNUAL RE-  
19                       PORT.—Section 304(f)(3) of the Defense Production  
20                       Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4534(f)(3)) is amended by  
21                       striking “year.” and inserting “year, including the  
22                       percentage of contracts awarded using Fund  
23                       amounts to each of the groups described in section  
24                       108(a)(1)(B) (and, with respect to minorities,  
25                       disaggregated by ethnic group), and the percentage

1 of the total amount expended during such fiscal year  
2 on such contracts.”.

3 (4) DEFINITION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.—Sec-  
4 tion 702(14) of the Defense Production Act of 1950  
5 is amended by striking “and critical infrastructure  
6 protection and restoration” and inserting “, critical  
7 infrastructure protection and restoration, and health  
8 emergency preparedness and response activities”.

9 (f) SECURING ESSENTIAL MEDICAL MATERIALS.—

10 (1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Section 2(b) of  
11 the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
12 4502) is amended—

13 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
14 through (8) as paragraphs (4) through (9), re-  
15 spectively; and

16 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
17 following:

18 “(3) authorities under this Act should be used  
19 when appropriate to ensure the availability of med-  
20 ical materials essential to national defense, including  
21 through measures designed to secure the drug sup-  
22 ply chain, and taking into consideration the impor-  
23 tance of United States competitiveness, scientific  
24 leadership and cooperation, and innovative capac-  
25 ity;”.

1           (2) STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC CAPABILITY.—  
2       Section 107 of the Defense Production Act of 1950  
3       (50 U.S.C. 4517) is amended—

4           (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “(in-  
5       cluding medical materials)” after “materials”;  
6       and

7           (B) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “(in-  
8       cluding medical materials such as drugs to di-  
9       agnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease  
10      that essential to national defense)” after “es-  
11      sential materials”.

12          (3) STRATEGY ON SECURING SUPPLY CHAINS  
13      FOR MEDICAL ARTICLES.—Title I of the Defense  
14      Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4511 et seq.) is  
15      amended by adding at the end the following:

16      **“SEC. 109. STRATEGY ON SECURING SUPPLY CHAINS FOR**  
17              **MEDICAL MATERIALS.**

18          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after  
19      the date of the enactment of this section, the President,  
20      in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human  
21      Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of  
22      Homeland Security, and the Secretary of Defense, shall  
23      transmit a strategy to the appropriate Members of Con-  
24      gress that includes the following:

1           “(1) A detailed plan to use the authorities  
2           under this title and title III, or any other provision  
3           of law, to ensure the supply of medical materials (in-  
4           cluding drugs to diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or  
5           prevent disease) essential to national defense, to the  
6           extent necessary for the purposes of this Act.

7           “(2) An analysis of vulnerabilities to existing  
8           supply chains for such medical articles, and rec-  
9           ommendations to address the vulnerabilities.

10           “(3) Measures to be undertaken by the Presi-  
11           dent to diversify such supply chains, as appropriate  
12           and as required for national defense.

13           “(4) A discussion of—

14                   “(A) any significant effects resulting from  
15                   the plan and measures described in this sub-  
16                   section on the production, cost, or distribution  
17                   of vaccines or any other drugs (as defined  
18                   under section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug,  
19                   and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321));

20                   “(B) a timeline to ensure that essential  
21                   components of the supply chain for medical ma-  
22                   terials are not under the exclusive control of a  
23                   foreign government in a manner that the Presi-  
24                   dent determines could threaten the national de-  
25                   fense of the United States; and

1           “(C) efforts to mitigate any risks resulting  
2           from the plan and measures described in this  
3           subsection to United States competitiveness,  
4           scientific leadership, and innovative capacity,  
5           including efforts to cooperate and proactively  
6           engage with United States allies.

7           “(b) PROGRESS REPORT.—Following submission of  
8           the strategy under subsection (a), the President shall sub-  
9           mit to the appropriate Members of Congress an annual  
10          progress report evaluating the implementation of the  
11          strategy, and may include updates to the strategy as ap-  
12          propriate. The strategy and progress reports shall be sub-  
13          mitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified  
14          annex.

15          “(c) APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—The  
16          term ‘appropriate Members of Congress’ means the  
17          Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader of the  
18          House of Representatives, the majority leader and minor-  
19          ity leader of the Senate, the Chairman and Ranking Mem-  
20          ber of the Committees on Armed Services and Financial  
21          Services of the House of Representatives, and the Chair-  
22          man and Ranking Member of the Committees on Armed  
23          Services and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the  
24          Senate.”.

25          (g) GAO REPORT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
3 nually thereafter, the Comptroller General of the  
4 United States shall submit to the appropriate con-  
5 gressional committees a report on ensuring that the  
6 United States Government has access to the medical  
7 supplies and equipment necessary to respond to fu-  
8 ture pandemics and public health emergencies, in-  
9 cluding recommendations with respect to how to en-  
10 sure that the United States supply chain for diag-  
11 nostic tests (including serological tests), personal  
12 protective equipment, vaccines, and therapies is bet-  
13 ter equipped to respond to emergencies, including  
14 through the use of funds in the Defense Production  
15 Act Fund under section 304 of the Defense Produc-  
16 tion Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4534) to address short-  
17 ages in that supply chain.

18           (2) REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT AND PLAN.—

19           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
20 after each of the submission of the reports de-  
21 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection  
22 (d), the Comptroller General of the United  
23 States shall submit to the appropriate congress-  
24 sional committees an assessment of such re-  
25 ports, including identifying any gaps and pro-

1           viding any recommendations regarding the sub-  
2           ject matter in such reports.

3           (B) MONTHLY REVIEW.—Not later than a  
4           month after the submission of the assessment  
5           under subparagraph (A), and monthly there-  
6           after, the Comptroller General shall issue a re-  
7           port to the appropriate congressional commit-  
8           tees with respect to any updates to the reports  
9           described in paragraph (1) and (2) of sub-  
10          section (d) that were issued during the previous  
11          1-month period, containing an assessment of  
12          such updates, including identifying any gaps  
13          and providing any recommendations regarding  
14          the subject matter in such updates.

15          (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
17          TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
18          mittees” means the Committees on Appropriations,  
19          Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Financial  
20          Services, Homeland Security, and Veterans’ Affairs  
21          of the House of Representatives and the Committees  
22          on Appropriations, Armed Services, Banking, Hous-  
23          ing, and Urban Affairs, Health, Education, Labor,  
24          and Pensions, Homeland Security and Governmental  
25          Affairs, and Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.



1           (2) COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The  
2 term “COVID–19 emergency period” means the pe-  
3 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act  
4 and ending after the end of the incident period for  
5 the emergency declared on March 13, 2020, by the  
6 President under Section 501 of the Robert T. Staf-  
7 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
8 (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus  
9 Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic.

10           (3) RELEVANT STAKEHOLDER.—The term “rel-  
11 evant stakeholder” means—

12                   (A) representative private sector entities;

13                   (B) representatives of the nonprofit sector;

14                   and

15                   (C) representatives of labor organizations  
16 representing workers, including unions that rep-  
17 resent health workers, manufacturers, public  
18 sector employees, and service sector workers.

19           (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
20 the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
21 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or  
22 possession of the United States.

1 **TITLE II—PROTECTING RENT-**  
2 **ERS AND HOMEOWNERS**  
3 **FROM EVICTIONS AND FORE-**  
4 **CLOSURES**

5 **SEC. 110201. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
7 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing  
8 and Urban Development (referred to in this section as the  
9 “Secretary”) \$100,000,000,000 for an additional amount  
10 for grants under the Emergency Solutions Grants pro-  
11 gram under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento  
12 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.), to  
13 remain available until expended (subject to subsections (d)  
14 and (n) of this section), to be used for providing short-  
15 or medium-term assistance with rent and rent-related  
16 costs (including tenant-paid utility costs, utility- and rent-  
17 arrears, fees charged for those arrears, and security and  
18 utility deposits) in accordance with paragraphs (4) and (5)  
19 of section 415(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11374(a)) and  
20 this section.

21 (b) DEFINITION OF AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—  
22 Notwithstanding section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento  
23 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1)), for pur-  
24 poses of assistance made available with amounts made  
25 available pursuant to subsection (a), the term “at risk of

1 homelessness” means, with respect to an individual or  
2 family, that the individual or family—

3           (1) has an income below 80 percent of the me-  
4 dian income for the area as determined by the Sec-  
5 retary; and

6           (2) has an inability to attain or maintain hous-  
7 ing stability or has insufficient resources to pay for  
8 rent or utilities due to financial hardships.

9           (c) INCOME TARGETING AND CALCULATION.—For  
10 purposes of assistance made available with amounts made  
11 available pursuant to subsection (a)—

12           (1) each recipient of such amounts shall use—

13                   (A) not less than 40 percent of the  
14 amounts received only for providing assistance  
15 for individuals or families experiencing home-  
16 lessness, or for persons or families at risk of  
17 homelessness who have incomes not exceeding  
18 30 percent of the median income for the area  
19 as determined by the Secretary;

20                   (B) not less than 70 percent of the  
21 amounts received only for providing assistance  
22 for individuals or families experiencing home-  
23 lessness, or for persons or families at risk of  
24 homelessness who have incomes not exceeding

1           50 percent of the median income for the area  
2           as determined by the Secretary; and

3           (C) the remainder of the amounts received  
4           only for providing assistance to individuals or  
5           families experiencing homelessness, or for per-  
6           sons or families at risk of homelessness who  
7           have incomes not exceeding 80 percent of the  
8           median income for the area as determined by  
9           the Secretary, but such recipient may establish  
10          a higher percentage limit for purposes of sub-  
11          section (b)(1), which shall not in any case ex-  
12          ceed 120 percent of the area median income, if  
13          the recipient states that it will serve such popu-  
14          lation in its plan; and

15          (2) in determining the income of a household  
16          for homelessness prevention assistance—

17                 (A) the calculation of income performed at  
18                 the time of application for such assistance, in-  
19                 cluding arrearages, shall consider only income  
20                 that the household is currently receiving at such  
21                 time and any income recently terminated shall  
22                 not be included;

23                 (B) any calculation of income performed  
24                 with respect to households receiving ongoing as-  
25                 sistance (such as medium-term rental assist-

1           ance) 3 months after initial receipt of assist-  
2           ance shall consider only the income that the  
3           household is receiving at the time of such re-  
4           view; and

5           (C) the calculation of income performed  
6           with respect to households receiving assistance  
7           for arrearages shall consider only the income  
8           that the household was receiving at the time  
9           such arrearages were incurred.

10       (d) 3-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each recipient of amounts  
12       made available pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

13           (A) expend not less than 60 percent of  
14           such grant amounts within 2 years of the date  
15           that such funds became available to the recipi-  
16           ent for obligation; and

17           (B) expend 100 percent of such grant  
18           amounts within 3 years of such date.

19           (2) REALLOCATION AFTER 2 YEARS.—The Sec-  
20       retary may recapture any amounts not expended in  
21       compliance with paragraph (1)(A) and reallocate  
22       such amounts to recipients in compliance with the  
23       formula referred to in subsection (h)(1)(A).

24       (e) RENT RESTRICTIONS.—

1           (1) INAPPLICABILITY.—Section 576.106(d) of  
2 title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not  
3 apply with respect to homelessness prevention assist-  
4 ance made available with amounts made available  
5 under subsection (a).

6           (2) AMOUNT OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—In pro-  
7 viding homelessness prevention assistance with  
8 amounts made available under subsection (a), the  
9 maximum amount of rental assistance that may be  
10 provided shall be the greater of—

11           (A) 120 percent of the higher of—

12           (i) the Fair Market Rent established  
13 by the Secretary for the metropolitan area  
14 or county; or

15           (ii) the applicable Small Area Fair  
16 Market Rent established by the Secretary;  
17 or

18           (B) such higher amount as the Secretary  
19 shall determine is needed to cover market rents  
20 in the area.

21           (f) SUBLEASES.—A recipient shall not be prohibited  
22 from providing assistance authorized under subsection (a)  
23 with respect to subleases that are valid under State law.

24           (g) HOUSING RELOCATION OR STABILIZATION AC-  
25 TIVITIES.—A recipient of amounts made available pursu-

1 ant to subsection (a) may expend up to 25 percent of its  
2 allocation for activities under section 415(a)(5) of the  
3 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 11374(a)(5)), except that notwithstanding such section,  
5 activities authorized under this subsection may be pro-  
6 vided only for individuals or families who have incomes  
7 not exceeding 50 percent of the area median income and  
8 meet the criteria in subsection (b)(2) of this section or  
9 section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 11302). This subsection shall not apply  
11 to rent-related costs that are specifically authorized under  
12 subsection (a) of this section.

13 (h) ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In allocating amounts made  
15 available pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary  
16 shall—

17 (A)(i) for any purpose authorized in this  
18 section—

19 (I) allocate 2 percent of such amount  
20 for Indian tribes and tribally designated  
21 housing entities (as such terms are defined  
22 in section 4 of the Native American Hous-  
23 ing Assistance and Self-Determination Act  
24 of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) under the for-  
25 mula established pursuant to section 302

1 of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4152), except that  
2 0.3 percent of the amount allocated under  
3 this clause shall be allocated for the De-  
4 partment of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

5 (II) allocate 0.3 percent of such  
6 amount for the Virgin Islands, Guam,  
7 American Samoa, and the Northern Mar-  
8 iana Islands;

9 (ii) not later than 30 days after the date  
10 of enactment of this Act, obligate and disburse  
11 the amounts allocated pursuant to clause (i) in  
12 accordance with such allocations and provide  
13 such recipient with any necessary guidance for  
14 use of the funds; and

15 (B)(i) not later than 7 days after the date  
16 of enactment of this Act and after setting aside  
17 amounts under subparagraph (A), allocate 50  
18 percent of any such remaining amounts under  
19 the formula specified in subsections (a), (b),  
20 and (e) of section 414 of the McKinney-Vento  
21 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373)  
22 for, and notify, each State, metropolitan city,  
23 and urban county that is to receive a direct  
24 grant of such amounts; and



1           (ii) not later than 30 days after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, obligate and disburse  
3 the amounts allocated pursuant to clause (i) in  
4 accordance with such allocations and provide  
5 such recipient with any necessary guidance for  
6 use of the funds; and

7           (C)(i) not later than 45 days after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act, allocate any remaining  
9 amounts for eligible recipients according to a  
10 formula to be developed by the Secretary that  
11 takes into consideration the formula referred to  
12 in subparagraph (A) and the need for emer-  
13 gency rental assistance under this section, in-  
14 cluding the severe housing cost burden among  
15 extremely low- and very low-income renters and  
16 disruptions in housing and economic conditions,  
17 including unemployment; and

18           (ii) not later than 30 days after the date  
19 of the allocation of such amounts pursuant to  
20 clause (i), obligate and disburse such amounts  
21 in accordance with such allocations.

22 (2) ALLOCATIONS TO STATES.—

23           (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
24 section (a) of section 414 of the McKinney-  
25 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

1           11373(a)) and section 576.202(a) of title 24,  
2           Code of Federal Regulations, a State recipient  
3           of an allocation under this section may elect to  
4           use up to 100 percent of its allocation to carry  
5           out activities eligible under this section directly.

6           (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any State recipient  
7           making an election described in subparagraph  
8           (A) shall serve households throughout the entire  
9           State, including households in rural commu-  
10          nities and small towns.

11          (3) ELECTION NOT TO ADMINISTER.—If a re-  
12          cipient other than a State elects not to receive funds  
13          under this section, such funds shall be allocated to  
14          the State recipient in which the recipient is located.

15          (4) PARTNERSHIPS, SUBGRANTS, AND CON-  
16          TRACTS.—A recipient of a grant under this section  
17          may distribute funds through partnerships, sub-  
18          grants, or contracts with an entity, such as a public  
19          housing agency (as such term is defined in section  
20          3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42  
21          U.S.C. 1437a(b))), that is capable of carrying activi-  
22          ties under this section.

23          (5) REVISION TO RULE.—The Secretary shall  
24          revise section 576.3 of tile 24, Code of Federal Reg-

1           ulations, to change the set aside for allocation to the  
2           territories to exactly 0.3 percent.

3           (i) INAPPLICABILITY OF MATCHING REQUIRE-  
4           MENT.—Subsection (a) of section 416 of the McKinney-  
5           Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11375(a))  
6           shall not apply to any amounts made available pursuant  
7           to subsection (a) of this section.

8           (j) REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—  
9           Amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) may  
10          be used by a recipient to reimburse expenditures incurred  
11          for eligible activities under this section after March 27,  
12          2020.

13          (k) PROHIBITION ON PREREQUISITES.—None of the  
14          funds made available pursuant to this section may be used  
15          to require any individual receiving assistance under the  
16          program under this section to receive treatment or per-  
17          form any other prerequisite activities as a condition for  
18          receiving shelter, housing, or other services.

19          (l) WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—

20                (1) IN GENERAL.—

21                    (A) AUTHORITY.—In administering the  
22                    amounts made available pursuant to subsection  
23                    (a), the Secretary may waive, or specify alter-  
24                    native requirements for, any provision of any  
25                    statute or regulation that the Secretary admin-

1           isters in connection with the obligation by the  
2           Secretary or the use by the recipient of such  
3           amounts (except for requirements related to fair  
4           housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards,  
5           prohibition on prerequisites, minimum data re-  
6           porting, and the environment), if the Secretary  
7           finds that good cause exists for the waiver or  
8           alternative requirement and such waiver or al-  
9           ternative requirement is necessary to expedite  
10          the use of funds made available pursuant to  
11          this section, to respond to public health orders  
12          or conditions related to the COVID-19 emer-  
13          gency, or to ensure that eligible individuals can  
14          attain or maintain housing stability.

15                (B) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall  
16          notify the public through the Federal Register  
17          or other appropriate means of any waiver or al-  
18          ternative requirement under this paragraph,  
19          and that such public notice shall be provided, at  
20          a minimum, on the internet at the appropriate  
21          Government website or through other electronic  
22          media, as determined by the Secretary.

23                (C) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Eligi-  
24          bility for rental assistance or housing relocation  
25          and stabilization services shall not be restricted

1 based upon the prior receipt of assistance under  
2 the program during the preceding three years.

3 (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

4 (A) INAPPLICABILITY OF IN-PERSON HEAR-  
5 ING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE COVID-19  
6 EMERGENCY.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—A recipient under  
8 this section shall not be required to hold  
9 in-person public hearings in connection  
10 with its citizen participation plan, but shall  
11 provide citizens with notice, including pub-  
12 lication of its plan for carrying out this  
13 section on the internet, and a reasonable  
14 opportunity to comment of not less than 5  
15 days.

16 (ii) RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON  
17 HEARING REQUIREMENTS.—After the pe-  
18 riod beginning on the date of enactment of  
19 this Act and ending on the date of the ter-  
20 mination by the Federal Emergency Man-  
21 agement Agency of the emergency declared  
22 on March 13, 2020, by the President  
23 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
24 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relating to the

1           Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
2           pandemic, and after the period described  
3           in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall  
4           direct recipients under this section to re-  
5           sume pre-crisis public hearing require-  
6           ments.

7           (B) VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

8           (i) IN GENERAL.—During the period  
9           that national or local health authorities  
10          recommend social distancing and limiting  
11          public gatherings for public health reasons,  
12          a recipient may fulfill applicable public  
13          hearing requirements for all grants from  
14          funds made available pursuant to this sec-  
15          tion by carrying out virtual public hear-  
16          ings.

17          (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Any virtual  
18          hearings held under clause (i) by a recipi-  
19          ent under this section shall provide reason-  
20          able notification and access for citizens in  
21          accordance with the recipient's certifi-  
22          cations, timely responses from local offi-  
23          cials to all citizen questions and issues,  
24          and public access to all questions and re-  
25          sponses.

1 (m) CONSULTATION.—In addition to any other cit-  
2 izen participation and consultation requirements, in devel-  
3 oping and implementing a plan to carry out this section,  
4 each recipient of funds made available pursuant to this  
5 section shall consult with the applicable Continuum or  
6 Continuums of Care for the area served by the recipient  
7 and organizations representing underserved communities  
8 and populations and organizations with expertise in af-  
9 fordable housing, fair housing, and services for people with  
10 disabilities.

11 (n) ADMINISTRATION.—

12 (1) BY SECRETARY.—Of any amounts made  
13 available pursuant to subsection (a)—

14 (A) not more than the lesser of 0.5 per-  
15 cent, or \$15,000,000, may be used by the Sec-  
16 retary for staffing, training, technical assist-  
17 ance, technology, monitoring, research, and  
18 evaluation activities necessary to carry out the  
19 program carried out under this section, and  
20 such amounts shall remain available until Sep-  
21 tember 30, 2024; and

22 (B) not more than \$2,000,000 shall be  
23 available to the Office of the Inspector General  
24 for audits and investigations of the program au-  
25 thorized under this section.

1           (2) BY RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding section  
2           576.108 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regula-  
3           tions, with respect to amounts made available pursu-  
4           ant to this section, a recipient may use up to 10 per-  
5           cent of the recipient’s grant for payment of adminis-  
6           trative costs related to the planning and execution of  
7           activities.

8 **SEC. 110202. HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND.**

9           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the  
11           Homeowner Assistance Fund established under sub-  
12           section (b).

13           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14           the Secretary of the Treasury.

15           (3) STATE.—The term “State” means any  
16           State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
17           any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico,  
18           Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the  
19           Northern Mariana Islands.

20           (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is estab-  
21           lished at the Department of the Treasury a Homeowner  
22           Assistance Fund to provide such funds as are made avail-  
23           able under subsection (g) to State housing finance agen-  
24           cies for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage  
25           defaults, foreclosures, and displacements of individuals



1 and families experiencing financial hardship after January  
2 21, 2020.

3 (c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

4 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—Of any amounts made  
5 available for the Fund, the Secretary of the Treas-  
6 ury may allocate, in the aggregate, an amount not  
7 exceeding 5 percent—

8 (A) to the Office of Financial Stability es-  
9 tablished under section 101(a) of the Emer-  
10 gency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12  
11 U.S.C. 5211(a)) to administer and oversee the  
12 Fund, and to provide technical assistance to  
13 States for the creation and implementation of  
14 State programs to administer assistance from  
15 the Fund; and

16 (B) to the Inspector General of the De-  
17 partment of the Treasury for oversight of the  
18 program under this section.

19 (2) FOR STATES.—The Secretary shall establish  
20 such criteria as are necessary to allocate the funds  
21 available within the Fund for each State. The Sec-  
22 retary shall allocate such funds among all States  
23 taking into consideration the number of unemploy-  
24 ment claims within a State relative to the nationwide  
25 number of unemployment claims.

1           (3) SMALL STATE MINIMUM.—The amount allo-  
2           cated for each State shall not be less than  
3           \$250,000,000.

4           (4) SET-ASIDE FOR INSULAR AREAS.—Notwith-  
5           standing any other provision of this section, of the  
6           amounts appropriated under subsection (g), the Sec-  
7           retary shall reserve \$200,000,000 to be disbursed to  
8           Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the  
9           Northern Mariana Islands based on each such terri-  
10          tory's share of the combined total population of all  
11          such territories, as determined by the Secretary. For  
12          the purposes of this paragraph, population shall be  
13          determined based on the most recent year for which  
14          data are available from the United States Census  
15          Bureau.

16          (5) SET-ASIDE FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND NATIVE  
17          HAWAIIANS.—

18                 (A) INDIAN TRIBES.—Notwithstanding any  
19                 other provision of this section, of the amounts  
20                 appropriated under subsection (g), the Sec-  
21                 retary shall use 5 percent to make grants in ac-  
22                 cordance with subsection (f) to eligible recipi-  
23                 ents for the purposes described in subsection  
24                 (e)(1).

1           (B) NATIVE HAWAIIANS.— Of the funds  
2           set aside under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
3           retary shall use 0.3 percent to make grants to  
4           the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in  
5           accordance with subsection (f) for the purposes  
6           described in subsection (e)(1).

7           (d) DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—

8           (1) ADMINISTRATION.—Except for amounts  
9           made available for assistance under subsection (f),  
10          State housing finance agencies shall be primarily re-  
11          sponsible for administering amounts disbursed from  
12          the Fund, but may delegate responsibilities and sub-  
13          allocate amounts to community development finan-  
14          cial institutions and State agencies that administer  
15          Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program of  
16          the Department of Health and Human Services.

17          (2) NOTICE OF FUNDING.—The Secretary shall  
18          provide public notice of the amounts that will be  
19          made available to each State and the method used  
20          for determining such amounts not later than the ex-  
21          piration of the 14-day period beginning on the date  
22          of the enactment of this Act of enactment.

23          (3) SHFA PLANS.—

24                 (A) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive  
25                 funding allocated for a State under the section,

1 a State housing finance agency for the State  
2 shall submit to the Secretary a plan for the im-  
3 plementation of State programs to administer,  
4 in part or in full, the amount of funding the  
5 state is eligible to receive, which shall provide  
6 for the commencement of receipt of applications  
7 by homeowners for assistance, and funding of  
8 such applications, not later than the expiration  
9 of the 6-month period beginning upon the ap-  
10 proval under this paragraph of such plan.

11 (B) MULTIPLE PLANS.— A State housing  
12 finance agency may submit multiple plans, each  
13 covering a separate portion of funding for  
14 which the State is eligible.

15 (C) TIMING.— The Secretary shall approve  
16 or disapprove a plan within 30 days after the  
17 plan's submission and, if disapproved, explain  
18 why the plan could not be approved.

19 (D) DISBURSEMENT UPON APPROVAL.—  
20 The Secretary shall disburse to a State housing  
21 finance agency the appropriate amount of fund-  
22 ing upon approval of the agency's plan.

23 (E) AMENDMENTS.—A State housing fi-  
24 nance agency may subsequently amend a plan  
25 that has previously been approved, provided

1           that any plan amendment shall be subject to  
2           the approval of the Secretary. The Secretary  
3           shall approve any plan amendment or dis-  
4           approve such amendment explain why the plan  
5           amendment could not be approved within 45  
6           days after submission to the Secretary of such  
7           amendment.

8           (F) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-  
9           retary shall provide technical assistance for any  
10          State housing finance agency that twice fails to  
11          have a submitted plan approved.

12          (4) PLAN TEMPLATES.—The Secretary shall,  
13          not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this Act, publish templates that States may  
15          utilize in drafting the plans required under para-  
16          graph (3)(A). The template plans shall include  
17          standard program terms and requirements, as well  
18          as any required legal language, which State housing  
19          finance agencies may modify with the consent of the  
20          Secretary.

21          (e) PERMISSIBLE USES OF FUND.—

22          (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available to  
23          State housing finance agencies pursuant to this sec-  
24          tion may be used for the purposes established under  
25          subsection (b), which may include—

1 (A) mortgage payment assistance, includ-  
2 ing financial assistance to allow a borrower to  
3 reinstate their mortgage or to achieve a more  
4 affordable mortgage payment, which may in-  
5 clude principal reduction or rate reduction, pro-  
6 vided that any mortgage payment assistance is  
7 tailored to a borrower's needs and their ability  
8 to repay, and takes into consideration the loss  
9 mitigation options available to the borrower;

10 (B) assistance with payment of taxes, haz-  
11 ard insurance, flood insurance, mortgage insur-  
12 ance, or homeowners' association fees;

13 (C) utility payment assistance, including  
14 electric, gas, water, and internet service, includ-  
15 ing broadband internet access service (as such  
16 term is defined in section 8.1(b) of title 47,  
17 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor  
18 regulation));

19 (D) reimbursement of funds expended by a  
20 State or local government during the period be-  
21 ginning on January 21, 2020, and ending on  
22 the date that the first funds are disbursed by  
23 the State under the Fund, for the purpose of  
24 providing housing or utility assistance to indi-  
25 viduals or otherwise providing funds to prevent

1 foreclosure or eviction of a homeowner or pre-  
2 vent mortgage delinquency or loss of housing or  
3 critical utilities as a response to the coronavirus  
4 disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic; and

5 (E) any other assistance for homeowners  
6 to prevent eviction, mortgage delinquency or de-  
7 fault, foreclosure, or the loss of essential utility  
8 services.

9 (2) TARGETING.—

10 (A) REQUIREMENT.—Not less than 60 per-  
11 cent of amounts made available for each State  
12 or other entity allocated amounts under sub-  
13 section (c) shall be used for activities under  
14 paragraph (1) that assist homeowners having  
15 incomes equal to or less than 80 percent of the  
16 area median income.

17 (B) DETERMINATION OF INCOME.— In de-  
18 termining the income of a household for pur-  
19 poses of this paragraph, income shall be consid-  
20 ered to include only income that the household  
21 is receiving at the time of application for assist-  
22 ance from the Fund and any income recently  
23 terminated shall not be included, except that for  
24 purposes of households receiving assistance for  
25 arrearages income shall include only the income

1           that the household was receiving at the time  
2           such arrearages were incurred.

3           (C) LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE.—Each State  
4           housing finance agency or other entity allocated  
5           amounts under subsection (c) shall make avail-  
6           able to each applicant for assistance from  
7           amounts from the Fund language assistance in  
8           any language for which such language assist-  
9           ance is available to the State housing finance  
10          agency or entity in and shall provide notice to  
11          each such applicant that such language assist-  
12          ance is available.

13          (3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
14          than 15 percent of the amount allocated to a State  
15          pursuant to subsection (c) may be used by a State  
16          housing financing agency for administrative ex-  
17          penses. Any amounts allocated to administrative ex-  
18          penses that are no longer necessary for administra-  
19          tive expenses may be used in accordance with para-  
20          graph (1).

21          (f) TRIBAL AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ASSISTANCE.—

22                  (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

23                          (A) DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME  
24                          LANDS.—The term “Department of Hawaiian  
25                          Home Lands” has the meaning given the term



1 in section 801 of the Native American Housing  
2 Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996  
3 (42 U.S.C. 4221).

4 (B) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eli-  
5 gible recipient” means any entity eligible to re-  
6 ceive a grant under section 101 of the Native  
7 American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-  
8 mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111).

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (A) ALLOCATION.—Except for the funds  
11 set aside under subsection (c)(5)(B), the Sec-  
12 retary shall allocate the funds set aside under  
13 subsection (c)(5)(A) using the allocation for-  
14 mula described in subpart D of part 1000 of  
15 title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any  
16 successor regulations).

17 (B) NATIVE HAWAIIANS.—The Secretary  
18 shall use the funds made available under sub-  
19 section (c)(5)(B) in accordance with part 1006  
20 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-  
21 cessor regulations).

22 (3) TRANSFER.—The Secretary shall transfer  
23 any funds made available under subsection (c)(5)  
24 that have not been allocated by an eligible recipient  
25 or the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as ap-

1        plicable, to provide the assistance described in sub-  
2        section (e)(1) by December 31, 2030, to the Sec-  
3        retary of Housing and Urban Development to carry  
4        out the Native American Housing Assistance and  
5        Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et  
6        seq.).

7        (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
8        authorized to be appropriated to the Homeowner Assist-  
9        ance Fund established under subsection (b),  
10       \$75,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

11       (h) USE OF HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY INNOVATION  
12       FUND FOR THE HARDEST HIT HOUSING MARKETS  
13       FUNDS.—A State housing finance agency may reallocate  
14       any administrative or programmatic funds it has received  
15       as an allocation from the Housing Finance Agency Inno-  
16       vation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets created  
17       pursuant to section 101(a) of the Emergency Economic  
18       Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5211(a)) that have  
19       not been otherwise allocated or disbursed as of the date  
20       of enactment of this Act to supplement any administrative  
21       or programmatic funds received from the Housing Assist-  
22       ance Fund. Such reallocated funds shall not be considered  
23       when allocating resources from the Housing Assistance  
24       Fund using the process established under subsection (c)  
25       and shall remain available for the uses permitted and

1 under the terms and conditions established by the contract  
2 with Secretary created pursuant to subsection (d)(1) and  
3 the terms of subsection (i).

4 (i) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary  
5 shall provide public reports not less frequently than quar-  
6 terly regarding the use of funds provided by the Home-  
7 owner Assistance Fund. Such reports shall include the fol-  
8 lowing data by State and by program within each State,  
9 both for the past quarter and throughout the life of the  
10 program—

11 (1) the amount of funds allocated;

12 (2) the amount of funds disbursed;

13 (3) the number of households and individuals  
14 assisted;

15 (4) the acceptance rate of applicants;

16 (5) the type or types of assistance provided to  
17 each household;

18 (6) whether the household assisted had a feder-  
19 ally backed loan and identification of the Federal en-  
20 tity backing such loan;

21 (7) the average amount of funding provided per  
22 household receiving assistance and per type of as-  
23 sistance provided;

24 (8) the average number of monthly payments  
25 that were covered by the funding amount that a

1 household received, as applicable, disaggregated by  
2 type of assistance provided;

3 (9) the income level of each household receiving  
4 assistance; and

5 (10) the outcome 12 months after the house-  
6 hold has received assistance.

7 Each report under this subsection shall disaggregate the  
8 information provided under paragraphs (3) through (10)  
9 by State, zip code, racial and ethnic composition of the  
10 household, and whether or not the person from the house-  
11 hold applying for assistance speaks English as a second  
12 language.

13 **SEC. 110203. PROTECTING RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS**  
14 **FROM EVICTIONS AND FORECLOSURES.**

15 (a) **EVICITION MORATORIUM.**—The CARES Act is  
16 amended by striking section 4024 (15 U.S.C. 9058; Public  
17 Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 492) and inserting the following  
18 new section:

19 **“SEC. 4024. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTION FIL-**  
20 **INGS.**

21 **“(a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**—The Congress  
22 finds that—

23 **“(1) according to the 2018 American Commu-**  
24 **nity Survey, 36 percent of households in the United**

1 States—more than 43 million households—are rent-  
2 ers;

3 “(2) in 2019 alone, renters in the United States  
4 paid \$512 billion in rent;

5 “(3) according to the Joint Center for Housing  
6 Studies of Harvard University, 20.8 million renters  
7 in the United States spent more than 30 percent of  
8 their incomes on housing in 2018 and 10.9 million  
9 renters spent more than 50 percent of their incomes  
10 on housing in the same year;

11 “(4) according to data from the Department of  
12 Labor, more than 30 million people have filed for  
13 unemployment since the COVID-19 pandemic began;

14 “(5) the impacts of the spread of COVID-19,  
15 which is now considered a global pandemic, are ex-  
16 pected to negatively impact the incomes of poten-  
17 tially millions of renter households, making it dif-  
18 ficult for them to pay their rent on time; and

19 “(6) evictions in the current environment would  
20 increase homelessness and housing instability which  
21 would be counterproductive towards the public  
22 health goals of keeping individuals in their homes to  
23 the greatest extent possible.

24 “(b) MORATORIUM.—During the period beginning on  
25 the date of the enactment of this Act and ending 12

1 months after such date of enactment, the lessor of a cov-  
2 ered dwelling located in such State may not make, or  
3 cause to be made, any filing with the court of jurisdiction  
4 to initiate a legal action to recover possession of the cov-  
5 ered dwelling from the tenant for nonpayment of rent or  
6 other fees or charges.

7 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
8 following definitions shall apply:

9 “(1) COVERED DWELLING.—The term ‘covered  
10 dwelling’ means a dwelling that is occupied by a ten-  
11 ant—

12 “(A) pursuant to a residential lease; or

13 “(B) without a lease or with a lease ter-  
14 minable at will under State law.

15 “(2) DWELLING.—The term ‘dwelling’ has the  
16 meaning given such term in section 802 of the Fair  
17 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3602) and includes houses  
18 and dwellings described in section 803(b) of such  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 3603(b)).

20 “(d) NOTICE TO VACATE AFTER MORATORIUM EXPI-  
21 RATION DATE.—After the expiration of the period de-  
22 scribed in subsection (b), the lessor of a covered dwelling  
23 may not require the tenant to vacate the covered dwelling  
24 by reason of nonpayment of rent or other fees or charges  
25 before the expiration of the 30-day period that begins

1 upon the provision by the lessor to the tenant, after the  
2 expiration of the period described in subsection (b), of a  
3 notice to vacate the covered dwelling.”.

4 (b) MORTGAGE RELIEF.—

5 (1) FORBEARANCE AND FORECLOSURE MORA-  
6 TORIUM FOR COVERED MORTGAGE LOANS.—Section  
7 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is  
8 amended—

9 (A) by striking “Federally backed mort-  
10 gage loan” each place such term appears and  
11 inserting “covered mortgage loan”; and

12 (B) in subsection (a)—

13 (i) by amending paragraph (2) to read  
14 as follows:

15 “(2) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term  
16 ‘covered mortgage loan’ means any credit trans-  
17 action that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust,  
18 or other equivalent consensual security interest on a  
19 1- to 4-unit dwelling or on residential real property  
20 that includes a 1- to 4-unit dwelling, except that it  
21 shall not include a credit transaction under an open  
22 end credit plan other than a reverse mortgage.”; and

23 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(3) COVERED PERIOD.—With respect to a  
2 loan, the term ‘covered period’ means the period be-  
3 ginning on the date of enactment of this Act and  
4 ending 12 months after such date of enactment.”.

5           (2) AUTOMATIC FORBEARANCE FOR DELIN-  
6 QUENT BORROWERS.—Section 4022(c) of the  
7 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by  
8 paragraph (5) of this subsection, is further amended  
9 by adding at the end the following:

10           “(9) AUTOMATIC FORBEARANCE FOR DELIN-  
11 QUENT BORROWERS.—

12           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
13 other law governing forbearance relief—

14           “(i) any borrower whose covered mort-  
15 gage loan became 60 days delinquent be-  
16 tween March 13, 2020, and the date of en-  
17 actment of this paragraph, and who has  
18 not already received a forbearance under  
19 subsection (b), shall automatically be  
20 granted a 60-day forbearance that begins  
21 on the date of enactment of this para-  
22 graph, provided that a borrower shall not  
23 be considered delinquent for purposes of  
24 this paragraph while making timely pay-  
25 ments or otherwise performing under a



1 trial modification or other loss mitigation  
2 agreement; and

3 “(ii) any borrower whose covered  
4 mortgage loan becomes 60 days delinquent  
5 between the date of enactment of this  
6 paragraph and the end of the covered pe-  
7 riod, and who has not already received a  
8 forbearance under subsection (b), shall  
9 automatically be granted a 60-day forbear-  
10 ance that begins on the 60th day of delin-  
11 quency, provided that a borrower shall not  
12 be considered delinquent for purposes of  
13 this paragraph while making timely pay-  
14 ments or otherwise performing under a  
15 trial modification or other loss mitigation  
16 agreement.

17 “(B) INITIAL EXTENSION.—An automatic  
18 forbearance provided under subparagraph (A)  
19 shall be extended for up to an additional 120  
20 days upon the borrower’s request, oral or writ-  
21 ten, submitted to the borrower’s servicer affirm-  
22 ing that the borrower is experiencing a financial  
23 hardship that prevents the borrower from mak-  
24 ing timely payments on the covered mortgage

1 loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID–  
2 19 emergency.

3 “(C) SUBSEQUENT EXTENSION.—A for-  
4 bearance extended under subparagraph (B)  
5 shall be extended for up to an additional 180  
6 days, up to a maximum of 360 days (including  
7 the period of automatic forbearance), upon the  
8 borrower’s request, oral or written, submitted to  
9 the borrower’s servicer affirming that the bor-  
10 rower is experiencing a financial hardship that  
11 prevents the borrower from making timely pay-  
12 ments on the covered mortgage loan due, di-  
13 rectly or indirectly, to the COVID–19 emer-  
14 gency.

15 “(D) RIGHT TO ELECT TO CONTINUE MAK-  
16 ING PAYMENTS.—With respect to a forbearance  
17 provided under this paragraph, the borrower of  
18 such loan may elect to continue making regular  
19 payments on the loan. A borrower who makes  
20 such election shall be offered a loss mitigation  
21 option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30  
22 days of resuming regular payments to address  
23 any payment deficiency during the forbearance.

24 “(E) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-  
25 ANCE.—At a borrower’s request, any period of

1 forbearance provided under this paragraph may  
2 be shortened. A borrower who makes such a re-  
3 quest shall be offered a loss mitigation option  
4 pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days of re-  
5 suming regular payments to address any pay-  
6 ment deficiency during the forbearance.

7 “(10) AUTOMATIC FORBEARANCE FOR CERTAIN  
8 REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—When any covered  
10 mortgage loan which is also a federally-insured  
11 reverse mortgage loan, during the covered pe-  
12 riod, is due and payable due to the death of the  
13 last borrower or end of a deferral period or eli-  
14 gible to be called due and payable due to a  
15 property charge default, or if the borrower de-  
16 faults on a property charge repayment plan, or  
17 if the borrower defaults for failure to complete  
18 property repairs, or if an obligation of the bor-  
19 rower under the Security Instrument is not per-  
20 formed, the mortgagee automatically shall be  
21 granted a six-month extension of—

22 “(i) the mortgagee’s deadline to re-  
23 quest due and payable status from the De-  
24 partment of Housing and Urban Develop-  
25 ment;

1           “(ii) the mortgage’s deadline to send  
2           notification to the mortgagor or his or her  
3           heirs that the loan is due and payable;

4           “(iii) the deadline to initiate fore-  
5           closure;

6           “(iv) any reasonable diligence period  
7           related to foreclosure or the Mortgagee Op-  
8           tional Election;

9           “(v) if applicable, the deadline to ob-  
10          tain the due and payable appraisal; and

11          “(vi) any claim submission deadline,  
12          including the 6-month acquired property  
13          marketing period.

14          “(B) FORBEARANCE PERIOD.—The mort-  
15          gagee shall not request due and payable status  
16          from the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
17          velopment nor initiate foreclosure during this  
18          six-month period described under subparagraph  
19          (A), which shall be considered a forbearance pe-  
20          riod.

21          “(C) EXTENSION.—A forbearance provided  
22          under subparagraph (B) and related deadline  
23          extension authorized under subparagraph (A)  
24          shall be extended for an additional 180 days  
25          upon—

1           “(i) the borrower’s request, oral or  
2 written, submitted to the borrower’s  
3 servicer affirming that the borrower is ex-  
4 perencing a financial hardship that pre-  
5 vents the borrower from making payments  
6 on property charges, completing property  
7 repairs, or performing an obligation of the  
8 borrower under the Security Instrument  
9 due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-  
10 19 emergency;

11           “(ii) a non-borrowing spouse’s re-  
12 quest, oral or written, submitted to the  
13 servicer affirming that the non-borrowing  
14 spouse has been unable to satisfy all cri-  
15 teria for the Mortgagee Optional Election  
16 program due, directly or indirectly, to the  
17 COVID-19 emergency, or to perform all  
18 actions necessary to become an eligible  
19 non-borrowing spouse following the death  
20 of all borrowers; or

21           “(iii) a successor-in-interest of the  
22 borrower’s request, oral or written, sub-  
23 mitted to the servicer affirming the heir’s  
24 difficulty satisfying the reverse mortgage

1           loan due, directly or indirectly, to the  
2           COVID-19 emergency.

3           “(D) CURTAILMENT OF DEBENTURE IN-  
4           TEREST.—Where any covered mortgage loan  
5           which is also a federally insured reverse mort-  
6           gage loan is in default during the covered pe-  
7           riod and subject to a prior event which provides  
8           for curtailment of debenture interest in connec-  
9           tion with a claim for insurance benefits, the  
10          curtailment of debenture interest shall be sus-  
11          pended during any forbearance period provided  
12          herein.”.

13          (3) ADDITIONAL FORECLOSURE AND REPOSSES-  
14          SION PROTECTIONS.—Section 4022(c) of the  
15          CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)) is amended—

16                 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “may not  
17                 initiate any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure  
18                 process, move for a foreclosure judgment or  
19                 order of sale, or execute a foreclosure-related  
20                 eviction or foreclosure sale for not less than the  
21                 60-day period beginning on March 18, 2020”  
22                 and inserting “may not initiate or proceed with  
23                 any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process,  
24                 schedule a foreclosure sale, move for a fore-  
25                 closure judgment or order of sale, execute a

1 foreclosure related eviction or foreclosure sale  
2 for six months after the date of enactment of  
3 the COVID–19 HERO Act”; and

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

5 “(3) REPOSSESSION MORATORIUM.—In the case  
6 of personal property, including any recreational or  
7 motor vehicle, used as a dwelling, no person may use  
8 any judicial or non-judicial procedure to repossess or  
9 otherwise take possession of such property for six  
10 months after date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

11 (4) MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE REFORMS.—Sec-  
12 tion 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is  
13 amended—

14 (A) in subsection (b), by striking para-  
15 graphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During the covered period,  
18 a borrower with a covered mortgage loan who has  
19 not obtained automatic forbearance pursuant to this  
20 section and who is experiencing a financial hardship  
21 that prevents the borrower from making timely pay-  
22 ments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or  
23 indirectly, to the COVID–19 emergency may request  
24 forbearance on the loan, regardless of delinquency  
25 status, by—

1           “(A) submitting a request, orally or in  
2 writing, to the servicer of the loan; and

3           “(B) affirming that the borrower is experi-  
4 encing a financial hardship that prevents the  
5 borrower from making timely payments on the  
6 covered mortgage loan due, directly or indi-  
7 rectly, to the COVID–19 emergency.

8           “(2) DURATION OF FORBEARANCE.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a request by a  
10 borrower to a servicer for forbearance under  
11 paragraph (1), such forbearance shall be grant-  
12 ed by the servicer for the period requested by  
13 the borrower, up to an initial length of 180  
14 days, the length of which shall be extended by  
15 the servicer, at the request of the borrower for  
16 the period or periods requested, for a total for-  
17 bearance period of up to 12-months.

18           “(B)           MINIMUM           FORBEARANCE  
19 AMOUNTS.—For purposes of granting a forbear-  
20 ance under this paragraph, a servicer may  
21 grant an initial forbearance with a term of not  
22 less than 90 days, provided that it is automati-  
23 cally extended for an additional 90 days unless  
24 the servicer confirms the borrower does not  
25 want to renew the forbearance or that the bor-



1           rower is no longer experiencing a financial  
2           hardship that prevents the borrower from mak-  
3           ing timely mortgage payments due, directly or  
4           indirectly, to the COVID–19 emergency.

5           “(C) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-  
6           ANCE.—At a borrower’s request, any period of  
7           forbearance described under this paragraph  
8           may be shortened. A borrower who makes such  
9           a request shall be offered a loss mitigation op-  
10          tion pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days  
11          of resuming regular payments to address any  
12          payment deficiency during the forbearance.

13          “(3) ACCRUAL OF INTEREST OR FEES.—A  
14          servicer shall not charge a borrower any fees, pen-  
15          alties, or interest (beyond the amounts scheduled or  
16          calculated as if the borrower made all contractual  
17          payments on time and in full under the terms of the  
18          mortgage contract) in connection with a forbearance,  
19          provided that a servicer may offer the borrower a  
20          modification option at the end of a forbearance pe-  
21          riod granted hereunder that includes the capitaliza-  
22          tion of past due principal and interest and escrow  
23          payments as long as the borrower’s principal and in-  
24          terest payment under such modification remains at  
25          or below the contractual principal and interest pay-

1       ments owed under the terms of the mortgage con-  
2       tract before such forbearance period except as the  
3       result of a change in the index of an adjustable rate  
4       mortgage.

5               “(4) COMMUNICATION WITH SERVICERS.—Any  
6       communication between a borrower and a servicer  
7       described under this section may be made in writing  
8       or orally, at the borrower’s choice.

9               “(5) COMMUNICATION WITH BORROWERS WITH  
10       A DISABILITY.—Upon request from a borrower,  
11       servicers shall communicate with borrowers who  
12       have a disability in the borrower’s preferred method  
13       of communication. For purposes of this paragraph,  
14       the term ‘disability’ has the meaning given that term  
15       in the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Dis-  
16       abilities Act of 1990, or the Rehabilitation Act of  
17       1973.”; and

18               (B) in subsection (c), by amending para-  
19       graph (1) to read as follows:

20               “(1) NO DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.—A  
21       servicer of a covered mortgage loan shall not require  
22       any documentation with respect to a forbearance  
23       under this section other than the borrower’s affirma-  
24       tion (oral or written) to a financial hardship that  
25       prevents the borrower from making timely payments

1 on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indi-  
2 rectly, to the COVID–19 emergency. An oral request  
3 for forbearance and oral affirmation of hardship by  
4 the borrower shall be sufficient for the borrower to  
5 obtain or extend a forbearance.”.

6 (5) OTHER SERVICER REQUIREMENTS DURING  
7 FORBEARANCE.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act  
8 (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by paragraph (3)  
9 of this subsection, is further amended by adding at  
10 the end the following:

11 “(4) FORBEARANCE TERMS NOTICE.—Within  
12 30 days of a servicer of a covered mortgage loan  
13 providing forbearance to a borrower under sub-  
14 section (b) or paragraph (9) or (10), or 10 days if  
15 the forbearance is for a term of less than 60 days,  
16 but only where the forbearance was provided in re-  
17 sponse to a borrower’s request for forbearance or  
18 when an automatic forbearance was initially pro-  
19 vided under paragraph (9) or (10), and not when an  
20 existing forbearance is automatically extended, the  
21 servicer shall provide the borrower with a notice in  
22 accordance with the terms in paragraph (5).

23 “(5) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.—The written no-  
24 tice required under paragraph (4) shall state in  
25 plain language—

1           “(A) the specific terms of the forbearance;

2           “(B) the beginning and ending dates of the  
3 forbearance;

4           “(C) that the borrower is eligible for up to  
5 12 months of forbearance;

6           “(D) that the borrower may request an ex-  
7 tension of the forbearance unless the borrower  
8 will have reached the maximum period at the  
9 end of the forbearance;

10          “(E) that the borrower may request that  
11 the initial or extended period be shortened at  
12 any time;

13          “(F) that the borrower should contact the  
14 servicer before the end of the forbearance pe-  
15 riod;

16          “(G) a description of the loss mitigation  
17 options that may be available to the borrower at  
18 the end of the forbearance period based on the  
19 borrower’s specific loan;

20          “(H) information on how to find a housing  
21 counseling agency approved by the Department  
22 of Housing and Urban Development;

23          “(I) in the case of a forbearance provided  
24 pursuant to paragraph (9) or (10), that the for-  
25 bearance was automatically provided and how

1 to contact the servicer to make arrangements  
2 for further assistance, including any renewal;  
3 and

4 “(J) where applicable, that the forbearance  
5 is subject to an automatic extension including  
6 the terms of any such automatic extensions and  
7 when any further extension would require a bor-  
8 rower request.

9 “(6) TREATMENT OF ESCROW ACCOUNTS.—  
10 During any forbearance provided under this section,  
11 a servicer shall pay or advance funds to make dis-  
12 bursements in a timely manner from any escrow ac-  
13 count established on the covered mortgage loan.

14 “(7) NOTIFICATION FOR BORROWERS.—During  
15 the period that begins 90 days after the date of the  
16 enactment of this paragraph and ends at the end of  
17 the covered period, each servicer of a covered mort-  
18 gage loan shall be required to—

19 “(A) make available in a clear and con-  
20 spicuous manner on their webpage accurate in-  
21 formation, in English and Spanish, for bor-  
22 rowers regarding the availability of forbearance  
23 as provided under subsection (b); and

24 “(B) notify every borrower whose pay-  
25 ments on a covered mortgage loan are delin-

1           quent in any oral communication with or to the  
2           borrower that the borrower may be eligible to  
3           request forbearance as provided under sub-  
4           section (b), except that such notice shall not be  
5           required if the borrower already has requested  
6           forbearance under subsection (b).

7           “(8) CERTAIN TREATMENT UNDER RESPA.—As  
8           long as a borrower’s payment on a covered mortgage  
9           loan was not more than 30 days delinquent on  
10          March 13, 2020, a servicer may not deem the bor-  
11          rower as delinquent while a forbearance granted  
12          under subsection (b) is in effect for purposes of the  
13          application of sections 6 and 10 of the Real Estate  
14          Settlement Procedures Act and any applicable regu-  
15          lations.”.

16          (6) POST-FORBEARANCE LOSS MITIGATION.—

17                 (A) AMENDMENT TO CARES ACT.—Section  
18                 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is  
19                 amended by adding at the end the following:

20                 “(d) POST-FORBEARANCE LOSS MITIGATION.—

21                         “(1) NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL  
22                         FORBEARANCE.—With respect to any covered mort-  
23                         gage loan as to which forbearance under this section  
24                         has been granted and not otherwise extended, in-  
25                         cluding by automatic extension, a servicer shall, no

1 later than 30 days before the end of the forbearance  
2 period, in writing, notify the borrower that addi-  
3 tional forbearance may be available and how to re-  
4 quest such forbearance, except that no such notice  
5 is required where the borrower already has requested  
6 an extension of the forbearance period, is subject to  
7 automatic extension pursuant to subsection  
8 (b)(2)(B), or no additional forbearance is available.

9 “(2) LOSS MITIGATION OFFER BEFORE EXPIRA-  
10 TION OF FORBEARANCE.—No later than 30 days be-  
11 fore the end of any forbearance period that has not  
12 been extended or 30 days after a request by a con-  
13 sumer to terminate the forbearance, which time shall  
14 be before the servicer initiates or engages in any  
15 foreclosure activity listed in subsection (c)(2), in-  
16 cluding incurring or charging to a borrower any fees  
17 or corporate advances related to a foreclosure, the  
18 servicer shall, in writing—

19 “(A) offer the borrower a loss mitigation  
20 option, without the charging of any fees or pen-  
21 alties other than interest, such that the bor-  
22 rower’s principal and interest payment remains  
23 the same as it was prior to the forbearance,  
24 subject to any adjustment of the index pursuant

1 to the terms of an adjustable rate mortgage,  
2 and that either—

3 “(i) defers the payment of total ar-  
4 rearages, including any escrow advances,  
5 to the end of the existing term of the loan,  
6 without the charging or collection of any  
7 additional interest on the deferred  
8 amounts; or

9 “(ii) extends the term of the mortgage  
10 loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all  
11 escrow advances and other arrearages;

12 provided, however, that the servicer may offer  
13 the borrower a loss mitigation option that re-  
14 duces the principal and interest payment on the  
15 loan and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-  
16 crow advances or arrearages if the servicer has  
17 information indicating that the borrower cannot  
18 resume the pre-forbearance mortgage payments;  
19 and

20 “(B) concurrent with the loss mitigation  
21 offer in subparagraph (A), notify the borrower  
22 that the borrower has the right to be evaluated  
23 for other loss mitigation options if the borrower  
24 is not able to make the payment under the op-  
25 tion offered in subparagraph (A).



1           “(3) EVALUATION FOR LOSS MITIGATION PRIOR  
2 TO FORECLOSURE INITIATION.—Before a servicer  
3 may initiate or engage in any foreclosure activity  
4 listed in subsection (c)(2), including incurring or  
5 charging to a borrower any fees or corporate ad-  
6 vances related to a foreclosure on the basis that the  
7 borrower has failed to perform under the loss miti-  
8 gation offer in paragraph (2)(A) within the first 90  
9 days after the option is offered, including a failure  
10 to accept the loss mitigation offer in paragraph  
11 (2)(A), the servicer shall—

12                   “(A) unless the borrower has already sub-  
13 mitted a complete application that the servicer  
14 is reviewing—

15                           “(i) notify the borrower in writing of  
16 the documents and information, if any,  
17 needed by the servicer to enable the  
18 servicer to consider the borrower for all  
19 available loss mitigation options;

20                           “(ii) exercise reasonable diligence to  
21 obtain the documents and information  
22 needed to complete the borrower’s loss  
23 mitigation application;

24                   “(B) upon receipt of a complete applica-  
25 tion or if, despite the servicer’s exercise of rea-

1           sonable diligence, the loss mitigation application  
2           remains incomplete sixty days after the notice  
3           in paragraph (2)(A) is sent, conduct an evalua-  
4           tion of the complete or incomplete loss mitiga-  
5           tion application without reference to whether  
6           the borrower has previously submitted a com-  
7           plete loss mitigation application and offer the  
8           borrower all available loss mitigation options for  
9           which the borrower qualifies under applicable  
10          investor guidelines, including guidelines regard-  
11          ing required documentation.

12           “(4) EFFECT ON FUTURE REQUESTS FOR LOSS  
13          MITIGATION REVIEW.—An application, offer, or eval-  
14          uation for loss mitigation under this section shall  
15          not be the basis for the denial of a borrower’s appli-  
16          cation as duplicative or for a reduction in the bor-  
17          rower’s appeal rights under Regulation X (12 C.F.R.  
18          1024) in regard to any loss mitigation application  
19          submitted after the servicer has complied with the  
20          requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3).

21           “(5) SAFE HARBOR.—Any loss mitigation op-  
22          tion authorized by the Federal National Mortgage  
23          Association, the Federal Home Loan Corporation, or  
24          the Federal Housing Administration that either—

1           “(A) defers the payment of total arrear-  
2           ages, including any escrow advances, to the end  
3           of the existing term of the loan, without the  
4           charging or collection of any additional interest  
5           on the deferred amounts, or

6           “(B) extends the term of the mortgage  
7           loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-  
8           crow advances and other arrearages, without  
9           the charging of any fees or penalties beyond in-  
10          terest on any amount capitalized into the loan  
11          principal,

12          shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of  
13          paragraph (1)(B).

14          “(6) HOME RETENTION OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN  
15          REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—

16               “(A) IN GENERAL.—For a covered mort-  
17               gage loan which is also a federally-insured re-  
18               verse mortgage loan, a servicer’s conduct shall  
19               be deemed to comply with this section provided  
20               that if the loan is eligible to be called due and  
21               payable due to a property charge default, the  
22               mortgagee shall, as a precondition to sending a  
23               due and payable request to the Secretary or ini-  
24               tiating or continuing a foreclosure process—

1           “(i) make a good faith effort to com-  
2           municate with the borrower regarding  
3           available home retention options to cure  
4           the property charge default, including en-  
5           couraging the borrower to apply for home  
6           retention options; and

7           “(ii) consider the borrower for all  
8           available home retention options as allowed  
9           by the Secretary.

10          “(B) PERMISSIBLE REPAYMENT PLANS.—  
11          The Secretary shall amend its allowable home  
12          retention options to permit a repayment plan of  
13          up to 120 months in length, and to permit a re-  
14          payment plan without regard to prior defaults  
15          on repayment plans.

16          “(C) LIMITATION ON INTEREST CURTAIL-  
17          MENT.—The Secretary may not curtail interest  
18          paid to mortgagees who engage in loss mitiga-  
19          tion or home retention actions through interest  
20          curtailment during such loss mitigation or home  
21          retention review or during the period when a  
22          loss mitigation or home retention plan is in ef-  
23          fect and ending 90 days after any such plan  
24          terminates.”.

1 (B) AMENDMENT TO HOUSING ACT OF  
2 1949.—Section 505 of the Housing Act of 1949  
3 (42 U.S.C. 1475) is amended—

4 (i) by striking the section heading and  
5 inserting “LOSS MITIGATION AND FORE-  
6 CLOSURE PROCEDURES”;

7 (ii) in subsection (a), by striking the  
8 section designation and all that follows  
9 through “During any” and inserting the  
10 following:

11 “SEC. 505. (a) Moratorium— (1) In determining a  
12 borrower’s eligibility for relief, the Secretary shall make  
13 all eligibility decisions based on the borrower’s household’s  
14 income, expenses, and circumstances.

15 “(2) During any”.

16 (iii) by redesignating subsection (b) as  
17 subsection (c); and

18 (iv) by inserting after subsection (a)  
19 the following new subsection:

20 “(b) LOAN MODIFICATION.— (1) Notwithstanding  
21 any other provision of this title, for any loan made under  
22 section 502 or 504, the Secretary may modify the interest  
23 rate and extend the term of such loan for up to 30 years  
24 from the date of such modification.

1       “(2) At the end of any moratorium period granted  
2 under this section or under the COVID–19 HERO Act,  
3 the Secretary shall determine whether the borrower can  
4 reasonably resume making principal and interest pay-  
5 ments after the Secretary modifies the borrower’s loan ob-  
6 ligations in accordance with paragraph (1).”.

7           (7) MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE.—  
8       Section 4023 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9057)  
9       is amended—

10           (A) by striking “Federally backed multi-  
11           family mortgage loan” each place such term ap-  
12           pears and inserting “multifamily mortgage  
13           loan”;

14           (B) in subsection (b), by striking “during”  
15           and inserting “due, directly or indirectly, to”;

16           (C) in subsection (c)(1)—

17               (i) in subparagraph (A), by adding  
18               “and” at the end; and

19               (ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and  
20               (C) and inserting the following:

21               “(B) provide the forbearance for up to the  
22               end of the period described under section  
23               4024(b).”;

24           (D) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
25           section (g);

1                   (E) by inserting after subsection (e) the  
2                   following:

3           “(f) TREATMENT AFTER FORBEARANCE.—With re-  
4 spect to a multifamily mortgage loan provided a forbear-  
5 ance under this section, the servicer of such loan—

6                   “(1) shall provide the borrower with a 12-  
7 month period beginning at the end of such forbear-  
8 ance to become current on the payments under such  
9 loan;

10                   “(2) may not charge any late fees, penalties, or  
11 other charges with respect to payments on the loan  
12 that were due during the forbearance period, if such  
13 payments are made before the end of the 12-month  
14 period; and

15                   “(3) may not report any adverse information to  
16 a credit rating agency (as defined under section 603  
17 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to any  
18 payments on the loan that were due during the for-  
19 bearance period, if such payments are made before  
20 the end of the 12-month period.)”;

21                   (F) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—

22                                   (i) in paragraph (2)—

23   (I) by striking “that—” and all  
24   that follows through “(A) is secured

1 by” and inserting “that is secured  
2 by”;

3 (II) by striking “; and” and in-  
4 serting a period; and

5 (III) by striking subparagraph  
6 (B); and

7 (ii) by amending paragraph (5) to  
8 read as follows:

9 “(5) COVERED PERIOD.—With respect to a  
10 loan, the term ‘covered period’ has the meaning  
11 given that term under section 4022(a)(3).”.

12 (8) RENTER PROTECTIONS DURING FORBEAR-  
13 ANCE PERIOD.— A borrower that receives a forbear-  
14 ance pursuant to section 4022 or 4023 of the  
15 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056 or 9057) may not, for  
16 the duration of the forbearance—

17 (A) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant  
18 solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or  
19 charges; or

20 (B) charge any late fees, penalties, or  
21 other charges to a tenant for late payment of  
22 rent.

23 (9) EXTENSION OF GSE PATCH.—

24 (A) NON-APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING  
25 SUNSET.—Section 1026.43(e)(4)(iii)(B) of title



1           12, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no  
2           force or effect.

3           (B) EXTENDED SUNSET.—The special  
4           rules in section 1026.43(e)(4) of title 12, Code  
5           of Federal Regulations, shall apply to covered  
6           transactions consummated prior to June 1,  
7           2022, or such later date as the Director of the  
8           Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection may  
9           determine, by rule.

10          (10) SERVICER SAFE HARBOR FROM INVESTOR  
11          LIABILITY.—

12           (A) SAFE HARBOR.—

13           (i) IN GENERAL.—A servicer of cov-  
14           ered mortgage loans or multifamily mort-  
15           gage loans shall be deemed not to have vio-  
16           lated any duty or contractual obligation  
17           owed to investors or other parties regard-  
18           ing such mortgage loans on account of of-  
19           fering or implementing in good faith for-  
20           bearance during the covered period or of-  
21           fering or implementing in good faith post-  
22           forbearance loss mitigation (including after  
23           the expiration of the covered period) in ac-  
24           cordance with the terms of sections 4022  
25           and 4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers,

1           respectively, on covered or multifamily  
2           mortgage loans that it services and shall  
3           not be liable to any party who is owed such  
4           a duty or obligation or subject to any in-  
5           junction, stay, or other equitable relief to  
6           such party on account of such offer or im-  
7           plementation of forbearance or post-for-  
8           bearance loss mitigation.

9           (ii) OTHER PERSONS.—Any person,  
10          including a trustee of a securitization vehi-  
11          cle or other party involved in a  
12          securitization or other investment vehicle,  
13          who in good faith cooperates with a  
14          servicer of covered or multifamily mortgage  
15          loans held by that securitization or invest-  
16          ment vehicle to comply with the terms of  
17          section 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act,  
18          respectively, to borrowers on covered or  
19          multifamily mortgage loans owned by the  
20          securitization or other investment vehicle  
21          shall not be liable to any party who is owed  
22          such a duty or obligation or subject to any  
23          injunction, stay, or other equitable relief to  
24          such party on account of its cooperation  
25          with an offer or implementation of forbear-

1           ance during the covered period or post-for-  
2           bearance loss mitigation, including after  
3           the expiration of the covered period.

4           (B) STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICE.—

5           During the covered period, notwithstanding any  
6           contractual restrictions, it is deemed to be  
7           standard industry practice for a servicer to  
8           offer forbearance or loss mitigation options in  
9           accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and  
10          4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers, respec-  
11          tively, on all covered or multifamily mortgage  
12          loans it services.

13          (C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in

14          this paragraph may be construed as affecting  
15          the liability of a servicer or other person for ac-  
16          tual fraud in the servicing of a mortgage loan  
17          or for the violation of a State or Federal law.

18          (D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

19               (i) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The  
20               term “covered mortgage loan” has the  
21               meaning given that term under section  
22               4022(a) of the CARES Act.

23               (ii) COVERED PERIOD.—The term  
24               “covered period” has the meaning given

1 that term under section 4023(g) of the  
2 CARES Act.

3 (iii) MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE  
4 LOAN.—The term “multifamily mortgage  
5 loan” has the meaning given that term  
6 under section 4023(g) of the CARES Act.

7 (iv) SERVICER.—The term  
8 “servicer”—

9 (I) has the meaning given the  
10 term under section 6(i) of the Real  
11 Estate Settlement Procedures Act of  
12 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605(i)); and

13 (II) means a master servicer and  
14 a subservicer, as such terms are de-  
15 fined, respectively, under section  
16 1024.31 of title 12, Code of Federal  
17 Regulations.

18 (v) SECURITIZATION VEHICLE.—The  
19 term “securitization vehicle” has the  
20 meaning give that term under section  
21 129A(f) of the Truth in Lending Act (15  
22 U.S.C. 1639a(f)).

23 (c) BANKRUPTCY PROTECTIONS.—

1           (1) BANKRUPTCY PROTECTIONS FOR FEDERAL  
2           CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PAYMENTS.—Section 541(b)  
3           of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

4                   (A) in paragraph (9), in the matter fol-  
5                   lowing subparagraph (B), by striking “or”;

6                   (B) in paragraph (10)(C), by striking the  
7                   period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8                   (C) by inserting after paragraph (10) the  
9                   following:

10           “(11) payments made under Federal law relat-  
11           ing to the national emergency declared by the Presi-  
12           dent under the National Emergencies Act (50  
13           U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the coronavirus  
14           disease 2019 (COVID–19).”.

15           (2) PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY  
16           TREATMENT OF HOMEOWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY.—  
17           Section 525 of title 11, United States Code, is  
18           amended by adding at the end the following:

19           “(d) A person may not be denied any forbearance,  
20           assistance, or loan modification relief made available to  
21           borrowers by a mortgage creditor or servicer because the  
22           person is or has been a debtor, or has received a discharge,  
23           in a case under this title.”.

1           (3) INCREASING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMP-  
2           TION.—Section 522 of title 11, United States Code,  
3           is amended—

4                   (A) in subsection (d)(1), by striking  
5                   “\$15,000” and inserting “\$100,000”; and

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

7           “(r) Notwithstanding any other provision of applica-  
8           ble nonbankruptcy law, a debtor in any State may exempt  
9           from property of the estate the property described in sub-  
10          section (d)(1) not to exceed the value in subsection (d)(1)  
11          if the exemption for such property permitted by applicable  
12          nonbankruptcy law is lower than that amount.”.

13           (4) EFFECT OF MISSED MORTGAGE PAYMENTS  
14          ON DISCHARGE.—Section 1328 of title 11, United  
15          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
16          following:

17          “(i) A debtor shall not be denied a discharge under  
18          this section because, as of the date of discharge, the debtor  
19          did not make 6 or fewer payments directly to the holder  
20          of a debt secured by real property.

21          “(j) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), upon  
22          the debtor’s request, the court shall grant a discharge of  
23          all debts provided for in the plan that are dischargeable  
24          under subsection (a) if the debtor—

1 “(1) has made payments under a confirmed  
2 plan for at least 1 year; and

3 “(2) is experiencing or has experienced a mate-  
4 rial financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to  
5 the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) pan-  
6 demic.”.

7 (5) EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAPTER  
8 13.—Section 109(e) of title 11, United States Code,  
9 is amended—

10 (A) by striking “\$250,000” each place the  
11 term appears and inserting “\$850,000”; and

12 (B) by striking “\$750,000” each place the  
13 term appears and inserting “\$2,600,000”.

14 (6) EXTENDED CURE PERIOD FOR HOME-  
15 OWNERS HARMED BY COVID–19 PANDEMIC.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 11,  
17 United States Code, is amended by adding at  
18 the end thereof the following:

19 **“§ 1331. Special provisions related to COVID–19 pan-**  
20 **demic**

21 “(a) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(2) and (d) of  
22 section 1322, if the debtor is experiencing or has experi-  
23 enced a material financial hardship due, directly or indi-  
24 rectly, to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) pan-  
25 demic, a plan may provide for the curing of any default

1 within a reasonable time, not to exceed 7 years after the  
2 time that the first payment under the original confirmed  
3 plan was due, and maintenance of payments while the case  
4 is pending on any unsecured claim or secured claim on  
5 which the last payment is due after the expiration of such  
6 time. Any such plan provision shall not affect the applica-  
7 ble commitment period under section 1325(b).

8       “(b) For purposes of sections 1328(a) and 1328(b),  
9 any cure or maintenance payments under subsection (a)  
10 that are made after the end of the period during which  
11 the plan provides for payments (other than payments  
12 under subsection (a)) shall not be treated as payments  
13 under the plan.

14       “(c) Notwithstanding section 1329(c), a plan modi-  
15 fied under section 1329 at the debtor’s request may pro-  
16 vide for cure or maintenance payments under subsection  
17 (a) over a period that is not longer than 7 years after  
18 the time that the first payment under the original con-  
19 firmed plan was due.

20       “(d) Notwithstanding section 362(c)(2), during the  
21 period after the debtor receives a discharge and the period  
22 during which the plan provides for the cure of any default  
23 and maintenance of payments under the plan, section  
24 362(a) shall apply to the holder of a claim for which a



1 default is cured and payments are maintained under sub-  
2 section (a) and to any property securing such claim.

3 “(e) Notwithstanding section 1301(a)(2), the stay of  
4 section 1301(a) terminates upon the granting of a dis-  
5 charge under section 1328 with respect to all creditors  
6 other than the holder of a claim for which a default is  
7 cured and payments are maintained under subsection  
8 (a).”.

9 (B) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of  
10 sections of chapter 13, title 11, United States  
11 Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof  
12 the following:

“Sec. 1331. Special provisions related to COVID–19 Pandemic.”.

13 (C) APPLICATION.—The amendments  
14 made by this paragraph shall apply only to any  
15 case under title 11, United States Code, com-  
16 menced before 3 years after the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act and pending on or commenced  
18 after such date of enactment, in which a plan  
19 under chapter 13 of title 11, United States  
20 Code, was not confirmed before March 27,  
21 2020.

1 **SEC. 110204. LIQUIDITY FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS AND**  
2 **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act  
4 (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(i) LIQUIDITY FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
8 the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered  
9 mortgage loans (as defined under section 4022) and  
10 multifamily mortgage loans (as defined under sec-  
11 tion 4023) are provided the opportunity to partici-  
12 pate in the loans, loan guarantees, or other invest-  
13 ments made by the Secretary under this section. The  
14 Secretary shall ensure that servicers are provided  
15 with access to such opportunities under equitable  
16 terms and conditions regardless of their size.

17 “(2) MORTGAGE SERVICER ELIGIBILITY.—In  
18 order to receive assistance under subsection (b)(4),  
19 a mortgage servicer shall—

20 “(A) demonstrate that the mortgage  
21 servicer has established policies and procedures  
22 to use such funds only to replace funds used for  
23 borrower assistance, including to advance funds  
24 as a result of forbearance or other loss mitiga-  
25 tion provided to borrowers;

1           “(B) demonstrate that the mortgage  
2           servicer has established policies and procedures  
3           to provide forbearance, post-forbearance loss  
4           mitigation, and other assistance to borrowers in  
5           compliance with the terms of section 4022 or  
6           4023, as applicable;

7           “(C) demonstrate that the mortgage  
8           servicer has established policies and procedures  
9           to ensure that forbearance and post-forbearance  
10          assistance is available to all borrowers in a non-  
11          discriminatory fashion and in compliance with  
12          the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Oppor-  
13          tunity Act, and other applicable fair housing  
14          and fair lending laws; and

15          “(D) comply with the limitations on com-  
16          pensation set forth in section 4004.

17          “(3) MORTGAGE SERVICER REQUIREMENTS.—A  
18          mortgage servicer receiving assistance under sub-  
19          section (b)(4) may not, while the servicer is under  
20          any obligation to repay funds provided or guaran-  
21          teed under this section—

22                 “(A) pay dividends with respect to the  
23                 common stock of the mortgage servicer or pur-  
24                 chase an equity security of the mortgage  
25                 servicer or any parent company of the mortgage

1           servicer if the security is listed on a national se-  
2           curities exchange, except to the extent required  
3           under a contractual obligation that is in effect  
4           on the date of enactment of this subsection; or  
5           “(B) prepay any debt obligation.”.

6           (b) CREDIT FACILITY FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
7           PROPERTY OWNERS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors of  
9           the Federal Reserve System shall—

10           (A) establish a facility, using amounts  
11           made available under section 4003(b)(4) of the  
12           CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042(b)(4)), to make  
13           long-term, low-cost loans to residential rental  
14           property owners as to temporarily compensate  
15           such owners for documented financial losses  
16           caused by reductions in rent payments; and

17           (B) defer such owners’ required payments  
18           on such loans until after six months after the  
19           date of enactment of this Act.

20           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—A borrower that receives  
21           a loan under this subsection may not, for the dura-  
22           tion of the loan—

23           (A) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant  
24           solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or  
25           charges;

1           (B) charge any late fees, penalties, or  
2           other charges to a tenant for late payment of  
3           rent; and

4           (C) with respect to a person or entity de-  
5           scribed under paragraph (4), discriminate on  
6           the basis of source of income.

7           (3) REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROP-  
8           ERTY OWNERS.—The Board of Governors shall issue  
9           reports to the Congress on a monthly basis con-  
10          taining the following, with respect to each property  
11          owner receiving a loan under this subsection:

12           (A) The number of borrowers that received  
13           assistance under this subsection.

14           (B) The average total loan amount that  
15           each borrower received.

16           (C) The total number of rental units that  
17           each borrower owned.

18           (D) The average rent charged by each bor-  
19           rower.

20          (4) REPORT ON LARGE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
21          PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board of Governors shall  
22          issue reports to the Congress on a monthly basis  
23          that identify any person or entity that in aggregate  
24          owns or holds a controlling interest in any entity  
25          that, in aggregate, owns—

1 (A) more than 100 rental units that are lo-  
2 cated within in a single Metropolitan Statistical  
3 Area;

4 (B) more than 1,000 rental units nation-  
5 wide; or

6 (C) rental units in three or more States.

7 (c) AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL HOUSING ACT.—  
8 Section 306(g)(1) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.  
9 1721(a)) is amended—

10 (1) in the fifth sentence, by inserting after  
11 “issued” the following: “, subject to any pledge or  
12 grant of security interest of the Federal Reserve  
13 under section 4003(a) of the CARES Act (Public  
14 Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 470; 15 U.S.C. 9042(a))  
15 and to any such mortgage or mortgages or any in-  
16 terest therein and the proceeds thereon, which the  
17 Association may elect to approve”; and

18 (2) in the sixth sentence—

19 (A) by striking “or (C)” and inserting  
20 “(C)”; and

21 (B) by inserting before the period the fol-  
22 lowing: “, or (D) its approval and honoring of  
23 any pledge or grant of security interest of the  
24 Federal Reserve under section 4003(a) of the  
25 CARES Act and to any such mortgage or mort-

1 gages or any interest therein and proceeds  
2 thereon as”.

3 **SEC. 110205. RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year  
5 2020 \$309,000,000 for rural rental assistance, which shall  
6 remain available until September 30, 2021, of which—

7 (1) up to \$25,000,000 million may be used for  
8 an additional amount for rural housing vouchers for  
9 any low-income households (including those not re-  
10 ceiving rental assistance) residing in a property fi-  
11 nanced with a section 515 loan which has been pre-  
12 paid after September 30, 2005, or has matured after  
13 September 30, 2019; and

14 (2) the remainder shall be used for an addi-  
15 tional amount for rural rental assistance agreements  
16 entered into or renewed pursuant to section  
17 521(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.  
18 1490a(a)(2)) to—

19 (A) supplement the rental assistance of  
20 households on whose behalf assistance is being  
21 provided; and

22 (B) provide rental assistance on behalf of  
23 households who are not being assisted with such  
24 rental assistance but who qualify for such as-  
25 sistance.

1 **SEC. 110206. FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND TENANT-**  
2 **BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated for an additional amount  
5 for fiscal year 2020 for the Public Housing Operating  
6 Fund under section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act  
7 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)) \$2,000,000,000, to remain  
8 available until September 30, 2021.

9 (b) TENANT-BASED SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSIST-  
10 ANCE.—There is authorized to be appropriated for an ad-  
11 ditional amount for fiscal year 2020 for the tenant-based  
12 rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States  
13 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o))  
14 \$3,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
15 2021, of which not more than \$500,000,000 may be used  
16 for administrative fees under section 8(q) of such Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1437f(q)).

18 (c) APPLICABILITY OF WAIVERS.—Any waiver or al-  
19 ternative requirement made by the Secretary of Housing  
20 and Urban Development pursuant to the heading “Ten-  
21 ant-Based Rental Assistance” or “Public Housing Oper-  
22 ating Fund” in title XII of division B of the CARES Act  
23 (Public Law 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts  
24 made available pursuant to this section.



1 **SEC. 110207. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE**  
2 **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, SUPPORTIVE**  
3 **HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,**  
4 **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH**  
5 **AIDS, AND PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8 RENT-**  
6 **AL ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
8 authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for fiscal year  
9 2020 for additional assistance for supportive housing for  
10 the elderly, of which—

11 (1) \$200,000,000 shall be for rental assistance  
12 under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12  
13 U.S.C. 1701q) or section 8 of the United States  
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as appro-  
15 priate, and for hiring additional staff and for serv-  
16 ices and costs, including acquiring personal protec-  
17 tive equipment, to prevent, prepare for, or respond  
18 to the public health emergency relating to  
19 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;  
20 and

21 (2) \$300,000,000 shall be for grants under sec-  
22 tion 676 of the Housing and Community Develop-  
23 ment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13632) for costs of  
24 providing service coordinators for purposes of coordi-  
25 nating services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to

1 the public health emergency relating to Coronavirus  
2 Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

3 Any provisions of, and waivers and alternative require-  
4 ments issued by the Secretary pursuant to, the heading  
5 “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Hous-  
6 ing Programs—Housing for the Elderly” in title XII of  
7 division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) shall  
8 apply with respect to amounts made available pursuant  
9 to this subsection.

10 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PER-  
11 SONS WITH DISABILITIES.—Subsection (a) of section 676  
12 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992  
13 (42 U.S.C. 13632(a)) shall be applied, for purposes of  
14 subsection (a) of this section, by substituting “(G), and  
15 (H)” for “ and (G)”.

16 (c) SERVICE COORDINATORS.—

17 (1) HIRING.—In the hiring of staff using  
18 amounts made available pursuant to this section for  
19 costs of providing service coordinators, grantees  
20 shall consider and hire, at all levels of employment  
21 and to the greatest extent possible, a diverse staff,  
22 including by race, ethnicity, gender, and disability  
23 status. Each grantee shall submit a report to the  
24 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development de-  
25 scribing compliance with the preceding sentence not

1 later than the expiration of the 120-day period that  
2 begins upon the termination of the emergency de-  
3 clared on March 13, 2020, by the President under  
4 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
5 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relat-  
6 ing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
7 pandemic.

8 (2) ONE-TIME GRANTS.—Grants made using  
9 amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)  
10 for costs of providing service coordinators shall not  
11 be renewable.

12 (3) ONE-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts  
13 made available pursuant to this section for costs of  
14 providing service coordinators that are allocated for  
15 a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expira-  
16 tion of the 12-month period beginning upon such al-  
17 location shall be recaptured by the Secretary.

18 (d) FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PER-  
19 SONS WITH DISABILITIES.—There is authorized to be ap-  
20 propriated \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for addi-  
21 tional assistance for supportive housing for persons with  
22 disabilities under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez  
23 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013). Any  
24 provisions of, and waivers and alternative requirements  
25 issued by the Secretary pursuant to, the heading “Depart-

1 ment of Housing and Urban Development—Housing Pro-  
2 grams—Housing for Persons With Disabilities” in title  
3 XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
4 136) shall apply with respect to amounts made available  
5 pursuant to this subsection.

6 (e) FUNDING FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
7 PEOPLE WITH AIDS PROGRAM.—There is authorized to  
8 be appropriated \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for addi-  
9 tional assistance for the Housing Opportunities for Per-  
10 sons with AIDS program under the AIDS Housing Oppor-  
11 tunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.). Any provisions of,  
12 and waivers and alternative requirements issued by the  
13 Secretary pursuant to, the heading “Department of Hous-  
14 ing and Urban Development—Community Planning and  
15 Development—Housing Opportunities for Persons With  
16 AIDS” in title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Pub-  
17 lic Law 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts  
18 made available pursuant to this subsection.

19 (f) FUNDING FOR PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8 RENT-  
20 AL ASSISTANCE.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
21 \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for additional assist-  
22 ance for project-based rental assistance under section 8  
23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
24 1437f). Any provisions of, and waivers and alternative re-  
25 quirements issued by the Secretary pursuant to, the head-

1 ing “Department of Housing and Urban Development—  
2 Housing Programs—Project-Based Rental Assistance” in  
3 title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law  
4 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts made avail-  
5 able pursuant to this subsection.

6 **SEC. 110208. FAIR HOUSING.**

7 (a) **DEFINITION OF COVID–19 EMERGENCY PE-**  
8 **RIOD.**— For purposes of this Act, the term “COVID–19  
9 emergency period” means the period that begins upon the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act and ends upon the date  
11 of the termination by the Federal Emergency Manage-  
12 ment Agency of the emergency declared on March 13,  
13 2020, by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-  
14 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
16 (COVID–19) pandemic.

17 (b) **FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES.**—

18 (1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—To  
19 ensure existing grantees have sufficient resource for  
20 fair housing activities and for technology and equip-  
21 ment needs to deliver services through use of the  
22 Internet or other electronic or virtual means in re-  
23 sponse to the public health emergency related to the  
24 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,  
25 there is authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000

1 for Fair Housing Organization Initiative grants  
2 through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under  
3 section 561 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
4 opment Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a).

5 (2) 3-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts made  
6 available pursuant paragraph (1) that are allocated  
7 for a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expi-  
8 ration of the 3-year period beginning upon such allo-  
9 cation shall be recaptured by the Secretary.

10 (c) FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION.—There is authorized  
11 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for the Office of Fair  
12 Housing and Equal Opportunity of the Department of  
13 Housing and Urban Development to carry out a national  
14 media campaign and local education and outreach to edu-  
15 cate the public of increased housing rights during  
16 COVID–19 emergency period, that provides that informa-  
17 tion and materials used in such campaign are available—

18 (1) in the languages used by communities with  
19 limited English proficiency; and

20 (2) to persons with disabilities.

21 **SEC. 110209. FUNDING FOR HOUSING COUNSELING SERV-**  
22 **ICES.**

23 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds  
24 that—

1           (1) the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019  
2           (COVID–19), which is now considered a global pan-  
3           demic, is expected to negatively impact the incomes  
4           of potentially millions of homeowners, renters, indi-  
5           viduals experiencing homelessness, and individuals at  
6           risk of homelessness, making it difficult for them to  
7           pay their mortgages or rents on time;

8           (2) housing counseling is critical to ensuring  
9           that homeowners, renters, individuals experiencing  
10          homelessness, and individuals at risk of homeles-  
11          sness have the resources they need to manage finan-  
12          cial hardships from the COVID-19 crisis;

13          (3) loan preservation and foreclosure mitigation  
14          services are also critical to address the needs of  
15          homeowners who lose employment and income be-  
16          cause of the pandemic and who face serious delin-  
17          quency or home loan default, or are in foreclosing  
18          proceedings during this period; and

19          (4) evaluations from the National Foreclosure  
20          Mitigation Counseling program revealed that home-  
21          owners at risk of or facing foreclosure are better  
22          served when they have access to a housing counselor  
23          and a range of tools and resources to help them  
24          avoid losing their home and have the support they

1        need to tailor the best possible response to their sit-  
2        uation.

3        (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4        authorized to be appropriated to the Neighborhood Rein-  
5        vestment Corporation (in this section referred to as the  
6        “Corporation”) established under the Neighborhood Rein-  
7        vestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.)  
8        \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for housing counseling  
9        services, which shall remain available until September 30,  
10       2023.

11       (c) PRIORITIZATION OF HOUSING COUNSELING  
12       SERVICES.—Of any grant funds made available pursuant  
13       to subsection (b), not less than 40 percent shall be pro-  
14       vided to counseling organizations that target counseling  
15       services to minority and low-income homeowners, renters,  
16       individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals at  
17       risk of homelessness or provide such services in neighbor-  
18       hoods with high concentrations of minority and low-in-  
19       come homeowners, renters, individuals experiencing home-  
20       lessness, and individuals at risk of homelessness.

21       (d) ELIGIBLE USES.—Amounts made available pur-  
22       suant to subsection (b) may be used in such amounts as  
23       the Corporation determines for costs of—

24                (1) public education and outreach;



1           (2) direct services, including the full range of  
2 services provided by housing counselors to assist  
3 homeowners, including manufactured homeowners,  
4 regardless of financing type, renters, individuals ex-  
5 perienceing homelessness, and individuals at risk of  
6 homelessness, including the practices, tools, and in-  
7 novations in foreclosure mitigation that were utilized  
8 in the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling  
9 Program, and financial capability, credit counseling,  
10 homeless counseling, and rental counseling;

11           (3) equipment and technology, including  
12 broadband internet and equipment upgrades needed  
13 to ensure timely and effective service delivery;

14           (4) training, including capacitating housing  
15 counseling staff in various modes of counseling, in-  
16 cluding rental and foreclosure, delivery of remote  
17 counseling utilizing improved technology, enhanced  
18 network security, and supportive options for the de-  
19 livery of client services; and

20           (5) administration and oversight of the program  
21 in accordance with the Corporation's rate for pro-  
22 gram administration.

23           (e) DISBURSEMENT.—The Corporation shall disburse  
24 all grant funds made available pursuant to subsection (b)  
25 as expeditiously as possible, through grants to housing

1 counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of  
2 Housing and Urban Development, State housing finance  
3 agencies, and NeighborWorks organizations. The aggregate  
4 amount provided to NeighborWorks organizations  
5 shall not exceed 15 percent of the total of grant funds  
6 made available pursuant to subsection (b).

7 **TITLE III—PROTECTING PEOPLE**  
8 **EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

9 **SEC. 110301. HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUNDING.**

10 (a) EMERGENCY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE.—

11 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 There is authorized to be appropriated under the  
13 Emergency Solutions Grants program under subtitle  
14 B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.)  
16 \$11,500,000,000 for grants under such subtitle in  
17 accordance with this subsection to respond to needs  
18 arising from the public health emergency relating to  
19 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Of such  
20 amounts made available, \$4,000,000,000 shall be allocated  
21 in accordance with sections 413 and 414 of  
22 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
23 U.S.C. 11372, 11373).

24 (2) FORMULA.—Notwithstanding sections 413  
25 and 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-

1       ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11372, 11373), the Secretary  
2       of Housing and Urban Development (in this Act re-  
3       ferred to as the “Secretary”) shall allocate any  
4       amounts remaining after amounts are allocated pur-  
5       suant to paragraph (1) in accordance with a formula  
6       to be established by the Secretary that takes into  
7       consideration the following factors:

8               (A) Risk of transmission of coronavirus in  
9               a jurisdiction.

10              (B) Whether a jurisdiction has a high  
11              number or rate of sheltered and unsheltered  
12              homeless individuals and families.

13              (C) Economic and housing market condi-  
14              tions in a jurisdiction.

15              (3) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—In addition to eligi-  
16              ble activities under section 415(a) of the McKinney-  
17              Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
18              11374(a), amounts made available pursuant to para-  
19              graph (1) may also be used for costs of the following  
20              activities:

21              (A) Providing training on infectious dis-  
22              ease prevention and mitigation.

23              (B) Providing hazard pay, including for  
24              time worked before the effectiveness of this sub-  
25              paragraph, for staff working directly to prevent

1 and mitigate the spread of coronavirus or  
2 COVID-19 among people experiencing or at  
3 risk of homelessness.

4 (C) Reimbursement of costs for eligible ac-  
5 tivities (including activities described in this  
6 paragraph) relating to preventing, preparing  
7 for, or responding to the coronavirus or  
8 COVID-19 that were accrued before the date of  
9 the enactment of this Act.

10 (D) Notwithstanding 24 C.F.R.  
11 576.102(a)(3), providing a hotel or motel  
12 voucher for a homeless individual or family.

13 Use of such amounts for activities described in this  
14 paragraph shall not be considered use for adminis-  
15 trative purposes for purposes of section 418 of the  
16 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 11377).

18 (4) INAPPLICABILITY OF PROCUREMENT  
19 STANDARDS.—To the extent amounts made available  
20 pursuant to paragraph (1) are used to procure goods  
21 and services relating to activities to prevent, prepare  
22 for, or respond to the coronavirus or COVID-19, the  
23 standards and requirements regarding procurement  
24 that are otherwise applicable shall not apply.

1           (5) INAPPLICABILITY OF HABITABILITY AND  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STANDARDS.—Any Fed-  
3 eral standards and requirements regarding habit-  
4 ability and environmental review shall not apply with  
5 respect to any emergency shelter that is assisted  
6 with amounts made available pursuant to paragraph  
7 (1) and has been determined by a State or local  
8 health official, in accordance with such requirements  
9 as the Secretary shall establish, to be necessary to  
10 prevent and mitigate the spread of coronavirus or  
11 COVID-19, such shelters.

12           (6) INAPPLICABILITY OF CAP ON EMERGENCY  
13 SHELTER ACTIVITIES.—Subsection (b) of section  
14 415 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 11374) shall not apply to any  
16 amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1)  
17 of this subsection.

18           (7) INITIAL ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Sec-  
19 tion 417(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-  
20 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11376(b)) shall be applied with  
21 respect to amounts made available pursuant to para-  
22 graph (1) of this subsection by substituting “30-  
23 day” for “60-day”.

24           (8) WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIRE-  
25 MENTS.—

1           (A)     AUTHORITY.—In     administering  
2     amounts made available pursuant to paragraph  
3     (1), the Secretary may waive, or specify alter-  
4     native requirements for, any provision of any  
5     statute or regulation (except for any require-  
6     ments related to fair housing, nondiscrimina-  
7     tion, labor standards, and the environment)  
8     that the Secretary administers in connection  
9     with the obligation or use by the recipient of  
10    such amounts, if the Secretary finds that good  
11    cause exists for the waiver or alternative re-  
12    quirement and such waiver or alternative re-  
13    quirement is consistent with the purposes de-  
14    scribed in this subsection.

15           (B)    NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall  
16    notify the public through the Federal Register  
17    or other appropriate means 5 days before the  
18    effective date of any such waiver or alternative  
19    requirement, and any such public notice may be  
20    provided on the Internet at the appropriate  
21    Government web site or through other elec-  
22    tronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

23           (C)    EXEMPTION.—The use of amounts  
24    made available pursuant to paragraph (1) shall  
25    not be subject to the consultation, citizen par-

1           ticipation, or match requirements that other-  
2           wise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants  
3           program, except that a recipient shall publish  
4           how it has and will utilize its allocation at a  
5           minimum on the Internet at the appropriate  
6           Government web site or through other elec-  
7           tronic media.

8           (9) INAPPLICABILITY OF MATCHING REQUIRE-  
9           MENT.—Subsection (a) of section 416 of the McKin-  
10          ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
11          11375(a)) shall not apply to any amounts made  
12          available pursuant to paragraph (1) of this sub-  
13          section.

14          (10) PROHIBITION ON PREREQUISITES.—None  
15          of the funds authorized under this subsection may  
16          be used to require people experiencing homelessness  
17          to receive treatment or perform any other pre-  
18          requisite activities as a condition for receiving shel-  
19          ter, housing, or other services.

20          (b) CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.—Due to the  
21          emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
22          (COVID-19) pandemic, the Notice of Funding Availability  
23          (NOFA) for fiscal year 2020 for the Continuum of Care  
24          program under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-  
25          Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.)

1 shall have no force or effect and the Secretary of Housing  
2 and Urban Development shall distribute amounts made  
3 available for such fiscal year for such program based on  
4 the results of the competition for amounts made available  
5 for such program for fiscal year 2019 (FR-6300--25), ex-  
6 cept that grant amounts may be adjusted to account for  
7 changes in fair market rents.

8 **SEC. 110302. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER**  
9 **PROGRAM.**

10 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is  
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing  
12 and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the  
13 “Secretary”), \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to re-  
14 main available until expended, for incremental emergency  
15 vouchers under subsection (b).

16 (b) **EMERGENCY VOUCHERS.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall provide  
18 emergency rental assistance vouchers under this sub-  
19 section, which shall be tenant-based rental assistance  
20 under section 8(o) the United States Housing Act of  
21 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).

22 (2) **SELECTION OF FAMILIES.**—

23 (A) **MANDATORY PREFERENCES.**—Each  
24 public housing agency administering assistance



1 under this section shall provide preference for  
2 such assistance to eligible families that are—

3 (i) homeless (as such term is defined  
4 in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento  
5 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 11302(a)));

7 (ii) at risk of homelessness (as such  
8 term is defined in section 401 of the  
9 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
10 (42 U.S.C. 11360)); or

11 (iii) fleeing, or attempting to flee, do-  
12 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-  
13 sault, or stalking.

14 (B) ALLOCATION.—In allocating amounts  
15 made available under this section, the Secretary  
16 shall—

17 (i) not later than 60 days after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, allocate  
19 at least 50 percent of such amounts to  
20 public housing agencies in accordance with  
21 a formula that considers—

22 (I) the capability of public hous-  
23 ing agencies to promptly use emer-  
24 gency vouchers provided under this  
25 section; and

1 (II) the need for emergency  
2 vouchers provided under this section  
3 in the geographical area, based on  
4 factors determined by the Secretary,  
5 including risk of transmission of  
6 coronavirus, high numbers or rates of  
7 sheltered and unsheltered homeless-  
8 ness, and economic and housing mar-  
9 ket conditions;

10 (ii) allocate remaining amounts in ac-  
11 cordance with a formula that considers—

12 (I) the criteria under clause (i)  
13 and the success of a public housing  
14 agency in promptly utilizing vouchers  
15 awarded under clause (i); and

16 (II) the capability of the public  
17 housing agency to create and manage  
18 structured partnerships with service  
19 providers for the delivery of appro-  
20 priate community-based services; and

21 (iii) designate the number of vouchers  
22 under this section that each public housing  
23 agency that is awarded funds under this  
24 section is authorized to administer.

1           (C) ELECTION NOT TO ADMINISTER.—If a  
2 public housing agency elects not to administer  
3 amounts under this section, the Secretary shall  
4 award such amounts to other public housing  
5 agencies according to the criteria in subpara-  
6 graph (B).

7           (D) FAILURE TO USE VOUCHERS PROMPT-  
8 LY.—If a public housing agency fails to issue  
9 all of its authorized vouchers under this section  
10 on behalf of eligible families within a reasonable  
11 period of time as determined by the Secretary,  
12 the Secretary shall reallocate any unissued  
13 vouchers and associated funds to others public  
14 housing agencies according to the criteria under  
15 subparagraph (B)(ii).

16       (3) WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIRE-  
17 MENTS.—Any waiver or alternative requirement that  
18 the Secretary makes available to all public housing  
19 agencies in connection with assistance made avail-  
20 able under the heading “Tenant-Based Rental As-  
21 sistance” in title XII of division B of the CARES  
22 Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat.601) shall apply  
23 to assistance under this section until the expiration  
24 of such waiver or alternative requirement.

1 (4) TERMINATION OF VOUCHERS UPON TURN-  
2 OVER.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—A public housing agen-  
4 cy may not reissue any vouchers made available  
5 under this section when assistance for the fam-  
6 ily initially assisted is terminated.

7 (B) REALLOCATION.—Upon termination of  
8 assistance for one or more families assisted by  
9 a public housing agency under this section, the  
10 Secretary shall reallocate amounts that are no  
11 longer needed by such public housing agency  
12 for assistance under this section to another  
13 public housing agency for the renewal of vouch-  
14 ers previously authorized under this section.

15 **TITLE IV—SUSPENDING NEGA-**  
16 **TIVE CREDIT REPORTING**  
17 **AND STRENGTHENING CON-**  
18 **SUMER AND INVESTOR PRO-**  
19 **TECTIONS**

20 **SEC. 110401. REPORTING OF INFORMATION DURING MAJOR**  
21 **DISASTERS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The CARES Act (Public Law  
23 116–136) is amended by striking section 4021 and insert-  
24 ing the following:

1 **“SEC. 4021. REPORTING OF INFORMATION DURING MAJOR**  
2 **DISASTERS.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section, and the  
4 amendments made by this section, is to protect consumers’  
5 credit from negative impacts as a result of financial hard-  
6 ship due to the coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak  
7 and future major disasters.

8 “(b) REPORTING OF INFORMATION DURING MAJOR  
9 DISASTERS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Credit Reporting  
11 Act is amended by inserting after section 605B the  
12 following:

13 **“§ 605C. Reporting of information during major dis-**  
14 **asters**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) CONSUMER.—With respect to a covered  
17 period, the term “consumer” shall only include a  
18 consumer who is a resident of the affected area cov-  
19 ered by the applicable disaster or emergency declara-  
20 tion.

21 “(2) COVERED MAJOR DISASTER PERIOD.—  
22 The term “covered major disaster period” means the  
23 period—

24 “(A) beginning on the date on which a  
25 major disaster is declared by the President  
26 under—

1           “(i) section 401 of the Robert T.  
2           Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
3           Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), under  
4           which assistance is authorized under sec-  
5           tion 408 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5174); or

6           “(ii) section 501 of such Act; and

7           “(B) ending on the date that is 120 days  
8           after the end of the incident period for such  
9           disaster.

10          “(3) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered  
11          period” means the COVID–19 emergency period or  
12          a covered major disaster period.

13          “(4) COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The  
14          term “COVID–19 emergency period” means the pe-  
15          riod beginning on March 13, 2020 (the date the  
16          President declared the emergency under section 501  
17          of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
18          gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relat-  
19          ing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
20          pandemic) and ending on the later of—

21                 “(A) 120 days after the date of enact-  
22                 ment of this section; or

23                 “(B) 120 days after the end of the inci-  
24                 dent period for such emergency.

1           “(5) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term “major dis-  
2           aster” means a major disaster declared by the Presi-  
3           dent under—

4                   “(A) section 401 of the Robert T. Staf-  
5                   ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
6                   Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), under which assistance  
7                   is authorized under section 408 of such Act (42  
8                   U.S.C. 5174); or

9                   “(B) section 501 of such Act.

10           “(b) MORATORIUM ON FURNISHING ADVERSE IN-  
11           FORMATION DURING COVERED PERIOD.—No person may  
12           furnish any adverse item of information (except informa-  
13           tion related to a felony criminal conviction) relating to a  
14           consumer that was the result of any action or inaction that  
15           occurred during a covered period.

16           “(c) INFORMATION EXCLUDED FROM CONSUMER  
17           REPORTS.—In addition to the information described in  
18           section 605(a), no consumer reporting agency may make  
19           any consumer report containing an adverse item of infor-  
20           mation (except information related to a felony criminal  
21           conviction) relating to a consumer that was the result of  
22           any action or inaction that occurred during a covered pe-  
23           riod.

24           “(d) SUMMARY OF RIGHTS.—Not later than 60 days  
25           after the date of enactment of this section, the Director

1 of the Bureau shall update the model summary of rights  
2 under section 609(c)(1) to include a description of the  
3 right of a consumer to—

4 ““(1) request the deletion of adverse items of  
5 information under subsection (e); and

6 ““(2) request a consumer report or score, with-  
7 out charge to the consumer, under subsection (f).

8 ““(e) DELETION OF ADVERSE ITEMS OF INFORMA-  
9 TION RESULTING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
10 (COVID–19) OUTBREAK AND MAJOR DISASTERS.—

11 ““(1) REPORTING.—

12 ““(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60  
13 days after the date of enactment of this sub-  
14 section, the Director of the Bureau shall create  
15 a website for consumers to report, under pen-  
16 alty of perjury, economic hardship as a result of  
17 the coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak  
18 or a major disaster for the purpose of providing  
19 credit report protections under this subsection.

20 ““(B) DOCUMENTATION.—The Director of  
21 the Bureau shall—

22 ““(i) not require any documentation  
23 from a consumer to substantiate the eco-  
24 nomic hardship; and



1           “(ii) provide notice to the consumer  
2           that a report under subparagraph (A) is  
3           under penalty of perjury.

4           “(C) REPORTING PERIOD.—A consumer  
5           may report economic hardship under subpara-  
6           graph (A) during a covered period and for 60  
7           days thereafter.

8           “(2) DATABASE.—The Director of the Bureau  
9           shall establish and maintain a secure database  
10          that—

11           “(A) is accessible to each consumer re-  
12          porting agency described in section 603(p) and  
13          nationwide specialty consumer reporting agency  
14          for purposes of fulfilling their duties under  
15          paragraph (3) to check and automatically delete  
16          any adverse item of information (except infor-  
17          mation related to a felony criminal conviction)  
18          reported that occurred during a covered period  
19          with respect to a consumer; and

20           “(B) contains the information reported  
21          under paragraph (1).

22           “(3) DELETION OF ADVERSE ITEMS OF INFOR-  
23          MATION BY NATIONWIDE CONSUMER REPORTING  
24          AND NATIONWIDE SPECIALTY CONSUMER REPORT-  
25          ING AGENCIES.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each consumer re-  
2           porting agency described in section 603(p) and  
3           each nationwide specialty consumer reporting  
4           agency shall, using the information contained in  
5           the database established under paragraph (2),  
6           delete from the file of each consumer named in  
7           the database each adverse item of information  
8           (except information related to a felony criminal  
9           conviction) that was a result of an action or in-  
10          action that occurred during a covered period or  
11          in the 270-day period following the end of a  
12          covered period.

13           “(B) TIMELINE.—Each consumer report-  
14          ing agency described in section 603(p) and each  
15          nationwide specialty consumer reporting agency  
16          shall check the database at least weekly and de-  
17          lete adverse items of information as soon as  
18          practicable after information that is reported  
19          under paragraph (1) appears in the database  
20          established under paragraph (2).

21           “(4) REQUEST FOR DELETION OF ADVERSE  
22          ITEMS OF INFORMATION.—

23           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A consumer who has  
24          filed a report of economic hardship with the  
25          Bureau may submit a request, without charge

1 to the consumer, to a consumer reporting agen-  
2 cy described in section 603(p) or nationwide  
3 specialty consumer reporting agency to delete  
4 from the consumer’s file an adverse item of in-  
5 formation (except information related to a fel-  
6 ony criminal conviction) that was a result of an  
7 action or inaction that occurred during a cov-  
8 ered period or in the 270-day period following  
9 the end of a covered period.

10 ““(B) TIMING.—A consumer may submit a  
11 request under subparagraph (A), not later than  
12 the end of the 270-day period described in that  
13 subparagraph.

14 ““(C) REMOVAL AND NOTIFICATION.—  
15 Upon receiving a request under this paragraph  
16 to delete an adverse item of information, a con-  
17 sumer reporting agency described in section  
18 603(p) or nationwide specialty consumer report-  
19 ing agency shall—

20 ““(i) delete the adverse item of infor-  
21 mation (except information related to a fel-  
22 ony criminal conviction) from the con-  
23 sumer’s file; and

1                   “(ii) notify the consumer and the  
2                   furnisher of the adverse item of informa-  
3                   tion of the deletion.

4                   “(f) FREE CREDIT REPORT AND SCORES.—

5                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—During the period between  
6                   the beginning of a covered period and ending 12-  
7                   months after the end of the covered period, each  
8                   consumer reporting agency described under section  
9                   603(p) and each nationwide specialty consumer re-  
10                  porting agency shall make all disclosures described  
11                  under section 609 upon request by a consumer, by  
12                  mail or online, without charge to the consumer and  
13                  without limitation as to the number of requests.  
14                  Such a consumer reporting agency shall also supply  
15                  a consumer, upon request and without charge, with  
16                  a credit score that—

17                  “(A) is derived from a credit scoring  
18                  model that is widely distributed to users by the  
19                  consumer reporting agency for the purpose of  
20                  any extension of credit or other transaction des-  
21                  ignated by the consumer who is requesting the  
22                  credit score; or

23                  “(B) is widely distributed to lenders of  
24                  common consumer loan products and predicts  
25                  the future credit behavior of a consumer.

1           “(2) TIMING.—A file disclosure or credit score  
2 under paragraph (1) shall be provided to the con-  
3 sumer not later than—

4           “(A) 7 days after the date on which the  
5 request is received if the request is made by  
6 mail; and

7           “(B) not later than 15 minutes if the re-  
8 quest is made online.

9           “(3) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—A file disclosure  
10 provided under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to  
11 any disclosure requested by the consumer under sec-  
12 tion 612(a).

13           “(4) PROHIBITION.—A consumer reporting  
14 agency that receives a request under paragraph (1)  
15 may not request or require any documentation from  
16 the consumer that demonstrates that the consumer  
17 was impacted by the coronavirus disease (COVID-  
18 19) outbreak or a major disaster (except to verify  
19 that the consumer is a resident of the affected area  
20 covered by the applicable disaster or emergency dec-  
21 laration) as a condition of receiving the file disclo-  
22 sure or score.

23           “(g) POSTING OF RIGHTS.—Not later than 30 days  
24 after the date of enactment of this section, each consumer  
25 reporting agency described under section 603(p) and each

1 nationwide specialty consumer reporting agency shall  
2 prominently post and maintain a direct link on the home-  
3 page of the public website of the consumer reporting agen-  
4 cy information relating to the right of consumers to—

5           “(1) request the deletion of adverse items of  
6 information (except information related to a felony  
7 criminal conviction) under subsection (e); and

8           “(2) request consumer file disclosures and  
9 scores, without charge to the consumer, under sub-  
10 section (f).

11           “(h) BAN ON REPORTING MEDICAL DEBT INFOR-  
12 MATION RELATED TO COVID–19 OR A MAJOR DIS-  
13 ASTER.—

14           “(1) FURNISHING BAN.—No person shall fur-  
15 nish adverse information to a consumer reporting  
16 agency related to medical debt if such medical debt  
17 is with respect to medical expenses related to treat-  
18 ments arising from COVID–19 or a major disaster  
19 (whether or not the expenses were incurred during  
20 a covered period).

21           “(2) CONSUMER REPORT BAN.—No consumer  
22 reporting agency may make a consumer report con-  
23 taining adverse information related to medical debt  
24 if such medical debt is with respect to medical ex-  
25 penses related to treatments arising from COVID–

1 19 or a major disaster (whether or not the expenses  
2 were incurred during a covered period).

3 “(i) CREDIT SCORING MODELS.—A person that cre-  
4 ates and implements credit scoring models may not treat  
5 the absence, omission, or deletion of any information pur-  
6 suant to this section as a negative factor or negative value  
7 in credit scoring models created or implemented by such  
8 person.’.

9 “(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
10 MENT.—The table of contents for the Fair Credit  
11 Reporting Act is amended by inserting after the  
12 item relating to section 605B the following:

“‘605C. Reporting of information during major disasters.’.

13 **“SEC. 4021A. LIMITATIONS ON NEW CREDIT SCORING MOD-**  
14 **ELS DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY AND**  
15 **MAJOR DISASTERS.**

16 “The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et  
17 seq.) is amended—

18 “(1) by adding at the end the following:

19 **“§ 630. Limitations on new credit scoring models**  
20 **during the COVID-19 emergency and**  
21 **major disasters**

22 “‘With respect to a person that creates and imple-  
23 ments credit scoring models, such person may not, during  
24 a covered period (as defined under section 605C), create  
25 or implement a new credit scoring model (including a revi-

1 sion to an existing scoring model) if the new credit scoring  
 2 model would identify a significant percentage of con-  
 3 sumers as being less creditworthy when compared to the  
 4 previous credit scoring models created or implemented by  
 5 such person.’; and

6 “(2) in the table of contents for such Act, by  
 7 adding at the end the following new item:

“‘630. Limitations on new credit scoring models during the COVID-19 emer-  
 gency and major disasters.’

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 9 in section 2 of the CARES Act is amended by striking  
 10 the item relating to section 4021 and inserting the fol-  
 11 lowing:

“Sec. 4021. Reporting of information during major disasters.

“Sec. 4021A. Limitations on new credit scoring models during the COVID-19  
 emergency and major disasters.”

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (F)  
 13 of section 623(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15  
 14 U.S.C. 1681s-2(a)(1)) is hereby repealed.

15 **SEC. 110402. RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTIONS OF CON-**  
 16 **SUMER DEBT DURING A NATIONAL DISASTER**  
 17 **OR EMERGENCY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
 19 tices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.) is amended by inserting  
 20 after section 812 (15 U.S.C. 1692j) the following:



1 **“§ 812A. Restrictions on collections of consumer debt**  
2 **during a national disaster or emergency**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) COVERED PERIOD.—The term ‘covered pe-  
5 riod’ means the period beginning on the date of en-  
6 actment of this section and ending 120 days after  
7 the end of the incident period for the emergency de-  
8 clared on March 13, 2020, by the President under  
9 section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
10 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et  
11 seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
12 (COVID-19) pandemic.

13 “(2) CREDITOR.—The term ‘creditor’ means  
14 any person—

15 “(A) who offers or extends credit creating  
16 a debt or to whom a debt is owed; or

17 “(B) to whom any obligation for payment  
18 is owed.

19 “(3) DEBT.—The term ‘debt’—

20 “(A) means any obligation or alleged obli-  
21 gation that is or during the covered period be-  
22 comes past due, other than an obligation aris-  
23 ing out of a credit agreement entered into after  
24 the effective date of this section, that arises out  
25 of a transaction with a consumer; and

26 “(B) does not include a mortgage loan.

1           “(4) DEBT COLLECTOR.—The term ‘debt col-  
2           lector’ means a creditor and any other person or en-  
3           tity that engages in the collection of debt, including  
4           the Federal Government and a State government, ir-  
5           respective of whether the applicable debt is allegedly  
6           owed to or assigned to such creditor, person, or enti-  
7           ty.

8           “(5) MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term ‘mortgage  
9           loan’ means a covered mortgage loan (as defined  
10          under section 4022 of the CARES Act) and a multi-  
11          family mortgage loan (as defined under section 4023  
12          of the CARES Act).

13          “(b) PROHIBITIONS.—

14                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
15                 provision of law, no debt collector may, during a cov-  
16                 ered period—

17                         “(A) enforce a security interest securing a  
18                         debt through repossession, limitation of use, or  
19                         foreclosure;

20                         “(B) take or threaten to take any action to  
21                         deprive an individual of their liberty as a result  
22                         of nonpayment of or nonappearance at any  
23                         hearing relating to an obligation owed by a con-  
24                         sumer;

1           “(C) collect any debt, by way of garnish-  
2           ment, attachment, assignment, deduction, off-  
3           set, or other seizure, from—

4                   “(i) wages, income, benefits, bank,  
5                   prepaid or other asset accounts; or

6                   “(ii) any assets of, or other amounts  
7                   due to, a consumer;

8           “(D) commence or continue an action to  
9           evict a consumer from real or personal property  
10          for nonpayment;

11           “(E) disconnect or terminate service from  
12          a utility service, including electricity, natural  
13          gas, telecommunications or broadband, water,  
14          or sewer, for nonpayment; or

15           “(F) threaten to take any of the foregoing  
16          actions.

17          “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
18          this section may be construed to prohibit a consumer  
19          from voluntarily paying, in whole or in part, a debt.

20          “(c) LIMITATION ON FEES AND INTEREST.—After  
21          the expiration of a covered period, a debt collector may  
22          not add to any past due debt any interest on unpaid inter-  
23          est, higher rate of interest triggered by the nonpayment  
24          of the debt, or fee triggered prior to the expiration of the  
25          covered period by the nonpayment of the debt.

1       “(e) VIOLATIONS.—Any person or government entity  
2 that violates this section shall be liable to the applicable  
3 consumer as provided under section 813, except that, for  
4 purposes of applying section 813—

5               “(1) such person or government entity shall be  
6 deemed a debt collector, as such term is defined for  
7 purposes of section 813; and

8               “(2) each dollar figure in such section shall be  
9 deemed to be 10 times the dollar figure specified.

10       “(f) TOLLING.—Any applicable time limitations for  
11 exercising an action prohibited under subsection (b) shall  
12 be tolled during a covered period.

13       “(g) PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS.—  
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no predispute  
15 arbitration agreement or predispute joint-action waiver  
16 shall be valid or enforceable with respect to a dispute  
17 brought under this section, including a dispute as to the  
18 applicability of this section, which shall be determined  
19 under Federal law.”.

20       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
21 for the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act is amended by  
22 inserting after the item relating to section 812 the fol-  
23 lowing:

“812A. Restrictions on collections of consumer debt during a national disaster  
or emergency.”.

1 **SEC. 110403. REPAYMENT PERIOD AND FORBEARANCE FOR**  
2 **CONSUMERS.**

3 Section 812A of the Fair Debt Collection Practices  
4 Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), as added by section 110402,  
5 is amended—

6 (1) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(d) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—After the expiration of  
9 a covered period, a debt collector shall comply with the  
10 following:

11 “(1) DEBT ARISING FROM CREDIT WITH A DE-  
12 FINED PAYMENT PERIOD.—For any debt arising  
13 from credit with a defined term, the debt collector  
14 shall extend the time period to repay any past due  
15 balance of the debt by—

16 “(A) 1 payment period for each payment  
17 that a consumer missed during the covered pe-  
18 riod, with the payments due in the same  
19 amounts and at the same intervals as the pre-  
20 existing payment schedule; and

21 “(B) 1 payment period in addition to the  
22 payment periods described under subparagraph  
23 (A).

24 “(2) DEBT ARISING FROM AN OPEN END CRED-  
25 IT PLAN.—For debt arising from an open end credit  
26 plan, as defined in section 103 of the Truth in

1 Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602), the debt collector  
2 shall allow the consumer to repay the past-due bal-  
3 ance in a manner that does not exceed the amounts  
4 permitted by the methods described in section  
5 171(c) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C.  
6 1666i-1(c)) and regulations promulgated under that  
7 section.

8 “(3) DEBT ARISING FROM OTHER CREDIT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For debt not de-  
10 scribed under paragraph (2) or (3), the debt  
11 collector shall—

12 “(i) allow the consumer to repay the  
13 past-due balance of the debt in substan-  
14 tially equal payments over time; and

15 “(ii) provide the consumer with—

16 “(I) for past due balances of  
17 \$2,000 or less, 12 months to repay, or  
18 such longer period as the debt col-  
19 lector may allow;

20 “(II) for past due balances be-  
21 tween \$2,001 and \$5,000, 24 months  
22 to repay, or such longer period as the  
23 debt collector may allow; or

24 “(III) for past due balances  
25 greater than \$5,000, 36 months to

1                    repay, or such longer period as the  
2                    debt collector may allow.

3                    “(B) ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS.—The Di-  
4                    rector of the Bureau may issue rules to provide  
5                    greater repayment protections to consumers  
6                    with debts described under subparagraph (A).

7                    “(C) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—This  
8                    paragraph shall not preempt any State law that  
9                    provides for greater consumer protections than  
10                   this paragraph.”; and

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

12                   “(h) FORBEARANCE FOR AFFECTED CONSUMERS.—

13                   “(1) FORBEARANCE PROGRAM.—Each debt col-  
14                   lector that makes use of the credit facility described  
15                   in paragraph (4) shall establish a forbearance pro-  
16                   gram for debts available during the covered period.

17                   “(2) AUTOMATIC GRANT OF FORBEARANCE  
18                   UPON REQUEST.—Under a forbearance program re-  
19                   quired under paragraph (1), upon the request of a  
20                   consumer experiencing a financial hardship due, di-  
21                   rectly or indirectly, to COVID–19, the debt collector  
22                   shall grant a forbearance on payment of debt for  
23                   such time as needed until the end of the covered pe-  
24                   riod, with no additional documentation required  
25                   other than the borrower’s attestation to a financial

1 hardship caused by COVID–19 and with no fees,  
2 penalties, or interest (beyond the amounts scheduled  
3 or calculated as if the borrower made all contractual  
4 payments on time and in full under the terms of the  
5 loan contract) charged to the borrower in connection  
6 with the forbearance.

7 “(3) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN MORTGAGE  
8 LOANS SUBJECT TO THE CARES ACT.—This sub-  
9 section shall not apply to a mortgage loan subject to  
10 section 4022 or 4023 of the CARES Act.”.

11 **SEC. 110404. CREDIT FACILITY.**

12 Section 812A(h) of the Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
13 tices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), as added by section  
14 110403, is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) CREDIT FACILITY.—The Board of Gov-  
16 ernors of the Federal Reserve System shall—

17 “(A) establish a facility, using amounts  
18 made available under section 4003(b)(4) of the  
19 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042(b)(4)), to make  
20 long-term, low-cost loans to debt collectors to  
21 temporarily compensate such debt collectors for  
22 documented financial losses caused by forbear-  
23 ance of debt payments under this subsection;  
24 and



1           “(B) defer debt collectors’ required pay-  
 2           ments on such loans until after consumers’ debt  
 3           payments resume.”.

4 **TITLE V—FORGIVING STUDENT**  
 5 **LOAN DEBT AND PRO-**  
 6 **TECTING STUDENT BOR-**  
 7 **ROWERS**

8 **SEC. 110501. PAYMENTS FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN**  
 9 **BORROWERS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19**  
 10 **NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 140 of the Truth in Lend-  
 12 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1650) is amended by adding at the  
 13 end the following new subsection:

14           “(h) COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY PRIVATE  
 15 EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

16           “(1) AUTHORITY.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date  
 18 of the enactment of this section, until Sep-  
 19 tember 30, 2021, the Secretary of the Treasury  
 20 shall, for each borrower of a private education  
 21 loan, pay the total amount due for such month  
 22 on the loan, based on the payment plan selected  
 23 by the borrower or the borrower’s loan status.

24           “(B) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—The  
 25 maximum amount of aggregate payments that

1 the Secretary of the Treasury may make under  
2 subparagraph (A) with respect to an individual  
3 borrower is \$10,000.

4 “(2) NO CAPITALIZATION OF INTEREST.—With  
5 respect to any loan in repayment until September  
6 30, 2021, interest due on a private education loan  
7 during such period shall not be capitalized at any  
8 time until after September 30, 2021.

9 “(3) REPORTING TO CONSUMER REPORTING  
10 AGENCIES.—Until September 30, 2021—

11 “(A) during the period in which the Sec-  
12 retary of the Treasury is making payments on  
13 a loan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
14 ensure that, for the purpose of reporting infor-  
15 mation about the loan to a consumer reporting  
16 agency, any payment made by the Secretary is  
17 treated as if it were a regularly scheduled pay-  
18 ment made by a borrower; and

19 “(B) no adverse credit information may be  
20 furnished to a consumer reporting agency for  
21 any private education loan.

22 “(4) NOTICE OF PAYMENTS AND PROGRAM.—  
23 Not later than 15 days following the date of enact-  
24 ment of this subsection, and monthly thereafter until  
25 September 30, 2021, the Secretary of the Treasury

1 shall provide a notice to all borrowers of private edu-  
2 cation loans—

3 “(A) informing borrowers of the actions  
4 taken under this subsection;

5 “(B) providing borrowers with an easily  
6 accessible method to opt out of the benefits pro-  
7 vided under this subsection; and

8 “(C) notifying the borrower that the pro-  
9 gram under this subsection is a temporary pro-  
10 gram and will end on September 30, 2021.

11 “(5) SUSPENSION OF INVOLUNTARY COLLEC-  
12 TION.—Until September 30, 2021, the holder of a  
13 private education loan shall immediately take action  
14 to halt all involuntary collection related to the loan.

15 “(6) MANDATORY FORBEARANCE.—During the  
16 period in which the Secretary of the Treasury is  
17 making payments on a loan under paragraph (1),  
18 the servicer of such loan shall grant the borrower  
19 forbearance as follows:

20 “(A) A temporary cessation of all pay-  
21 ments on the loan other than the payments of  
22 interest and principal on the loan that are made  
23 under paragraph (1).

24 “(B) For borrowers who are delinquent  
25 but who are not yet in default before the date

1 on which the Secretary begins making payments  
2 under paragraph (1), the retroactive application  
3 of forbearance to address any delinquency.

4 “(7) DATA TO IMPLEMENT.—Holders and  
5 servicers of private education loans shall report, to  
6 the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the  
7 information necessary to calculate the amount to be  
8 paid under this subsection.

9 “(8) APPLICATION ONLY TO ECONOMICALLY  
10 DISTRESSED BORROWERS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—This subsection shall  
12 only apply to a borrower of a private education  
13 loan who is an economically distressed bor-  
14 rower.

15 “(B) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED BOR-  
16 ROWER DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term  
17 ‘economically distressed borrower’ means a bor-  
18 rower of a private education loan who, as of  
19 March 12, 2020—

20 “(i) based on financial state or other  
21 conditions, would be otherwise eligible, if  
22 the borrower instead had a Federal stu-  
23 dent loan, of having a monthly payment  
24 due on such loan of \$0 pursuant to an in-  
25 come-contingent repayment plan under sec-

1           tion 455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Education  
2           Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)(1)(D))  
3           or an income-based repayment plan under  
4           section 493C of such Act (20 U.S.C.  
5           1098e);

6           “(ii) was in default on such loan;

7           “(iii) had a payment due on such loan  
8           that was at least 90 days past due; or

9           “(iv) based on financial state or other  
10          conditions, was in forbearance or  
11          deferment.

12          “(C) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 7  
13          days after the date of enactment of this para-  
14          graph, the Director of the Bureau, in consulta-  
15          tion with the Secretary of Education, shall issue  
16          rules to implement this paragraph, including  
17          providing a detailed description of how a bor-  
18          rower of a private education loan will be consid-  
19          ered an economically distressed borrower as de-  
20          fined under each clause of subparagraph (B).”.

21          (b) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to the  
22          Secretary of the Treasury, out of amounts in the Treasury  
23          not otherwise appropriated, \$45,000,000,000 to carry out  
24          this title and the amendments made by this title.

1 **SEC. 110502. ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE STU-**  
2 **DENT LOAN BORROWERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) REPAYMENT PLAN AND FORGIVENESS  
5 TERMS.—Each private education loan holder who re-  
6 ceives a monthly payment pursuant to section  
7 140(h) of the Truth in Lending Act shall modify all  
8 private education loan contracts that it holds to pro-  
9 vide for the same repayment plan and forgiveness  
10 terms available to Direct Loans borrowers under  
11 section 685.209(c) of title 34, Code of Federal Reg-  
12 ulations, in effect as of January 1, 2020.

13 (2) TREATMENT OF STATE STATUTES OF LIM-  
14 TATION.—For a borrower who has defaulted on a  
15 private education loan under the terms of the prom-  
16 issory note prior to any loan payment made or for-  
17 bearance granted under section 140(h) of the Truth  
18 in Lending Act, no payment made or forbearance  
19 granted under such section 140(h) shall be consid-  
20 ered an event that impacts the calculation of the ap-  
21 plicable State statutes of limitation.

22 (3) PROHIBITION ON PRESSURING BOR-  
23 ROWERS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—A private education  
25 loan debt collector or creditor may not pressure  
26 a borrower to elect to apply any amount re-

1           ceived pursuant to subsection (b) to any private  
2           education loan.

3                   (B) VIOLATIONS.—A violation of this para-  
4           graph is deemed—

5                           (i) an unfair, deceptive, or abusive act  
6                           or practice under Federal law in connec-  
7                           tion with any transaction with a consumer  
8                           for a consumer financial product or service  
9                           under section 1031 of the Consumer Fi-  
10                          nancial Protection Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C.  
11                          5531); and

12                           (ii) with respect to a violation by a  
13                           debt collector, an unfair or unconscionable  
14                           means to collect or attempt to collect any  
15                           debt under section 808 of the Federal  
16                           Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C.  
17                           1692f).

18                          (C) PRESSURE DEFINED.—In this para-  
19           graph, the term “pressure” means any commu-  
20           nication, recommendation, or other similar com-  
21           munication, other than providing basic informa-  
22           tion about a borrower’s options, urging a bor-  
23           rower to make an election described under sub-  
24           section (b).

1 (b) RELIEF FOR PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN BOR-  
2 ROWERS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 NATIONAL  
3 EMERGENCY.—

4 (1) STUDENT LOAN RELIEF AS A RESULT OF  
5 THE COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Not later  
6 than 90 days after September 30, 2021, the Sec-  
7 retary of the Treasury shall carry out a program  
8 under which a borrower, with respect to the private  
9 education loans of such borrower, shall receive in ac-  
10 cordance with paragraph (3) an amount equal to the  
11 lesser of—

12 (A) the total amount of each private edu-  
13 cation loan of the borrower; or

14 (B) \$10,000, reduced by the aggregate  
15 amount of all payments made by the Secretary  
16 of the Treasury with respect to such borrower  
17 under section 140(h) of the Truth in Lending  
18 Act.

19 (2) NOTIFICATION OF BORROWERS.—Not later  
20 than 90 days after September 30, 2021, the Sec-  
21 retary of the Treasury shall notify each borrower of  
22 a private education loan of—

23 (A) the requirements to provide loan relief  
24 to such borrower under this section; and



1 (B) the opportunity for such borrower to  
2 make an election under paragraph (3)(A) with  
3 respect to the application of such loan relief to  
4 the private education loans of such borrower.

5 (3) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING.—

6 (A) ELECTION BY BORROWER.—Not later  
7 than 45 days after a notice is sent under para-  
8 graph (2), a borrower may elect to apply the  
9 amount determined with respect to such bor-  
10 rower under paragraph (1) to any private edu-  
11 cation loan of the borrower.

12 (B) AUTOMATIC PAYMENT.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a  
14 borrower who does not make an election  
15 under subparagraph (A) before the date  
16 described in such subparagraph, the Sec-  
17 retary of the Treasury shall apply the  
18 amount determined with respect to such  
19 borrower under paragraph (1) in order of  
20 the private education loan of the borrower  
21 with the highest interest rate.

22 (ii) EQUAL INTEREST RATES.—In  
23 case of two or more private education loans  
24 described in clause (i) with equal interest  
25 rates, the Secretary of the Treasury shall

1                   apply the amount determined with respect  
2                   to such borrower under paragraph (1) first  
3                   to the loan with the highest principal.

4           (c) APPLICATION ONLY TO ECONOMICALLY DIS-  
5 TRESSED BORROWERS.—This section shall only apply to  
6 a borrower of a private education loan who is an economi-  
7 cally distressed borrower.

8           (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9                   (1) FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT  
10 TERMS.—The terms “creditor” and “debt collector”  
11 have the meaning given those terms, respectively,  
12 under section 803 of the Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
13 tices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692a).

14                   (2) PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN.—The term  
15 “private education loan” has the meaning given the  
16 term in section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act (15  
17 U.S.C. 1650).

18                   (3) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED BORROWER  
19 DEFINED.—The term “economically distressed bor-  
20 rower” has the meaning given that term under sec-  
21 tion 140(h)(8) of the Truth in Lending Act, as  
22 added by section 110501.

1 **TITLE VI—STANDING UP FOR**  
2 **SMALL BUSINESSES, MINOR-**  
3 **ITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND**  
4 **NON-PROFITS**

5 **SEC. 110601. RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTIONS OF SMALL**  
6 **BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT DEBT DURING A**  
7 **NATIONAL DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
9 tices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), as amended by section  
10 110402, is further amended by inserting after section  
11 812A the following:

12 **“§ 812B. Restrictions on collections of small business**  
13 **and nonprofit debt during a national dis-**  
14 **aster or emergency**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) COVERED PERIOD.—The term ‘covered pe-  
17 riod’ means the period beginning on the date of en-  
18 actment of this section and ending 120 days after  
19 the end of the incident period for the emergency de-  
20 clared on March 13, 2020, by the President under  
21 section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
22 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et  
23 seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
24 (COVID-19) pandemic.

1           “(2) CREDITOR.—The term ‘creditor’ means  
2 any person—

3           “(A) who offers or extends credit creating  
4 a debt or to whom a debt is owed; or

5           “(B) to whom any obligation for payment  
6 is owed.

7           “(3) DEBT.—The term ‘debt’—

8           “(A) means any obligation or alleged obli-  
9 gation that is or during the covered period be-  
10 comes past due, other than an obligation aris-  
11 ing out of a credit agreement entered into after  
12 the effective date of this section, that arises out  
13 of a transaction with a nonprofit organization  
14 or small business; and

15           “(B) does not include a mortgage loan.

16           “(4) DEBT COLLECTOR.—The term ‘debt col-  
17 lector’ means a creditor and any other person or en-  
18 tity that engages in the collection of debt, including  
19 the Federal Government and a State government, ir-  
20 respective of whether the applicable debt is allegedly  
21 owed to or assigned to such creditor, person, or enti-  
22 ty.

23           “(5) MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term ‘mortgage  
24 loan’ means a covered mortgage loan (as defined  
25 under section 4022 of the CARES Act) and a multi-

1 family mortgage loan (as defined under section 4023  
2 of the CARES Act).

3 “(6) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term  
4 ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization that  
5 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-  
6 enue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation  
7 under section 501(a) of such Code.

8 “(7) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term ‘small busi-  
9 ness’ has the meaning given the term ‘small business  
10 concern’ in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
11 U.S.C. 632).

12 “(b) PROHIBITIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
14 provision of law, no debt collector may, during a cov-  
15 ered period—

16 “(A) enforce a security interest securing a  
17 debt through repossession, limitation of use, or  
18 foreclosure;

19 “(B) take or threaten to take any action to  
20 deprive an individual of their liberty as a result  
21 of nonpayment of or nonappearance at any  
22 hearing relating to an obligation owed by a  
23 small business or nonprofit organization;

1           “(C) collect any debt, by way of garnish-  
2           ment, attachment, assignment, deduction, off-  
3           set, or other seizure, from—

4                   “(i) wages, income, benefits, bank,  
5                   prepaid or other asset accounts; or

6                   “(ii) any assets of, or other amounts  
7                   due to, a small business or nonprofit orga-  
8                   nization;

9           “(D) commence or continue an action to  
10           evict a small business or nonprofit organization  
11           from real or personal property for nonpayment;

12           “(E) disconnect or terminate service from  
13           a utility service, including electricity, natural  
14           gas, telecommunications or broadband, water,  
15           or sewer, for nonpayment; or

16           “(F) threaten to take any of the foregoing  
17           actions.

18           “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
19           this section may be construed to prohibit a small  
20           business or nonprofit organization from voluntarily  
21           paying, in whole or in part, a debt.

22           “(c) LIMITATION ON FEES AND INTEREST.—After  
23           the expiration of a covered period, a debt collector may  
24           not add to any past due debt any interest on unpaid inter-  
25           est, higher rate of interest triggered by the nonpayment

1 of the debt, or fee triggered prior to the expiration of the  
2 covered period by the nonpayment of the debt.

3 “(e) VIOLATIONS.—Any person or government entity  
4 that violates this section shall be liable to the applicable  
5 small business or nonprofit organization as provided under  
6 section 813, except that, for purposes of applying section  
7 813—

8 “(1) such person or government entity shall be  
9 deemed a debt collector, as such term is defined for  
10 purposes of section 813; and

11 “(2) such small business or nonprofit organiza-  
12 tion shall be deemed a consumer, as such term is de-  
13 fined for purposes of section 813.

14 “(f) TOLLING.—Any applicable time limitations for  
15 exercising an action prohibited under subsection (b) shall  
16 be tolled during a covered period.

17 “(g) PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS.—  
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no predispute  
19 arbitration agreement or predispute joint-action waiver  
20 shall be valid or enforceable with respect to a dispute  
21 brought under this section, including a dispute as to the  
22 applicability of this section, which shall be determined  
23 under Federal law.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
25 for the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, as amended

1 by section 110402, is further amended by inserting after  
2 the item relating to section 812A the following:

“812B. Restrictions on collections of small business and nonprofit debt during  
a national disaster or emergency.”.

3 **SEC. 110602. REPAYMENT PERIOD AND FORBEARANCE FOR**  
4 **SMALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT ORGA-**  
5 **NIZATIONS.**

6 Section 812B of the Fair Debt Collection Practices  
7 Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), as added by section 110601,  
8 is amended—

9 (1) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(d) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—After the expiration of  
12 a covered period, a debt collector shall comply with the  
13 following:

14 “(1) DEBT ARISING FROM CREDIT WITH A DE-  
15 FINED PAYMENT PERIOD.—For any debt arising  
16 from credit with a defined term, the debt collector  
17 shall extend the time period to repay any past due  
18 balance of the debt by—

19 “(A) 1 payment period for each payment  
20 that a small business or nonprofit organization  
21 missed during the covered period, with the pay-  
22 ments due in the same amounts and at the  
23 same intervals as the pre-existing payment  
24 schedule; and



1           “(B) 1 payment period in addition to the  
2           payment periods described under subparagraph  
3           (A).

4           “(2) DEBT ARISING FROM AN OPEN END CRED-  
5           IT PLAN.—For debt arising from an open end credit  
6           plan, as defined in section 103 of the Truth in  
7           Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602), the debt collector  
8           shall allow the small business or nonprofit organiza-  
9           tion to repay the past-due balance in a manner that  
10          does not exceed the amounts permitted by the meth-  
11          ods described in section 171(c) of the Truth in  
12          Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1666i–1(c)) and regulations  
13          promulgated under that section.

14          “(3) DEBT ARISING FROM OTHER CREDIT.—

15                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For debt not de-  
16                 scribed under paragraph (2) or (3), the debt  
17                 collector shall—

18                         “(i) allow the small business or non-  
19                         profit organization to repay the past-due  
20                         balance of the debt in substantially equal  
21                         payments over time; and

22                         “(ii) provide the small business or  
23                         nonprofit organization with—

24                                 “(I) for past due balances of  
25                                 \$2,000 or less, 12 months to repay, or

1 such longer period as the debt col-  
2 lector may allow;

3 “(II) for past due balances be-  
4 tween \$2,001 and \$5,000, 24 months  
5 to repay, or such longer period as the  
6 debt collector may allow; or

7 “(III) for past due balances  
8 greater than \$5,000, 36 months to  
9 repay, or such longer period as the  
10 debt collector may allow.

11 “(B) ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS.—The Di-  
12 rector of the Bureau may issue rules to provide  
13 greater repayment protections to small busi-  
14 nesses and nonprofit organizations with debts  
15 described under subparagraph (A).

16 “(C) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—This  
17 paragraph shall not preempt any State law that  
18 provides for greater small business or nonprofit  
19 organization protections than this paragraph.”;  
20 and

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

22 “(h) FORBEARANCE FOR AFFECTED SMALL BUSI-  
23 NESSES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—

24 “(1) FORBEARANCE PROGRAM.—Each debt col-  
25 lector that makes use of the credit facility described

1 in paragraph (4) shall establish a forbearance pro-  
2 gram for debts available during the covered period.

3 “(2) AUTOMATIC GRANT OF FORBEARANCE  
4 UPON REQUEST.—Under a forbearance program re-  
5 quired under paragraph (1), upon the request of a  
6 small business or nonprofit organization experi-  
7 encing a financial hardship due, directly or indi-  
8 rectly, to COVID–19, the debt collector shall grant  
9 a forbearance on payment of debt for such time as  
10 needed until the end of the covered period, with no  
11 additional documentation required other than the  
12 small business or nonprofit organization’s attestation  
13 to a financial hardship caused by COVID–19 and  
14 with no fees, penalties, or interest (beyond the  
15 amounts scheduled or calculated as if the borrower  
16 made all contractual payments on time and in full  
17 under the terms of the loan contract) charged to the  
18 borrower in connection with the forbearance.

19 “(3) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN MORTGAGE  
20 LOANS SUBJECT TO THE CARES ACT.—This sub-  
21 section shall not apply to a mortgage loan subject to  
22 section 4022 or 4023 of the CARES Act.”.

1 **SEC. 110603. CREDIT FACILITY.**

2 Section 812B(h) of the Fair Debt Collection Prac-  
3 tices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), as added by section  
4 110602, is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) CREDIT FACILITY.—The Board of Gov-  
6 ernors of the Federal Reserve System shall—

7 “(A) establish a facility, using amounts  
8 made available under section 4003(b)(4) of the  
9 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042(b)(4)), to make  
10 long-term, low-cost loans to debt collectors to  
11 temporarily compensate such debt collectors for  
12 documented financial losses caused by forbear-  
13 ance of debt payments under this subsection;  
14 and

15 “(B) defer debt collectors’ required pay-  
16 ments on such loans until after small businesses  
17 or nonprofit organizations’ debt payments re-  
18 sume.”.

19 **SEC. 110604. MAIN STREET LENDING PROGRAM REQUIRE-**  
20 **MENTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4003(c)(3)(D)(ii) of the  
22 CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042(c)(3)(D)(ii)) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “Nothing in this subparagraph  
24 shall limit the discretion of the Board of Governors  
25 of the Federal Reserve System to” and inserting the  
26 following:

1                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Board of  
2                   Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-  
3                   tem shall”; and

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

5                   “(II) REQUIREMENTS.—In car-  
6                   rying out subclause (I), the Board of  
7                   Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-  
8                   tem—

9                   “(aa) shall make non-profit  
10                  organizations and institutions of  
11                  higher education (as such term is  
12                  defined in section 101(a) of the  
13                  Higher Education Act of 1965  
14                  (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) eligible for  
15                  any program or facility estab-  
16                  lished under such subclause;

17                  “(bb) shall create a low-cost  
18                  loan option tailored to the unique  
19                  needs of non-profit organizations,  
20                  including the ability to defer pay-  
21                  ments without capitalization of  
22                  interest and, solely for non-profit  
23                  organizations that predominantly  
24                  serve low-income communities, as  
25                  determined by the Federal Re-

1 serve, have the loans forgiven by  
2 the Department of the Treasury  
3 for a similar purpose to maintain  
4 payroll and operations provided  
5 under the Paycheck Protection  
6 Program, notwithstanding section  
7 4003(d)(3) of the CARES Act;

8 “(cc) shall make any  
9 501(c)(4) organization (as de-  
10 fined in section 501(c)(4) of the  
11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986)  
12 eligible for any facility provided  
13 that such 501(c)(4) organization  
14 has not made and will not make  
15 a contribution, expenditure, inde-  
16 pendent expenditure, or election-  
17 eering communication within the  
18 meaning of the Federal Election  
19 Campaign Act, and has not un-  
20 dertaken and will not undertake  
21 similar campaign finance activi-  
22 ties in state and local elections,  
23 during the election cycle which  
24 ends on the date of the general  
25 election in this calendar year;”.

1 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than the end of the 5-day  
2 period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
3 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall  
4 issue such rules or take such other actions as may be nec-  
5 essary to implement the requirements made by the amend-  
6 ments made by this section.

7 **SEC. 110605. OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-**  
8 **PROFITS UNDER THE MAIN STREET LENDING**  
9 **PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4003(c)(3)(D)(ii)(II) of  
11 the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042(c)(3)(D)(ii)(II)), as  
12 added by section 110604, is further amended by adding  
13 at the end the following:

14 “(cc) shall provide at least  
15 one low-cost loan option that  
16 small businesses, small non-prof-  
17 its, and small institutions of  
18 higher education (as such term is  
19 defined in section 101(a) of the  
20 Higher Education Act of 1965  
21 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) are eligible  
22 for that does not have a min-  
23 imum loan size and includes the  
24 ability to defer payments, without  
25 capitalization of interest, and,

1 solely for small nonprofit organi-  
2 zations that predominantly serve  
3 low-income communities, as de-  
4 termined by the Federal Reserve,  
5 have the loans forgiven by the  
6 Department of the Treasury for  
7 a similar purpose to maintain  
8 payroll and operations provided  
9 under the Paycheck Protection  
10 Program, notwithstanding section  
11 4003(d)(3) of the CARES Act.”.

12 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than the end of the 5-day  
13 period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
14 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall  
15 issue such rules or take such other actions as may be nec-  
16 essary to implement the requirements made by the amend-  
17 ments made by this section.

18 **SEC. 110606. SAFE BANKING.**

19 (a) SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE.—

20 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited  
21 as the “Secure And Fair Enforcement Banking Act  
22 of 2020” or the “SAFE Banking Act of 2020”.

23 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is  
24 to increase public safety by ensuring access to finan-  
25 cial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses



1 and service providers and reducing the amount of  
2 cash at such businesses.

3 (b) SAFE HARBOR FOR DEPOSITORY INSTITU-  
4 TIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—A Federal banking regulator  
6 may not—

7 (A) terminate or limit the deposit in-  
8 surance or share insurance of a depository  
9 institution under the Federal Deposit In-  
10 surance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.), the  
11 Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1751  
12 et seq.), or take any other adverse action  
13 against a depository institution under sec-  
14 tion 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
15 Act (12 U.S.C. 1818) solely because the  
16 depository institution provides or has pro-  
17 vided financial services to a cannabis-re-  
18 lated legitimate business or service pro-  
19 vider;

20 (B) prohibit, penalize, or otherwise  
21 discourage a depository institution from  
22 providing financial services to a cannabis-  
23 related legitimate business or service pro-  
24 vider or to a State, political subdivision of  
25 a State, or Indian Tribe that exercises ju-

1 jurisdiction over cannabis-related legitimate  
2 businesses;

3 (C) recommend, incentivize, or en-  
4 courage a depository institution not to  
5 offer financial services to an account hold-  
6 er, or to downgrade or cancel the financial  
7 services offered to an account holder solely  
8 because—

9 (i) the account holder is a can-  
10 nabis-related legitimate business or  
11 service provider, or is an employee,  
12 owner, or operator of a cannabis-re-  
13 lated legitimate business or service  
14 provider;

15 (ii) the account holder later be-  
16 comes an employee, owner, or oper-  
17 ator of a cannabis-related legitimate  
18 business or service provider; or

19 (iii) the depository institution  
20 was not aware that the account holder  
21 is an employee, owner, or operator of  
22 a cannabis-related legitimate business  
23 or service provider;

24 (D) take any adverse or corrective su-  
25 pervisory action on a loan made to—

1 (i) a cannabis-related legitimate  
2 business or service provider, solely be-  
3 cause the business is a cannabis-re-  
4 lated legitimate business or service  
5 provider;

6 (ii) an employee, owner, or oper-  
7 ator of a cannabis-related legitimate  
8 business or service provider, solely be-  
9 cause the employee, owner, or oper-  
10 ator is employed by, owns, or operates  
11 a cannabis-related legitimate business  
12 or service provider, as applicable; or

13 (iii) an owner or operator of real  
14 estate or equipment that is leased to  
15 a cannabis-related legitimate business  
16 or service provider, solely because the  
17 owner or operator of the real estate or  
18 equipment leased the equipment or  
19 real estate to a cannabis-related legiti-  
20 mate business or service provider, as  
21 applicable; or

22 (E) prohibit or penalize a depository  
23 institution (or entity performing a financial  
24 service for or in association with a deposi-  
25 tory institution) for, or otherwise discour-

1           age a depository institution (or entity per-  
2           forming a financial service for or in asso-  
3           ciation with a depository institution) from,  
4           engaging in a financial service for a can-  
5           nabis-related legitimate business or service  
6           provider.

7           (2) SAFE HARBOR APPLICABLE TO DE NOVO IN-  
8           STITUTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall apply to an insti-  
9           tution applying for a depository institution charter  
10          to the same extent as such subsection applies to a  
11          depository institution.

12          (c) PROTECTIONS FOR ANCILLARY BUSINESSES.—  
13          For the purposes of sections 1956 and 1957 of title 18,  
14          United States Code, and all other provisions of Federal  
15          law, the proceeds from a transaction involving activities  
16          of a cannabis-related legitimate business or service pro-  
17          vider shall not be considered proceeds from an unlawful  
18          activity solely because—

19                 (1) the transaction involves proceeds from a  
20                 cannabis-related legitimate business or service pro-  
21                 vider; or

22                 (2) the transaction involves proceeds from—  
23                         (A) cannabis-related activities described in  
24                         subsection (n)(4)(B) conducted by a cannabis-  
25                         related legitimate business; or

1           (B) activities described in subsection  
2           (n)(13)(A) conducted by a service provider.

3           (d) PROTECTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to providing a  
5           financial service to a cannabis-related legitimate  
6           business or service provider within a State, political  
7           subdivision of a State, or Indian country that allows  
8           the cultivation, production, manufacture, sale, trans-  
9           portation, display, dispensing, distribution, or pur-  
10          chase of cannabis pursuant to a law or regulation of  
11          such State, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe  
12          that has jurisdiction over the Indian country, as ap-  
13          plicable, a depository institution, entity performing a  
14          financial service for or in association with a deposi-  
15          tory institution, or insurer that provides a financial  
16          service to a cannabis-related legitimate business or  
17          service provider, and the officers, directors, and em-  
18          ployees of that depository institution, entity, or in-  
19          surer may not be held liable pursuant to any Federal  
20          law or regulation—

21                 (A) solely for providing such a financial  
22                 service; or

23                 (B) for further investing any income de-  
24                 rived from such a financial service.

1           (2) PROTECTIONS FOR FEDERAL RESERVE  
2           BANKS AND FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.—With  
3           respect to providing a service to a depository institu-  
4           tion that provides a financial service to a cannabis-  
5           related legitimate business or service provider (where  
6           such financial service is provided within a State, po-  
7           litical subdivision of a State, or Indian country that  
8           allows the cultivation, production, manufacture, sale,  
9           transportation, display, dispensing, distribution, or  
10          purchase of cannabis pursuant to a law or regulation  
11          of such State, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe  
12          that has jurisdiction over the Indian country, as ap-  
13          plicable), a Federal reserve bank or Federal Home  
14          Loan Bank, and the officers, directors, and employ-  
15          ees of the Federal reserve bank or Federal Home  
16          Loan Bank, may not be held liable pursuant to any  
17          Federal law or regulation—

18                   (A) solely for providing such a service; or

19                   (B) for further investing any income de-  
20                   rived from such a service.

21          (3) PROTECTIONS FOR INSURERS.—With re-  
22          spect to engaging in the business of insurance within  
23          a State, political subdivision of a State, or Indian  
24          country that allows the cultivation, production, man-  
25          ufacture, sale, transportation, display, dispensing,

1 distribution, or purchase of cannabis pursuant to a  
2 law or regulation of such State, political subdivision,  
3 or Indian Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian  
4 country, as applicable, an insurer that engages in  
5 the business of insurance with a cannabis-related le-  
6 gitimate business or service provider or who other-  
7 wise engages with a person in a transaction permis-  
8 sible under State law related to cannabis, and the  
9 officers, directors, and employees of that insurer  
10 may not be held liable pursuant to any Federal law  
11 or regulation—

12 (A) solely for engaging in the business of  
13 insurance; or

14 (B) for further investing any income de-  
15 rived from the business of insurance.

16 (4) FORFEITURE.—

17 (A) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.—A depos-  
18 itory institution that has a legal interest in the  
19 collateral for a loan or another financial service  
20 provided to an owner, employee, or operator of  
21 a cannabis-related legitimate business or service  
22 provider, or to an owner or operator of real es-  
23 tate or equipment that is leased or sold to a  
24 cannabis-related legitimate business or service  
25 provider, shall not be subject to criminal, civil,

1 or administrative forfeiture of that legal inter-  
2 est pursuant to any Federal law for providing  
3 such loan or other financial service.

4 (B) FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND FED-  
5 ERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.—A Federal reserve  
6 bank or Federal Home Loan Bank that has a  
7 legal interest in the collateral for a loan or an-  
8 other financial service provided to a depository  
9 institution that provides a financial service to a  
10 cannabis-related legitimate business or service  
11 provider, or to an owner or operator of real es-  
12 tate or equipment that is leased or sold to a  
13 cannabis-related legitimate business or service  
14 provider, shall not be subject to criminal, civil,  
15 or administrative forfeiture of that legal inter-  
16 est pursuant to any Federal law for providing  
17 such loan or other financial service.

18 (e) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

19 (1) NO REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
20 SERVICES.—Nothing in this section shall require a  
21 depository institution, entity performing a financial  
22 service for or in association with a depository insti-  
23 tution, or insurer to provide financial services to a  
24 cannabis-related legitimate business, service pro-  
25 vider, or any other business.



1           (2) GENERAL EXAMINATION, SUPERVISORY,  
2           AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this  
3           section may be construed in any way as limiting or  
4           otherwise restricting the general examination, super-  
5           visory, and enforcement authority of the Federal  
6           banking regulators, provided that the basis for any  
7           supervisory or enforcement action is not the provi-  
8           sion of financial services to a cannabis-related legiti-  
9           mate business or service provider.

10          (f) REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING SUSPICIOUS ACTIV-  
11          ITY REPORTS.—Section 5318(g) of title 31, United States  
12          Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

13                 “(5) REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS-RELATED  
14                 LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES.—

15                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a fi-  
16                         nancial institution or any director, officer, em-  
17                         ployee, or agent of a financial institution that  
18                         reports a suspicious transaction pursuant to  
19                         this subsection, if the reason for the report re-  
20                         lates to a cannabis-related legitimate business  
21                         or service provider, the report shall comply with  
22                         appropriate guidance issued by the Financial  
23                         Crimes Enforcement Network. The Secretary  
24                         shall ensure that the guidance is consistent with  
25                         the purpose and intent of the SAFE Banking

1 Act of 2020 and does not significantly inhibit  
2 the provision of financial services to a cannabis-  
3 related legitimate business or service provider in  
4 a State, political subdivision of a State, or In-  
5 dian country that has allowed the cultivation,  
6 production, manufacture, transportation, dis-  
7 play, dispensing, distribution, sale, or purchase  
8 of cannabis pursuant to law or regulation of  
9 such State, political subdivision, or Indian  
10 Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian  
11 country.

12 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
13 paragraph:

14 “(i) CANNABIS.—The term ‘cannabis’  
15 has the meaning given the term ‘mari-  
16 huana’ in section 102 of the Controlled  
17 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

18 “(ii) CANNABIS-RELATED LEGITIMATE  
19 BUSINESS.—The term ‘cannabis-related le-  
20 gitimate business’ has the meaning given  
21 that term in subsection (n) of the SAFE  
22 Banking Act of 2020.

23 “(iii) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term  
24 ‘Indian country’ has the meaning given  
25 that term in section 1151 of title 18.

1           “(iv) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘In-  
2           dian Tribe’ has the meaning given that  
3           term in section 102 of the Federally Rec-  
4           ognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25  
5           U.S.C. 479a).

6           “(v) FINANCIAL SERVICE.—The term  
7           ‘financial service’ has the meaning given  
8           that term in subsection (n) of the SAFE  
9           Banking Act of 2020.

10          “(vi) SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term  
11          ‘service provider’ has the meaning given  
12          that term in subsection (n) of the SAFE  
13          Banking Act of 2020.

14          “(vii) STATE.—The term ‘State’  
15          means each of the several States, the Dis-  
16          trict of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any  
17          territory or possession of the United  
18          States.”.

19          (g) GUIDANCE AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES.—  
20          Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
21          this Act, the Financial Institutions Examination Council  
22          shall develop uniform guidance and examination proce-  
23          dures for depository institutions that provide financial  
24          services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and  
25          service providers.

1 (h) ANNUAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REPORT.—  
2 The Federal banking regulators shall issue an annual re-  
3 port to Congress containing—

4 (1) information and data on the availability of  
5 access to financial services for minority-owned and  
6 women-owned cannabis-related legitimate businesses;  
7 and

8 (2) any regulatory or legislative recommenda-  
9 tions for expanding access to financial services for  
10 minority-owned and women-owned cannabis-related  
11 legitimate businesses.

12 (i) GAO STUDY ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.—

13 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
14 United States shall carry out a study on the barriers  
15 to marketplace entry, including in the licensing proc-  
16 ess, and the access to financial services for potential  
17 and existing minority-owned and women-owned can-  
18 nabis-related legitimate businesses.

19 (2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall  
20 issue a report to the Congress—

21 (A) containing all findings and determina-  
22 tions made in carrying out the study required  
23 under paragraph (1); and

24 (B) containing any regulatory or legislative  
25 recommendations for removing barriers to mar-

1 ketplace entry, including in the licensing proc-  
2 ess, and expanding access to financial services  
3 for potential and existing minority-owned and  
4 women-owned cannabis-related legitimate busi-  
5 nesses.

6 (j) GAO STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN  
7 REPORTS ON FINDING CERTAIN PERSONS.—Not later  
8 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9 the Comptroller General of the United States shall carry  
10 out a study on the effectiveness of reports on suspicious  
11 transactions filed pursuant to section 5318(g) of title 31,  
12 United States Code, at finding individuals or organiza-  
13 tions suspected or known to be engaged with transnational  
14 criminal organizations and whether any such engagement  
15 exists in a State, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe that  
16 has jurisdiction over Indian country that allows the cul-  
17 tivation, production, manufacture, sale, transportation,  
18 display, dispensing, distribution, or purchase of cannabis.  
19 The study shall examine reports on suspicious trans-  
20 actions as follows:

21 (1) During the period of 2014 until the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act, reports relating to mari-  
23 juana-related businesses.

1           (2) During the 1-year period after date of the  
2 enactment of this Act, reports relating to cannabis-  
3 related legitimate businesses.

4 (k) BANKING SERVICES FOR HEMP BUSINESSES.—

5           (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6                   (A) the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
7 2018 (Public Law 115–334) legalized hemp by  
8 removing it from the definition of “marihuana”  
9 under the Controlled Substances Act;

10                   (B) despite the legalization of hemp, some  
11 hemp businesses (including producers, manufac-  
12 turers, and retailers) continue to have difficulty  
13 gaining access to banking products and serv-  
14 ices; and

15                   (C) businesses involved in the sale of  
16 hemp-derived cannabidiol (“CBD”) products  
17 are particularly affected, due to confusion about  
18 their legal status.

19           (2) FEDERAL BANKING REGULATOR HEMP  
20 BANKING GUIDANCE.—Not later than the end of the  
21 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment of  
22 this Act, the Federal banking regulators shall jointly  
23 issue guidance to financial institutions—

24                   (A) confirming the legality of hemp, hemp-  
25 derived CBD products, and other hemp-derived

1           cannabinoid products, and the legality of engag-  
2           ing in financial services with businesses selling  
3           hemp, hemp-derived CBD products, and other  
4           hemp-derived cannabinoid products, after the  
5           enactment of the Agriculture Improvement Act  
6           of 2018; and

7                   (B) to provide recommended best practices  
8           for financial institutions to follow when pro-  
9           viding financial services and merchant proc-  
10          essing services to businesses involved in the sale  
11          of hemp, hemp-derived CBD products, and  
12          other hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

13           (3) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DEFINED.—In this  
14          section, the term “financial institution” means any  
15          person providing financial services.

16          (1) APPLICATION OF SAFE HARBORS TO HEMP AND  
17          CBD PRODUCTS.—

18                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under  
19          paragraph (2), the provisions of this section (other  
20          than subsections (f) and (j)) shall apply to hemp (in-  
21          cluding hemp-derived cannabidiol and other hemp-  
22          derived cannabinoid products) in the same manner  
23          as such provisions apply to cannabis.

24                   (2) RULE OF APPLICATION.—In applying the  
25          provisions of this section described under paragraph

1 (1) to hemp, the definition of “cannabis-related le-  
2 gitimate business” shall be treated as excluding any  
3 requirement to engage in activity pursuant to the  
4 law of a State or political subdivision thereof.

5 (3) HEMP DEFINED.—In this subsection, the  
6 term “hemp” has the meaning given that term  
7 under section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing  
8 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o).

9 (m) REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT TERMI-  
10 NATION REQUESTS AND ORDERS.—

11 (1) TERMINATION REQUESTS OR ORDERS MUST  
12 BE VALID.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—An appropriate Federal  
14 banking agency may not formally or informally  
15 request or order a depository institution to ter-  
16minate a specific customer account or group of  
17customer accounts or to otherwise restrict or  
18discourage a depository institution from enter-  
19ing into or maintaining a banking relationship  
20with a specific customer or group of customers  
21unless—

22 (i) the agency has a valid reason for  
23such request or order; and

24 (ii) such reason is not based solely on  
25reputation risk.



1 (B) TREATMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY  
2 THREATS.—If an appropriate Federal banking  
3 agency believes a specific customer or group of  
4 customers is, or is acting as a conduit for, an  
5 entity which—

6 (i) poses a threat to national security;

7 (ii) is involved in terrorist financing;

8 (iii) is an agency of the Government  
9 of Iran, North Korea, Syria, or any coun-  
10 try listed from time to time on the State  
11 Sponsors of Terrorism list;

12 (iv) is located in, or is subject to the  
13 jurisdiction of, any country specified in  
14 clause (iii); or

15 (v) does business with any entity de-  
16 scribed in clause (iii) or (iv), unless the ap-  
17 propriate Federal banking agency deter-  
18 mines that the customer or group of cus-  
19 tomers has used due diligence to avoid  
20 doing business with any entity described in  
21 clause (iii) or (iv),

22 such belief shall satisfy the requirement under  
23 subparagraph (A).

24 (2) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—If an appropriate Fed-  
2 eral banking agency formally or informally re-  
3 quests or orders a depository institution to ter-  
4 minate a specific customer account or a group  
5 of customer accounts, the agency shall—

6 (i) provide such request or order to  
7 the institution in writing; and

8 (ii) accompany such request or order  
9 with a written justification for why such  
10 termination is needed, including any spe-  
11 cific laws or regulations the agency believes  
12 are being violated by the customer or  
13 group of customers, if any.

14 (B) JUSTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—A  
15 justification described under subparagraph  
16 (A)(ii) may not be based solely on the reputa-  
17 tion risk to the depository institution.

18 (3) CUSTOMER NOTICE.—

19 (A) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Except as pro-  
20 vided under subparagraph (B) or as otherwise  
21 prohibited from being disclosed by law, if an ap-  
22 propriate Federal banking agency orders a de-  
23 pository institution to terminate a specific cus-  
24 tomer account or a group of customer accounts,  
25 the depository institution shall inform the spe-

1           specific customer or group of customers of the jus-  
2           tification for the customer's account termi-  
3           nation described under paragraph (2).

4           (B) NOTICE PROHIBITED.—

5           (i) NOTICE PROHIBITED IN CASES OF  
6           NATIONAL SECURITY.—If an appropriate  
7           Federal banking agency requests or orders  
8           a depository institution to terminate a spe-  
9           cific customer account or a group of cus-  
10          tomer accounts based on a belief that the  
11          customer or customers pose a threat to na-  
12          tional security, or are otherwise described  
13          under subsection (a)(2), neither the deposit-  
14          tory institution nor the appropriate Fed-  
15          eral banking agency may inform the cus-  
16          tomer or customers of the justification for  
17          the customer's account termination.

18          (ii) NOTICE PROHIBITED IN OTHER  
19          CASES.—If an appropriate Federal banking  
20          agency determines that the notice required  
21          under subparagraph (A) may interfere  
22          with an authorized criminal investigation,  
23          neither the depository institution nor the  
24          appropriate Federal banking agency may  
25          inform the specific customer or group of

1 customers of the justification for the cus-  
2 tomer's account termination.

3 (4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Each appro-  
4 priate Federal banking agency shall issue an annual  
5 report to the Congress stating—

6 (A) the aggregate number of specific cus-  
7 tomer accounts that the agency requested or or-  
8 dered a depository institution to terminate dur-  
9 ing the previous year; and

10 (B) the legal authority on which the agen-  
11 cy relied in making such requests and orders  
12 and the frequency on which the agency relied  
13 on each such authority.

14 (5) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
15 section:

16 (A) APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING  
17 AGENCY.—The term “appropriate Federal  
18 banking agency” means—

19 (i) the appropriate Federal banking  
20 agency, as defined under section 3 of the  
21 Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.  
22 1813); and

23 (ii) the National Credit Union Admin-  
24 istration, in the case of an insured credit  
25 union.

1 (B) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term  
2 “depository institution” means—

3 (i) a depository institution, as defined  
4 under section 3 of the Federal Deposit In-  
5 surance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813); and

6 (ii) an insured credit union.

7 (n) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.—The term  
9 “business of insurance” has the meaning given such  
10 term in section 1002 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street  
11 Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C.  
12 5481).

13 (2) CANNABIS.—The term “cannabis” has the  
14 meaning given the term “marihuana” in section 102  
15 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

16 (3) CANNABIS PRODUCT.—The term “cannabis  
17 product” means any article which contains cannabis,  
18 including an article which is a concentrate, an edi-  
19 ble, a tincture, a cannabis-infused product, or a top-  
20 ical.

21 (4) CANNABIS-RELATED LEGITIMATE BUSI-  
22 NESS.—The term “cannabis-related legitimate busi-  
23 ness” means a manufacturer, producer, or any per-  
24 son or company that—

1 (A) engages in any activity described in  
2 subparagraph (B) pursuant to a law established  
3 by a State or a political subdivision of a State,  
4 as determined by such State or political subdivi-  
5 sion; and

6 (B) participates in any business or orga-  
7 nized activity that involves handling cannabis or  
8 cannabis products, including cultivating, pro-  
9 ducing, manufacturing, selling, transporting,  
10 displaying, dispensing, distributing, or pur-  
11 chasing cannabis or cannabis products.

12 (5) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term “de-  
13 pository institution” means—

14 (A) a depository institution as defined in  
15 section 3(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
16 Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(c));

17 (B) a Federal credit union as defined in  
18 section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act  
19 (12 U.S.C. 1752); or

20 (C) a State credit union as defined in sec-  
21 tion 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12  
22 U.S.C. 1752).

23 (6) FEDERAL BANKING REGULATOR.—The  
24 term “Federal banking regulator” means each of the  
25 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,

1 the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, the  
2 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal  
3 Housing Finance Agency, the Financial Crimes En-  
4 forcement Network, the Office of Foreign Asset  
5 Control, the Office of the Comptroller of the Cur-  
6 rency, the National Credit Union Administration,  
7 the Department of the Treasury, or any Federal  
8 agency or department that regulates banking or fi-  
9 nancial services, as determined by the Secretary of  
10 the Treasury.

11 (7) FINANCIAL SERVICE.—The term “financial  
12 service”—

13 (A) means a financial product or service,  
14 as defined in section 1002 of the Dodd-Frank  
15 Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection  
16 Act (12 U.S.C. 5481);

17 (B) includes the business of insurance;

18 (C) includes, whether performed directly or  
19 indirectly, the authorizing, processing, clearing,  
20 settling, billing, transferring for deposit, trans-  
21 mitting, delivering, instructing to be delivered,  
22 reconciling, collecting, or otherwise effectuating  
23 or facilitating of payments or funds, where such  
24 payments or funds are made or transferred by  
25 any means, including by the use of credit cards,

1 debit cards, other payment cards, or other ac-  
2 cess devices, accounts, original or substitute  
3 checks, or electronic funds transfers;

4 (D) includes acting as a money transmit-  
5 ting business which directly or indirectly makes  
6 use of a depository institution in connection  
7 with effectuating or facilitating a payment for  
8 a cannabis-related legitimate business or service  
9 provider in compliance with section 5330 of  
10 title 31, United States Code, and any applicable  
11 State law; and

12 (E) includes acting as an armored car  
13 service for processing and depositing with a de-  
14 pository institution or a Federal reserve bank  
15 with respect to any monetary instruments (as  
16 defined under section 1956(e)(5) of title 18,  
17 United States Code.

18 (8) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term “Indian coun-  
19 try” has the meaning given that term in section  
20 1151 of title 18.

21 (9) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
22 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of  
23 the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of  
24 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a).



1           (10) INSURER.—The term “insurer” has the  
2 meaning given that term under section 313(r) of  
3 title 31, United States Code.

4           (11) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-  
5 turer” means a person who manufactures, com-  
6 pounds, converts, processes, prepares, or packages  
7 cannabis or cannabis products.

8           (12) PRODUCER.—The term “producer” means  
9 a person who plants, cultivates, harvests, or in any  
10 way facilitates the natural growth of cannabis.

11           (13) SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “service  
12 provider”—

13           (A) means a business, organization, or  
14 other person that—

15           (i) sells goods or services to a can-  
16 nabis-related legitimate business; or

17           (ii) provides any business services, in-  
18 cluding the sale or lease of real or any  
19 other property, legal or other licensed serv-  
20 ices, or any other ancillary service, relating  
21 to cannabis; and

22           (B) does not include a business, organiza-  
23 tion, or other person that participates in any  
24 business or organized activity that involves han-  
25 dling cannabis or cannabis products, including

1           cultivating, producing, manufacturing, selling,  
2           transporting, displaying, dispensing, distrib-  
3           uting, or purchasing cannabis or cannabis prod-  
4           ucts.

5           (14) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
6           the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto  
7           Rico, and any territory or possession of the United  
8           States.

9           (o) DISCRETIONARY SURPLUS FUNDS.—Section  
10          7(a)(3)(A) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.  
11          289(a)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “\$6,825,000,000”  
12          and inserting “\$6,821,000,000”.

13          **TITLE VII—EMPOWERING COM-**  
14          **MUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITU-**  
15          **TIONS**

16          **SEC. 110701. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTI-**  
17          **TUTIONS FUND.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
19          priated to the Community Development Financial Institu-  
20          tions Fund \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, for pro-  
21          viding financial assistance and technical assistance under  
22          subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 108(a)(1) of the  
23          Community Development Banking and Financial Institu-  
24          tions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4707(a)(1)), except that sub-  
25          sections (d) and (e) of such section 108 shall not apply

1 to the provision of such assistance, for the Bank Enter-  
2 prise Award program, and for financial assistance, tech-  
3 nical assistance, training, and outreach programs designed  
4 to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska  
5 Native communities and provided primarily through quali-  
6 fied community development lender organizations with ex-  
7 perience and expertise in community development banking  
8 and lending in Indian country, Native American organiza-  
9 tions, Tribes and Tribal organizations, and other suitable  
10 providers. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this  
11 heading, not less than \$800,000,000 shall be for providing  
12 financial assistance, technical assistance, awards, training,  
13 and outreach programs described above to recipients that  
14 are minority lending institutions.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

16 (1) MINORITY LENDING INSTITUTION.—The  
17 term “minority lending institution” means any de-  
18 pository institution, loan fund, or other financial in-  
19 stitution that—

20 (A) if a privately-owned institution, 51 per-  
21 cent is owned by one or more socially and eco-  
22 nomically disadvantaged individuals;

23 (B) if publicly-owned, 51 percent of the  
24 stock is owned by one or more socially and eco-  
25 nomically disadvantaged individuals; and

1 (C) in the case of a mutual institution,  
2 where the majority of the Board of Directors,  
3 account holders, and the community which it  
4 services is predominantly minority.

5 (2) MINORITY.—The term “minority” means  
6 any black American, Native American, Hispanic  
7 American, or Asian American.

8 **SEC. 110702. ENSURING DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY BANK-**  
9 **ING.**

10 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
11 “Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of  
12 2020”.

13 (b) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTI-  
14 TUTION.—In this section, the term “community develop-  
15 ment financial institution” has the meaning given under  
16 section 103 of the Riegle Community Development and  
17 Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702).

18 (c) MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—In this  
19 section, the term “minority depository institution” has the  
20 meaning given under section 308 of the Financial Institu-  
21 tions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12  
22 U.S.C. 1463 note), as amended by this section.

23 (d) INCLUSION OF WOMEN’S BANKS IN THE DEFINI-  
24 TION OF MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—Section  
25 308(b)(1) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery,

1 and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) is  
2 amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),  
4 and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively;

5 (2) by striking “means any” and inserting the  
6 following: “means—

7 “(A) any”; and

8 (3) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by strik-  
9 ing the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (4) by inserting at the end the following new  
11 subparagraph:

12 “(B) any bank described in clause (i), (ii),  
13 or (iii) of section 19(b)(1)(A) of the Federal  
14 Reserve Act—

15 “(i) more than 50 percent of the out-  
16 standing shares of which are held by 1 or  
17 more women; and

18 “(ii) the majority of the directors on  
19 the board of directors of which are  
20 women.”.

21 (e) ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPACT BANK DESIGNA-  
22 TION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each appropriate Federal  
24 banking agency shall establish a program under  
25 which a depository institution with total consolidated

1 assets of less than \$10,000,000,000 may elect to be  
2 designated as an impact bank if the total dollar  
3 value of the loans extended by such depository insti-  
4 tution to low-income borrowers is greater than or  
5 equal to 50 percent of the assets of such bank.

6 (2) DESIGNATION.—Based on data obtained  
7 through examinations, an appropriate Federal bank-  
8 ing agency shall submit a notification to a depository  
9 institution stating that the depository institution  
10 qualifies for designation as an impact bank.

11 (3) APPLICATION.—A depository institution  
12 that does not receive a notification described in  
13 paragraph (2) may submit an application to the ap-  
14 propriate Federal banking agency demonstrating  
15 that the depository institution qualifies for designa-  
16 tion as an impact bank.

17 (4) ADDITIONAL DATA OR OVERSIGHT.—A de-  
18 pository institution is not required to submit addi-  
19 tional data to an appropriate Federal banking agen-  
20 cy or be subject to additional oversight from such an  
21 agency if such data or oversight is related specifi-  
22 cally and solely for consideration for a designation  
23 as an impact bank.

24 (5) REMOVAL OF DESIGNATION.—If an appro-  
25 priate Federal banking agency determines that a de-

1       pository institution designated as an impact bank no  
2       longer meets the criteria for such designation, the  
3       appropriate Federal banking agency shall rescind  
4       the designation and notify the depository institution  
5       of such rescission.

6               (6) RECONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION; AP-  
7       PEALS.—A depository institution may—

8               (A) submit to the appropriate Federal  
9               banking agency a request to reconsider a deter-  
10              mination that such depository institution no  
11              longer meets the criteria for the designation; or

12              (B) file an appeal in accordance with pro-  
13              cedures established by the appropriate Federal  
14              banking agency.

15              (7) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after  
16       the date of the enactment of this Act, the appro-  
17       priate Federal banking agencies shall jointly issue  
18       rules to carry out the requirements of this para-  
19       graph, including by providing a definition of a low-  
20       income borrower.

21              (8) REPORTS.—Each appropriate Federal bank-  
22       ing agency shall submit an annual report to the  
23       Congress containing a description of actions taken to  
24       carry out this paragraph.

1           (9) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT DEFINI-  
2           TIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “depository  
3           institution” and “appropriate Federal banking agen-  
4           cy” have the meanings given such terms, respec-  
5           tively, in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
6           Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

7           (f) MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS ADVISORY  
8           COMMITTEES.—

9           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Each covered regulator  
10          shall establish an advisory committee to be called the  
11          “Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Com-  
12          mittee”.

13          (2) DUTIES.—Each Minority Depository Insti-  
14          tutions Advisory Committee shall provide advice to  
15          the respective covered regulator on meeting the goals  
16          established by section 308 of the Financial Institu-  
17          tions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of  
18          1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) to preserve the present  
19          number of covered minority institutions, preserve the  
20          minority character of minority-owned institutions in  
21          cases involving mergers or acquisitions, provide tech-  
22          nical assistance, and encourage the creation of new  
23          covered minority institutions. The scope of the work  
24          of each such Minority Depository Institutions Advi-  
25          sory Committee shall include an assessment of the



1 current condition of covered minority institutions,  
2 what regulatory changes or other steps the respec-  
3 tive agencies may be able to take to fulfill the re-  
4 quirements of such section 308, and other issues of  
5 concern to minority depository institutions.

6 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each Minority Deposi-  
8 tory Institutions Advisory Committee shall con-  
9 sist of no more than 10 members, who—

10 (i) shall serve for one two-year term;

11 (ii) shall serve as a representative of  
12 a depository institution or an insured cred-  
13 it union with respect to which the respec-  
14 tive covered regulator is the covered regu-  
15 lator of such depository institution or in-  
16 sured credit union; and

17 (iii) shall not receive pay by reason of  
18 their service on the advisory committee,  
19 but may receive travel or transportation  
20 expenses in accordance with section 5703  
21 of title 5, United States Code.

22 (B) DIVERSITY.—To the extent prac-  
23 ticable, each covered regulator shall ensure that  
24 the members of Minority Depository Institu-

1           tions Advisory Committee of such agency reflect  
2           the diversity of depository institutions.

3           (4) MEETINGS.—

4                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Each Minority Deposi-  
5           tory Institutions Advisory Committee shall meet  
6           not less frequently than twice each year.

7                   (B) INVITATIONS.—Each Minority Deposi-  
8           tory Institutions Advisory Committee shall in-  
9           vite the attendance at each meeting of the Mi-  
10          nority Depository Institutions Advisory Com-  
11          mittee of—

12                   (i) one member of the majority party  
13           and one member of the minority party of  
14           the Committee on Financial Services of the  
15           House of Representatives and the Com-  
16           mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban  
17           Affairs of the Senate; and

18                   (ii) one member of the majority party  
19           and one member of the minority party of  
20           any relevant subcommittees of such com-  
21           mittees.

22           (5) NO TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMIT-  
23          TEES.—The termination requirements under section  
24          14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.  
25          app.) shall not apply to a Minority Depository Insti-

1       tutions Advisory Committee established pursuant to  
2       this section.

3           (6) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

4           (A) COVERED REGULATOR.—The term  
5           “covered regulator” means the Comptroller of  
6           the Currency, the Board of Governors of the  
7           Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit  
8           Insurance Corporation, and the National Credit  
9           Union Administration.

10          (B) COVERED MINORITY INSTITUTION.—  
11          The term “covered minority institution” means  
12          a minority depository institution (as defined in  
13          section 308(b) of the Financial Institutions Re-  
14          form, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989  
15          (12 U.S.C. 1463 note)) or a minority credit  
16          union (as defined in section 1204(c) of the Fi-  
17          nancial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and En-  
18          forcement Act of 1989, as amended by this  
19          Act).

20          (C) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term  
21          “depository institution” has the meaning given  
22          under section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insur-  
23          ance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

24          (D) INSURED CREDIT UNION.—The term  
25          “insured credit union” has the meaning given

1 in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act  
2 (12 U.S.C. 1752).

3 (7) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 308(b)  
4 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and  
5 Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(3) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term ‘de-  
9 pository institution’ means an ‘insured depository in-  
10 stitution’ (as defined in section 3 of the Federal De-  
11 posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)) and an in-  
12 sured credit union (as defined in section 101 of the  
13 Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752)).”.

14 (g) FEDERAL DEPOSITS IN MINORITY DEPOSITORY  
15 INSTITUTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 308 of the Financial  
17 Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act  
18 of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) is amended—

19 (A) by adding at the end the following new  
20 subsection:

21 “(d) FEDERAL DEPOSITS.—The Secretary of the  
22 Treasury shall ensure that deposits made by Federal agen-  
23 cies in minority depository institutions and impact banks  
24 are collateralized or insured, as determined by the Sec-  
25 retary. Such deposits shall include reciprocal deposits, as

1 defined under section 29(i)(2) of the Federal Deposit In-  
2 surance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831f(i)(2)).”; and

3 (B) in subsection (b), as amended by sub-  
4 section (f)(7), by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(4) IMPACT BANK.—The term ‘impact bank’  
7 means a depository institution designated by an ap-  
8 propriate Federal banking agency pursuant to sub-  
9 section (e) of the Ensuring Diversity in Community  
10 Banking Act of 2020.”.

11 (2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 308 of  
12 the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and  
13 Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) is  
14 amended—

15 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
16 by striking “section—” and inserting “sec-  
17 tion:”; and

18 (B) in the paragraph heading for para-  
19 graph (1), by striking “FINANCIAL” and insert-  
20 ing “DEPOSITORY”.

21 (h) MINORITY BANK DEPOSIT PROGRAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1204 of the Finan-  
23 cial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement  
24 Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1811 note) is amended to  
25 read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1204. EXPANSION OF USE OF MINORITY BANKS AND**  
2 **MINORITY CREDIT UNIONS.**

3 “(a) MINORITY BANK DEPOSIT PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
5 program to be known as the ‘Minority Bank Deposit  
6 Program’ to expand the use of minority banks and  
7 minority credit unions.

8 “(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the  
9 Treasury, acting through the Fiscal Service, shall—

10 “(A) on application by a depository institu-  
11 tion or credit union, certify whether such deposi-  
12 tory institution or credit union is a minority  
13 bank or minority credit union;

14 “(B) maintain and publish a list of all de-  
15 pository institutions and credit unions that have  
16 been certified pursuant to subparagraph (A);  
17 and

18 “(C) periodically distribute the list de-  
19 scribed in subparagraph (B) to—

20 “(i) all Federal departments and  
21 agencies;

22 “(ii) interested State and local govern-  
23 ments; and

24 “(iii) interested private sector compa-  
25 nies.

1           “(3) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ENTITIES ON  
2 LIST.—A depository institution or credit union that,  
3 on the date of the enactment of this section, has a  
4 current certification from the Secretary of the  
5 Treasury stating that such depository institution or  
6 credit union is a minority bank or minority credit  
7 union shall be included on the list described under  
8 paragraph (2)(B).

9           “(b) EXPANDED USE AMONG FEDERAL DEPART-  
10 MENTS AND AGENCIES.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
12 the establishment of the program described in sub-  
13 section (a), the head of each Federal department or  
14 agency shall develop and implement standards and  
15 procedures to ensure, to the maximum extent pos-  
16 sible as permitted by law and consistent with prin-  
17 ciples of sound financial management, the use of mi-  
18 nority banks and minority credit unions to hold the  
19 deposits of each such department or agency.

20           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2  
21 years after the establishment of the program de-  
22 scribed in subsection (a), and annually thereafter,  
23 the head of each Federal department or agency shall  
24 submit to Congress a report on the actions taken to  
25 increase the use of minority banks and minority

1 credit unions hold the deposits of each such depart-  
2 ment or agency.

3 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

4 “(1) CREDIT UNION.—The term ‘credit union’  
5 has the meaning given the term ‘insured credit  
6 union’ in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union  
7 Act (12 U.S.C. 1752).

8 “(2) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term ‘de-  
9 pository institution’ has the meaning given in section  
10 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.  
11 1813).

12 “(3) MINORITY.—The term ‘minority’ means  
13 any Black American, Native American, Hispanic  
14 American, or Asian American.

15 “(4) MINORITY BANK.—The term ‘minority  
16 bank’ means a minority depository institution as de-  
17 fined in section 308 of this Act.

18 “(5) MINORITY CREDIT UNION.—The term ‘mi-  
19 nority credit union’ means any credit union for  
20 which more than 50 percent of the membership (in-  
21 cluding board members) of such credit union are mi-  
22 nority individuals, as determined by the National  
23 Credit Union Administration pursuant to section  
24 308 of this Act.”.



1           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The fol-  
2           lowing provisions are amended by striking  
3           “1204(c)(3)” and inserting “1204(c)”:

4                   (A) Section 808(b)(3) of the Community  
5           Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C.  
6           2907(b)(3)).

7                   (B) Section 40(g)(1)(B) of the Federal De-  
8           posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.  
9           1831q(g)(1)(B)).

10                  (C) Section 704B(h)(4) of the Equal Cred-  
11           it Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691e–2(h)(4)).

12           (i) DIVERSITY REPORT AND BEST PRACTICES.—

13                   (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each covered regulator  
14           shall submit to Congress an annual report on diver-  
15           sity including the following:

16                   (A) Data, based on voluntary self-identi-  
17           fication, on the racial, ethnic, and gender com-  
18           position of the examiners of each covered regu-  
19           lator, disaggregated by length of time served as  
20           an examiner.

21                   (B) The status of any examiners of cov-  
22           ered regulators, based on voluntary self-identi-  
23           fication, as a veteran.

24                   (C) Whether any covered regulator, as of  
25           the date on which the report required under

1 this section is submitted, has adopted a policy,  
2 plan, or strategy to promote racial, ethnic, and  
3 gender diversity among examiners of the cov-  
4 ered regulator.

5 (D) Whether any special training is devel-  
6 oped and provided for examiners related specifi-  
7 cally to working with banks that serve commu-  
8 nities that are predominantly minorities, low in-  
9 come, or rural, and the key focus of such train-  
10 ing.

11 (2) BEST PRACTICES.—Each Office of Minority  
12 and Women Inclusion of a covered regulator shall  
13 develop, provide to the head of the covered regulator,  
14 and make publicly available best practices—

15 (A) for increasing the diversity of can-  
16 didates applying for examiner positions, includ-  
17 ing through outreach efforts to recruit diverse  
18 candidate to apply for entry-level examiner posi-  
19 tions; and

20 (B) for retaining and providing fair consid-  
21 eration for promotions within the examiner  
22 staff for purposes of achieving diversity among  
23 examiners.

24 (3) COVERED REGULATOR DEFINED.—In this  
25 subsection, the term “covered regulator” means the

1 Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Gov-  
2 ernors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal  
3 Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the National  
4 Credit Union Administration.

5 (j) INVESTMENTS IN MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTI-  
6 TUTIONS AND IMPACT BANKS.—

7 (1) CONTROL FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.—

8 Section 7(j)(8)(B) of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
9 Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(8)(B)) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 “(B) ‘control’ means the power, directly or indi-  
12 rectly—

13 “(i) to direct the management or policies  
14 of an insured depository institution; or

15 “(ii)(I) with respect to an insured depository  
16 institution, of a person to vote 25 per cen-  
17 tum or more of any class of voting securities of  
18 such institution; or

19 “(II) with respect to an insured depository  
20 institution that is an impact bank (as des-  
21 ignated pursuant to subsection (e) of the En-  
22 suring Diversity in Community Banking Act of  
23 2020) or a minority depository institution (as  
24 defined in section 308(b) of the Financial Insti-  
25 tutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act

1 of 1989), of an individual to vote 30 percent or  
2 more of any class of voting securities of such an  
3 impact bank or a minority depository institu-  
4 tion.”.

5 (2) RULEMAKING.—The appropriate Federal  
6 banking agency (as defined in section 3 of the Fed-  
7 eral Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)) shall  
8 jointly issue rules for de novo minority depository in-  
9 stitutions and de novo impact banks (as designated  
10 pursuant to subsection (e)) to allow 3 years to meet  
11 the capital requirements otherwise applicable to mi-  
12 nority depository institutions and impact banks.

13 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the appropriate  
15 Federal banking agencies shall jointly submit to  
16 Congress a report on—

17 (A) the principal causes for the low num-  
18 ber of de novo minority depository institutions  
19 during the 10-year period preceding the date of  
20 the report;

21 (B) the main challenges to the creation of  
22 de novo minority depository institutions and de  
23 novo impact banks; and

24 (C) regulatory and legislative consider-  
25 ations to promote the establishment of de novo

1 minority depository institutions and de novo im-  
2 pact banks.

3 (k) REPORT ON COVERED MENTOR-PROTEGE PRO-  
4 GRAMS.—

5 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually  
7 thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall sub-  
8 mit to Congress a report on participants in a cov-  
9 ered mentor-protege program, including—

10 (A) an analysis of outcomes of such pro-  
11 gram;

12 (B) the number of minority depository in-  
13 stitutions that are eligible to participate in such  
14 program but do not have large financial institu-  
15 tion mentors; and

16 (C) recommendations for how to match  
17 such minority depository institutions with large  
18 financial institution mentors.

19 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 (A) COVERED MENTOR-PROTEGE PRO-  
21 GRAM.—The term “covered mentor-protege pro-  
22 gram” means a mentor-protege program estab-  
23 lished by the Secretary of the Treasury pursu-  
24 ant to section 45 of the Small Business Act (15  
25 U.S.C. 657r).

1 (B) LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The  
2 term “large financial institution” means any  
3 entity—

4 (i) regulated by the Comptroller of the  
5 Currency, the Board of Governors of the  
6 Federal Reserve System, the Federal De-  
7 posit Insurance Corporation, or the Na-  
8 tional Credit Union Administration; and

9 (ii) that has total consolidated assets  
10 greater than or equal to \$50,000,000,000.

11 (I) CUSTODIAL DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR COVERED  
12 MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND IMPACT  
13 BANKS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
16 retary of the Treasury shall issue rules establishing  
17 a custodial deposit program under which a covered  
18 bank may receive deposits from a qualifying account.

19 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing rules under  
20 paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury shall—

21 (A) ensure each covered bank participating  
22 in the program established under this sub-  
23 section—

24 (i) has appropriate policies relating to  
25 management of assets, including measures

1 to ensure the safety and soundness of each  
2 such covered bank; and

3 (ii) is compliant with applicable law;  
4 and

5 (B) ensure, to the extent practicable that  
6 the rules do not conflict with goals described in  
7 section 308(a) of the Financial Institutions Re-  
8 form, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989  
9 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note).

10 (3) REPORT.—Each quarter, the Secretary of  
11 the Treasury shall submit to Congress a report on  
12 the implementation of the program established under  
13 this subsection including information identifying  
14 participating covered banks and the total amount of  
15 deposits received by covered banks under the pro-  
16 gram.

17 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 (A) COVERED BANK.—The term “covered  
19 bank” means—

20 (i) a minority depository institution  
21 that is well capitalized, as defined by the  
22 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or  
23 the National Credit Union Administration,  
24 as appropriate; or

1 (ii) a depository institution designated  
2 pursuant to subsection (e) that is well cap-  
3 italized, as defined by the Federal Deposit  
4 Insurance Corporation.

5 (B) QUALIFYING ACCOUNT.—The term  
6 “qualifying account” means any account estab-  
7 lished in the Department of the Treasury  
8 that—

9 (i) is controlled by the Secretary; and

10 (ii) is expected to maintain a balance  
11 greater than \$200,000,000 for the fol-  
12 lowing 24-month period.

13 (m) STREAMLINED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FI-  
14 NANCIAL INSTITUTION APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING.—

15 (1) APPLICATION PROCESSES.—Not later than  
16 12 months after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act and with respect to any person having assets  
18 under \$3,000,000,000 that submits an application  
19 for deposit insurance with the Federal Deposit In-  
20 surance Corporation that could also become a com-  
21 munity development financial institution, the Fed-  
22 eral Deposit Insurance Corporation, in consultation  
23 with the Administrator of the Community Develop-  
24 ment Financial Institutions Fund, shall—



1           (A) develop systems and procedures to  
2 record necessary information to allow the Ad-  
3 ministrator to conduct preliminary analysis for  
4 such person to also become a community devel-  
5 opment financial institution; and

6           (B) develop procedures to streamline the  
7 application and annual certification processes  
8 and to reduce costs for such person to become,  
9 and maintain certification as, a community de-  
10 velopment financial institution.

11           (2) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than  
12 18 months after the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
14 shall submit to Congress a report describing the sys-  
15 tems and procedures required under paragraph (1).

16           (3) ANNUAL REPORT.—

17           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 17(a)(1) of the  
18 Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.  
19 1827(a)(1)) is amended—

20                   (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
21 “and” at the end;

22                   (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
23 (F) as subparagraph (G);

24                   (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
25 (E) the following new subparagraph:

1           “(F) applicants for deposit insurance that  
2           could also become a community development fi-  
3           nancial institution (as defined in section 103 of  
4           the Riegle Community Development and Regu-  
5           latory Improvement Act of 1994), a minority  
6           depository institution (as defined in section 308  
7           of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery,  
8           and Enforcement Act of 1989), or an impact  
9           bank (as designated pursuant to subsection (e)  
10          of the Ensuring Diversity in Community Bank-  
11          ing Act of 2020); and”.

12           (B) APPLICATION.—The amendment made  
13          by this paragraph shall apply with respect to  
14          the first report to be submitted after the date  
15          that is 2 years after the date of the enactment  
16          of this Act.

17          (n) TASK FORCE ON LENDING TO SMALL BUSINESS  
18          CONCERNS.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months  
20          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
21          ministrator of the Small Business Administration  
22          shall establish a task force to examine methods for  
23          improving relationships between the Small Business  
24          Administration and community development finan-  
25          cial institutions, minority depository institutions,

1 and Impact Banks to increase the volume of loans  
2 provided by such institutions to small business con-  
3 cerns (as defined under section 3 of the Small Busi-  
4 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632)).

5 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18  
6 months after the establishment of the task force de-  
7 scribed in paragraph (1), the Administrator of the  
8 Small Business Administration shall submit to Con-  
9 gress a report on the findings of such task force.

10 (o) ASSISTANCE TO MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITU-  
11 TIONS AND IMPACT BANKS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
12 ury shall establish a program to provide assistance to a  
13 minority depository institution or an impact bank (as des-  
14 ignated pursuant to subsection (e)) to support growth and  
15 development of such minority depository institutions and  
16 impact banks, including by providing assistance with ob-  
17 taining or converting a charter, bylaw amendments, field-  
18 of-membership expansion requests, and online training  
19 and resources.

1 **TITLE VIII—PROVIDING ASSIST-**  
2 **ANCE FOR STATE, TERRI-**  
3 **TORY, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL**  
4 **GOVERNMENTS**

5 **SEC. 110801. EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR STATE, TERRI-**  
6 **TORIAL, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

7 (a) PURCHASE OF COVID–19 RELATED MUNICIPAL  
8 ISSUANCES.—Section 14(b) of the Federal Reserve Act  
9 (12 U.S.C. 355) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(3) UNUSUAL AND EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES.—  
12 Under unusual and exigent circumstances, to buy any  
13 bills, notes, revenue bonds, and warrants issued by any  
14 State, county, district, political subdivision, municipality,  
15 or entity that is a combination of any of the several States,  
16 the District of Columbia, or any of the territories and pos-  
17 sessions of the United States. In this paragraph, the term  
18 ‘State’ means each of the several States, the District of  
19 Columbia, each territory and possession of the United  
20 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.”.

21 (b) FEDERAL RESERVE AUTHORIZATION TO PUR-  
22 CHASE COVID–19 RELATED MUNICIPAL ISSUANCES.—  
23 Within 7 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-  
24 section, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
25 System shall modify the Municipal Liquidity Facility (es-

1 tablished on April 9, 2020, pursuant to section 13(3) of  
2 the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343(3))) to—

3 (1) ensure such facility is operational until De-  
4 cember 31, 2021;

5 (2) allow for the purchase of bills, notes, bonds,  
6 and warrants with maximum maturity of 10 years  
7 from the date of such purchase;

8 (3) ensure that any purchases made are at an  
9 interest rate equal to the discount window primary  
10 credit interest rate most recently published on the  
11 Federal Reserve Statistical Release on selected inter-  
12 est rates (daily or weekly), commonly referred to as  
13 the “H.15 release” or the “Federal funds rate”;

14 (4) ensure that an eligible issuer does not need  
15 to attest to an inability to secure credit elsewhere;  
16 and

17 (5) include in the list of eligible issuers for such  
18 purchases—

19 (A) any of the territories and possessions  
20 of the United States;

21 (B) a political subdivision of a State with  
22 a population of more than 50,000 residents;  
23 and

24 (C) an entity that is a combination of any  
25 of the several States, the District of Columbia,

1           or any of the territories and possessions of the  
2           United States.

3 **SEC. 110802. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.**

4           (a) **FUNDING AND ALLOCATIONS.**—

5           (1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

6           There is authorized to be appropriated  
7           \$5,000,000,000 for assistance in accordance with  
8           this section under the community development block  
9           grant program under title I of the Housing and  
10          Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
11          5301 et seq.), which shall remain available until  
12          September 30, 2023.

13          (2) **ALLOCATION.**—Amounts made available  
14          pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be distributed pur-  
15          suant to section 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306)  
16          to grantees and such allocations shall be made with-  
17          in 30 days after the date of the enactment of this  
18          Act.

19          (b) **TIME LIMITATION ON EMERGENCY GRANT PAY-**  
20 **MENTS.**—Paragraph (4) of section 570.207(b) of the Sec-  
21 retary’s regulations (24 C.F.R. 570.207(b)(4)) shall be  
22 applied with respect to grants with amounts made avail-  
23 able pursuant to subsection (a), by substituting “121 con-  
24 secutive months” for “3 consecutive months”.

1 (c) MATCHING OF AMOUNTS USED FOR ADMINISTRA-  
2 TIVE COSTS.—Any requirement for a State to match or  
3 supplement amounts expended for program administration  
4 of State grants under section 106(d) of the Housing and  
5 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
6 5306(d)) shall not apply with respect to amounts made  
7 available pursuant to subsection (a).

8 (d) CAPER INFORMATION.—During the period that  
9 begins on the date of enactment of this Act and ends on  
10 the date of the termination by the Federal Emergency  
11 Management Agency of the emergency declared on March  
12 13, 2020, by the President under the Robert T. Stafford  
13 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
15 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Secretary shall make all infor-  
16 mation included in Consolidated Annual Performance and  
17 Evaluation Reports relating to assistance made available  
18 pursuant to this section publicly available on its website  
19 on a quarterly basis.

20 (e) AUTHORITY; WAIVERS.—Any provisions of, and  
21 waivers and alternative requirements issued by the Sec-  
22 retary pursuant to, the heading “Department of Housing  
23 and Urban Development—Community Planning and De-  
24 velopment —Community Development Fund” in title XII  
25 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)

1 shall apply with respect to amounts made available pursu-  
2 ant to subsection (a) of this section.

3 **TITLE IX—PROVIDING OVER-**  
4 **SIGHT AND PROTECTING TAX-**  
5 **PAYERS**

6 **SEC. 110901. MANDATORY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

7 (a) DISCLOSURE OF TRANSACTION REPORTS.—Sec-  
8 tion 4026(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the CARES Act (Public Law  
9 116–136) is amended—

10 (1) in subclause (IV)—

11 (A) by inserting “and the justification for  
12 such exercise of authority” after “authority”;  
13 and

14 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

15 (2) in subclause (V), by striking the period at  
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

18 “(VI) the identity of each recipi-  
19 ent of a loan or loan guarantee de-  
20 scribed in subclause (I);

21 “(VII) the date and amount of  
22 each such loan or loan guarantee and  
23 the form in which each such loan or  
24 loan guarantee was provided;



1           “(VIII) the material terms of  
2 each such loan or loan guarantee, in-  
3 cluding—

4                   “(aa) duration;

5                   “(bb) collateral pledged and  
6 the value thereof;

7                   “(cc) all interest, fees, and  
8 other revenue or items of value to  
9 be received in exchange for such  
10 loan or loan guarantee;

11                   “(dd) any requirements im-  
12 posed on the recipient with re-  
13 spect to employee compensation,  
14 distribution of dividends, or any  
15 other corporate decision in ex-  
16 change for the assistance; and

17                   “(ee) the expected costs to  
18 the Federal Government with re-  
19 spect to such loans or loan guar-  
20 antees.”.

21           (b) REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREAS-  
22 URY.—Section 4018 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
23 136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

24           “(k) REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.—Not later than  
25 7 days after the last day of each month, the Secretary

1 shall submit to the Special Inspector General, the Com-  
2 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representa-  
3 tives, and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
4 Urban Affairs of the Senate a report that includes the in-  
5 formation specified in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of  
6 subsection (c)(1) with respect to the making, purchase,  
7 management, and sale of loans, loan guarantees, and other  
8 investments made by the Secretary under any program es-  
9 tablished by the Secretary under this Act.”.

10 **SEC. 110902. DISCRETIONARY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

11 Section 4020(b) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
12 136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) DISCRETIONARY REPORTS TO CON-  
14 GRESS.—In addition to the reports required under  
15 paragraph (2), the Oversight Commission may sub-  
16 mit other reports to Congress at such time, in such  
17 manner, and containing such information as the  
18 Oversight Commission determines appropriate.”.

19 **SEC. 110903. DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-**  
20 **SIONAL COMMITTEES.**

21 (a) PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY COM-  
22 MITTEE.—Section 15010(a)(2) of the CARES Act (Public  
23 Law 116–136) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
2 through (D) as subparagraphs (D) through (F), re-  
3 spectively; and

4           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6                   “(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
7 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

8                   “(C) the Committee on Financial Services  
9 of the House of Representatives;”.

10       (b) **OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT AUTHORITY.**—Section  
11 19010(a)(1) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is  
12 amended—

13           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
14 through (G) as subparagraphs (D) through (I), re-  
15 spectively; and

16           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
17 lowing:

18                   “(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
19 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

20                   “(C) the Committee on Financial Services  
21 of the House of Representatives;”.

22 **SEC. 110904. REPORTING BY INSPECTORS GENERAL.**

23       (a) **DEFINITION OF COVERED AGENCY.**—In this sec-  
24 tion, the term “covered agency” means—

25           (1) the Department of the Treasury;

1 (2) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

2 (3) the Office of the Comptroller of the Cur-  
3 rency;

4 (4) the Board of Governors of the Federal Re-  
5 serve System;

6 (5) the National Credit Union Administration;

7 (6) the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-  
8 tion;

9 (7) the Department of Housing and Urban De-  
10 velopment;

11 (8) the Department of Agriculture, Rural Hous-  
12 ing Service;

13 (9) the Securities and Exchange Commission;  
14 and

15 (10) the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

16 (b) REPORT.—The Inspector General of each covered  
17 agency shall include in each semiannual report submitted  
18 by the Inspector General the findings of the Inspector  
19 General on the effectiveness of—

20 (1) rulemaking by the covered agency related to  
21 COVID–19; and

22 (2) supervision and oversight by the covered  
23 agency of institutions and entities that participate in  
24 COVID–19-related relief, funding, lending, or other  
25 programs of the covered agency.

1           (c) SUBMISSION.—The Inspector General of each cov-  
2 ered agency shall submit the information required to be  
3 included in each semiannual report under subsection (b)  
4 to—

5                   (1) the Special Inspector General for Pandemic  
6 Recovery appointed under section 4018 of division A  
7 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136);

8                   (2) the Pandemic Response Accountability  
9 Committee established under section 15010 of divi-  
10 sion B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136);  
11 and

12                   (3) the Congressional Oversight Commission es-  
13 tablished under section 4020 of division A of the  
14 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

1 **DIVISION L—FAMILIES, WORK-**  
2 **ERS, AND COMMUNITY SUP-**  
3 **PORT PROVISIONS**

4 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO**  
5 **EMERGENCY FAMILY AND**  
6 **MEDICAL LEAVE EXPANSION**  
7 **ACT AND EMERGENCY PAID**  
8 **SICK LEAVE ACT**

9 **Subtitle A—Emergency Family and**  
10 **Medical Leave Expansion Act**  
11 **Amendments**

12 **SEC. 120101. REFERENCES.**

13 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
14 this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
15 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
16 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
17 section or other provision of the Family and Medical Leave  
18 Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), as amended by the  
19 Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act  
20 (Public Law 116–127).

21 **SEC. 120102. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY AND EMPLOYER**  
22 **CLARIFICATION.**

23 (a) **EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 101(2) is  
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(F) ALTERNATIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR  
2 COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—For  
3 the period beginning on the date of enactment  
4 of The Heroes Act and ending on December 31,  
5 2022—

6           “(i) subparagraph (A)(i) shall be ap-  
7 plied by substituting ‘90 days’ for ‘12  
8 months’; and

9           “(ii) subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not  
10 apply.”.

11       (b) EMPLOYER CLARIFICATION.—Section 101(4) is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13           “(C) CLARIFICATION.—Subparagraph  
14 (A)(i) shall not apply with respect to a public  
15 agency described in subparagraph (A)(iii).”.

16 **SEC. 120103. EMERGENCY LEAVE EXTENSION.**

17       Section 102(a)(1)(F) is amended by striking “De-  
18 cember 31, 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2021”.

19 **SEC. 120104. EMERGENCY LEAVE DEFINITIONS.**

20       (a) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.—Section 110(a)(1) is  
21 amended in subparagraph (A), by striking “sections  
22 101(2)(A) and 101(2)(B)(ii)” and inserting “section  
23 101(2)”.

1 (b) EMPLOYER THRESHOLD.—Section 110(a)(1)(B)  
2 is amended by striking “fewer than 500 employees” and  
3 inserting “1 or more employees”.

4 (c) PARENT.—Section 110(a)(1) is amended by add-  
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(C) PARENT.—In lieu of the definition in  
7 section 101(7), the term ‘parent’, with respect  
8 to an employee, means any of the following:

9 “(i) A biological, foster, or adoptive  
10 parent of the employee.

11 “(ii) A stepparent of the employee.

12 “(iii) A parent-in-law of the employee.

13 “(iv) A parent of a domestic partner  
14 of the employee.

15 “(v) A legal guardian or other person  
16 who stood in loco parentis to an employee  
17 when the employee was a child.”.

18 (d) QUALIFYING NEED RELATED TO A PUBLIC  
19 HEALTH EMERGENCY.—Section 110(a)(2)(A) is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 “(A) QUALIFYING NEED RELATED TO A  
22 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term  
23 ‘qualifying need related to a public health emer-  
24 gency’, with respect to leave, means that the  
25 employee is unable to perform the functions of



1 the position of such employee due to a need for  
2 leave for any of the following:

3 “(i) To self-isolate because the em-  
4 ployee is diagnosed with COVID–19.

5 “(ii) To obtain a medical diagnosis or  
6 care if such employee is experiencing the  
7 symptoms of COVID–19.

8 “(iii) To comply with a recommenda-  
9 tion or order by a public official with juris-  
10 diction or a health care provider to self iso-  
11 late, without regard to whether such rec-  
12 ommendation or order is specific to the  
13 employee, on the basis that the physical  
14 presence of the employee on the job would  
15 jeopardize the employee’s health, the  
16 health of other employees, or the health of  
17 an individual in the household of the em-  
18 ployee because of—

19 “(I) the possible exposure of the  
20 employee to COVID–19; or

21 “(II) exhibition of symptoms of  
22 COVID–19 by the employee.

23 “(iv) To care for or assist a family  
24 member of the employee, without regard to  
25 whether another individual other than the

1 employee is available to care for or assist  
2 such family member, because—

3 “(I) such family member—

4 “(aa) is self-isolating be-  
5 cause such family member has  
6 been diagnosed with COVID-19;  
7 or

8 “(bb) is experiencing symp-  
9 toms of COVID-19 and needs to  
10 obtain medical diagnosis or care;  
11 or

12 “(II) a public official with juris-  
13 diction or a health care provider  
14 makes a recommendation or order  
15 with respect to such family member,  
16 without regard to whether such deter-  
17 mination is specific to such family  
18 member, that the presence of the fam-  
19 ily member in the community would  
20 jeopardize the health of other individ-  
21 uals in the community because of—

22 “(aa) the possible exposure  
23 of such family member to  
24 COVID-19; or

1                   “(bb) exhibition of symp-  
2                   toms of COVID–19 by such fam-  
3                   ily member.

4                   “(v) To care for the son or daughter  
5                   of such employee if the school or place of  
6                   care has been closed, or the child care pro-  
7                   vider of such son or daughter is unavail-  
8                   able, due to COVID–19.

9                   “(vi) To care for a family member  
10                  who is incapable of self-care because of a  
11                  mental or physical disability or is a senior  
12                  citizen, without regard to whether another  
13                  individual other than the employee is avail-  
14                  able to care for such family member, if the  
15                  place of care for such family member is  
16                  closed or the direct care provider is un-  
17                  available due to COVID–19.”.

18                  (e) FAMILY MEMBER.—Section 110(a)(2) is amended  
19                  by adding at the end the following:

20                         “(E) FAMILY MEMBER.—The term ‘family  
21                         member’, with respect to an employee, means  
22                         any of the following:

23                                 “(i) A parent of the employee.

24                                 “(ii) A spouse of the employee.

25                                 “(iii) A sibling of the employee.

1           “(iv) Next of kin of the employee or  
2 a person for whom the employee is next of  
3 kin.

4           “(v) A son or daughter of the em-  
5 ployee.

6           “(vi) A grandparent or grandchild of  
7 the employee.

8           “(vii) A domestic partner of the em-  
9 ployee.

10           “(viii) Any other individual related by  
11 blood or affinity whose close association  
12 with the employee is the equivalent of a  
13 family relationship.

14           “(F) DOMESTIC PARTNER.—

15           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘domes-  
16 tic partner’, with respect to an individual,  
17 means another individual with whom the  
18 individual is in a committed relationship.

19           “(ii) COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP DE-  
20 FINED.—The term ‘committed relationship’  
21 means a relationship between 2 individuals,  
22 each at least 18 years of age, in which  
23 each individual is the other individual’s  
24 sole domestic partner and both individuals  
25 share responsibility for a significant meas-

1           ure of each other’s common welfare. The  
2           term includes any such relationship be-  
3           tween 2 individuals that is granted legal  
4           recognition by a State or political subdivi-  
5           sion of a State as a marriage or analogous  
6           relationship, including a civil union or do-  
7           mestic partnership.”.

8   **SEC. 120105. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 110(a) is amended by  
10          striking paragraph (3).

11          (b) FORCE OR EFFECT OF REGULATIONS.—Any reg-  
12          ulation issued under section 110(a)(3), as in effect on the  
13          day before the date of the enactment of this Act, shall  
14          have no force or effect.

15   **SEC. 120106. PAID LEAVE.**

16          Section 110(b) of the Family and Medical Leave Act  
17          of 1993 is amended—

18               (1) in the heading, by striking “Relationship  
19               to”;

20               (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
21               lows:

22                       “(1) EMPLOYEE ELECTION.—

23                               “(A) IN GENERAL.—An employee may  
24                               elect to substitute any vacation leave, personal  
25                               leave, or medical or sick leave for paid leave

1 under section 102(a)(1)(F) in accordance with  
2 section 102(d)(2)(B).

3 “(B) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENT.—An em-  
4 ployer may not require an employee to sub-  
5 stitute any leave described in subparagraph (A)  
6 for leave under section 102(a)(1)(F).

7 “(C) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FAMILY  
8 AND MEDICAL LEAVE.—Leave taken under sub-  
9 subparagraph (F) of section 102(a)(1) shall not  
10 count towards the 12 weeks of leave to which  
11 an employee is entitled under subparagraphs  
12 (A) through (E) of such section.

13 “(D) RELATIONSHIP TO LIMITATION.—  
14 Compensation for any vacation leave, personal  
15 leave, or medical or sick leave that is sub-  
16 stituted for leave under section 102(a)(1)(F)  
17 shall not count toward the limitation under  
18 paragraph (2)(B)(ii).”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “that an  
20 employee takes” and all that follows through “10  
21 days”.

22 **SEC. 120107. WAGE RATE.**

23 Section 110(b)(2)(B) is amended—

24 (1) by amending clause (i)(I) to read as follows:

1 “(I) an amount that is not less  
2 than the greater of—

3 “(aa) the minimum wage  
4 rate in effect under section  
5 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Stand-  
6 ards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
7 206(a)(1));

8 “(bb) the minimum wage  
9 rate in effect for such employee  
10 in the applicable State or locality,  
11 whichever is greater, in which the  
12 employee is employed; or

13 “(cc) two thirds of an em-  
14 ployee’s regular rate of pay (as  
15 determined under section 7(e) of  
16 the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
17 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207(e)); and”;  
18 and

19 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “\$10,000” and in-  
20 serting “\$12,000”.

21 **SEC. 120108. NOTICE.**

22 Section 110(c) is amended by striking “for the pur-  
23 pose described in subsection (a)(2)(A)”.

1 **SEC. 120109. INTERMITTENT LEAVE.**

2 Section 110 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(e) LEAVE TAKEN INTERMITTENTLY OR ON A RE-  
5 DUCED WORK SCHEDULE.—Leave under section  
6 102(a)(1)(F) may be taken by an employee intermittently  
7 or on a reduced work schedule, without regard to whether  
8 the employee and the employer of the employee have an  
9 agreement with respect to whether such leave may be  
10 taken intermittently or on a reduced work schedule.”.

11 **SEC. 120110. CERTIFICATION.**

12 Section 110 is further amended by adding at the end  
13 the following:

14 “(f) CERTIFICATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If an employer requires  
16 that a request for leave under section 102(a)(1)(F)  
17 be certified, the employer may require documenta-  
18 tion for certification not earlier than 5 weeks after  
19 the date on which the employee takes such leave.

20 “(2) SUFFICIENT CERTIFICATION.—The fol-  
21 lowing documentation shall be sufficient for certifi-  
22 cation:

23 “(A) With respect to leave taken for the  
24 purposes described in clauses (i) through (iv) of  
25 subsection (a)(2)(A)—



1 “(i) a recommendation or order from  
2 a public official having jurisdiction or a  
3 health care provider that the employee or  
4 relevant family member has symptoms of  
5 COVID–19 or should self-isolate; or

6 “(ii) documentation or evidence, in-  
7 cluding an oral or written statement from  
8 an employee, that the employee or relevant  
9 family member has been exposed to  
10 COVID–19.

11 “(B) With respect to leave taken for the  
12 purposes described in clause (v) or (vi) of sub-  
13 section (a)(2)(A), notice from the school, place  
14 of care, or child care or direct care provider of  
15 the son or daughter or other family member of  
16 the employee of closure or unavailability.”.

17 **SEC. 120111. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OF-**  
18 **FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO EX-**  
19 **CLUDE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

20 Section 110(a) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

21 **SEC. 120112. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

22 (a) Section 110(a)(1)(A) is amended by striking  
23 “(ii)” before “SPECIAL RULE” and inserting “(iii)”.

24 (b) Section 19008 of the CARES Act is amended—  
25 (1) by striking “—” after “amended”;

1 (2) by striking paragraph (1); and

2 (3) by striking “(2)” before “by adding at the  
3 end”.

4 **SEC. 120113. AMENDMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY FAMILY  
5 AND MEDICAL LEAVE EXPANSION ACT.**

6 The Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expan-  
7 sion Act (Public Law 116–127) is amended—

8 (1) in section 3103(b), by striking “Employees”  
9 and inserting, “Notwithstanding section  
10 102(a)(1)(A) of the Family and Medical Leave Act  
11 of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(a)(1)(A)), employees”; and

12 (2) by striking sections 3104 and 3105.

13 **Subtitle B—Emergency Paid Sick  
14 Leave Act Amendments**

15 **SEC. 120114. REFERENCES.**

16 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
17 this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
18 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
19 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
20 section or other provision of division E of the Families  
21 First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

22 **SEC. 120115. PAID SICK TIME REQUIREMENT.**

23 (a) USES.—Section 5102(a) is amended to read as  
24 follows:

1       “(a) IN GENERAL.—An employer shall provide to  
2 each employee employed by the employer paid sick time  
3 for any qualifying need related to a public health emer-  
4 gency (as defined in section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Family  
5 and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.  
6 2620(a)(2)(A)).”.

7       (b) RECURRENCE.—Section 5102(b) is amended by  
8 striking “An” and inserting “During any 12-month pe-  
9 riod, an”.

10       (c) EMPLOYERS WITH EXISTING POLICIES.—Section  
11 5102 is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting  
12 the following:

13       “(f) EMPLOYERS WITH EXISTING POLICIES.—With  
14 respect to an employer that provides paid leave on the day  
15 before the date of enactment of this Act—

16               “(1) the paid sick time under this Act shall be  
17 made available to employees of the employer in addi-  
18 tion to such paid leave; and

19               “(2) the employer may not change such paid  
20 leave on or after such date of enactment to avoid  
21 being subject to paragraph (1).”.

22       (d) INTERMITTENT LEAVE.—Section 5102 is further  
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24       “(g) LEAVE TAKEN INTERMITTENTLY OR ON A RE-  
25 DUCED WORK SCHEDULE.—Leave under section 5102

1 may be taken by an employee intermittently or on a re-  
2 duced work schedule, without regard to whether the em-  
3 ployee and the employer of the employee have an agree-  
4 ment with respect to whether such leave may be taken  
5 intermittently or on a reduced work schedule.”.

6 (e) CERTIFICATION.—Section 5102 is further amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(h) CERTIFICATION.—If an employer requires that  
9 a request for paid sick time under this section be cer-  
10 tified—

11 “(1) the documentation described in paragraph  
12 (2) of section 110(f) of the Family and Medical  
13 Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2620(f)) shall be suf-  
14 ficient for certification; and

15 “(2) an employer may not require such certifi-  
16 cation unless—

17 “(A) the employee takes not less than 3  
18 consecutive days of paid sick time; and

19 “(B) the employer requires documents for  
20 such certification not earlier than 7 workdays  
21 after the employee returns to work after such  
22 paid sick time.”.

23 (f) NOTICE.—Section 5102 is further amended by  
24 adding at the end the following:

1       “(i) NOTICE.—In any case where the necessity for  
2 leave under this section is foreseeable, an employee shall  
3 provide the employer with such notice of leave as is prac-  
4 ticable.”.

5       (g) LEAVE TRANSFER TO NEW EMPLOYER.—Section  
6 5102 is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8       “(j) LEAVE TRANSFER TO NEW EMPLOYER.—A cov-  
9 ered employee who begins employment with a new covered  
10 employer shall be entitled to the full amount of leave under  
11 section 5102 with respect to such employer.”.

12       (h) RESTORATION TO POSITION.—

13             (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5102 is further  
14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15       “(k) RESTORATION TO POSITION.—Any covered em-  
16 ployee who takes paid sick time under this section, on re-  
17 turn from such paid sick time, shall be entitled—

18             “(1) to be restored by the employer to the posi-  
19 tion of employment held by the employee when the  
20 leave commenced; or

21             “(2) if such position is not available, to be re-  
22 stored to an equivalent position with equivalent em-  
23 ployment benefits, pay, and other terms and condi-  
24 tions of employment.”.

1           (2) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 5105 is amend-  
2       ed—

3                   (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
4       follows:

5       “(a) UNPAID SICK LEAVE.—Subject to subsection  
6 (b), a violation of section 5102 shall be deemed a violation  
7 of section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29  
8 U.S.C. 207) and unpaid amounts shall be treated as un-  
9 paid overtime compensation under such section for the  
10 purposes of sections 15 and 16 of such Act (29 U.S.C.  
11 215 and 216).”;

12                   (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “section  
13       5102(k) or” before “section 5104”.

14 **SEC. 120116. SUNSET.**

15       Section 5109 is amended by striking “December 31,  
16 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2021”.

17 **SEC. 120117. DEFINITIONS.**

18       (a) EMPLOYER.—Section 5110(2)(B) is amended—

19           (1) by striking “terms” and inserting “term”;

20           (2) by amending subclause (I) of clause (i) to  
21       read as follows:

22                               “(I) means any person engaged  
23                               in commerce or in any industry or ac-  
24                               tivity affecting commerce that employs  
25                               1 or more employees;”;

1 (3) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

2 “(ii) PUBLIC AGENCY AND NON-PROF-  
3 IT ORGANIZATIONS.—For purposes of  
4 clause (i)(III) and (i)(I), a public agency  
5 and a nonprofit organization shall be con-  
6 sidered to be a person engaged in com-  
7 merce or in an industry or activity affect-  
8 ing commerce.”.

9 (b) FMLA TERMS.—Section 5110(4) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 “(4) FMLA TERMS.—

12 “(A) SECTION 101.—The terms ‘health  
13 care provider’, ‘next of kin’, ‘son or daughter’,  
14 and ‘spouse’ have the meanings given such  
15 terms in section 101 of the Family and Medical  
16 Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611).

17 “(B) SECTION 110.—The terms ‘child care  
18 provider’, ‘domestic partner’, ‘family member’,  
19 ‘parent’, and ‘school’ have the meanings given  
20 such terms in section 110(a)(2) of the Family  
21 and Medical and Leave Act of 1993.”.

22 (c) PAID SICK TIME.—Section 5110(5) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (A) in clause (i), by striking “reason de-  
25 scribed in any paragraph of section 2(a)” and

1 inserting “qualifying need related to a public  
2 health emergency”; and

3 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “exceed” and  
4 all that follows and inserting “exceed \$511 per  
5 day and \$5,110 in the aggregate.”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

7 (A) by striking the following:

8 “(B) REQUIRED COMPENSATION.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sub-  
10 paragraph (A)(ii),”; and inserting the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(B) REQUIRED COMPENSATION.—Subject  
13 to subparagraph (A)(ii),”; and

14 (B) by striking clause (ii); and

15 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “ section  
16 2(a)” and inserting “section 5102(a)”.

17 (d) QUALIFYING NEED RELATED TO A PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH EMERGENCY.—Section 5110 is amended by add-  
19 ing at the end the following:

20 “(1) QUALIFYING NEED RELATED TO A PUBLIC  
21 HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term ‘qualifying need  
22 related to a public health emergency’ has the mean-  
23 ing given such term in section 110(a)(2)(A) of the  
24 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.  
25 2620(a)(2)(A)).”.



1 **SEC. 120118. EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EMPLOY-**  
2 **EES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS AND THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY**  
4 **ADMINISTRATION FOR PURPOSES RELATING**  
5 **TO COVID-19.**

6 Section 5110(1) is further amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (E) by striking “or” after  
8 “Code;”;

9 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as sub-  
10 paragraph (H); and

11 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(F) notwithstanding sections 7421(a) or  
14 7425(b) of title 38, United States Code, or any  
15 other provision of law, an employee of the De-  
16 partment of Veterans Affairs (including employ-  
17 ees under chapter 74 of such title);

18 “(G) any employee of the Transportation  
19 Security Administration, including an employee  
20 under 111(d) of the Aviation and Transpor-  
21 tation Security Act (49 U.S.C. 44935 note);  
22 or”.

23 **SEC. 120119. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OF-**  
24 **FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO EX-**  
25 **CLUDE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

26 Division E is amended by striking section 5112.

1 **SEC. 120120. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Division E is amended by striking  
3 section 5111.

4 (b) FORCE OR EFFECT OF REGULATIONS.—Any reg-  
5 ulation issued under section 5111 of division E of the  
6 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law  
7 116–127), as in effect on the day before the date of the  
8 enactment of this Act, shall have no force or effect.

9 **TITLE II—COVID-19 WORKFORCE**  
10 **DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE**  
11 **ACTIVITIES**

12 **SEC. 120201. DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULE.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
15 vided, the terms in this title have the meanings  
16 given the terms in section 3 of the Workforce Inno-  
17 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

18 (2) APPRENTICESHIP; APPRENTICESHIP PRO-  
19 GRAM.—The terms “apprenticeship” or “apprentice-  
20 ship program” mean an apprenticeship program reg-  
21 istered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly  
22 known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) (50  
23 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), in-  
24 cluding any requirement, standard, or rule promul-  
25 gated under such Act, as such requirement, stand-  
26 ard, or rule was in effect on December 30, 2019.

1           (3) CORONAVIRUS.—The term “coronavirus”  
2 means coronavirus as defined in section 506 of the  
3 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supple-  
4 mental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–  
5 123).

6           (4) COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—The  
7 term “COVID–19 national emergency” means the  
8 national emergency declared by the President under  
9 the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et  
10 seq.) on March 13, 2020, with respect to the  
11 coronavirus.

12           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of Labor.

14           (b) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of this Act, in fis-  
15 cal years 2020 and 2021, funds are authorized to be ap-  
16 propriated for activities under the Workforce Innovation  
17 and Opportunity Act, except that funds are only author-  
18 ized to support apprenticeship programs as defined under  
19 subsection (a)(2) of this section, including any funds  
20 awarded for the purposes of grants, contracts, or coopera-  
21 tive agreements, or the development, implementation, or  
22 administration, of an apprenticeship or an apprenticeship  
23 program.

1 **SEC. 120202. JOB CORPS RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 NA-**  
2 **TIONAL EMERGENCY.**

3 In order to provide for the successful continuity of  
4 services and enrollment periods during the COVID-19 na-  
5 tional emergency, additional flexibility shall be provided  
6 for Job Corps operators, providers of eligible activities,  
7 and practitioners, including the following:

8 (1) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Notwithstanding the age re-  
9 quirements for enrollment under section 144(a)(1)  
10 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
11 (29 U.S.C. 3194(a)(1)), an individual seeking to en-  
12 roll in Job Corps and who turns 25 during the  
13 COVID-19 national emergency is eligible for such  
14 enrollment.

15 (2) **ENROLLMENT LENGTH.**—Notwithstanding  
16 section 146(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
17 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3196(b)), an individual en-  
18 rolled in Job Corps during the COVID-19 national  
19 emergency may extend their period of enrollment for  
20 more than 2 years as long as such extension does  
21 not exceed a 2-year, continuous period of enrollment  
22 after the COVID-19 national emergency.

23 (3) **ADVANCED CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS.**—  
24 Notwithstanding paragraph (2), with respect to ad-  
25 vanced career training programs under section  
26 148(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity

1 Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(c)) in which the enrollees may  
2 continue to participate for a period not to exceed 1  
3 year in addition to the period of participation to  
4 which the enrollees would otherwise be limited, the  
5 COVID–19 national emergency shall not be consid-  
6 ered as any portion of such additional 1-year partici-  
7 pation period.

8 (4) COUNSELING, JOB PLACEMENT, AND AS-  
9 SESSMENT.—The counseling, job placement, and as-  
10 sessment services described in section 149 of the  
11 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29  
12 U.S.C. 3199) shall be available to former enrollees—

13 (A) whose enrollment was interrupted due  
14 to the COVID–19 national emergency;

15 (B) who graduated from Job Corps on or  
16 after January 1, 2020; or

17 (C) who graduated from Job Corps not  
18 later than 3 months after the COVID–19 na-  
19 tional emergency.

20 (5) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall provide ad-  
21 ditional support for the transition periods described  
22 in section 150 of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
23 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3200), including the fol-  
24 lowing:

1 (A) TRANSITION ALLOWANCES.—The Sec-  
2 retary shall provide, subject to the availability  
3 of appropriations, for the provision of additional  
4 transition allowances as described in subsection  
5 (b) of such section 150 (29 U.S.C. 3200) for  
6 Job Corps students who graduate during the  
7 periods described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of  
8 paragraph (4) of this paragraph.

9 (B) TRANSITION SUPPORT.—The Secretary  
10 shall consider the period during the COVID–19  
11 national emergency and the three month period  
12 following the conclusion of the COVID–19 na-  
13 tional emergency as the period in which the  
14 provision of employment services as described in  
15 subsection (c) of such section 150 (29 U.S.C.  
16 3200) shall be provided to graduates who have  
17 graduated in 2020.

18 **SEC. 120203. NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS RESPONDING**  
19 **TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

20 As a result of challenges faced by the COVID–19 na-  
21 tional emergency, the Secretary may extend, by 1 fiscal  
22 year, the 4-year period for grants, contracts, and coopera-  
23 tive agreements that will be awarded in fiscal year 2021  
24 under subsection (c) of section 166 of the Workforce Inno-  
25 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221) for funds

1 under such grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements  
2 to be used to carry out the activities described in sub-  
3 section (d) of such section through fiscal year 2025.

4 **SEC. 120204. MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER PRO-**  
5 **GRAM RESPONSE.**

6 (a) **COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS.**—As a result of  
7 challenges faced by the COVID–19 national emergency,  
8 the Secretary may extend, by 1 fiscal year, the 4-year pe-  
9 riod for grants and contracts that will be awarded in fiscal  
10 year 2021 under subsection (a) of section 167 of the  
11 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
12 3222) for funds under such grants and contracts to be  
13 used to carry out the activities described in subsection (d)  
14 of such section through fiscal year 2025.

15 (b) **ELIGIBLE MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARM-**  
16 **WORKER.**—Notwithstanding the definition of “eligible sea-  
17 sonal farmworker” in section 167(i)(3) of the Workforce  
18 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3222(i)(3)),  
19 an individual seeking to enroll in a program funded under  
20 section 167 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
21 Act (29 U.S.C. 3222) during the COVID–19 national  
22 emergency is eligible for such enrollment if such individual  
23 is a member of a family with a total family income equal  
24 to or less than 150 percent of the poverty line.

1 **SEC. 120205. YOUTHBUILD ACTIVITIES RESPONDING TO**  
2 **THE COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

3 During the COVID-19 national emergency, the Sec-  
4 retary shall provide for flexibility for YouthBuild partici-  
5 pants and entities carrying out YouthBuild programs, in-  
6 cluding the following:

7 (1) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Notwithstanding the age re-  
8 quirements for enrollment under section  
9 171(e)(1)(A)(i) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
10 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(e)(1)(A)(i)), an indi-  
11 vidual seeking to participate in a YouthBuild pro-  
12 gram and who turns 25 during the COVID-19 na-  
13 tional emergency is eligible for such participation.

14 (2) **PARTICIPATION LENGTH.**—Notwithstanding  
15 section 171(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and  
16 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(e)(2)), the period  
17 of participation in a YouthBuild program may ex-  
18 tend beyond 24 months for an individual partici-  
19 pating in such program during the COVID-19 na-  
20 tional emergency, as long as such extension does not  
21 exceed a 24 month, continuous period of enrollment  
22 after the COVID-19 national emergency.

23 **SEC. 120206. APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT DURING THE**  
24 **COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

25 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
26 of this Act, the Secretary shall identify and disseminate



1 strategies and tools to support virtual and online learning  
2 and training in apprenticeship programs.

3 **TITLE III—COVID-19 EVERY**  
4 **WORKER PROTECTION ACT**  
5 **OF 2020**

6 **SEC. 120301. SHORT TITLE.**

7 This title may be cited as the “COVID–19 Every  
8 Worker Protection Act of 2020”.

9 **SEC. 120302. EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT**  
10 **STANDARDS.**

11 (a) EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARD.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In consideration of the grave  
13 danger presented by COVID–19 and the need to  
14 strengthen protections for employees, notwith-  
15 standing the provisions of law and the Executive or-  
16 ders listed in paragraph (7), not later than 7 days  
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
18 retary of Labor shall promulgate an emergency tem-  
19 porary standard to protect from occupational expo-  
20 sure to SARS–CoV–2—

21 (A) employees of health care sector em-  
22 ployers;

23 (B) employees of employers in the para-  
24 medic and emergency medical services, includ-

1           ing such services provided by firefighters and  
2           other emergency responders; and

3                   (C) other employees at occupational risk of  
4           such exposure.

5           (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the stand-  
6           ard under this subsection, the Secretary of Labor—

7                   (A) shall consult with—

8                           (i) the Director of the Centers for  
9                           Disease Control and Prevention;

10                           (ii) the Director of the National Insti-  
11                           tute for Occupational Safety and Health;

12                           and

13                   (B) may consult with the professional asso-  
14                   ciations and representatives of the employees in  
15                   the occupations and sectors described in sub-  
16                   paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1).

17           (3) ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION.—If the Sec-  
18           retary of Labor determines it is not feasible for an  
19           employer to comply with a requirement of the stand-  
20           ard promulgated under this subsection (such as a  
21           shortage of the necessary personal protective equip-  
22           ment), the Secretary may exercise discretion in the  
23           enforcement of such requirement if the employer  
24           demonstrates that the employer—

1 (A) is exercising due diligence to come into  
2 compliance with such requirement; and

3 (B) is implementing alternative methods  
4 and measures to protect employees.

5 (4) EXTENSION OF STANDARD.—Notwith-  
6 standing paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 6(c) of  
7 the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
8 U.S.C. 655(c)), the emergency temporary standard  
9 promulgated under this subsection shall be in effect  
10 until the date on which the final standard promul-  
11 gated under subsection (b) is in effect.

12 (5) STATE PLAN ADOPTION.—With respect to a  
13 State with a State plan that has been approved by  
14 the Secretary of Labor under section 18 of the Oc-  
15 cupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
16 U.S.C. 667), not later than 14 days after the date  
17 of enactment of this Act, such State shall promul-  
18 gate an emergency temporary standard that is at  
19 least as effective in protecting from occupational ex-  
20 posure to SARS-CoV-2 the employees in the occu-  
21 pations and sectors described in subparagraphs (A)  
22 through (C) of paragraph (1) as the emergency tem-  
23 porary standard promulgated under this subsection.

24 (6) EMPLOYER DEFINED.—For purposes of the  
25 standard promulgated under this subsection, the

1 term “employer” (as defined in section 3 of the Oc-  
2 cupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
3 U.S.C. 652)) includes any State or political subdivi-  
4 sion of a State, except for a State or political sub-  
5 division of a State already subject to the jurisdiction  
6 of a State plan approved under section 18(b) of the  
7 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
8 U.S.C. 667(b)).

9 (7) INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW AND  
10 EXECUTIVE ORDER.—The provisions of law and the  
11 Executive orders list in this paragraph are as fol-  
12 lows:

13 (A) The requirements of chapter 6 of title  
14 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as  
15 the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”).

16 (B) Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44,  
17 United States Code (commonly referred to as  
18 the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

19 (C) The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act  
20 of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

21 (D) Executive Order 12866 (58 Fed. Reg.  
22 190; relating to regulatory planning and re-  
23 view), as amended.

1                   (E) Executive Order 13771 (82 Fed. Reg.  
2                   9339, relating to reducing regulation and con-  
3                   trolling regulatory costs).

4           (b) PERMANENT STANDARD.—Not later than 24  
5 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Labor shall, pursuant to section 6 of the Occupa-  
7 tional Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 655), promulgate  
8 a final standard—

9                   (1) to protect employees in the occupations and  
10                  sectors described in subparagraphs (A) through (C)  
11                  of subsection (a)(1) from occupational exposure to  
12                  infectious pathogens, including novel pathogens; and

13                   (2) that shall be effective and enforceable in the  
14                  same manner and to the same extent as a standard  
15                  promulgated under section 6(b) of the Occupational  
16                  Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655(b)).

17           (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each standard promulgated  
18 under this section shall include—

19                   (1) a requirement that the employers of the em-  
20                  ployees in the occupations and sectors described in  
21                  subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection  
22                  (a)(1)—

23                               (A) develop and implement a comprehen-  
24                               sive infectious disease exposure control plan,  
25                               with the input and involvement of employees or,

1 where applicable, the representatives of employ-  
2 ees, as appropriate, to address the risk of occu-  
3 pational exposure in such sectors and occupa-  
4 tions; and

5 (B) record and report each work-related  
6 COVID-19 infection and death, as set forth in  
7 part 1904 of title 29, Code of Federal Regula-  
8 tions (as in effect on the date of enactment of  
9 this Act);

10 (2) no less protection for novel pathogens than  
11 precautions mandated by standards adopted by a  
12 State plan that has been approved by the Secretary  
13 of Labor under section 18 of the Occupational Safe-  
14 ty and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 667); and

15 (3) the incorporation, as appropriate, of—

16 (A) guidelines issued by the Centers for  
17 Disease Control and Prevention, the National  
18 Institute for Occupational Safety and Health,  
19 and the Occupational Safety and Health Ad-  
20 ministration which are designed to prevent the  
21 transmission of infectious agents in health care  
22 or other occupational settings; and

23 (B) relevant scientific research on novel  
24 pathogens.

25 (d) ANTI-RETALIATION.—

1           (1) POLICY.—Each standard promulgated  
2 under this section shall require employers to adopt  
3 a policy prohibiting the discrimination and retaliation  
4 described in paragraph (2) by any person (in-  
5 cluding an agent of the employer).

6           (2) PROHIBITION.—No employer (including an  
7 agent of the employer) shall discriminate or retaliate  
8 against an employee for—

9           (A) reporting to the employer, to a local,  
10 State, or Federal government agency, or to the  
11 media or on a social media platform—

12           (i) a violation of a standard promul-  
13 gated pursuant to this Act;

14           (ii) a violation of an infectious disease  
15 exposure control plan described in sub-  
16 section (c)(1); or

17           (iii) a good faith concern about a  
18 workplace infectious disease hazard;

19           (B) seeking assistance or intervention from  
20 the employer or a local, State, or Federal gov-  
21 ernment agency with respect to such a report;

22           (C) voluntary use of personal protective  
23 equipment with a higher level of protection than  
24 is provided by the employer; or

1 (D) exercising any other right under the  
2 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970  
3 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).

4 (3) ENFORCEMENT.—This subsection shall be  
5 enforced in the same manner and to the same extent  
6 as any standard promulgated under section 6(b) of  
7 the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
8 U.S.C. 655(b)).

9 **SEC. 120303. SURVEILLANCE, TRACKING, AND INVESTIGA-**  
10 **TION OF WORK-RELATED CASES OF COVID-19.**

11 The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
12 Prevention, in conjunction with the Director of the Na-  
13 tional Institute for Occupational Safety and Health,  
14 shall—

15 (1) collect and analyze case reports, including  
16 information on the work status, occupation, and in-  
17 dustry classification of an individual, and other data  
18 on COVID-19, to identify and evaluate the extent,  
19 nature, and source of COVID-19 among employees  
20 in the occupations and sectors described in subpara-  
21 graphs (A) through (C) of section 120302(a)(1);

22 (2) investigate, as appropriate, individual cases  
23 of COVID-19 among such employees to evaluate the  
24 source of exposure and adequacy of infection and ex-  
25 posure control programs and measures;



1           (3) provide regular periodic reports on COVID–  
2           19 among such employees to the public; and

3           (4) based on such reports and investigations,  
4           make recommendations on needed actions or guid-  
5           ance to protect such employees.

6           **TITLE IV—COMMUNITY AND**  
7           **FAMILY SUPPORT**

8           **SEC. 120401. MATCHING FUNDS WAIVER FOR FORMULA**  
9           **GRANTS AND SUBGRANTS UNDER THE FAM-**  
10           **ILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES**  
11           **ACT.**

12           (a) WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR AWARDED  
13           GRANTS AND SUBGRANTS.—The Secretary of Health and  
14           Human Services shall waive—

15           (1) the non-Federal contributions requirement  
16           under subsection (c)(4) of section 306 of the Family  
17           Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.  
18           10406) with respect to the grants and subgrants  
19           awarded in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 to each State  
20           (as defined in section 302 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
21           10402)) and the eligible entities within such State  
22           under such section or section 308 of such Act (42  
23           U.S.C. 10408); and

1           (2) the reporting requirements required under  
2           such grants and subgrants that relate to such non-  
3           Federal contributions requirement.

4           (b) WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS  
5 AWARDED AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c)(4) of section  
7           306 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services  
8           Act (42 U.S.C. 10406) shall not apply to a qualified  
9           grant during the period of a public health emergency  
10          declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public  
11          Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) resulting from  
12          the COVID–19 pandemic.

13          (2) QUALIFIED GRANT DEFINED.—In this sub-  
14          section, the term “qualified grant” means a grant or  
15          subgrant awarded—

16                 (A) after the date of the enactment of this  
17                 section; and

18                 (B) under section 306, 308, or 309 of the  
19                 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
20                 (42 U.S.C. 10406; 10408; 10409).

21 **SEC. 120402. DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FUNDS APPRO-**  
22 **RIATED FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
23 **BLOCK GRANT ACT.**

24           (a) DISTRIBUTION OF CARES ACT FUNDS TO  
25 STATES.—Section 675B(b)(3) of the Community Services

1 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9906(b)(3)) shall not apply  
2 with respect to funds appropriated by the CARES Act  
3 (Public Law 116–136) to carry out the Community Serv-  
4 ices Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.9901 et seq.).

5 (b) INCREASED POVERTY LINE.—For purposes of  
6 carrying out the Community Services Block Grant Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.) with any funds appropriated for fis-  
8 cal year 2020 for such Act, the term “poverty line” as  
9 defined in section 673(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))  
10 means 200 percent of the poverty line otherwise applicable  
11 under such section (excluding the last sentence of such  
12 section) without regard to this subsection.

13 **SEC. 120403. USE OF LIHEAP SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIA-**  
14 **TIONS.**

15 Notwithstanding the Low-Income Home Energy As-  
16 sistance Act of 1981, with respect to amounts appro-  
17 priated under title VI of division A of this Act to carry  
18 out the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of  
19 1981, each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
20 Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands of the United  
21 States, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-  
22 lands, and each Indian Tribe, as applicable, that receives  
23 an allotment of funds from such amounts—

24 (1) shall, in using such funds, for purposes of  
25 income eligibility, accept proof of job loss or severe

1 income loss dated after February 29, 2020, such as  
2 a layoff or furlough notice or verification of applica-  
3 tion for unemployment benefits, as sufficient to dem-  
4 onstrate lack of income for an individual or house-  
5 hold; and

6 (2) may use not more than 12.5 percent of such  
7 funds for administrative costs.

8 **TITLE V—COVID-19 PROTEC-**  
9 **TIONS UNDER LONGSHORE**  
10 **AND HARBOR WORKERS’**  
11 **COMPENSATION ACT**

12 **SEC. 120501. COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO THE**  
13 **LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS’ COM-**  
14 **PENSATION ACT.**

15 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered employee who re-  
17 ceives a diagnosis or is subject to an order described  
18 in paragraph (2)(B) and who provides notice of or  
19 files a claim relating to such diagnosis or order  
20 under section 12 or 13 of the Longshore and Harbor  
21 Workers’ Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 912, 913),  
22 respectively, shall—

23 (A) be deemed to have an injury arising  
24 out of or in the course of employment for which  
25 compensation is payable under the Longshore

1 and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33  
2 U.S.C. 901 et seq.); and

3 (B) be paid the compensation to which the  
4 employee is entitled under such Act (33 U.S.C.  
5 901 et seq.).

6 (2) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—In this section, the  
7 term “covered employee” means an employee who—

8 (A) at any time during the period begin-  
9 ning on January 27, 2020, and ending on Jan-  
10 uary 27, 2022, was engaged in maritime em-  
11 ployment; and

12 (B) was—

13 (i) at any time during the period be-  
14 ginning on January 27, 2020, and ending  
15 on February 27, 2022, diagnosed with  
16 COVID–19; or

17 (ii) at any time during the period de-  
18 scribed in subparagraph (A), ordered not  
19 to return to work by the employee's em-  
20 ployer or by a local, State, or Federal  
21 agency because of exposure, or the risk of  
22 exposure, to 1 or more individuals diag-  
23 nosed with COVID–19 in the workplace.

24 (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—

1 (A) ENTITLEMENT.—Subject to subpara-  
2 graph (B), an employer of a covered employee  
3 or the employer’s carrier shall be entitled to re-  
4 imbursement for any compensation paid with  
5 respect to a notice or claim described in sub-  
6 section (a), including disability benefits, funeral  
7 and burial expenses, medical or other related  
8 costs for treatment and care, and reasonable  
9 and necessary allocated claims expenses.

10 (B) SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIRE-  
11 MENTS.—To be entitled to reimbursement  
12 under subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) an employer shall be in compliance  
14 with all applicable safety and health guide-  
15 lines and standards that are related to the  
16 prevention of occupational exposure to  
17 COVID–19, including such guidelines and  
18 standards issued by the Occupational Safe-  
19 ty and Health Administration, State plans  
20 approved under section 18 of the Occupa-  
21 tional Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29  
22 U.S.C. 667), the Coast Guard, and Fed-  
23 eral, State or local public health authori-  
24 ties; and

25 (ii) a carrier—

1 (I) shall be a carrier for an em-  
2 ployer that is in compliance with  
3 clause (i); and

4 (II) shall not adjust the experi-  
5 ence rating or the annual premium of  
6 the employer based upon the com-  
7 pensation paid by the carrier with re-  
8 spect to a notice or claim described in  
9 subparagraph (A).

10 (2) REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES.—To re-  
11 ceive reimbursement under paragraph (1)—

12 (A) a claim for such reimbursement shall  
13 be submitted to the Secretary of Labor—

14 (i) not later than one year after the  
15 final payment of compensation to a covered  
16 employee pursuant to this section; and

17 (ii) in the same manner as a claim for  
18 reimbursement is submitted in accordance  
19 with part 61 of title 20, Code of Federal  
20 Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-  
21 actment of this Act); and

22 (B) an employer and the employer's carrier  
23 shall make, keep, and preserve such records,  
24 make such reports, and provide such informa-

1           tion, as the Secretary of Labor determines nec-  
2           essary or appropriate to carry out this section.

3           (c) SPECIAL FUND.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—A reimbursement under  
5           paragraph (1) shall be paid out of the special fund  
6           established in section 44 of Longshore and Harbor  
7           Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 944).

8           (2) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be ap-  
9           propriated, and there are appropriated, such funds  
10          as may be necessary to reimburse the special fund  
11          described in paragraph (1) for each reimbursement  
12          paid out of such fund under paragraph (1).

13          (d) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end  
14          of fiscal year 2020, 2021, and 2022, the Secretary of  
15          Labor shall submit to the Committee on Education and  
16          Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
17          on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate,  
18          an annual report enumerating—

19                 (1) the number of claims filed pursuant to sec-  
20                 tion (a)(1);

21                 (2) of such filed claims—

22                         (A) the number and types of claims ap-  
23                         proved under section 13 of the Longshore and  
24                         Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C.  
25                         913);



1 (B) the number and types of claims denied  
2 under such section;

3 (C) the number and types of claims pend-  
4 ing under such section; and

5 (3) the amounts and the number of claims for  
6 reimbursement paid out of the special fund under  
7 subsection (c)(1) for the fiscal year for which the re-  
8 port is being submitted.

9 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor may  
10 promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry  
11 out this section.

12 (f) LHWCA TERMS.—In this section, the terms “car-  
13 rier”, “compensation”, “employee”, and “employer” have  
14 the meanings given the terms in section 2 of the  
15 Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act (33  
16 U.S.C. 902).

17 **DIVISION M—CONSUMER PRO-**  
18 **TECTION AND TELE-**  
19 **COMMUNICATIONS PROVI-**  
20 **SIONS**

21 **TITLE I—COVID-19 PRICE**  
22 **GOUGING PREVENTION**

23 **SEC. 130101. SHORT TITLE.**

24 This title may be cited as the “COVID-19 Price  
25 Gouging Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 130102. PREVENTION OF PRICE GOUGING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of a public  
3 health emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the  
4 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result  
5 of confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID–  
6 19), including any renewal thereof, it shall be unlawful  
7 for any person to sell or offer for sale a good or service  
8 at a price that—

9 (1) is unconscionably excessive; and

10 (2) indicates the seller is using the cir-  
11 cumstances related to such public health emergency  
12 to increase prices unreasonably.

13 (b) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In determining  
14 whether a person has violated subsection (a), there shall  
15 be taken into account, with respect to the price at which  
16 such person sold or offered for sale the good or service,  
17 factors that include the following:

18 (1) Whether such price grossly exceeds the av-  
19 erage price at which the same or a similar good or  
20 service was sold or offered for sale by such person—

21 (A) during the 90-day period immediately  
22 preceding January 31, 2020; or

23 (B) during the period that is 45 days be-  
24 fore or after the date that is one year before  
25 the date such good or service is sold or offered  
26 for sale under subsection (a).

1           (2) Whether such price grossly exceeds the av-  
2           erage price at which the same or a similar good or  
3           service was readily obtainable from other similarly  
4           situated competing sellers before January 31, 2020.

5           (3) Whether such price reasonably reflects addi-  
6           tional costs, not within the control of such person,  
7           that were paid, incurred, or reasonably anticipated  
8           by such person, or reasonably reflects the profit-  
9           ability of forgone sales or additional risks taken by  
10          such person, to produce, distribute, obtain, or sell  
11          such good or service under the circumstances.

12          (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

13           (1) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COM-  
14          MISSION.—

15           (A) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-  
16          TICES.—A violation of subsection (a) shall be  
17          treated as a violation of a regulation under sec-  
18          tion 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commis-  
19          sion Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding  
20          unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

21           (B) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—The Com-  
22          mission shall enforce subsection (a) in the same  
23          manner, by the same means, and with the same  
24          jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all  
25          applicable terms and provisions of the Federal

1 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.)  
2 were incorporated into and made a part of this  
3 section. Any person who violates such sub-  
4 section shall be subject to the penalties and en-  
5 titled to the privileges and immunities provided  
6 in the Federal Trade Commission Act.

7 (2) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this  
8 section shall be construed in any way to limit the  
9 authority of the Commission under any other provi-  
10 sion of law.

11 (3) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GEN-  
12 ERAL.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the chief law en-  
14 forcement officer of a State, or an official or  
15 agency designated by a State, has reason to be-  
16 lieve that any person has violated or is violating  
17 subsection (a), the attorney general, official, or  
18 agency of the State, in addition to any author-  
19 ity it may have to bring an action in State  
20 court under its laws, may bring a civil action in  
21 any appropriate United States district court or  
22 in any other court of competent jurisdiction, in-  
23 cluding a State court, to—

24 (i) enjoin further such violation by  
25 such person;

- 1 (ii) enforce compliance with such sub-  
2 section;
- 3 (iii) obtain civil penalties; and
- 4 (iv) obtain damages, restitution, or  
5 other compensation on behalf of residents  
6 of the State.

7 (B) NOTICE AND INTERVENTION BY THE  
8 FTC.—The attorney general of a State shall  
9 provide prior written notice of any action under  
10 subparagraph (A) to the Commission and pro-  
11 vide the Commission with a copy of the com-  
12 plaint in the action, except in any case in which  
13 such prior notice is not feasible, in which case  
14 the attorney general shall serve such notice im-  
15 mediately upon instituting such action. The  
16 Commission shall have the right—

- 17 (i) to intervene in the action;
- 18 (ii) upon so intervening, to be heard  
19 on all matters arising therein; and
- 20 (iii) to file petitions for appeal.

21 (C) LIMITATION ON STATE ACTION WHILE  
22 FEDERAL ACTION IS PENDING.—If the Commis-  
23 sion has instituted a civil action for violation of  
24 this section, no State attorney general, or offi-  
25 cial or agency of a State, may bring an action

1 under this paragraph during the pendency of  
2 that action against any defendant named in the  
3 complaint of the Commission for any violation  
4 of this section alleged in the complaint.

5 (D) RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE-LAW  
6 CLAIMS.—If the attorney general of a State has  
7 authority to bring an action under State law di-  
8 rected at acts or practices that also violate this  
9 section, the attorney general may assert the  
10 State-law claim and a claim under this section  
11 in the same civil action.

12 (4) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section  
13 shall preempt or otherwise affect any State or local  
14 law.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
17 means the Federal Trade Commission.

18 (2) GOOD OR SERVICE.—The term “good or  
19 service” means a good or service offered in com-  
20 merce, including—

21 (A) food, beverages, water, ice, a chemical,  
22 or a personal hygiene product;

23 (B) any personal protective equipment for  
24 protection from or prevention of contagious dis-  
25 eases, filtering facepiece respirators, medical

1 equipment and supplies (including medical test-  
2 ing supplies), a drug as defined in section  
3 201(g)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
4 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)), cleaning sup-  
5 plies, disinfectants, sanitizers; or

6 (C) any healthcare service, cleaning serv-  
7 ice, or delivery service.

8 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
9 the several States, the District of Columbia, each  
10 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United  
11 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

12 **TITLE II—E-RATE SUPPORT FOR**  
13 **WI-FI HOTSPOTS, OTHER**  
14 **EQUIPMENT, AND CON-**  
15 **NECTED DEVICES**

16 **SEC. 130201. E-RATE SUPPORT FOR WI-FI HOTSPOTS,**  
17 **OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND CONNECTED DE-**  
18 **VICES DURING EMERGENCY PERIODS RELAT-**  
19 **ING TO COVID-19.**

20 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 7  
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
22 mission shall promulgate regulations providing for the  
23 provision, from amounts made available from the Emer-  
24 gency Connectivity Fund established under subsection  
25 (i)(1), of support under section 254(h)(1)(B) of the Com-

1 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)) to an  
2 elementary school, secondary school, or library (including  
3 a Tribal elementary school, Tribal secondary school, or  
4 Tribal library) eligible for support under such section, for  
5 the purchase during an emergency period described in sub-  
6 section (e) (including any portion of such a period occur-  
7 ring before the date of the enactment of this Act) of equip-  
8 ment described in subsection (c), advanced telecommuni-  
9 cations and information services, or equipment described  
10 in such subsection and advanced telecommunications and  
11 information services, for use by—

12           (1) in the case of a school, students and staff  
13           of such school at locations that include locations  
14           other than such school; and

15           (2) in the case of a library, patrons of such li-  
16           brary at locations that include locations other than  
17           such library.

18           (b) TRIBAL ISSUES.—

19           (1) RESERVATION FOR TRIBAL LANDS.—The  
20           Commission shall reserve not less than 5 percent of  
21           the amounts available to the Commission under sub-  
22           section (i)(3) to provide support under the regula-  
23           tions required by subsection (a) to schools and li-  
24           braries that serve persons who are located on Tribal  
25           lands.



1           (2) ELIGIBILITY OF TRIBAL LIBRARIES.—For  
2           purposes of determining the eligibility of a Tribal li-  
3           brary for support under the regulations required by  
4           subsection (a), the portion of paragraph (4) of sec-  
5           tion 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
6           U.S.C. 254(h)) relating to eligibility for assistance  
7           from a State library administrative agency under the  
8           Library Services and Technology Act shall not apply.

9           (c) EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED.—The equipment de-  
10          scribed in this subsection is the following:

11           (1) Wi-Fi hotspots.

12           (2) Modems.

13           (3) Routers.

14           (4) Devices that combine a modem and router.

15           (5) Connected devices.

16          (d) PRIORITIZATION OF SUPPORT.—The Commission  
17          shall provide in the regulations required by subsection (a)  
18          for a mechanism to require a school or library to prioritize  
19          the provision of equipment described in subsection (c), ad-  
20          vanced telecommunications and information services, or  
21          equipment described in such subsection and advanced tele-  
22          communications and information services, for which sup-  
23          port is received under such regulations, to students and  
24          staff or patrons (as the case may be) that the school or  
25          library believes do not have access to equipment described

1 in subsection (c), do not have access to advanced tele-  
2 communications and information services, or have access  
3 to neither equipment described in subsection (c) nor ad-  
4 vanced telecommunications and information services, at  
5 the residences of such students and staff or patrons.

6 (e) EMERGENCY PERIODS DESCRIBED.—An emer-  
7 gency period described in this subsection is a period  
8 that—

9 (1) begins on the date of a determination by the  
10 Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant  
11 to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 247d) that a public health emergency exists  
13 as a result of COVID–19; and

14 (2) ends on the June 30 that first occurs after  
15 the date on which such determination (including any  
16 renewal thereof) terminates.

17 (f) TREATMENT OF EQUIPMENT AFTER EMERGENCY  
18 PERIOD.—The Commission shall provide in the regula-  
19 tions required by subsection (a) that, in the case of a  
20 school or library that purchases equipment described in  
21 subsection (c) using support received under such regula-  
22 tions, such school or library—

23 (1) may, after the emergency period with re-  
24 spect to which such support is received, use such  
25 equipment for such purposes as such school or li-

1       brary considers appropriate, subject to any restric-  
2       tions provided in such regulations (or any successor  
3       regulation); and

4             (2) may not sell or otherwise transfer such  
5       equipment in exchange for any thing (including a  
6       service) of value, except that such school or library  
7       may exchange such equipment for upgraded equip-  
8       ment of the same type.

9       (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
10      tion shall be construed to affect any authority the Com-  
11      mission may have under section 254(h)(1)(B) of the Com-  
12      munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)) to  
13      allow support under such section to be used for the pur-  
14      poses described in subsection (a) other than as required  
15      by such subsection.

16      (h) PROCEDURAL MATTERS.—

17             (1) PART 54 REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this  
18      section shall be construed to prevent the Commission  
19      from providing that the regulations in part 54 of  
20      title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
21      cessor regulation), shall apply in whole or in part to  
22      support provided under the regulations required by  
23      subsection (a), shall not apply in whole or in part to  
24      such support, or shall be modified in whole or in  
25      part for purposes of application to such support.

1           (2) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN RULEMAKING  
2           REQUIREMENTS.—Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of  
3           section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall not  
4           apply to a regulation promulgated under subsection  
5           (a) of this section or a rulemaking to promulgate  
6           such a regulation.

7           (3) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMP-  
8           TION.—A collection of information conducted or  
9           sponsored under the regulations required by sub-  
10          section (a), or under section 254 of the Communica-  
11          tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) in connection  
12          with support provided under such regulations, shall  
13          not constitute a collection of information for the  
14          purposes of subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44,  
15          United States Code (commonly referred to as the  
16          Paperwork Reduction Act).

17          (i) EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND.—

18               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
19               the Treasury of the United States a fund to be  
20               known as the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

21               (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
22               There is authorized to be appropriated to the Emer-  
23               gency Connectivity Fund \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal  
24               year 2020, to remain available through fiscal year  
25               2021.

1           (3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Emer-  
2           gency Connectivity Fund shall be available to the  
3           Commission to provide support under the regula-  
4           tions required by subsection (a).

5           (4) RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
6           CONTRIBUTIONS.—Support provided under the regu-  
7           lations required by subsection (a) shall be provided  
8           from amounts made available under paragraph (3)  
9           and not from contributions under section 254(d) of  
10          the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
11          254(d)).

12          (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13           (1) ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IN-  
14           FORMATION SERVICES.—The term “advanced tele-  
15           communications and information services” means  
16           advanced telecommunications and information serv-  
17           ices, as such term is used in section 254(h) of the  
18           Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)).

19           (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
20           means the Federal Communications Commission.

21           (3) CONNECTED DEVICE.—The term “con-  
22           nected device” means a laptop computer, tablet com-  
23           puter, or similar device that is capable of connecting  
24           to advanced telecommunications and information  
25           services.

1           (4) LIBRARY.—The term “library” includes a  
2 library consortium.

3           (5) TRIBAL LAND.—The term “Tribal land”  
4 means—

5           (A) any land located within the boundaries  
6 of—

7                 (i) an Indian reservation, pueblo, or  
8 rancheria; or

9                 (ii) a former reservation within Okla-  
10 homa;

11           (B) any land not located within the bound-  
12 aries of an Indian reservation, pueblo, or  
13 rancheria, the title to which is held—

14                 (i) in trust by the United States for  
15 the benefit of an Indian Tribe or an indi-  
16 vidual Indian;

17                 (ii) by an Indian Tribe or an indi-  
18 vidual Indian, subject to restriction against  
19 alienation under laws of the United States;  
20 or

21                 (iii) by a dependent Indian commu-  
22 nity;

23           (C) any land located within a region estab-  
24 lished pursuant to section 7(a) of the Alaska

1 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
2 1606(a));

3 (D) Hawaiian Home Lands, as defined in  
4 section 801 of the Native American Housing  
5 Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996  
6 (25 U.S.C. 4221); or

7 (E) those areas or communities designated  
8 by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs of  
9 the Department of the Interior that are near,  
10 adjacent, or contiguous to reservations where fi-  
11 nancial assistance and social service programs  
12 are provided to Indians because of their status  
13 as Indians.

14 (6) TRIBAL LIBRARY.—The term “Tribal li-  
15 brary” means, only during an emergency period de-  
16 scribed under subsection (e), a facility owned by an  
17 Indian Tribe, serving Indian Tribes, or serving  
18 American Indians, Alaskan Natives, or Native Ha-  
19 waiian communities, including—

20 (A) a Tribal library or Tribal library con-  
21 sortium; or

22 (B) a Tribal government building, chapter  
23 house, longhouse, community center, or other  
24 similar public building.

1           (7) WI-FI.—The term “Wi-Fi” means a wire-  
2           less networking protocol based on Institute of Elec-  
3           trical and Electronics Engineers standard 802.11  
4           (or any successor standard).

5           (8) WI-FI HOTSPOT.—The term “Wi-Fi  
6           hotspot” means a device that is capable of—

7                   (A) receiving mobile advanced tele-  
8                   communications and information services; and

9                   (B) sharing such services with another de-  
10                  vice through the use of Wi-Fi.

## 11 **TITLE III—EMERGENCY BENEFIT** 12 **FOR BROADBAND SERVICE**

### 13 **SEC. 130301. BENEFIT FOR BROADBAND SERVICE DURING** 14 **EMERGENCY PERIODS RELATING TO COVID-** 15 **19.**

16           (a) PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—  
17 Not later than 7 days after the date of the enactment of  
18 this Act, the Commission shall promulgate regulations im-  
19 plementing this section.

20           (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations promulgated  
21 pursuant to subsection (a) shall establish the following:

22                   (1) EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT.—Dur-  
23                   ing an emergency period, a provider shall provide an  
24                   eligible household with an internet service offering,  
25                   upon request by a member of such household. Such



1 provider shall discount the price charged to such  
2 household for such internet service offering in an  
3 amount equal to the emergency broadband benefit  
4 for such household.

5 (2) VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—To verify  
6 whether a household is an eligible household, a pro-  
7 vider shall either—

8 (A) use the National Lifeline Eligibility  
9 Verifier; or

10 (B) rely upon an alternative verification  
11 process of the provider, if the Commission finds  
12 such process to be sufficient to avoid waste,  
13 fraud, and abuse.

14 (3) USE OF NATIONAL LIFELINE ELIGIBILITY  
15 VERIFIER.—The Commission shall—

16 (A) expedite the ability of all providers to  
17 access the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier  
18 for purposes of determining whether a house-  
19 hold is an eligible household; and

20 (B) ensure that the National Lifeline Eligi-  
21 bility Verifier approves an eligible household to  
22 receive the emergency broadband benefit not  
23 later than two days after the date of the sub-  
24 mission of information necessary to determine if  
25 such household is an eligible household.

1           (4) EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY PERIOD.—An  
2 emergency period may be extended within a State or  
3 any portion thereof if the State, or in the case of  
4 Tribal land, a Tribal government, provides written,  
5 public notice to the Commission stipulating that an  
6 extension is necessary in furtherance of the recovery  
7 related to COVID–19. The Commission shall, within  
8 48 hours after receiving such notice, post the notice  
9 on the public website of the Commission.

10           (5) REIMBURSEMENT.—From the Emergency  
11 Broadband Connectivity Fund established in sub-  
12 section (h), the Commission shall reimburse a pro-  
13 vider in an amount equal to the emergency  
14 broadband benefit with respect to an eligible house-  
15 hold that receives such benefit from such provider.

16           (6) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONNECTED DE-  
17 VICE.—A provider that, in addition to providing the  
18 emergency broadband benefit to an eligible house-  
19 hold, supplies such household with a connected de-  
20 vice may be reimbursed up to \$100 from the Emer-  
21 gency Broadband Connectivity Fund established in  
22 subsection (h) for such connected device, if the  
23 charge to such eligible household is more than \$10  
24 but less than \$50 for such connected device, except  
25 that a provider may receive reimbursement for no

1 more than one connected device per eligible house-  
2 hold.

3 (7) NO RETROACTIVE REIMBURSEMENT.—A  
4 provider may not receive a reimbursement from the  
5 Emergency Broadband Connectivity Fund for pro-  
6 viding an internet service offering discounted by the  
7 emergency broadband benefit, or for supplying a  
8 connected device, that was provided or supplied (as  
9 the case may be) before the date of the enactment  
10 of this Act.

11 (8) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—To receive a  
12 reimbursement under paragraph (5) or (6), a pro-  
13 vider shall certify to the Commission the following:

14 (A) That the amount for which the pro-  
15 vider is seeking reimbursement from the Emer-  
16 gency Broadband Connectivity Fund for an  
17 internet service offering to an eligible household  
18 is not more than the normal rate.

19 (B) That each eligible household for which  
20 a provider is seeking reimbursement for pro-  
21 viding an internet service offering discounted by  
22 the emergency broadband benefit—

23 (i) has not been and will not be  
24 charged—

1 (I) for such offering, if the nor-  
2 mal rate for such offering is less than  
3 or equal to the amount of the emer-  
4 gency broadband benefit for such  
5 household; or

6 (II) more for such offering than  
7 the difference between the normal rate  
8 for such offering and the amount of  
9 the emergency broadband benefit for  
10 such household;

11 (ii) will not be required to pay an  
12 early termination fee if such eligible house-  
13 hold elects to enter into a contract to re-  
14 ceive such internet service offering if such  
15 household later terminates such contract;  
16 and

17 (iii) was not subject to a mandatory  
18 waiting period for such internet service of-  
19 fering based on having previously received  
20 broadband internet access service from  
21 such provider.

22 (C) A description of the process used by  
23 the provider to verify that a household is an eli-  
24 gible household, if the provider elects an alter-  
25 native verification process under paragraph

1           (2)(B), and that such verification process was  
2           designed to avoid waste, fraud, and abuse.

3           (9) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.—The Commission  
4           shall adopt audit requirements to ensure that pro-  
5           viders are in compliance with the requirements of  
6           this section and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse  
7           in the emergency broadband benefit program estab-  
8           lished under this section.

9           (c) ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding sub-  
10          section (e) of this section, the Commission shall provide  
11          a reimbursement to a provider under this section without  
12          requiring such provider to be designated as an eligible tele-  
13          communications carrier under section 214(e) of the Com-  
14          munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 214(e)).

15          (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
16          tion shall affect the collection, distribution, or administra-  
17          tion of the Lifeline Assistance Program governed by the  
18          rules set forth in subpart E of part 54 of title 47, Code  
19          of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).

20          (e) PART 54 REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this section  
21          shall be construed to prevent the Commission from pro-  
22          viding that the regulations in part 54 of title 47, Code  
23          of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), shall  
24          apply in whole or in part to support provided under the  
25          regulations required by subsection (a), shall not apply in

1 whole or in part to such support, or shall be modified in  
2 whole or in part for purposes of application to such sup-  
3 port.

4 (f) ENFORCEMENT.—A violation of this section or a  
5 regulation promulgated under this section, including the  
6 knowing or reckless denial of an internet service offering  
7 discounted by the emergency broadband benefit to an eligi-  
8 ble household that requests such an offering, shall be  
9 treated as a violation of the Communications Act of 1934  
10 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) or a regulation promulgated under  
11 such Act. The Commission shall enforce this section and  
12 the regulations promulgated under this section in the same  
13 manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdic-  
14 tion, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and  
15 provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 were incor-  
16 porated into and made a part of this section.

17 (g) EXEMPTIONS.—

18 (1) NOTICE AND COMMENT RULEMAKING RE-  
19 QUIREMENTS.—Section 553 of title 5, United States  
20 Code, shall not apply to a regulation promulgated  
21 under subsection (a) or a rulemaking to promulgate  
22 such a regulation.

23 (2) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT REQUIRE-  
24 MENTS.—A collection of information conducted or  
25 sponsored under the regulations required by sub-

1 section (a) shall not constitute a collection of infor-  
2 mation for the purposes of subchapter I of chapter  
3 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly re-  
4 ferred to as the Paperwork Reduction Act).

5 (h) EMERGENCY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY  
6 FUND.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
8 the Treasury of the United States a fund to be  
9 known as the Emergency Broadband Connectivity  
10 Fund.

11 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
12 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Emer-  
13 gency Broadband Connectivity Fund \$8,800,000,000  
14 for fiscal year 2020, to remain available through fis-  
15 cal year 2021.

16 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Emer-  
17 gency Broadband Connectivity Fund shall be avail-  
18 able to the Commission for reimbursements to pro-  
19 viders under the regulations required by subsection  
20 (a).

21 (4) RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
22 CONTRIBUTIONS.—Reimbursements provided under  
23 the regulations required by subsection (a) shall be  
24 provided from amounts made available under this  
25 subsection and not from contributions under section

1 254(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
2 U.S.C. 254(d)), except the Commission may use  
3 such contributions if needed to offset expenses asso-  
4 ciated with the reliance on the National Lifeline Eli-  
5 gibility Verifier to determine eligibility of households  
6 to receive the emergency broadband benefit.

7 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—  
9 The term “broadband internet access service” has  
10 the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of  
11 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
12 cessor regulation).

13 (2) CONNECTED DEVICE.—The term “con-  
14 nected device” means a laptop or desktop computer  
15 or a tablet.

16 (3) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term “eligible  
17 household” means, regardless of whether the house-  
18 hold or any member of the household receives sup-  
19 port under subpart E of part 54 of title 47, Code  
20 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation),  
21 and regardless of whether any member of the house-  
22 hold has any past or present arrearages with a pro-  
23 vider, a household in which—

24 (A) at least one member of the household  
25 meets the qualifications in subsection (a) or (b)



1 of section 54.409 of title 47, Code of Federal  
2 Regulations (or any successor regulation);

3 (B) at least one member of the household  
4 has applied for and been approved to receive  
5 benefits under the free and reduced price lunch  
6 program under the Richard B. Russell National  
7 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or  
8 the school breakfast program under section 4 of  
9 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
10 1773); or

11 (C) at least one member of the household  
12 has experienced a substantial loss of income  
13 since February 29, 2020, documented by layoff  
14 or furlough notice, application for unemploy-  
15 ment insurance benefits, or similar documenta-  
16 tion.

17 (4) EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT.—The  
18 term “emergency broadband benefit” means a  
19 monthly discount for an eligible household applied to  
20 the normal rate for an internet service offering, in  
21 an amount equal to such rate, but not more than  
22 \$50, or, if an internet service offering is provided to  
23 an eligible household on Tribal land, not more than  
24 \$75.

1           (5) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term “emer-  
2           gency period” means a period that—

3                   (A) begins on the date of a determination  
4                   by the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
5                   pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health  
6                   Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) that a public  
7                   health emergency exists as a result of COVID–  
8                   19; and

9                   (B) ends on the date that is 6 months  
10                  after the date on which such determination (in-  
11                  cluding any renewal thereof) terminates, except  
12                  as such period may be extended under sub-  
13                  section (b)(4).

14           (6) INTERNET SERVICE OFFERING.—The term  
15           “internet service offering” means, with respect to a  
16           provider, broadband internet access service provided  
17           by such provider to a household, offered in the same  
18           manner, and on the same terms, as described in any  
19           of such provider’s advertisements for broadband  
20           internet access service to such household, as on May  
21           1, 2020.

22           (7) NORMAL RATE.—The term “normal rate”  
23           means, with respect to an internet service offering  
24           by a provider, the advertised monthly retail rate, as

1 of May 1, 2020, including any applicable promotions  
2 and excluding any taxes or other governmental fees.

3 (8) PROVIDER.—The term “provider” means a  
4 provider of broadband internet access service.

5 **SEC. 130302. ENHANCED LIFELINE BENEFITS DURING**  
6 **EMERGENCY PERIODS.**

7 (a) ENHANCED MINIMUM SERVICE STANDARDS FOR  
8 LIFELINE BENEFITS DURING EMERGENCY PERIODS.—  
9 During an emergency period—

10 (1) the minimum service standard for Lifeline  
11 supported mobile voice service shall provide an un-  
12 limited number of minutes per month;

13 (2) the minimum service standard for Lifeline  
14 supported mobile data service shall provide an un-  
15 limited data allowance each month and 4G speeds,  
16 where available; and

17 (3) the Basic Support Amount and Tribal  
18 Lands Support Amount, as described in section  
19 54.403 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
20 any successor regulation), shall be increased by an  
21 amount necessary, as determined by the Commis-  
22 sion, to offset any incremental increase in cost asso-  
23 ciated with the requirements in paragraphs (1) and  
24 (2).

1           (b) EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY PERIOD.—An emer-  
2 gency period may be extended within a State or any por-  
3 tion thereof for a maximum of six months, if the State,  
4 or in the case of Tribal land, a Tribal government, pro-  
5 vides written, public notice to the Commission stipulating  
6 that an extension is necessary in furtherance of the recov-  
7 ery related to COVID–19. The Commission shall, within  
8 48 hours after receiving such notice, post the notice on  
9 the public website of the Commission.

10          (c) REGULATIONS.—The Commission shall adopt, on  
11 an expedited basis, any regulations needed to carry out  
12 this section.

13          (d) EMERGENCY PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section,  
14 the term “emergency period” means a period that—

15               (1) begins on the date of a determination by the  
16 Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant  
17 to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 247d) that a public health emergency exists  
19 as a result of COVID–19; and

20               (2) ends on the date that is 6 months after the  
21 date on which such determination (including any re-  
22 newal thereof) terminates, except as such period  
23 may be extended under subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 130303. GRANTS TO STATES TO STRENGTHEN NA-**  
2 **TIONAL LIFELINE ELIGIBILITY VERIFIER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated  
4 under subsection (d), the Commission shall, not later than  
5 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, make  
6 a grant to each State, in an amount in proportion to the  
7 population of such State, for the purpose of connecting  
8 the database used by such State for purposes of the sup-  
9 plemental nutrition assistance program under the Food  
10 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) to the  
11 National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier, so that the receipt  
12 by a household of benefits under such program is reflected  
13 in the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier.

14 (b) DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS.—Funds  
15 under each grant made under subsection (a) shall be dis-  
16 bursed to the State receiving such grant not later than  
17 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (c) CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
19 21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
20 Commission shall certify to the Committee on Energy and  
21 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
22 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
23 Senate that the grants required by subsection (a) have  
24 been made and that funds have been disbursed as required  
25 by subsection (b).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000 to carry out  
3 this section for fiscal year 2020, to remain available  
4 through fiscal year 2021.

5 **SEC. 130304. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
8 means the Federal Communications Commission.

9 (2) NATIONAL LIFELINE ELIGIBILITY  
10 VERIFIER.—The term “National Lifeline Eligibility  
11 Verifier” has the meaning given such term in section  
12 54.400 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
13 any successor regulation).

14 (3) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
15 ing given such term in section 3 of the Communica-  
16 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

17 **TITLE IV—CONTINUED**  
18 **CONNECTIVITY**

19 **SEC. 130401. CONTINUED CONNECTIVITY DURING EMER-**  
20 **GENCY PERIODS RELATING TO COVID-19.**

21 Title VII of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
22 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
23 following:

1 **“SEC. 723. CONTINUED CONNECTIVITY DURING EMER-**  
2 **GENCY PERIODS RELATING TO COVID-19.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—During an emergency period de-  
4 scribed in subsection (b), it shall be unlawful—

5 “(1) for a provider of advanced telecommuni-  
6 cations service or voice service to—

7 “(A) terminate, reduce, or change such  
8 service provided to any individual customer or  
9 small business because of the inability of the in-  
10 dividual customer or small business to pay for  
11 such service if the individual customer or small  
12 business certifies to such provider that such in-  
13 ability to pay is a result of disruptions caused  
14 by the public health emergency to which such  
15 emergency period relates; or

16 “(B) impose late fees on any individual  
17 customer or small business because of the in-  
18 ability of the individual customer or small busi-  
19 ness to pay for such service if the individual  
20 customer or small business certifies to such pro-  
21 vider that such inability to pay is a result of  
22 disruptions caused by the public health emer-  
23 gency to which such emergency period relates;

24 “(2) for a provider of advanced telecommuni-  
25 cations service to, during such emergency period—

1           “(A) employ a limit on the amount of data  
2           allotted to an individual customer or small busi-  
3           ness during such emergency period, except that  
4           such provider may engage in reasonable net-  
5           work management; or

6           “(B) charge an individual customer or  
7           small business an additional fee for exceeding  
8           the limit on the data allotted to an individual  
9           customer or small business; or

10          “(3) for a provider of advanced telecommuni-  
11          cations service that had functioning Wi-Fi hotspots  
12          available to subscribers in public places on the day  
13          before the beginning of such emergency period to  
14          fail to make service provided by such Wi-Fi hotspots  
15          available to the public at no cost during such emer-  
16          gency period.

17          “(b) WAIVER.—Upon a petition by a provider ad-  
18          vanced telecommunications service or voice service, the  
19          provisions in subsection (a) may be suspended or waived  
20          by the Commission at any time, in whole or in part, for  
21          good cause shown.

22          “(c) EMERGENCY PERIODS DESCRIBED.—An emer-  
23          gency period described in this subsection is any portion  
24          beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this  
25          section of the duration of a public health emergency de-



1 clared pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Serv-  
2 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result of COVID-19, includ-  
3 ing any renewal thereof.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERV-  
6 ICE.—The term ‘advanced telecommunications serv-  
7 ice’ means a service that provides advanced tele-  
8 communications capability (as defined in section 706  
9 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C.  
10 1302)).

11 “(2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERV-  
12 ICE.—The term ‘broadband internet access service’  
13 has the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b)  
14 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
15 cessor regulation).

16 “(3) INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER.—The term ‘indi-  
17 vidual customer’ means an individual who contracts  
18 with a mass-market retail provider of advanced tele-  
19 communications service or voice service to provide  
20 service to such individual.

21 “(4) REASONABLE NETWORK MANAGEMENT.—  
22 The term ‘reasonable network management’—

23 “(A) means the use of a practice that—

24 “(i) has a primarily technical network  
25 management justification; and

1           “(ii) is primarily used for and tailored  
2           to achieving a legitimate network manage-  
3           ment purpose, taking into account the par-  
4           ticular network architecture and tech-  
5           nology of the service; and

6           “(B) does not include other business prac-  
7           tices.

8           “(5) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term ‘small busi-  
9           ness’ has the meaning given such term under section  
10          601(3) of title 5, United States Code.

11          “(6) VOICE SERVICE.—The term ‘voice service’  
12          has the meaning given such term under section  
13          227(e)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
14          U.S.C. 227(e)(8)).

15          “(7) WI-FI.—The term ‘Wi-Fi’ means a wire-  
16          less networking protocol based on Institute of Elec-  
17          trical and Electronics Engineers standard 802.11  
18          (or any successor standard).

19          “(8) WI-FI HOTSPOT.—The term ‘Wi-Fi  
20          hotspot’ means a device that is capable of—

21                  “(A) receiving mobile broadband internet  
22                  access service; and

23                  “(B) sharing such service with another de-  
24                  vice through the use of Wi-Fi.”.

1    **TITLE V—DON’T BREAK UP THE**  
2                                   **T-BAND**

3    **SEC. 130501. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO REALLOCATE**  
4                                   **AND AUCTION T-BAND SPECTRUM.**

5           (a) REPEAL.—Section 6103 of the Middle Class Tax  
6 Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1413)  
7 is repealed.

8           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
9 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking the  
10 item relating to section 6103.

11    **TITLE VI—NATIONAL SUICIDE**  
12                                   **HOTLINE DESIGNATION**

13    **SEC. 130601. FINDINGS.**

14           Congress finds the following:

15               (1) According to the American Foundation for  
16 Suicide Prevention, on average, there are 129 sui-  
17 cides per day in the United States.

18               (2) To prevent future suicides, it is critical to  
19 transition the cumbersome, existing 10-digit Na-  
20 tional Suicide Hotline to a universal, easy-to-remem-  
21 ber, 3-digit phone number and connect people in cri-  
22 sis with life-saving resources.

23               (3) It is essential that people in the United  
24 States have access to a 3-digit national suicide hot-  
25 line across all geographic locations.

1           (4) The designated suicide hotline number will  
2           need to be both familiar and recognizable to all peo-  
3           ple in the United States.

4 **SEC. 130602. UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NA-**  
5                                   **TIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL**  
6                                   **HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(e) of the Commu-  
8           nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)) is amended by  
9           adding at the end the following:

10                           “(4) UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NA-  
11           TIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH  
12           CRISIS HOTLINE SYSTEM.—9–8–8 is designated as  
13           the universal telephone number within the United  
14           States for the purpose of the national suicide pre-  
15           vention and mental health crisis hotline system oper-  
16           ating through the National Suicide Prevention Life-  
17           line maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Men-  
18           tal Health and Substance Use under section 520E–  
19           3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
20           290bb–36c) and through the Veterans Crisis Line  
21           maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
22           under section 1720F(h) of title 38, United States  
23           Code.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year  
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (c) REQUIRED REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant  
6 Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and the  
7 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit a report  
8 that details the resources necessary to make the use of  
9 9–8–8, as designated under paragraph (4) of section  
10 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
11 251(e)), as added by subsection (a) of this section, oper-  
12 ational and effective across the United States to—

13 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
14 Transportation of the Senate;

15 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
16 Senate;

17 (3) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
18 the House of Representatives; and

19 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
20 House of Representatives.

21 **SEC. 130603. STATE AUTHORITY OVER FEES.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act, any  
24 amendment made by this Act, the Communications  
25 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), or any Com-

1 mission regulation or order may prevent the imposi-  
2 tion and collection of a fee or charge applicable to  
3 a voice service specifically designated by a State, a  
4 political subdivision of a State, an Indian Tribe, or  
5 a village or regional corporation serving a region es-  
6 tablished pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
7 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for the support  
8 or implementation of 9–8–8 services, if the fee or  
9 charge is held in a sequestered account to be obli-  
10 gated or expended only in support of 9–8–8 services,  
11 or enhancements of such services, as specified in the  
12 provision of State or local law adopting the fee or  
13 charge.

14 (2) USE OF 9–8–8 FEES.—A fee or charge col-  
15 lected under this subsection shall only be imposed,  
16 collected, and used to pay expenses that a State, a  
17 political subdivision of a State, an Indian Tribe, or  
18 a village or regional corporation serving a region es-  
19 tablished pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
20 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is expected to  
21 incur that are reasonably attributable to—

22 (A) ensuring the efficient and effective  
23 routing of calls made to the 9–8–8 national sui-  
24 cide prevention and mental health crisis hotline  
25 to an appropriate crisis center; or

1 (B) the provision of acute mental health,  
2 crisis outreach, and stabilization services di-  
3 rectly responding to the 9–8–8 national suicide  
4 prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

5 (b) FEE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.—To ensure effi-  
6 ciency, transparency, and accountability in the collection  
7 and expenditure of a fee or charge for the support or im-  
8 plementation of 9–8–8 services, not later than 2 years  
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
10 thereafter, the Commission shall submit to the Commit-  
11 tees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Ap-  
12 propriations of the Senate and the Committees on Energy  
13 and Commerce and Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives a report that—

15 (1) details the status in each State, political  
16 subdivision of a State, Indian Tribe, or village or re-  
17 gional corporation serving a region established pur-  
18 suant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
19 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) of the collection and dis-  
20 tribution of such fees or charges, including a de-  
21 tailed report about how those fees or charges are  
22 being used to support 9–8–8 services; and

23 (2) includes findings on the amount of revenues  
24 obligated or expended by each State, political sub-  
25 division of a State, Indian Tribe, or village or re-

1 regional corporation serving a region established pur-  
2 suant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
3 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for any purpose other than  
4 the purpose for which any such fees or charges are  
5 specified.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
8 means the Federal Communications Commission.

9 (2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
10 ing given that term in section 7 of the Wireless  
11 Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (47  
12 U.S.C. 615b).

13 (3) VOICE SERVICE.—The term “voice service”  
14 has the meaning given that term in section  
15 227(e)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
16 U.S.C. 227(e)(8)).

17 **SEC. 130604. LOCATION IDENTIFICATION REPORT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-  
20 nications Commission shall submit to the appropriate com-  
21 mittees a report that examines the feasibility and cost of  
22 including an automatic dispatchable location that would  
23 be conveyed with a 9–8–8 call, regardless of the techno-  
24 logical platform used and including with calls from multi-  
25 line telephone systems (as defined in section 6502 of the



1 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012  
2 (47 U.S.C. 1471)).

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—The term  
5 “appropriate committees” means the following:

6 (A) The Committee on Commerce, Science,  
7 and Transportation of the Senate.

8 (B) The Committee on Health, Education,  
9 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

10 (C) The Committee on Energy and Com-  
11 merce of the House of Representatives.

12 (2) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term  
13 “dispatchable location” means the street address of  
14 the calling party and additional information such as  
15 room number, floor number, or similar information  
16 necessary to adequately identify the location of the  
17 calling party.

18 **SEC. 130605. REPORT ON CERTAIN TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

19 (a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the  
20 Congress that—

21 (1) youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
22 transgender, or queer (referred to in this section as  
23 “LGBTQ”) are more than 4 times more likely to  
24 contemplate suicide than their peers;

1           (2) 1 in 5 LGBTQ youth and more than 1 in  
2           3 transgender youth report attempting suicide this  
3           past year; and

4           (3) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
5           Services Administration must be equipped to provide  
6           specialized resources to this at-risk community.

7           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
8           of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for  
9           Mental Health and Substance Use shall submit to the  
10          Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
11          the Senate, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,  
12          and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy  
13          and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report  
14          that—

15                 (1) details a strategy, to be developed in con-  
16                 sultation with 1 or more organizations with expertise  
17                 in suicide of LGBTQ youth as well as 1 or more or-  
18                 ganizations with expertise in suicide of other high  
19                 risk populations, for the Substance Abuse and Men-  
20                 tal Health Services Administration to offer, support,  
21                 or provide technical assistance to training programs  
22                 for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline counselors  
23                 to increase competency in serving LGBTQ youth  
24                 and other high risk populations; and

25                 (2) includes recommendations regarding—

1 (A) the facilitation of access to services  
2 that are provided to specially trained staff and  
3 partner organizations for LGBTQ individuals  
4 and other high risk populations; and

5 (B) a strategy for optimally implementing  
6 an Integrated Voice Response, or other equally  
7 effective mechanism, to allow National Suicide  
8 Prevention Lifeline callers who are LGBTQ  
9 youth or members of other high risk popu-  
10 lations to access specialized services.

11 **TITLE VII—COVID-19 COMPAS-**  
12 **SION AND MARTHA WRIGHT**  
13 **PRISON PHONE JUSTICE**

14 **SEC. 130701. FINDINGS.**

15 Congress finds the following:

16 (1) Prison, jails, and other confinement facili-  
17 ties in the United States have unique telecommuni-  
18 cations needs due to safety and security concerns.

19 (2) Unjust and unreasonable charges for tele-  
20 phone and advanced communications services in con-  
21 finement facilities negatively impact the safety and  
22 security of communities in the United States by  
23 damaging relationships between incarcerated persons  
24 and their support systems, thereby exacerbating re-  
25 cidivism.

1           (3) The COVID–19 pandemic has greatly inten-  
2           sified these concerns. Jails and prisons have become  
3           epicenters for the spread of the virus, with incarcer-  
4           ated persons concentrated in small, confined spaces  
5           and often without access to adequate health care. At  
6           Cook County jail alone, hundreds of incarcerated  
7           persons and jail staff have tested positive for the  
8           virus since its outbreak.

9           (4) To prevent the spread of the virus, many  
10          jails and prisons across the country suspended pub-  
11          lic visitation, leaving confinement facility commu-  
12          nications services as the only way that incarcerated  
13          persons can stay in touch with their families.

14          (5) All people in the United States, including  
15          anyone who pays for confinement facility commu-  
16          nications services, should have access to communica-  
17          tions services at charges that are just and reason-  
18          able.

19          (6) Unemployment has risen sharply as a result  
20          of the COVID–19 pandemic, straining the incomes  
21          of millions of Americans and making it even more  
22          difficult for families of incarcerated persons to pay  
23          the high costs of confinement facility communica-  
24          tions services.

1           (7) Certain markets for confinement facility  
2           communications services are distorted due to reverse  
3           competition, in which the financial interests of the  
4           entity making the buying decision (the confinement  
5           facility) are aligned with the seller (the provider of  
6           confinement facility communications services) and  
7           not the consumer (the incarcerated person or a  
8           member of his or her family). This reverse competi-  
9           tion occurs because site commission payments to the  
10          confinement facility from the provider of confine-  
11          ment facility communications services are the chief  
12          criterion many facilities use to select their provider  
13          of confinement facility communications services.

14          (8) Charges for confinement facility commu-  
15          nications services that have been shown to be unjust  
16          and unreasonable are often a result of site commis-  
17          sion payments that far exceed the costs incurred by  
18          the confinement facility in accommodating these  
19          services.

20          (9) Unjust and unreasonable charges have been  
21          assessed for both audio and video services and for  
22          both intrastate and interstate communications from  
23          confinement facilities.

24          (10) Though Congress enacted emergency legis-  
25          lation to allow free communications in Federal pris-

1 ons during the pandemic, it does not cover commu-  
2 nications to or from anyone incarcerated in State  
3 and local prisons or jails.

4 (11) Mrs. Martha Wright-Reed led a campaign  
5 for just communications rates for incarcerated peo-  
6 ple for over a decade.

7 (12) Mrs. Wright-Reed was the lead plaintiff in  
8 Wright v. Corrections Corporation of America, CA  
9 No. 00–293 (GK) (D.D.C. 2001).

10 (13) That case ultimately led to the Wright Pe-  
11 tition at the Federal Communications Commission,  
12 CC Docket No. 96–128 (November 3, 2003).

13 (14) As a grandmother, Mrs. Wright-Reed was  
14 forced to choose between purchasing medication and  
15 communicating with her incarcerated grandson.

16 (15) Mrs. Wright-Reed passed away on Janu-  
17 ary 18, 2015, before fully realizing her dream of just  
18 communications rates for all people.

19 **SEC. 130702. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFINEMENT FACILITY**  
20 **COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, DURING THE**  
21 **COVID–19 PANDEMIC AND OTHER TIMES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 276 of the Communica-  
23 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 276) is amended by adding  
24 at the end the following:

1       “(e) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFINEMENT FACILITY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.—

2               “(1) AUTHORITY.—

3                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—All charges, practices,  
4                       classifications, and regulations for and in con-  
5                       nection with confinement facility communica-  
6                       tions services shall be just and reasonable, and  
7                       any such charge, practice, classification, or reg-  
8                       ulation that is unjust or unreasonable is de-  
9                       clared to be unlawful.  
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11                      “(B) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later  
12                      than 18 months after the date of the enactment  
13                      of this subsection, the Commission shall issue  
14                      rules to adopt, for the provision of confinement  
15                      facility communications services, rates and an-  
16                      cillary service charges that are just and reason-  
17                      able, which shall be the maximum such rates  
18                      and charges that a provider of confinement fa-  
19                      cility communications services may charge for  
20                      such services. In determining rates and charges  
21                      that are just and reasonable, the Commission  
22                      shall adopt such rates and charges based on the  
23                      average industry costs of providing such serv-  
24                      ices using data collected from providers of con-  
25                      finement facility communications services.

1           “(C) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—Not less fre-  
2           quently than every 2 years following the  
3           issuance of rules under subparagraph (B), the  
4           Commission shall—

5                   “(i) determine whether the rates and  
6                   ancillary service charges authorized by the  
7                   rules issued under such subparagraph re-  
8                   main just and reasonable; and

9                   “(ii) if the Commission determines  
10                  under clause (i) that any such rate or  
11                  charge does not remain just and reason-  
12                  able, revise such rules so that such rate or  
13                  charge is just and reasonable.

14           “(2) INTERIM RATE CAPS.—Until the Commis-  
15           sion issues the rules required by paragraph (1)(B),  
16           a provider of confinement facility communications  
17           services may not charge a rate for any voice service  
18           communication using confinement facility commu-  
19           nications services that exceeds the following:

20                   “(A) For debit calling or prepaid calling,  
21                   \$0.04 per minute.

22                   “(B) For collect calling, \$0.05 per minute.

23           “(3) ASSESSMENT ON PER-MINUTE BASIS.—Ex-  
24           cept as provided in paragraph (4), a provider of con-  
25           finement facility communications services—



1           “(A) shall assess all charges for a commu-  
2           nication using such services on a per-minute  
3           basis for the actual duration of the communica-  
4           tion, measured from communication acceptance  
5           to termination, rounded up to the next full  
6           minute, except in the case of charges for serv-  
7           ices that the confinement facility offers free of  
8           charge or for amounts below the amounts per-  
9           mitted under this subsection; and

10           “(B) may not charge a per-communication  
11           or per-connection charge for a communication  
12           using such services.

13           “(4) ANCILLARY SERVICE CHARGES.—

14           “(A) GENERAL PROHIBITION.—A provider  
15           of confinement facility communications services  
16           may not charge an ancillary service charge  
17           other than—

18                   “(i) if the Commission has not yet  
19                   issued the rules required by paragraph  
20                   (1)(B), a charge listed in subparagraph  
21                   (B) of this paragraph; or

22                   “(ii) a charge authorized by the rules  
23                   adopted by the Commission under para-  
24                   graph (1).

1           “(B) PERMITTED CHARGES AND RATES.—  
2           If the Commission has not yet issued the rules  
3           required by paragraph (1)(B), a provider of  
4           confinement facility communications services  
5           may not charge a rate for an ancillary service  
6           charge in excess of the following:

7                   “(i) In the case of an automated pay-  
8                   ment fee, 2.9 percent of the total charge  
9                   on which the fee is assessed.

10                   “(ii) In the case of a fee for single-call  
11                   and related services, the exact transaction  
12                   fee charged by the third-party provider,  
13                   with no markup.

14                   “(iii) In the case of a live agent fee,  
15                   \$5.95 per use.

16                   “(iv) In the case of a paper bill or  
17                   statement fee, \$2 per use.

18                   “(v) In the case of a third-party fi-  
19                   nancial transaction fee, the exact fee, with  
20                   no markup, charged by the third party for  
21                   the transaction.

22           “(5) PROHIBITION ON SITE COMMISSIONS.—A  
23           provider of confinement facility communications  
24           services may not assess a site commission.

1           “(6) RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAW.—A State  
2 or political subdivision of a State may not enforce  
3 any law, rule, regulation, standard, or other provi-  
4 sion having the force or effect of law relating to con-  
5 finement facility communications services that allows  
6 for higher rates or other charges to be assessed for  
7 such services than is permitted under any Federal  
8 law or regulation relating to confinement facility  
9 communications services.

10           “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11           “(A) ANCILLARY SERVICE CHARGE.—The  
12 term ‘ancillary service charge’ means any  
13 charge a consumer may be assessed for the set-  
14 ting up or use of a confinement facility commu-  
15 nications service that is not included in the per-  
16 minute charges assessed for individual commu-  
17 nications.

18           “(B) AUTOMATED PAYMENT FEE.—The  
19 term ‘automated payment fee’ means a credit  
20 card payment, debit card payment, or bill proc-  
21 essing fee, including a fee for a payment made  
22 by means of interactive voice response, the  
23 internet, or a kiosk.

24           “(C) COLLECT CALLING.—The term ‘col-  
25 lect calling’ means an arrangement whereby a

1 credit-qualified party agrees to pay for charges  
2 associated with a communication made to such  
3 party using confinement facility communica-  
4 tions services and originating from within a  
5 confinement facility.

6 “(D) CONFINEMENT FACILITY.—The term  
7 ‘confinement facility’—

8 “(i) means a jail or a prison; and

9 “(ii) includes any juvenile, detention,  
10 work release, or mental health facility that  
11 is used primarily to hold individuals who  
12 are—

13 “(I) awaiting adjudication of  
14 criminal charges or an immigration  
15 matter; or

16 “(II) serving a sentence for a  
17 criminal conviction.

18 “(E) CONFINEMENT FACILITY COMMU-  
19 NICATIONS SERVICE.—The term ‘confinement  
20 facility communications service’ means a service  
21 that allows incarcerated persons to make elec-  
22 tronic communications (whether intrastate,  
23 interstate, or international and whether made  
24 using video, audio, or any other communicative  
25 method, including advanced communications

1 services) to individuals outside the confinement  
2 facility, or to individuals inside the confinement  
3 facility, where the incarcerated person is being  
4 held, regardless of the technology used to de-  
5 liver the service.

6 “(F) CONSUMER.—The term ‘consumer’  
7 means the party paying a provider of confine-  
8 ment facility communications services.

9 “(G) DEBIT CALLING.—The term ‘debit  
10 calling’ means a presubscription or comparable  
11 service which allows an incarcerated person, or  
12 someone acting on an incarcerated person’s be-  
13 half, to fund an account set up through a pro-  
14 vider that can be used to pay for confinement  
15 facility communications services originated by  
16 the incarcerated person.

17 “(H) FEE FOR SINGLE-CALL AND RE-  
18 LATED SERVICES.—The term ‘fee for single-call  
19 and related services’ means a billing arrange-  
20 ment whereby communications made by an in-  
21 carcerated person using collect calling are billed  
22 through a third party on a per-communication  
23 basis, where the recipient does not have an ac-  
24 count with the provider of confinement facility  
25 communications services.

1           “(I) INCARCERATED PERSON.—The term  
2           ‘incarcerated person’ means a person detained  
3           at a confinement facility, regardless of the du-  
4           ration of the detention.

5           “(J) JAIL.—The term ‘jail’—

6                   “(i) means a facility of a law enforce-  
7                   ment agency of the Federal Government or  
8                   of a State or political subdivision of a  
9                   State that is used primarily to hold indi-  
10                  viduals who are—

11                           “(I) awaiting adjudication of  
12                           criminal charges;

13                           “(II) post-conviction and com-  
14                           mitted to confinement for sentences of  
15                           one year or less; or

16                           “(III) post-conviction and await-  
17                           ing transfer to another facility; and

18                   “(ii) includes—

19                           “(I) city, county, or regional fa-  
20                           cilities that have contracted with a  
21                           private company to manage day-to-  
22                           day operations;

23                           “(II) privately-owned and oper-  
24                           ated facilities primarily engaged in

1 housing city, county, or regional in-  
2 carcerated persons; and

3 “(III) facilities used to detain in-  
4 dividuals pursuant to a contract with  
5 U.S. Immigration and Customs En-  
6 forcement.

7 “(K) LIVE AGENT FEE.—The term ‘live  
8 agent fee’ means a fee associated with the op-  
9 tional use of a live operator to complete a con-  
10 finement facility communications service trans-  
11 action.

12 “(L) PAPER BILL OR STATEMENT FEE.—  
13 The term ‘paper bill or statement fee’ means a  
14 fee associated with providing a consumer an op-  
15 tional paper billing statement.

16 “(M) PER-COMMUNICATION OR PER-CON-  
17 NECTION CHARGE.—The term ‘per-communica-  
18 tion or per-connection charge’ means a one-time  
19 fee charged to a consumer at the initiation of  
20 a communication.

21 “(N) PREPAID CALLING.—The term ‘pre-  
22 paid calling’ means a calling arrangement that  
23 allows a consumer to pay in advance for a spec-  
24 ified amount of confinement facility commu-  
25 nications services.

1 “(O) PRISON.—The term ‘prison’—

2 “(i) means a facility operated by a  
3 State or Federal agency that is used pri-  
4 marily to confine individuals convicted of  
5 felonies and sentenced to terms in excess  
6 of one year; and

7 “(ii) includes—

8 “(I) public and private facilities  
9 that provide outsource housing to  
10 State or Federal agencies such as  
11 State Departments of Correction and  
12 the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

13 “(II) facilities that would other-  
14 wise be jails but in which the majority  
15 of incarcerated persons are post-con-  
16 viction or are committed to confine-  
17 ment for sentences of longer than one  
18 year.

19 “(P) PROVIDER OF CONFINEMENT FACIL-  
20 ITY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.—The term  
21 ‘provider of confinement facility communica-  
22 tions services’ means any communications serv-  
23 ice provider that provides confinement facility  
24 communications services, regardless of the tech-  
25 nology used.



1           “(Q) SITE COMMISSION.—The term ‘site  
2           commission’ means any monetary payment, in-  
3           kind payment, gift, exchange of services or  
4           goods, fee, technology allowance, or product  
5           that a provider of confinement facility commu-  
6           nications services or an affiliate of a provider of  
7           confinement facility communications services  
8           may pay, give, donate, or otherwise provide  
9           to—

10                   “(i) an entity that operates a confine-  
11                   ment facility;

12                   “(ii) an entity with which the provider  
13                   of confinement facility communications  
14                   services enters into an agreement to pro-  
15                   vide confinement facility communications  
16                   services;

17                   “(iii) a governmental agency that  
18                   oversees a confinement facility;

19                   “(iv) the State or political subdivision  
20                   of a State where a confinement facility is  
21                   located; or

22                   “(v) an agent or other representative  
23                   of an entity described in any of clauses (i)  
24                   through (iv).

1           “(R) THIRD-PARTY FINANCIAL TRANS-  
2 ACTION FEE.—The term ‘third-party financial  
3 transaction fee’ means the exact fee, with no  
4 markup, that a provider of confinement facility  
5 communications services is charged by a third  
6 party to transfer money or process a financial  
7 transaction to facilitate the ability of a con-  
8 sumer to make an account payment via a third  
9 party.

10           “(S) VOICE SERVICE.—The term ‘voice  
11 service’—

12           “(i) means any service that is inter-  
13 connected with the public switched tele-  
14 phone network and that furnishes voice  
15 communications to an end user using re-  
16 sources from the North American Num-  
17 bering Plan or any successor to the North  
18 American Numbering Plan adopted by the  
19 Commission under section 251(e)(1); and

20           “(ii) includes—

21           “(I) transmissions from a tele-  
22 phone facsimile machine, computer, or  
23 other device to a telephone facsimile  
24 machine; and

1                   “(II) without limitation, any  
2                   service that enables real-time, two-way  
3                   voice communications, including any  
4                   service that requires internet protocol-  
5                   compatible customer premises equip-  
6                   ment (commonly known as ‘CPE’)  
7                   and permits out-bound calling, wheth-  
8                   er or not the service is one-way or  
9                   two-way voice over internet protocol.”.

10           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 276(d) of  
11 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 276(d)) is  
12 amended by striking “inmate telephone service in correc-  
13 tional institutions” and inserting “confinement facility  
14 communications services (as defined in subsection  
15 (e)(7))”.

16           (c) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—

17                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a contract  
18 that was entered into and under which a provider of  
19 confinement facility communications services was  
20 providing such services at a confinement facility on  
21 or before the date of the enactment of this Act—

22                           (A) paragraphs (1) through (5) of sub-  
23 section (e) of section 276 of the Communica-  
24 tions Act of 1934, as added by subsection (a)  
25 of this section, shall apply to the provision of

1 confinement facility communications services by  
2 such provider at such facility beginning on the  
3 earlier of—

4 (i) the date that is 60 days after such  
5 date of enactment; or

6 (ii) the date of the termination of the  
7 contract; and

8 (B) the terms of such contract may not be  
9 extended after such date of enactment, whether  
10 by exercise of an option or otherwise.

11 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
12 terms “confinement facility”, “confinement facility  
13 communications service”, and “provider of confine-  
14 ment facility communications services” have the  
15 meanings given such terms in paragraph (7) of sub-  
16 section (e) of section 276 of the Communications  
17 Act of 1934, as added by subsection (a) of this sec-  
18 tion.

19 **SEC. 130703. AUTHORITY.**

20 Section 2(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
21 U.S.C. 152(b)) is amended by inserting “section 276,”  
22 after “227, inclusive,”.

1 **TITLE** **VIII—HEALTHCARE**  
2 **BROADBAND** **EXPANSION**  
3 **DURING COVID-19**

4 **SEC. 130801. EXPANSION OF RURAL HEALTH CARE PRO-**  
5 **GRAM OF FCC IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.**

6 (a) PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

7 Not later than 7 days after the date of the enactment of  
8 this Act, the Commission shall promulgate regulations  
9 modifying the requirements in subpart G of part 54 of  
10 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, in the following  
11 manner:

12 (1) A health care provider not located in a rural  
13 area shall be treated as a rural health care provider  
14 for the purposes of the Healthcare Connect Fund  
15 Program.

16 (2) The discount rate for an eligible expense  
17 through the Healthcare Connect Fund Program (as  
18 described in section 54.611(a) of title 47, Code of  
19 Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation)  
20 shall be increased to 85 percent in funding years  
21 2019, 2020, and 2021 for eligible equipment pur-  
22 chased or eligible services rendered in such funding  
23 years (including for eligible equipment, upfront pay-  
24 ments, and multi-year commitments without limita-  
25 tion).

1           (3) A temporary, mobile, or satellite health care  
2 delivery site shall be treated as a health care pro-  
3 vider or an eligible site of a health care provider for  
4 purposes of determining eligibility for the Healthcare  
5 Connect Fund Program or the Telecommunications  
6 Program.

7           (4) The waiver of the application window speci-  
8 fied in section 54.621(a) of title 47, Code of Federal  
9 Regulations (or any successor regulation), for fund-  
10 ing year 2019.

11           (5) The adoption and implementation of a roll-  
12 ing application process to allow a health care pro-  
13 vider to apply for funding.

14           (6) The following changes to certain bidding re-  
15 quirements:

16           (A) A waiver of any requirement under  
17 section 54.622 of title 47, Code of Federal Reg-  
18 ulations (or any successor regulation), for a  
19 health care provider upgrading an existing sup-  
20 ported service at a particular location, effective  
21 as of the date of declaration of the public health  
22 emergency pursuant to section 319 of the Pub-  
23 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a  
24 result of confirmed cases of COVID-19, if the  
25 health care provider maintains the same eligible

1 service provider to provide the upgraded service  
2 at such location.

3 (B) Reduction of the 28-day waiting period  
4 described in section 54.622(g) of title 47, Code  
5 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-  
6 lation), to a 14-day waiting period.

7 (C) Modification of the requirements in  
8 section 54.622 of title 47, Code of Federal Reg-  
9 ulations (or any successor regulation), to—

10 (i) provide that bid evaluation criteria  
11 may give additional consideration to the  
12 speed with which an eligible service pro-  
13 vider can initiate service; and

14 (ii) encourage applicants to consider  
15 bids from different providers to provide  
16 service to different locations of such appli-  
17 cants, if considering bids in this manner  
18 would expedite the overall timeline for ini-  
19 tiating or expanding service to individual  
20 locations.

21 (7) Issuance of a decision on each application  
22 for funding not later than 60 days after the date on  
23 which the application is filed.

24 (8) Release of funding not later than 30 days  
25 after the date on which an invoice is submitted with

1       respect to an application that is approved, applicable  
2       services have been provided, and required invoices  
3       have been submitted as required under program  
4       rules.

5       (b) ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO RURAL HEALTH CARE  
6 PROGRAM.—

7           (1) RELEASE OF FUNDING FOR OUTSTANDING  
8 FUNDING REQUESTS.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
10       ensure the release of funding for all requests  
11       (outstanding as of the date of the enactment of  
12       this Act) under the Rural Health Care Program  
13       not later than 60 days after the date of the en-  
14       actment of this Act, except that for outstanding  
15       funding requests that are subject to a review of  
16       the applicable urban and rural rates, the Com-  
17       mission shall ensure the release of interim fund-  
18       ing not later than 60 days after the date of the  
19       enactment of this Act, disbursed at 65 percent  
20       of the funding request, subject to a true-up fol-  
21       lowing the completion of such review.

22           (B) LIMITATION.—This paragraph shall  
23       not apply to any party or successor-in-interest  
24       to any party to which the Commission, during  
25       the period beginning on the date that is 1 year



1 before the date of the enactment of this Act  
2 and ending on January 31, 2020, has issued a  
3 Letter of Inquiry, Notice of Apparent Liability,  
4 or Forfeiture Order relating to the party’s par-  
5 ticipation in the Rural Health Care Program,  
6 pursuant to section 503(b) of the Communica-  
7 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 503(b)).

8 (C) REQUIRED REPAYMENT.—In the case  
9 of an eligible service provider that receives  
10 funding through the Rural Health Care Pro-  
11 gram pursuant to this paragraph to which such  
12 provider is not entitled, the Commission shall  
13 require such provider to repay such funds.

14 (2) DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE.—

15 The Commission shall—

16 (A) delay by one year the implementation  
17 of sections 54.604 and 54.605 of title 47, Code  
18 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-  
19 lation), as adopted in the Report and Order in  
20 the matter of Promoting Telehealth in Rural  
21 America (FCC 19–78) that was adopted by the  
22 Commission on August 1, 2019; and

23 (B) delay application of the new definition  
24 of “similar services” as described in paragraphs

1           14 to 20 of such Report and Order until the  
2           implementation of such sections.

3           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATIONS.—The regu-  
4 lations required under subsection (a) shall take effect on  
5 the date on which such regulations are promulgated.

6           (d) TERMINATION OF REGULATIONS.—Except to the  
7 extent that the Commission determines that some or all  
8 of the regulations promulgated under subsection (a)  
9 should remain in effect (excluding any regulation promul-  
10 gated under paragraph (1) of such subsection), such regu-  
11 lations shall terminate on the later of—

12           (1) the earlier of—

13                   (A) the date that is 60 days after the ter-  
14 mination of the declaration, or any renewal  
15 thereof, of the public health emergency pursu-  
16 ant to section 319 of the Public Health Service  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a result of confirmed  
18 cases of COVID-19; and

19                   (B) the date of the expiration of the appro-  
20 priation in subsection (f)(2); and

21           (2) the date that is 9 months after the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act.

23           (e) EXEMPTIONS.—

24           (1) NOTICE AND COMMENT RULEMAKING RE-  
25 QUIREMENTS.—Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of sec-

1       tion 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall not  
2       apply to a regulation promulgated under subsection  
3       (a) or a rulemaking to promulgate such a regulation.

4           (2) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT REQUIRE-  
5       MENTS.—A collection of information conducted or  
6       sponsored under the regulations required by sub-  
7       section (a), or under section 254 of the Communica-  
8       tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) in connection  
9       with universal service support provided under such  
10      regulations, shall not constitute a collection of infor-  
11      mation for the purposes of subchapter I of chapter  
12      35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly re-  
13      ferred to as the Paperwork Reduction Act).

14      (f) EMERGENCY RURAL HEALTH CARE  
15      CONNECTIVITY FUND.—

16           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
17      the Treasury of the United States a fund to be  
18      known as the Emergency Rural Health Care  
19      Connectivity Fund.

20           (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
21      There is authorized to be appropriated to the Emer-  
22      gency Rural Health Care Connectivity Fund  
23      \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to remain  
24      available through fiscal year 2022.

1           (3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Emer-  
2           gency Rural Health Care Connectivity Fund shall be  
3           available to the Commission to carry out the Rural  
4           Health Care Program, as modified by the regula-  
5           tions promulgated under subsection (a).

6           (4) RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
7           CONTRIBUTIONS.—Support provided under the regu-  
8           lations required by paragraphs (1) through (3) of  
9           subsection (a) shall be provided from amounts made  
10          available under paragraph (3) of this subsection and  
11          not from contributions under section 254(d) of the  
12          Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)).  
13          Such support shall be in addition to, and not in re-  
14          placement of, funds authorized by the Commission  
15          for the Rural Health Care Program as of the date  
16          of the enactment of this Act from contributions  
17          under section 254(d) of the Communications Act of  
18          1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)).

19          (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20               (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
21               means the Federal Communications Commission.

22               (2) ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT.—The term “eligible  
23               equipment” means the equipment described in sec-  
24               tion 54.613 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations  
25               (or any successor regulation).

1           (3) ELIGIBLE SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term  
2           “eligible service provider” means a provider de-  
3           scribed in section 54.608 of title 47, Code of Federal  
4           Regulations (or any successor regulation).

5           (4) FUNDING YEAR.—The term “funding year”  
6           has the meaning given such term in section  
7           54.600(a) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations  
8           (or any successor regulation).

9           (5) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term  
10          “health care provider” has the meaning given such  
11          term in section 54.600(b) of title 47, Code of Fed-  
12          eral Regulations (or any successor regulation).

13          (6) HEALTHCARE CONNECT FUND PROGRAM.—  
14          The term “Healthcare Connect Fund Program” has  
15          the meaning given such term in section 54.602(b) of  
16          title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
17          cessor regulation).

18          (7) MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS.—The term  
19          “multi-year commitments” means the commitments  
20          described in section 54.620(c) of title 47, Code of  
21          Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).

22          (8) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area” has  
23          the meaning given such term in section 54.600(e) of  
24          title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
25          cessor regulation).

1           (9) RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—The  
2 term “Rural Health Care Program” means the pro-  
3 gram described in subpart G of part 54 of title 47,  
4 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-  
5 lation).

6           (10) RURAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The  
7 term “rural health care provider” has the meaning  
8 given such term in section 54.600(f) of title 47,  
9 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-  
10 lation).

11           (11) TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM.—The  
12 term “Telecommunications Program” has the mean-  
13 ing given such term in section 54.602(a) of title 47,  
14 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-  
15 lation).

16           (12) UPFRONT PAYMENTS.—The term “upfront  
17 payments” means the payments described in section  
18 54.616 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
19 any successor regulation).

20 **DIVISION N—GIVING RETIRE-**  
21 **MENT OPTIONS TO WORKERS**  
22 **ACT**

23 **SEC. 140001. SHORT TITLE.**

24           This division may be cited as the “Giving Retirement  
25 Options to Workers Act of 2020” or the “GROW Act”.

1 **SEC. 140002. COMPOSITE PLANS.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
3 INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Employee Re-  
5 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
6 1001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following:

8 **“PART 8—COMPOSITE PLANS AND LEGACY**  
9 **PLANS**

10 **“SEC. 801. COMPOSITE PLAN DEFINED.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this Act, the  
12 term ‘composite plan’ means a pension plan—

13 “(1) which is a multiemployer plan that is nei-  
14 ther a defined benefit plan nor a defined contribu-  
15 tion plan;

16 “(2) the terms of which provide that the plan  
17 is a composite plan for purposes of this title with re-  
18 spect to which not more than one multiemployer de-  
19 fined benefit plan is treated as a legacy plan within  
20 the meaning of section 805, unless there is more  
21 than one legacy plan following a merger of composite  
22 plans under section 806;

23 “(3) which provides systematically for the pay-  
24 ment of benefits—

25 “(A) objectively calculated pursuant to a  
26 formula enumerated in the plan document with

1 respect to plan participants after retirement,  
2 for life; and

3 “(B) in the form of life annuities, except  
4 for benefits which under section 203(e) may be  
5 immediately distributed without the consent of  
6 the participant;

7 “(4) for which the plan contributions for the  
8 first plan year are at least 120 percent of the nor-  
9 mal cost for the plan year;

10 “(5) which requires—

11 “(A) an annual valuation of the liability of  
12 the plan as of a date within the plan year to  
13 which the valuation refers or within one month  
14 prior to the beginning of such year;

15 “(B) an annual actuarial determination of  
16 the plan’s current funded ratio and projected  
17 funded ratio under section 802(a);

18 “(C) corrective action through a realign-  
19 ment program pursuant to section 803 when-  
20 ever the plan’s projected funded ratio is below  
21 120 percent for the plan year; and

22 “(D) an annual notification to each partici-  
23 pant describing the participant’s benefits under  
24 the plan and explaining that such benefits may  
25 be subject to reduction under a realignment



1 program pursuant to section 803 based on the  
2 plan's funded status in future plan years; and

3 “(6) the board of trustees of which includes at  
4 least one retiree or beneficiary in pay status during  
5 each plan year following the first plan year in which  
6 at least 5 percent of the participants in the plan are  
7 retirees or beneficiaries in pay status.

8 “(b) TRANSITION FROM A MULTIEMPLOYER DE-  
9 FINED BENEFIT PLAN.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan sponsor of a de-  
11 fined benefit plan that is a multiemployer plan may,  
12 subject to paragraph (2), amend the plan to incor-  
13 porate the features of a composite plan as a compo-  
14 nent of the multiemployer plan separate from the  
15 defined benefit plan component, except in the case of  
16 a defined benefit plan for which the plan actuary has  
17 certified under section 305(b)(3) that the plan is or  
18 will be in critical status for the plan year in which  
19 such amendment would become effective or for any  
20 of the succeeding 5 plan years.

21 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Any amendment pursu-  
22 ant to paragraph (1) to incorporate the features of  
23 a composite plan as a component of a multiemployer  
24 plan shall—

1           “(A) apply with respect to all collective  
2 bargaining agreements providing for contribu-  
3 tions to the multiemployer plan on or after the  
4 effective date of the amendment;

5           “(B) apply with respect to all participants  
6 in the multiemployer plan for whom contribu-  
7 tions are made to the multiemployer plan on or  
8 after the effective date of the amendment;

9           “(C) specify that the effective date of the  
10 amendment is—

11           “(i) the first day of a specified plan  
12 year following the date of the adoption of  
13 the amendment, except that the plan spon-  
14 sor may alternatively provide for a sepa-  
15 rate effective date with respect to each col-  
16 lective bargaining agreement under which  
17 contributions to the multiemployer plan  
18 are required, which shall occur on the first  
19 day of the first plan year beginning after  
20 the termination, or if earlier, the re-open-  
21 ing, of each such agreement, or such ear-  
22 lier date as the parties to the agreement  
23 and the plan sponsor of the multiemployer  
24 plan shall agree to; and

1                   “(ii) not later than the first day of the  
2                   fifth plan year beginning on or after the  
3                   date of the adoption of the amendment;

4                   “(D) specify that, as of the amendment’s  
5                   effective date, no further benefits shall accrue  
6                   under the defined benefit component of the  
7                   multiemployer plan; and

8                   “(E) specify that, as of the amendment’s  
9                   effective date, the plan sponsor of the multiem-  
10                  ployer plan shall be the plan sponsor of both  
11                  the composite plan component and the defined  
12                  benefit plan component of the plan.

13                  “(3) SPECIAL RULES.—If a multiemployer plan  
14                  is amended pursuant to paragraph (1)—

15                  “(A) the requirements of this title and title  
16                  IV shall be applied to the composite plan com-  
17                  ponent and the defined benefit plan component  
18                  of the multiemployer plan as if each such com-  
19                  ponent were maintained as a separate plan; and

20                  “(B) the assets of the composite plan com-  
21                  ponent and the defined benefit plan component  
22                  of the plan shall be held in a single trust form-  
23                  ing part of the plan under which the trust in-  
24                  strument expressly provides—

1           “(i) for separate accounts (and appro-  
2           priate records) to be maintained to reflect  
3           the interest which each of the plan compo-  
4           nents has in the trust, including separate  
5           accounting for additions to the trust for  
6           the benefit of each plan component, dis-  
7           bursements made from each plan compo-  
8           nent’s account in the trust, investment ex-  
9           perience of the trust allocable to that ac-  
10          count, and administrative expenses (wheth-  
11          er direct expenses or shared expenses allo-  
12          cated proportionally), and permits, but  
13          does not require, the pooling of some or all  
14          of the assets of the two plan components  
15          for investment purposes; and

16          “(ii) that the assets of each of the two  
17          plan components shall be held, invested,  
18          reinvested, managed, administered and dis-  
19          tributed for the exclusive benefit of the  
20          participants and beneficiaries of each such  
21          plan component, and in no event shall the  
22          assets of one of the plan components be  
23          available to pay benefits due under the  
24          other plan component.

1           “(4) NOT A TERMINATION EVENT.—Notwith-  
2 standing section 4041A, an amendment pursuant to  
3 paragraph (1) to incorporate the features of a com-  
4 posite plan as a component of a multiemployer plan  
5 does not constitute termination of the multiemployer  
6 plan.

7           “(5) NOTICE TO THE SECRETARY.—

8           “(A) NOTICE.—The plan sponsor of a  
9 composite plan shall provide notice to the Sec-  
10 retary of the intent to establish the composite  
11 plan (or, in the case of a composite plan incor-  
12 porated as a component of a multiemployer  
13 plan as described in paragraph (1), the intent  
14 to amend the multiemployer plan to incorporate  
15 such composite plan) at least 30 days prior to  
16 the effective date of such establishment or  
17 amendment.

18           “(B) CERTIFICATION.—In the case of a  
19 composite plan incorporated as a component of  
20 a multiemployer plan as described in paragraph  
21 (1), such notice shall include a certification by  
22 the plan actuary under section 305(b)(3) that  
23 the effective date of the amendment occurs in  
24 a plan year for which the multiemployer plan is

1 not in critical status for that plan year and any  
2 of the succeeding 5 plan years.

3 “(6) REFERENCES TO COMPOSITE PLAN COM-  
4 PONENT.—As used in this part, the term ‘composite  
5 plan’ includes a composite plan component added to  
6 a defined benefit plan pursuant to paragraph (1).

7 “(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph  
8 (2)(A) shall not be construed as preventing the plan  
9 sponsor of a multiemployer plan from adopting an  
10 amendment pursuant to paragraph (1) because some  
11 collective bargaining agreements are amended to  
12 cease any covered employer’s obligation to contribute  
13 to the multiemployer plan before or after the plan  
14 amendment is effective. Paragraph (2)(B) shall not  
15 be construed as preventing the plan sponsor of a  
16 multiemployer plan from adopting an amendment  
17 pursuant to paragraph (1) because some partici-  
18 pants cease to have contributions made to the multi-  
19 employer plan on their behalf before or after the  
20 plan amendment is effective.

21 “(c) COORDINATION WITH FUNDING RULES.—Ex-  
22 cept as otherwise provided in this title, sections 302, 304,  
23 and 305 shall not apply to a composite plan.

24 “(d) TREATMENT OF A COMPOSITE PLAN.—For pur-  
25 poses of this Act (other than sections 302 and 4245), a

1 composite plan shall be treated as if it were a defined ben-  
2 efit plan unless a different treatment is provided for under  
3 applicable law.

4 **“SEC. 802. FUNDED RATIOS; ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.**

5 “(a) CERTIFICATION OF FUNDED RATIOS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the one-  
7 hundred twentieth day of each plan year of a com-  
8 posite plan, the plan actuary of the composite plan  
9 shall certify to the Secretary, the Secretary of the  
10 Treasury, and the plan sponsor the plan’s current  
11 funded ratio and projected funded ratio for the plan  
12 year.

13 “(2) DETERMINATION OF CURRENT FUNDED  
14 RATIO AND PROJECTED FUNDED RATIO.—For pur-  
15 poses of this section:

16 “(A) CURRENT FUNDED RATIO.—The cur-  
17 rent funded ratio is the ratio (expressed as a  
18 percentage) of—

19 “(i) the value of the plan’s assets as  
20 of the first day of the plan year; to

21 “(ii) the plan actuary’s best estimate  
22 of the present value of the plan liabilities  
23 as of the first day of the plan year.

24 “(B) PROJECTED FUNDED RATIO.—The  
25 projected funded ratio is the current funded

1 ratio projected to the first day of the fifteenth  
2 plan year following the plan year for which the  
3 determination is being made.

4 “(3) CONSIDERATION OF CONTRIBUTION RATE  
5 INCREASES.—For purposes of projections under this  
6 subsection, the plan sponsor may anticipate con-  
7 tribution rate increases beyond the term of the cur-  
8 rent collective bargaining agreement and any agreed-  
9 to supplements, up to a maximum of 2.5 percent per  
10 year, compounded annually, unless it would be un-  
11 reasonable under the circumstances to assume that  
12 contributions would increase by that amount.

13 “(b) ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS.—  
14 For purposes of this part:

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—All costs, liabilities, rates  
16 of interest and other factors under the plan shall be  
17 determined for a plan year on the basis of actuarial  
18 assumptions and methods—

19 “(A) each of which is reasonable (taking  
20 into account the experience of the plan and rea-  
21 sonable expectations);

22 “(B) which, in combination, offer the actu-  
23 ary’s best estimate of anticipated experience  
24 under the plan; and



1           “(C) with respect to which any change  
2           from the actuarial assumptions and methods  
3           used in the previous plan year shall be certified  
4           by the plan actuary and the actuarial rationale  
5           for such change provided in the annual report  
6           required by section 103.

7           “(2) FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS.—The  
8           value of the plan’s assets shall be taken into account  
9           on the basis of their fair market value.

10           “(3) DETERMINATION OF NORMAL COST AND  
11           PLAN LIABILITIES.—A plan’s normal cost and liabil-  
12           ities shall be based on the most recent actuarial  
13           valuation required under section 801(a)(5)(A) and  
14           the unit credit funding method.

15           “(4) TIME WHEN CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS  
16           DEEMED MADE.—Any contributions for a plan year  
17           made by an employer after the last day of such plan  
18           year, but not later than two and one-half months  
19           after such day, shall be deemed to have been made  
20           on such last day. For purposes of this paragraph,  
21           such two and one-half month period may be ex-  
22           tended for not more than six months under regula-  
23           tions prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

24           “(5) ADDITIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.—  
25           Except where otherwise provided in this part, the

1 provisions of section 305(b)(3)(B) shall apply to any  
2 determination or projection under this part.

3 **“SEC. 803. REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) ADOPTION.—In any case in which the plan  
6 actuary certifies under section 802(a) that the plan’s  
7 projected funded ratio is below 120 percent for the  
8 plan year, the plan sponsor shall adopt a realign-  
9 ment program under paragraph (2) not later than  
10 210 days after the due date of the certification re-  
11 quired under such section 802(a). The plan sponsor  
12 shall adopt an updated realignment program for  
13 each succeeding plan year for which a certification  
14 described in the preceding sentence is made.

15 “(2) CONTENT OF REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A realignment pro-  
17 gram adopted under this paragraph is a written  
18 program which consists of all reasonable meas-  
19 ures, including options or a range of options to  
20 be undertaken by the plan sponsor or proposed  
21 to the bargaining parties, formulated, based on  
22 reasonably anticipated experience and reason-  
23 able actuarial assumptions, to enable the plan  
24 to achieve a projected funded ratio of at least  
25 120 percent for the following plan year.

1           “(B) INITIAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Rea-  
2           sonable measures under a realignment program  
3           described in subparagraph (A) may include any  
4           of the following:

5                   “(i) Proposed contribution increases.

6                   “(ii) A reduction in the rate of future  
7                   benefit accruals, so long as the resulting  
8                   rate is not less than 1 percent of the con-  
9                   tributions on which benefits are based as  
10                  of the start of the plan year (or the equiva-  
11                  lent standard accrual rate as described in  
12                  section 305(e)(6)).

13                  “(iii) A modification or elimination of  
14                  adjustable benefits of participants that are  
15                  not in pay status before the date of the no-  
16                  tice required under subsection (b)(1).

17                  “(iv) Any other lawfully available  
18                  measures not specifically described in this  
19                  subparagraph or subparagraph (C) or (D)  
20                  that the plan sponsor determines are rea-  
21                  sonable.

22           “(C) ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—  
23           If the plan sponsor has determined that all rea-  
24           sonable measures available under subparagraph  
25           (B) will not enable the plan to achieve a pro-

1           jected funded ratio of at least 120 percent for  
2           the following plan year, such reasonable meas-  
3           ures may also include—

4                   “(i) a reduction of accrued benefits  
5                   that are not in pay status by the date of  
6                   the notice required under subsection  
7                   (b)(1); or

8                   “(ii) a reduction of any benefits of  
9                   participants that are in pay status before  
10                  the date of the notice required under sub-  
11                  section (b)(1) other than core benefits as  
12                  defined in paragraph (4).

13           “(D) ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS.—In the  
14           case of a composite plan for which the plan  
15           sponsor has determined that all reasonable  
16           measures available under subparagraphs (B)  
17           and (C) will not enable the plan to achieve a  
18           projected funded ratio of at least 120 percent  
19           for the following plan year, such reasonable  
20           measures may also include—

21                   “(i) a further reduction in the rate of  
22                   future benefit accruals without regard to  
23                   the limitation applicable under subpara-  
24                   graph (B)(ii); or

25                   “(ii) a reduction of core benefits;

1 provided that such reductions shall be equitably  
2 distributed across the participant and bene-  
3 ficiary population, taking into account factors,  
4 with respect to participants and beneficiaries  
5 and their benefits, that may include one or  
6 more of the factors listed in subclauses (I)  
7 through (X) of section 305(e)(9)(D)(vi), to the  
8 extent necessary to enable the plan to achieve  
9 a projected funded ratio of at least 120 percent  
10 for the following plan year, or at the election of  
11 the plan sponsor, a projected funded ratio of at  
12 least 100 percent for the following plan year  
13 and a current funded ratio of at least 90 per-  
14 cent.

15 “(3) ADJUSTABLE BENEFIT DEFINED.—For  
16 purposes of this part, the term ‘adjustable benefit’  
17 means—

18 “(A) benefits, rights, and features under  
19 the plan, including post-retirement death bene-  
20 fits, 60-month guarantees, disability benefits  
21 not yet in pay status, and similar benefits;

22 “(B) any early retirement benefit or retire-  
23 ment-type subsidy (within the meaning of sec-  
24 tion 204(g)(2)(A)) and any benefit payment op-

1           tion (other than the qualified joint and survivor  
2           annuity); and

3           “(C) benefit increases that were adopted  
4           (or, if later, took effect) less than 60 months  
5           before the first day such realignment program  
6           took effect.

7           “(4) CORE BENEFIT DEFINED.—For purposes  
8           of this part, the term ‘core benefit’ means a partici-  
9           pant’s accrued benefit payable in the normal form of  
10          an annuity commencing at normal retirement age,  
11          determined without regard to—

12           “(A) any early retirement benefits, retire-  
13           ment-type subsidies, or other benefits, rights, or  
14           features that may be associated with that ben-  
15           efit; and

16           “(B) any cost-of-living adjustments or ben-  
17           efit increases effective after the date of retire-  
18           ment.

19          “(5) COORDINATION WITH CONTRIBUTION IN-  
20          CREASES.—

21           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A realignment pro-  
22           gram may provide that some or all of the ben-  
23           efit modifications described in the program will  
24           only take effect if the bargaining parties fail to

1 agree to specified levels of increases in contribu-  
2 tions to the plan, effective as of specified dates.

3 “(B) INDEPENDENT BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
4 TIONS.—If a realignment program adopts any  
5 changes to the benefit formula that are inde-  
6 pendent of potential contribution increases,  
7 such changes shall take effect not later than  
8 180 days after the first day of the first plan  
9 year that begins following the adoption of the  
10 realignment program.

11 “(C) CONDITIONAL BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
12 TIONS.—If a realignment program adopts any  
13 changes to the benefit formula that take effect  
14 only if the bargaining parties fail to agree to  
15 contribution increases, such changes shall take  
16 effect not later than the first day of the first  
17 plan year beginning after the third anniversary  
18 of the date of adoption of the realignment pro-  
19 gram.

20 “(D) REVOCATION OF CERTAIN BENEFIT  
21 MODIFICATIONS.—Benefit modifications de-  
22 scribed in subparagraph (C) may be revoked, in  
23 whole or in part, and retroactively or prospec-  
24 tively, when contributions to the plan are in-  
25 creased, as specified in the realignment pro-

1           gram, including any amendments thereto. The  
2           preceding sentence shall not apply unless the  
3           contribution increases are to be effective not  
4           later than the fifth anniversary of the first day  
5           of the first plan year that begins after the  
6           adoption of the realignment program.

7           “(b) NOTICE.—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which it is  
9           certified under section 802(a) that the projected  
10          funded ratio is less than 120 percent, the plan spon-  
11          sor shall, not later than 30 days after the date of  
12          the certification, provide notification of the current  
13          and projected funded ratios to the participants and  
14          beneficiaries, the bargaining parties, and the Sec-  
15          retary. Such notice shall include—

16               “(A) an explanation that contribution rate  
17               increases or benefit reductions may be nec-  
18               essary;

19               “(B) a description of the types of benefits  
20               that might be reduced; and

21               “(C) an estimate of the contribution in-  
22               creases and benefit reductions that may be nec-  
23               essary to achieve a projected funded ratio of  
24               120 percent.

25           “(2) NOTICE OF BENEFIT MODIFICATIONS.—



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—No modifications may  
2           be made that reduce the rate of future benefit  
3           accrual or that reduce core benefits or adjust-  
4           able benefits unless notice of such reduction has  
5           been given at least 180 days before the general  
6           effective date of such reduction for all partici-  
7           pants and beneficiaries to—

8                   “(i) plan participants and bene-  
9                   ficiaries;

10                   “(ii) each employer who has an obliga-  
11                   tion to contribute to the composite plan;  
12                   and

13                   “(iii) each employee organization  
14                   which, for purposes of collective bar-  
15                   gaining, represents plan participants em-  
16                   ployed by such employers.

17           “(B) CONTENT OF NOTICE.—The notice  
18           under subparagraph (A) shall contain—

19                   “(i) sufficient information to enable  
20                   participants and beneficiaries to under-  
21                   stand the effect of any reduction on their  
22                   benefits, including an illustration of any  
23                   affected benefit or subsidy, on an annual  
24                   or monthly basis that a participant or ben-  
25                   eficiary would otherwise have been eligible

1 for as of the general effective date de-  
2 scribed in subparagraph (A); and

3 “(ii) information as to the rights and  
4 remedies of plan participants and bene-  
5 ficiaries as well as how to contact the De-  
6 partment of Labor for further information  
7 and assistance, where appropriate.

8 “(C) FORM AND MANNER.—Any notice  
9 under subparagraph (A)—

10 “(i) shall be provided in a form and  
11 manner prescribed in regulations of the  
12 Secretary of Labor;

13 “(ii) shall be written in a manner so  
14 as to be understood by the average plan  
15 participant.

16 “(3) MODEL NOTICES.—The Secretary shall—

17 “(A) prescribe model notices that the plan  
18 sponsor of a composite plan may use to satisfy  
19 the notice requirements under this subsection;  
20 and

21 “(B) by regulation enumerate any details  
22 related to the elements listed in paragraph (1)  
23 that any notice under this subsection must in-  
24 clude.

1           “(4) DELIVERY METHOD.—Any notice under  
2           this part shall be provided in writing and may also  
3           be provided in electronic form to the extent that the  
4           form is reasonably accessible to persons to whom the  
5           notice is provided.

6   **“SEC. 804. LIMITATION ON INCREASING BENEFITS.**

7           “(a) LEVEL OF CURRENT FUNDED RATIOS.—Except  
8           as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e), no plan  
9           amendment increasing benefits or establishing new bene-  
10          fits under a composite plan may be adopted for a plan  
11          year unless—

12           “(1) the plan’s current funded ratio is at least  
13           110 percent (without regard to the benefit increase  
14           or new benefits);

15           “(2) taking the benefit increase or new benefits  
16           into account, the current funded ratio is at least 100  
17           percent and the projected funded ratio for the cur-  
18           rent plan year is at least 120 percent;

19           “(3) in any case in which, after taking the ben-  
20           efit increase or new benefits into account, the cur-  
21           rent funded ratio is less than 140 percent and the  
22           projected funded ratio is less than 140 percent, the  
23           benefit increase or new benefits are projected by the  
24           plan actuary to increase the present value of the

1 plan's liabilities for the plan year by not more than  
2 3 percent; and

3 “(4) expected contributions for the current plan  
4 year are at least 120 percent of normal cost for the  
5 plan year, determined using the unit credit funding  
6 method and treating the benefit increase or new ben-  
7 efits as in effect for the entire plan year.

8 “(b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHERE CORE  
9 BENEFITS REDUCED.—If a plan has been amended to re-  
10 duce core benefits pursuant to a realignment program  
11 under section 803(a)(2)(D), such plan may not be subse-  
12 quently amended to increase core benefits unless the  
13 amendment—

14 “(1) increases the level of future benefit pay-  
15 ments only; and

16 “(2) provides for an equitable distribution of  
17 benefit increases across the participant and bene-  
18 ficiary population, taking into account the extent to  
19 which the benefits of participants were previously re-  
20 duced pursuant to such realignment program.

21 “(c) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE  
22 LAW.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in connection with  
23 a plan amendment if the amendment is required as a con-  
24 dition of qualification under part I of subchapter D of

1 chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or to com-  
2 ply with other applicable law.

3 “(d) EXCEPTION WHERE MAXIMUM DEDUCTIBLE  
4 LIMIT APPLIES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in con-  
5 nection with a plan amendment if and to the extent that  
6 contributions to the composite plan would not be deduct-  
7 ible for the plan year under section 404(a)(1)(E) of the  
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 if the plan amendment is  
9 not adopted.

10 “(e) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
11 TIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in connection with  
12 a plan amendment under section 803(a)(5)(C), regarding  
13 conditional benefit modifications.

14 “(f) TREATMENT OF PLAN AMENDMENTS.—For pur-  
15 poses of this section—

16 “(1) if two or more plan amendments increas-  
17 ing benefits or establishing new benefits are adopted  
18 in a plan year, such amendments shall be treated as  
19 a single amendment adopted on the last day of the  
20 plan year;

21 “(2) all benefit increases and new benefits  
22 adopted in a single amendment are treated as a sin-  
23 gle benefit increase, irrespective of whether the in-  
24 creases and new benefits take effect in more than  
25 one plan year; and

1           “(3) increases in contributions or decreases in  
2           plan liabilities which are scheduled to take effect in  
3           future plan years may be taken into account in con-  
4           nection with a plan amendment if they have been  
5           agreed to in writing or otherwise formalized by the  
6           date the plan amendment is adopted.

7   **“SEC. 805. COMPOSITE PLAN RESTRICTIONS TO PRESERVE**  
8                   **LEGACY PLAN FUNDING.**

9           “(a) TREATMENT AS A LEGACY PLAN.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part  
11           and parts 2 and 3, a defined benefit plan shall be  
12           treated as a legacy plan with respect to the com-  
13           posite plan under which the employees who were eli-  
14           gible to accrue a benefit under the defined benefit  
15           plan become eligible to accrue a benefit under such  
16           composite plan.

17           “(2) COMPONENT PLANS.—In any case in  
18           which a defined benefit plan is amended to add a  
19           composite plan component pursuant to section  
20           801(b), paragraph (1) shall be applied by sub-  
21           stituting ‘defined benefit component’ for ‘defined  
22           benefit plan’ and ‘composite plan component’ for  
23           ‘composite plan’.

24           “(3) ELIGIBLE TO ACCRUE A BENEFIT.—For  
25           purposes of paragraph (1), an employee is consid-

1       ered eligible to accrue a benefit under a composite  
2       plan as of the first day in which the employee com-  
3       pletes an hour of service under a collective bar-  
4       gaining agreement that provides for contributions to  
5       and accruals under the composite plan in lieu of ac-  
6       cruals under the legacy plan.

7               “(4) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.—  
8       As used in this part, the term ‘collective bargaining  
9       agreement’ includes any agreement under which an  
10      employer has an obligation to contribute to a plan.

11              “(5) OTHER TERMS.—Any term used in this  
12      part which is not defined in this part and which is  
13      also used in section 305 shall have the same mean-  
14      ing provided such term in such section.

15              “(b) RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE BY COMPOSITE  
16      PLAN OF AGREEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—

17              “(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan sponsor of a com-  
18      posite plan shall not accept or recognize a collective  
19      bargaining agreement (or any modification to such  
20      agreement), and no contributions may be accepted  
21      and no benefits may be accrued or otherwise earned  
22      under the agreement—

23                      “(A) in any case in which the plan actuary  
24                      of any defined benefit plan that would be treat-  
25                      ed as a legacy plan with respect to such com-

1           posite plan has certified under section  
2           305(b)(3) that such defined benefit plan is or  
3           will be in critical status for the plan year in  
4           which such agreement would take effect or for  
5           any of the succeeding 5 plan years; and

6                   “(B) unless the agreement requires each  
7           employer who is a party to such agreement, in-  
8           cluding employers whose employees are not par-  
9           ticipants in the legacy plan, to provide contribu-  
10          tions to the legacy plan with respect to such  
11          composite plan in a manner that satisfies the  
12          transition contribution requirements of sub-  
13          section (d).

14                   “(2) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after a  
15          determination by a plan sponsor of a composite plan  
16          that an agreement fails to satisfy the requirements  
17          described in paragraph (1), the plan sponsor shall  
18          provide notification of such failure and the reasons  
19          for such determination—

20                           “(A) to the parties to the agreement;

21                           “(B) to active participants of the com-  
22          posite plan who have ceased to accrue or other-  
23          wise earn benefits with respect to service with  
24          an employer pursuant to paragraph (1); and



1           “(C) to the Secretary, the Secretary of the  
2           Treasury, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty  
3           Corporation.

4           “(3) LIMITATION ON RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—  
5           This subsection shall not apply to benefits accrued  
6           before the date on which notice is provided under  
7           paragraph (2).

8           “(c) RESTRICTION ON ACCRUAL OF BENEFITS  
9           UNDER A COMPOSITE PLAN.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an  
11           employer, under a collective bargaining agreement  
12           entered into after the date of enactment of the Giv-  
13           ing Retirement Options to Workers Act of 2020,  
14           ceases to have an obligation to contribute to a multi-  
15           employer defined benefit plan, no employees em-  
16           ployed by the employer may accrue or otherwise earn  
17           benefits under any composite plan, with respect to  
18           service with that employer, for a 60-month period  
19           beginning on the date on which the employer entered  
20           into such collective bargaining agreement.

21           “(2) NOTICE OF CESSATION OF OBLIGATION.—  
22           Within 30 days of determining that an employer has  
23           ceased to have an obligation to contribute to a leg-  
24           acy plan with respect to employees employed by an  
25           employer that is or will be contributing to a com-

1       posite plan with respect to service of such employees,  
2       the plan sponsor of the legacy plan shall notify the  
3       plan sponsor of the composite plan of that cessation.

4           “(3) NOTICE OF CESSATION OF ACCRUALS.—

5       Not later than 30 days after determining that an  
6       employer has ceased to have an obligation to con-  
7       tribute to a legacy plan, the plan sponsor of the  
8       composite plan shall notify the bargaining parties,  
9       the active participants affected by the cessation of  
10      accruals, the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treas-  
11      ury, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation  
12      of the cessation of accruals, the period during which  
13      such cessation is in effect, and the reasons therefor.

14          “(4) LIMITATION ON RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—

15      This subsection shall not apply to benefits accrued  
16      before the date on which notice is provided under  
17      paragraph (3).

18          “(d) TRANSITION CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

19           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A collective bargaining  
20      agreement satisfies the transition contribution re-  
21      quirements of this subsection if the agreement—

22           “(A) authorizes payment of contributions

23           to a legacy plan at a rate or rates equal to or  
24           greater than the transition contribution rate es-

1           tablished by the legacy plan under paragraph  
2           (2); and

3           “(B) does not provide for—

4                   “(i) a suspension of contributions to  
5                   the legacy plan with respect to any period  
6                   of service; or

7                   “(ii) any new direct or indirect exclu-  
8                   sion of younger or newly hired employees  
9                   of the employer from being taken into ac-  
10                  count in determining contributions owed to  
11                  the legacy plan.

12          “(2) TRANSITION CONTRIBUTION RATE.—

13               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The transition con-  
14               tribution rate for a plan year is the contribution  
15               rate that, as certified by the actuary of the leg-  
16               acy plan in accordance with the principles in  
17               section 305(b)(3)(B), is reasonably expected to  
18               be adequate—

19                   “(i) to fund the normal cost for the  
20                   plan year;

21                   “(ii) to amortize the plan’s unfunded  
22                   liabilities in level annual installments over  
23                   25 years, beginning with the plan year in  
24                   which the transition contribution rate is  
25                   first established; and

1           “(iii) to amortize any subsequent  
2           changes in the legacy plan’s unfunded li-  
3           ability due to experience gains or losses  
4           (including investment gains or losses, gains  
5           or losses due to contributions greater or  
6           less than the contributions made under the  
7           prior transition contribution rate, and  
8           other actuarial gains or losses), changes in  
9           actuarial assumptions, changes to the leg-  
10          acy plan’s benefits, or changes in funding  
11          method over a period of 15 plan years be-  
12          ginning with the plan year in which such  
13          change in unfunded liability is incurred.

14          The transition contribution rate for any plan  
15          year may not be less than the transition con-  
16          tribution rate for the plan year in which such  
17          rate is first established.

18          “(B) MULTIPLE RATES.—If different rates  
19          of contribution are payable to the legacy plan  
20          by different employers or for different classes of  
21          employees, the certification shall specify a tran-  
22          sition contribution rate for each such employer.

23          “(C) RATE APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYER.—

24                  “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
25                  vided by clause (ii), the transition con-

1           tribution rate applicable to an employer for  
2           a plan year is the rate in effect for the  
3           plan year of the legacy plan that com-  
4           mences on or after 180 days before the  
5           earlier of—

6                   “(I) the effective date of the col-  
7                   lective bargaining agreement pursuant  
8                   to which the employer contributes to  
9                   the legacy plan; or

10                   “(II) 5 years after the last plan  
11                   year for which the transition contribu-  
12                   tion rate applicable to the employer  
13                   was established or updated.

14                   “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The transition  
15                   contribution rate applicable to an employer  
16                   for the first plan year beginning on or  
17                   after the commencement of the employer’s  
18                   obligation to contribute to the composite  
19                   plan is the rate in effect for the plan year  
20                   of the legacy plan that commences on or  
21                   after 180 days before such first plan year.

22                   “(D) EFFECT OF LEGACY PLAN FINANCIAL  
23                   CIRCUMSTANCES.—If the plan actuary of the  
24                   legacy plan has certified under section 305 that  
25                   the plan is in endangered or critical status for

1 a plan year, the transition contribution rate for  
2 the following plan year is the rate determined  
3 with respect to the employer under the legacy  
4 plan's funding improvement or rehabilitation  
5 plan under section 305, if greater than the rate  
6 otherwise determined, but in no event greater  
7 than 75 percent of the sum of the contribution  
8 rates applicable to the legacy plan and the com-  
9 posite plan for the plan year.

10 “(E) OTHER ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS  
11 AND METHODS.—Except as provided in sub-  
12 paragraph (A), the determination of the transi-  
13 tion contribution rate for a plan year shall be  
14 based on actuarial assumptions and methods  
15 consistent with the minimum funding deter-  
16 minations made under section 304 (or, if appli-  
17 cable, section 305) with respect to the legacy  
18 plan for the plan year.

19 “(F) ADJUSTMENTS IN RATE.—The plan  
20 sponsor of a legacy plan from time to time may  
21 adjust the transition contribution rate or rates  
22 applicable to an employer under this paragraph  
23 by increasing some rates and decreasing others  
24 if the actuary certifies that such adjusted rates  
25 in combination will produce projected contribu-

1           tion income for the plan year beginning on or  
2           after the date of certification that is not less  
3           than would be produced by the transition con-  
4           tribution rates in effect at the time of the cer-  
5           tification.

6           “(G) NOTICE OF TRANSITION CONTRIBU-  
7           TION RATE.—The plan sponsor of a legacy plan  
8           shall provide notice to the parties to collective  
9           bargaining agreements pursuant to which con-  
10          tributions are made to the legacy plan of  
11          changes to the transition contribution rate re-  
12          quirements at least 30 days before the begin-  
13          ning of the plan year for which the rate is effec-  
14          tive.

15          “(H) NOTICE TO COMPOSITE PLAN SPON-  
16          SOR.—Not later than 30 days after a deter-  
17          mination by the plan sponsor of a legacy plan  
18          that a collective bargaining agreement provides  
19          for a rate of contributions that is below the  
20          transition contribution rate applicable to one or  
21          more employers that are parties to the collective  
22          bargaining agreement, the plan sponsor of the  
23          legacy plan shall notify the plan sponsor of any  
24          composite plan under which employees of such

1           employer would otherwise be eligible to accrue  
2           a benefit.

3           “(3) CORRECTION PROCEDURES.—Pursuant to  
4           standards prescribed by the Secretary, the plan  
5           sponsor of a composite plan shall adopt rules and  
6           procedures that give the parties to the collective bar-  
7           gaining agreement notice of the failure of such  
8           agreement to satisfy the transition contribution re-  
9           quirements of this subsection, and a reasonable op-  
10          portunity to correct such failure, not to exceed 180  
11          days from the date of notice given under subsection  
12          (b)(2).

13          “(4) SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—A col-  
14          lective bargaining agreement may provide for supple-  
15          mental contributions to the legacy plan for a plan  
16          year in excess of the transition contribution rate de-  
17          termined under paragraph (2), regardless of whether  
18          the legacy plan is in endangered or critical status for  
19          such plan year.

20          “(e) NONAPPLICATION OF COMPOSITE PLAN RE-  
21          STRICTIONS.—

22          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of sub-  
23          sections (a), (b), and (c) shall not apply with respect  
24          to a collective bargaining agreement, to the extent  
25          the agreement, or a predecessor agreement, provides



1 or provided for contributions to a defined benefit  
2 plan that is a legacy plan, as of the first day of the  
3 first plan year following a plan year for which the  
4 plan actuary certifies that the plan is fully funded,  
5 has been fully funded for at least three out of the  
6 immediately preceding 5 plan years, and is projected  
7 to remain fully funded for at least the following 4  
8 plan years.

9 “(2) DETERMINATION OF FULLY FUNDED.—A  
10 plan is fully funded for purposes of paragraph (1)  
11 if, as of the valuation date of the plan for a plan  
12 year, the value of the plan’s assets equals or exceeds  
13 the present value of the plan’s liabilities, determined  
14 in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Pen-  
15 sion Benefit Guaranty Corporation under sections  
16 4219(e)(1)(D) and 4281 for multiemployer plans  
17 terminating by mass withdrawal, as in effect for the  
18 date of the determination, except the plan’s reason-  
19 able assumption regarding the starting date of bene-  
20 fits may be used.

21 “(3) OTHER APPLICABLE RULES.—Except as  
22 provided in paragraph (2), actuarial determinations  
23 and projections under this section shall be based on  
24 the rules in section 305(b)(3) and section 802(b).

1 **“SEC. 806. MERGERS AND ASSET TRANSFERS OF COM-**  
2 **POSITE PLANS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Assets and liabilities of a com-  
4 posite plan may only be merged with, or transferred to,  
5 another plan if—

6 “(1) the other plan is a composite plan;

7 “(2) the plan or plans resulting from the merg-  
8 er or transfer is a composite plan;

9 “(3) no participant’s accrued benefit or adjust-  
10 able benefit is lower immediately after the trans-  
11 action than it was immediately before the trans-  
12 action; and

13 “(4) the value of the assets transferred in the  
14 case of a transfer reasonably reflects the value of the  
15 amounts contributed with respect to the participants  
16 whose benefits are being transferred, adjusted for al-  
17 locable distributions, investment gains and losses,  
18 and administrative expenses.

19 “(b) LEGACY PLAN.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After a merger or transfer  
21 involving a composite plan, the legacy plan with re-  
22 spect to an employer that is obligated to contribute  
23 to the resulting composite plan is the legacy plan  
24 that applied to that employer immediately before the  
25 merger or transfer.

1           “(2) MULTIPLE LEGACY PLANS.—If an em-  
2           ployer is obligated to contribute to more than one  
3           legacy plan with respect to employees eligible to ac-  
4           cruce benefits under more than one composite plan  
5           and there is a merger or transfer of such legacy  
6           plans, the transition contribution rate applicable to  
7           the legacy plan resulting from the merger or trans-  
8           fer with respect to that employer shall be determined  
9           in accordance with the provisions of section  
10          805(d)(2)(B).”.

11           (2) PENALTIES.—

12           (A) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF FAILURE TO  
13           COMPLY WITH REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.—Sec-  
14           tion 502(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1132(a)) is  
15           amended—

16                   (i) in paragraph (10), by striking “or”  
17                   at the end;

18                   (ii) in paragraph (11), by striking the  
19                   period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

20                   (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
21                   lowing:

22                   “(12) in the case of a composite plan required  
23                   to adopt a realignment program under section 803,  
24                   if the plan sponsor—

1           “(A) has not adopted a realignment pro-  
2           gram under that section by the deadline estab-  
3           lished in such section; or

4           “(B) fails to update or comply with the  
5           terms of the realignment program in accordance  
6           with the requirements of such section,  
7           by the Secretary, by an employer that has an obliga-  
8           tion to contribute with respect to the composite plan,  
9           or by an employee organization that represents ac-  
10          tive participants in the composite plan, for an order  
11          compelling the plan sponsor to adopt a realignment  
12          program, or to update or comply with the terms of  
13          the realignment program, in accordance with the re-  
14          quirements of such section and the realignment pro-  
15          gram.”.

16                 (B) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Section 502(c) of  
17          such Act (29 U.S.C. 1132(c)) is amended—

18                         (i) by moving paragraphs (8), (10),  
19                         and (12) each 2 ems to the left;

20                         (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (9)  
21                         through (12) as paragraphs (12) through  
22                         (15), respectively; and

23                         (iii) by inserting after paragraph (8)  
24                         the following:

1           “(9) The Secretary may assess against any plan  
2 sponsor of a composite plan a civil penalty of not  
3 more than \$1,100 per day for each violation by such  
4 sponsor—

5           “(A) of the requirement under section  
6 802(a) on the plan actuary to certify the plan’s  
7 current or projected funded ratio by the date  
8 specified in such subsection; or

9           “(B) of the requirement under section 803  
10 to adopt a realignment program by the deadline  
11 established in that section and to comply with  
12 its terms.

13           “(10)(A) The Secretary may assess against any  
14 plan sponsor of a composite plan a civil penalty of  
15 not more than \$100 per day for each violation by  
16 such sponsor of the requirement under section  
17 803(b) to provide notice as described in such section,  
18 except that no penalty may be assessed in any case  
19 in which the plan sponsor exercised reasonable dili-  
20 gence to meet the requirements of such section  
21 and—

22           “(i) the plan sponsor did not know that the  
23 violation existed; or

24           “(ii) the plan sponsor provided such notice  
25 during the 30-day period beginning on the first

1           date on which the plan sponsor knew, or in ex-  
 2           ercising reasonable due diligence should have  
 3           known, that such violation existed.

4           “(B) In any case in which the plan sponsor ex-  
 5           ercised reasonable diligence to meet the require-  
 6           ments of section 803(b)—

7                   “(i) the total penalty assessed under this  
 8                   paragraph against such sponsor for a plan year  
 9                   may not exceed \$500,000; and

10                   “(ii) the Secretary may waive part or all of  
 11                   such penalty to the extent that the payment of  
 12                   such penalty would be excessive or otherwise in-  
 13                   equitable relative to the violation involved.

14           “(11) The Secretary may assess against any  
 15           plan sponsor of a composite plan a civil penalty of  
 16           not more than \$100 per day for each violation by  
 17           such sponsor of the notice requirements under sec-  
 18           tions 801(b)(5) and 805(b)(2).”.

19           (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of  
 20           contents in section 1 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1001  
 21           note) is amended by inserting after the item relating  
 22           to section 734 the following:

“PART 8—COMPOSITE PLANS AND LEGACY PLANS

“Sec. 801. Composite plan defined.

“Sec. 802. Funded ratios; actuarial assumptions.

“Sec. 803. Realignment program.

“Sec. 804. Limitation on increasing benefits.

“Sec. 805. Composite plan restrictions to preserve legacy plan funding.

“Sec. 806. Mergers and asset transfers of composite plans.”.

1 (b) AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
2 OF 1986.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter D of  
4 chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“Subpart C—Composite Plans and Legacy Plans**

“Sec. 437. Composite plan defined.

“Sec. 438. Funded ratios; actuarial assumptions.

“Sec. 439. Realignment program.

“Sec. 440. Limitation on increasing benefits.

“Sec. 440A. Composite plan restrictions to preserve legacy plan funding.

“Sec. 440B. Mergers and asset transfers of composite plans.

7 **“SEC. 437. COMPOSITE PLAN DEFINED.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title, the  
9 term ‘composite plan’ means a pension plan—

10 “(1) which is a multiemployer plan that is nei-  
11 ther a defined benefit plan nor a defined contribu-  
12 tion plan,

13 “(2) the terms of which provide that the plan  
14 is a composite plan for purposes of this title with re-  
15 spect to which not more than one multiemployer de-  
16 fined benefit plan is treated as a legacy plan within  
17 the meaning of section 440A, unless there is more  
18 than one legacy plan following a merger of composite  
19 plans under section 440B,

20 “(3) which provides systematically for the pay-  
21 ment of benefits—

1           “(A) objectively calculated pursuant to a  
2           formula enumerated in the plan document with  
3           respect to plan participants after retirement,  
4           for life, and

5           “(B) in the form of life annuities, except  
6           for benefits which under section 411(a)(11)  
7           may be immediately distributed without the  
8           consent of the participant,

9           “(4) for which the plan contributions for the  
10          first plan year are at least 120 percent of the nor-  
11          mal cost for the plan year,

12          “(5) which requires—

13               “(A) an annual valuation of the liability of  
14               the plan as of a date within the plan year to  
15               which the valuation refers or within one month  
16               prior to the beginning of such year,

17               “(B) an annual actuarial determination of  
18               the plan’s current funded ratio and projected  
19               funded ratio under section 438(a),

20               “(C) corrective action through a realign-  
21               ment program pursuant to section 439 when-  
22               ever the plan’s projected funded ratio is below  
23               120 percent for the plan year, and

24               “(D) an annual notification to each partici-  
25               pant describing the participant’s benefits under



1 the plan and explaining that such benefits may  
2 be subject to reduction under a realignment  
3 program pursuant to section 439 based on the  
4 plan's funded status in future plan years, and  
5 “(6) the board of trustees of which includes at  
6 least one retiree or beneficiary in pay status during  
7 each plan year following the first plan year in which  
8 at least 5 percent of the participants in the plan are  
9 retirees or beneficiaries in pay status.

10 “(b) TRANSITION FROM A MULTIEMPLOYER DE-  
11 FINED BENEFIT PLAN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan sponsor of a de-  
13 fined benefit plan that is a multiemployer plan may,  
14 subject to paragraph (2), amend the plan to incor-  
15 porate the features of a composite plan as a compo-  
16 nent of the multiemployer plan separate from the  
17 defined benefit plan component, except in the case of  
18 a defined benefit plan for which the plan actuary has  
19 certified under section 432(b)(3) that the plan is or  
20 will be in critical status for the plan year in which  
21 such amendment would become effective or for any  
22 of the succeeding 5 plan years.

23 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Any amendment pursu-  
24 ant to paragraph (1) to incorporate the features of

1 a composite plan as a component of a multiemployer  
2 plan shall—

3 “(A) apply with respect to all collective  
4 bargaining agreements providing for contribu-  
5 tions to the multiemployer plan on or after the  
6 effective date of the amendment,

7 “(B) apply with respect to all participants  
8 in the multiemployer plan for whom contribu-  
9 tions are made to the multiemployer plan on or  
10 after the effective date of the amendment,

11 “(C) specify that the effective date of the  
12 amendment is—

13 “(i) the first day of a specified plan  
14 year following the date of the adoption of  
15 the amendment, except that the plan spon-  
16 sor may alternatively provide for a sepa-  
17 rate effective date with respect to each col-  
18 lective bargaining agreement under which  
19 contributions to the multiemployer plan  
20 are required, which shall occur on the first  
21 day of the first plan year beginning after  
22 the termination, or if earlier, the re-open-  
23 ing, of each such agreement, or such ear-  
24 lier date as the parties to the agreement

1 and the plan sponsor of the multiemployer  
2 plan shall agree to, and

3 “(ii) not later than the first day of the  
4 fifth plan year beginning on or after the  
5 date of the adoption of the amendment,

6 “(D) specify that, as of the amendment’s  
7 effective date, no further benefits shall accrue  
8 under the defined benefit component of the  
9 multiemployer plan, and

10 “(E) specify that, as of the amendment’s  
11 effective date, the plan sponsor of the multiem-  
12 ployer plan shall be the plan sponsor of both  
13 the composite plan component and the defined  
14 benefit plan component of the plan.

15 “(3) SPECIAL RULES.—If a multiemployer plan  
16 is amended pursuant to paragraph (1)—

17 “(A) the requirements of this title shall be  
18 applied to the composite plan component and  
19 the defined benefit plan component of the mul-  
20 tiemployer plan as if each such component were  
21 maintained as a separate plan, and

22 “(B) the assets of the composite plan com-  
23 ponent and the defined benefit plan component  
24 of the plan shall be held in a single trust form-

1           ing part of the plan under which the trust in-  
2           strument expressly provides—

3                   “(i) for separate accounts (and appro-  
4                   priate records) to be maintained to reflect  
5                   the interest which each of the plan compo-  
6                   nents has in the trust, including separate  
7                   accounting for additions to the trust for  
8                   the benefit of each plan component, dis-  
9                   bursements made from each plan compo-  
10                  nent’s account in the trust, investment ex-  
11                  perience of the trust allocable to that ac-  
12                  count, and administrative expenses (wheth-  
13                  er direct expenses or shared expenses allo-  
14                  cated proportionally), and permits, but  
15                  does not require, the pooling of some or all  
16                  of the assets of the two plan components  
17                  for investment purposes, and

18                   “(ii) that the assets of each of the two  
19                   plan components shall be held, invested,  
20                   reinvested, managed, administered and dis-  
21                   tributed for the exclusive benefit of the  
22                   participants and beneficiaries of each such  
23                   plan component, and in no event shall the  
24                   assets of one of the plan components be

1           available to pay benefits due under the  
2           other plan component.

3           “(4) NOT A TERMINATION EVENT.—Notwith-  
4           standing section 4041A of the Employee Retirement  
5           Income Security Act of 1974, an amendment pursu-  
6           ant to paragraph (1) to incorporate the features of  
7           a composite plan as a component of a multiemployer  
8           plan does not constitute termination of the multiem-  
9           ployer plan.

10          “(5) NOTICE TO THE SECRETARY.—

11                 “(A) NOTICE.—The plan sponsor of a  
12                 composite plan shall provide notice to the Sec-  
13                 retary of the intent to establish the composite  
14                 plan (or, in the case of a composite plan incor-  
15                 porated as a component of a multiemployer  
16                 plan as described in paragraph (1), the intent  
17                 to amend the multiemployer plan to incorporate  
18                 such composite plan) at least 30 days prior to  
19                 the effective date of such establishment or  
20                 amendment.

21                 “(B) CERTIFICATION.—In the case of a  
22                 composite plan incorporated as a component of  
23                 a multiemployer plan as described in paragraph  
24                 (1), such notice shall include a certification by  
25                 the plan actuary under section 432(b)(3) that

1 the effective date of the amendment occurs in  
2 a plan year for which the multiemployer plan is  
3 not in critical status for that plan year and any  
4 of the succeeding 5 plan years.

5 “(6) REFERENCES TO COMPOSITE PLAN COM-  
6 PONENT.—As used in this subpart, the term ‘com-  
7 posite plan’ includes a composite plan component  
8 added to a defined benefit plan pursuant to para-  
9 graph (1).

10 “(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph  
11 (2)(A) shall not be construed as preventing the plan  
12 sponsor of a multiemployer plan from adopting an  
13 amendment pursuant to paragraph (1) because some  
14 collective bargaining agreements are amended to  
15 cease any covered employer’s obligation to contribute  
16 to the multiemployer plan before or after the plan  
17 amendment is effective. Paragraph (2)(B) shall not  
18 be construed as preventing the plan sponsor of a  
19 multiemployer plan from adopting an amendment  
20 pursuant to paragraph (1) because some partici-  
21 pants cease to have contributions made to the multi-  
22 employer plan on their behalf before or after the  
23 plan amendment is effective.

1       “(c) COORDINATION WITH FUNDING RULES.—Ex-  
2 cept as otherwise provided in this title, sections 412, 431,  
3 and 432 shall not apply to a composite plan.

4       “(d) TREATMENT OF A COMPOSITE PLAN.—For pur-  
5 poses of this title (other than sections 412 and 418E),  
6 a composite plan shall be treated as if it were a defined  
7 benefit plan unless a different treatment is provided for  
8 under applicable law.

9       **“SEC. 438. FUNDED RATIOS; ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.**

10       “(a) CERTIFICATION OF FUNDED RATIOS.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the one-  
12 hundred twentieth day of each plan year of a com-  
13 posite plan, the plan actuary of the composite plan  
14 shall certify to the Secretary, the Secretary of  
15 Labor, and the plan sponsor the plan’s current fund-  
16 ed ratio and projected funded ratio for the plan  
17 year.

18               “(2) DETERMINATION OF CURRENT FUNDED  
19 RATIO AND PROJECTED FUNDED RATIO.—For pur-  
20 poses of this section—

21                       “(A) CURRENT FUNDED RATIO.—The cur-  
22 rent funded ratio is the ratio (expressed as a  
23 percentage) of—

24                               “(i) the value of the plan’s assets as  
25 of the first day of the plan year, to

1                   “(ii) the plan actuary’s best estimate  
2                   of the present value of the plan liabilities  
3                   as of the first day of the plan year.

4                   “(B) PROJECTED FUNDED RATIO.—The  
5                   projected funded ratio is the current funded  
6                   ratio projected to the first day of the fifteenth  
7                   plan year following the plan year for which the  
8                   determination is being made.

9                   “(3) CONSIDERATION OF CONTRIBUTION RATE  
10                  INCREASES.—For purposes of projections under this  
11                  subsection, the plan sponsor may anticipate con-  
12                  tribution rate increases beyond the term of the cur-  
13                  rent collective bargaining agreement and any agreed-  
14                  to supplements, up to a maximum of 2.5 percent per  
15                  year, compounded annually, unless it would be un-  
16                  reasonable under the circumstances to assume that  
17                  contributions would increase by that amount.

18                  “(b) ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS.—  
19                  For purposes of this part—

20                         “(1) IN GENERAL.—All costs, liabilities, rates  
21                         of interest, and other factors under the plan shall be  
22                         determined for a plan year on the basis of actuarial  
23                         assumptions and methods—



1           “(A) each of which is reasonable (taking  
2           into account the experience of the plan and rea-  
3           sonable expectations),

4           “(B) which, in combination, offer the actu-  
5           ary’s best estimate of anticipated experience  
6           under the plan, and

7           “(C) with respect to which any change  
8           from the actuarial assumptions and methods  
9           used in the previous plan year shall be certified  
10          by the plan actuary and the actuarial rationale  
11          for such change provided in the annual report  
12          required by section 6058.

13          “(2) FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS.—The  
14          value of the plan’s assets shall be taken into account  
15          on the basis of their fair market value.

16          “(3) DETERMINATION OF NORMAL COST AND  
17          PLAN LIABILITIES.—A plan’s normal cost and liabil-  
18          ities shall be based on the most recent actuarial  
19          valuation required under section 437(a)(5)(A) and  
20          the unit credit funding method.

21          “(4) TIME WHEN CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS  
22          DEEMED MADE.—Any contributions for a plan year  
23          made by an employer after the last day of such plan  
24          year, but not later than two and one-half months  
25          after such day, shall be deemed to have been made

1 on such last day. For purposes of this paragraph,  
2 such two and one-half month period may be ex-  
3 tended for not more than six months under regula-  
4 tions prescribed by the Secretary.

5 “(5) ADDITIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.—  
6 Except where otherwise provided in this subpart, the  
7 provisions of section 432(b)(3)(B) shall apply to any  
8 determination or projection under this subpart.

9 **“SEC. 439. REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.—

11 “(1) ADOPTION.—In any case in which the plan  
12 actuary certifies under section 438(a) that the plan’s  
13 projected funded ratio is below 120 percent for the  
14 plan year, the plan sponsor shall adopt a realign-  
15 ment program under paragraph (2) not later than  
16 210 days after the due date of the certification re-  
17 quired under section 438(a). The plan sponsor shall  
18 adopt an updated realignment program for each suc-  
19 ceeding plan year for which a certification described  
20 in the preceding sentence is made.

21 “(2) CONTENT OF REALIGNMENT PROGRAM.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A realignment pro-  
23 gram adopted under this paragraph is a written  
24 program which consists of all reasonable meas-  
25 ures, including options or a range of options to

1 be undertaken by the plan sponsor or proposed  
2 to the bargaining parties, formulated, based on  
3 reasonably anticipated experience and reason-  
4 able actuarial assumptions, to enable the plan  
5 to achieve a projected funded ratio of at least  
6 120 percent for the following plan year.

7 “(B) INITIAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Rea-  
8 sonable measures under a realignment program  
9 described in subparagraph (A) may include any  
10 of the following:

11 “(i) Proposed contribution increases.

12 “(ii) A reduction in the rate of future  
13 benefit accruals, so long as the resulting  
14 rate shall not be less than 1 percent of the  
15 contributions on which benefits are based  
16 as of the start of the plan year (or the  
17 equivalent standard accrual rate as de-  
18 scribed in section 432(e)(6)).

19 “(iii) A modification or elimination of  
20 adjustable benefits of participants that are  
21 not in pay status before the date of the no-  
22 tice required under subsection (b)(1).

23 “(iv) Any other legally available meas-  
24 ures not specifically described in this sub-  
25 paragraph or subparagraph (C) or (D)

1           that the plan sponsor determines are rea-  
2           sonable.

3           “(C) ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—

4           If the plan sponsor has determined that all rea-  
5           sonable measures available under subparagraph  
6           (B) will not enable the plan to achieve a pro-  
7           jected funded ratio of at least 120 percent the  
8           following plan year, such reasonable measures  
9           may also include—

10                   “(i) a reduction of accrued benefits  
11                   that are not in pay status by the date of  
12                   the notice required under subsection  
13                   (b)(1), or

14                   “(ii) a reduction of any benefits of  
15                   participants that are in pay status before  
16                   the date of the notice required under sub-  
17                   section (b)(1) other than core benefits as  
18                   defined in paragraph (4).

19           “(D) ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS.—In the  
20           case of a composite plan for which the plan  
21           sponsor has determined that all reasonable  
22           measures available under subparagraphs (B)  
23           and (C) will not enable the plan to achieve a  
24           projected funded ratio of at least 120 percent

1 for the following plan year, such reasonable  
2 measures may also include—

3 “(i) a further reduction in the rate of  
4 future benefit accruals without regard to  
5 the limitation applicable under subpara-  
6 graph (B)(ii), or

7 “(ii) a reduction of core benefits,  
8 provided that such reductions shall be equitably  
9 distributed across the participant and bene-  
10 ficiary population, taking into account factors,  
11 with respect to participants and beneficiaries  
12 and their benefits, that may include one or  
13 more of the factors listed in subclauses (I)  
14 through (X) of section 432(e)(9)(D)(vi), to the  
15 extent necessary to enable the plan to achieve  
16 a projected funded ratio of at least 120 percent  
17 for the following plan year, or at the election of  
18 the plan sponsor, a projected funded ratio of at  
19 least 100 percent for the following plan year  
20 and a current funded ratio of at least 90 per-  
21 cent.

22 “(3) ADJUSTABLE BENEFIT DEFINED.—For  
23 purposes of this subpart, the term ‘adjustable ben-  
24 efit’ means—

1           “(A) benefits, rights, and features under  
2 the plan, including post-retirement death bene-  
3 fits, 60-month guarantees, disability benefits  
4 not yet in pay status, and similar benefits,

5           “(B) any early retirement benefit or retire-  
6 ment-type subsidy (within the meaning of sec-  
7 tion 411(d)(6)(B)(i)) and any benefit payment  
8 option (other than the qualified joint and sur-  
9 vivor annuity), and

10           “(C) benefit increases that were adopted  
11 (or, if later, took effect) less than 60 months  
12 before the first day such realignment program  
13 took effect.

14           “(4) CORE BENEFIT DEFINED.—For purposes  
15 of this subpart, the term ‘core benefit’ means a par-  
16 ticipant’s accrued benefit payable in the normal form  
17 of an annuity commencing at normal retirement age,  
18 determined without regard to—

19           “(A) any early retirement benefits, retire-  
20 ment-type subsidies, or other benefits, rights, or  
21 features that may be associated with that ben-  
22 efit, and

23           “(B) any cost-of-living adjustments or ben-  
24 efit increases effective after the date of retire-  
25 ment.

1           “(5) COORDINATION WITH CONTRIBUTION IN-  
2           CREASES.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A realignment pro-  
4           gram may provide that some or all of the ben-  
5           efit modifications described in the program will  
6           only take effect if the bargaining parties fail to  
7           agree to specified levels of increases in contribu-  
8           tions to the plan, effective as of specified dates.

9           “(B) INDEPENDENT BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
10           TIONS.—If a realignment program adopts any  
11           changes to the benefit formula that are inde-  
12           pendent of potential contribution increases,  
13           such changes shall take effect not later than  
14           180 days following the first day of the first  
15           plan year that begins following the adoption of  
16           the realignment program.

17           “(C) CONDITIONAL BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
18           TIONS.—If a realignment program adopts any  
19           changes to the benefit formula that take effect  
20           only if the bargaining parties fail to agree to  
21           contribution increases, such changes shall take  
22           effect not later than the first day of the first  
23           plan year beginning after the third anniversary  
24           of the date of adoption of the realignment pro-  
25           gram.

1           “(D) REVOCATION OF CERTAIN BENEFIT  
2           MODIFICATIONS.—Benefit modifications de-  
3           scribed in paragraph (3) may be revoked, in  
4           whole or in part, and retroactively or prospec-  
5           tively, when contributions to the plan are in-  
6           creased, as specified in the realignment pro-  
7           gram, including any amendments thereto. The  
8           preceding sentence shall not apply unless the  
9           contribution increases are to be effective not  
10          later than the fifth anniversary of the first day  
11          of the first plan year that begins after the  
12          adoption of the realignment program.

13          “(b) NOTICE.—

14                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which it is  
15                 certified under section 438(a) that the projected  
16                 funded ratio is less than 120 percent, the plan spon-  
17                 sor shall, not later than 30 days after the date of  
18                 the certification, provide notification of the current  
19                 and projected funded ratios to the participants and  
20                 beneficiaries, the bargaining parties, and the Sec-  
21                 retary. Such notice shall include—

22                         “(A) an explanation that contribution rate  
23                         increases or benefit reductions may be nec-  
24                         essary,



1           “(B) a description of the types of benefits  
2 that might be reduced, and

3           “(C) an estimate of the contribution in-  
4 creases and benefit reductions that may be nec-  
5 essary to achieve a projected funded ratio of  
6 120 percent.

7           “(2) NOTICE OF BENEFIT MODIFICATIONS.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—No modifications may  
9 be made that reduce the rate of future benefit  
10 accrual or that reduce core benefits or adjust-  
11 able benefits unless notice of such reduction has  
12 been given at least 180 days before the general  
13 effective date of such reduction for all partici-  
14 pants and beneficiaries to—

15                   “(i) plan participants and bene-  
16 ficiaries,

17                   “(ii) each employer who has an obliga-  
18 tion to contribute to the composite plan,  
19 and

20                   “(iii) each employee organization  
21 which, for purposes of collective bar-  
22 gaining, represents plan participants em-  
23 ployed by such employers.

24           “(B) CONTENT OF NOTICE.—The notice  
25 under subparagraph (A) shall contain—

1           “(i) sufficient information to enable  
2 participants and beneficiaries to under-  
3 stand the effect of any reduction on their  
4 benefits, including an illustration of any  
5 affected benefit or subsidy, on an annual  
6 or monthly basis that a participant or ben-  
7 efiary would otherwise have been eligible  
8 for as of the general effective date de-  
9 scribed in subparagraph (A), and

10           “(ii) information as to the rights and  
11 remedies of plan participants and bene-  
12 ficiaries as well as how to contact the De-  
13 partment of Labor for further information  
14 and assistance, where appropriate.

15           “(C) FORM AND MANNER.—Any notice  
16 under subparagraph (A)—

17           “(i) shall be provided in a form and  
18 manner prescribed in regulations of the  
19 Secretary of Labor,

20           “(ii) shall be written in a manner so  
21 as to be understood by the average plan  
22 participant.

23           “(3) MODEL NOTICES.—The Secretary shall—

24           “(A) prescribe model notices that the plan  
25 sponsor of a composite plan may use to satisfy

1 the notice requirements under this subsection,  
2 and

3 “(B) by regulation enumerate any details  
4 related to the elements listed in paragraph (1)  
5 that any notice under this subsection must in-  
6 clude.

7 “(4) DELIVERY METHOD.—Any notice under  
8 this part shall be provided in writing and may also  
9 be provided in electronic form to the extent that the  
10 form is reasonably accessible to persons to whom the  
11 notice is provided.

12 **“SEC. 440. LIMITATION ON INCREASING BENEFITS.**

13 “(a) LEVEL OF CURRENT FUNDED RATIOS.—Except  
14 as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e), no plan  
15 amendment increasing benefits or establishing new bene-  
16 fits under a composite plan may be adopted for a plan  
17 year unless—

18 “(1) the plan’s current funded ratio is at least  
19 110 percent (without regard to the benefit increase  
20 or new benefits),

21 “(2) taking the benefit increase or new benefits  
22 into account, the current funded ratio is at least 100  
23 percent and the projected funded ratio for the cur-  
24 rent plan year is at least 120 percent,

1           “(3) in any case in which, after taking the ben-  
2           efit increase or new benefits into account, the cur-  
3           rent funded ratio is less than 140 percent or the  
4           projected funded ratio is less than 140 percent, the  
5           benefit increase or new benefits are projected by the  
6           plan actuary to increase the present value of the  
7           plan’s liabilities for the plan year by not more than  
8           3 percent, and

9           “(4) expected contributions for the current plan  
10          year are at least 120 percent of normal cost for the  
11          plan year, determined using the unit credit funding  
12          method and treating the benefit increase or new ben-  
13          efits as in effect for the entire plan year.

14          “(b) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHERE CORE**  
15          **BENEFITS REDUCED.**—If a plan has been amended to re-  
16          duce core benefits pursuant to a realignment program  
17          under section 439(a)(2)(D), such plan may not be subse-  
18          quently amended to increase core benefits unless the  
19          amendment—

20                 “(1) increases the level of future benefit pay-  
21                 ments only, and

22                 “(2) provides for an equitable distribution of  
23                 benefit increases across the participant and bene-  
24                 ficiary population, taking into account the extent to

1       which the benefits of participants were previously re-  
2       duced pursuant to such realignment program.

3       “(c) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE  
4 LAW.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in connection with  
5 a plan amendment if the amendment is required as a con-  
6 dition of qualification under part I of subchapter D of  
7 chapter 1 or to comply with other applicable law.

8       “(d) EXCEPTION WHERE MAXIMUM DEDUCTIBLE  
9 LIMIT APPLIES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in con-  
10 nection with a plan amendment if and to the extent that  
11 contributions to the composite plan would not be deduct-  
12 ible for the plan year under section 404(a)(1)(E) if the  
13 plan amendment is not adopted. The Secretary of the  
14 Treasury shall issue regulations to implement this para-  
15 graph.

16       “(e) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BENEFIT MODIFICA-  
17 TIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in connection with  
18 a plan amendment under section 439(a)(5)(C), regarding  
19 conditional benefit modifications.

20       “(f) TREATMENT OF PLAN AMENDMENTS.—For pur-  
21 poses of this section—

22               “(1) if two or more plan amendments increas-  
23       ing benefits or establishing new benefits are adopted  
24       in a plan year, such amendments shall be treated as

1 a single amendment adopted on the last day of the  
2 plan year,

3 “(2) all benefit increases and new benefits  
4 adopted in a single amendment are treated as a sin-  
5 gle benefit increase, irrespective of whether the in-  
6 creases and new benefits take effect in more than  
7 one plan year, and

8 “(3) increases in contributions or decreases in  
9 plan liabilities which are scheduled to take effect in  
10 future plan years may be taken into account in con-  
11 nection with a plan amendment if they have been  
12 agreed to in writing or otherwise formalized by the  
13 date the plan amendment is adopted.

14 **“SEC. 440A. COMPOSITE PLAN RESTRICTIONS TO PRE-**  
15 **SERVE LEGACY PLAN FUNDING.**

16 “(a) TREATMENT AS A LEGACY PLAN.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sub-  
18 chapter, a defined benefit plan shall be treated as a  
19 legacy plan with respect to the composite plan under  
20 which the employees who were eligible to accrue a  
21 benefit under the defined benefit plan become eligi-  
22 ble to accrue a benefit under such composite plan.

23 “(2) COMPONENT PLANS.—In any case in  
24 which a defined benefit plan is amended to add a  
25 composite plan component pursuant to section

1 437(b), paragraph (1) shall be applied by sub-  
2 stituting ‘defined benefit component’ for ‘defined  
3 benefit plan’ and ‘composite plan component’ for  
4 ‘composite plan’.

5 “(3) ELIGIBLE TO ACCRUE A BENEFIT.—For  
6 purposes of paragraph (1), an employee is consid-  
7 ered eligible to accrue a benefit under a composite  
8 plan as of the first day in which the employee com-  
9 pletes an hour of service under a collective bar-  
10 gaining agreement that provides for contributions to  
11 and accruals under the composite plan in lieu of ac-  
12 cruals under the legacy plan.

13 “(4) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.—  
14 As used in this subpart, the term ‘collective bar-  
15 gaining agreement’ includes any agreement under  
16 which an employer has an obligation to contribute to  
17 a plan.

18 “(5) OTHER TERMS.—Any term used in this  
19 subpart which is not defined in this part and which  
20 is also used in section 432 shall have the same  
21 meaning provided such term in such section.

22 “(b) RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE BY COMPOSITE  
23 PLAN OF AGREEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan sponsor of a com-  
25 posite plan shall not accept or recognize a collective

1 bargaining agreement (or any modification to such  
2 agreement), and no contributions may be accepted  
3 and no benefits may be accrued or otherwise earned  
4 under the agreement—

5 “(A) in any case in which the plan actuary  
6 of any defined benefit plan that would be treat-  
7 ed as a legacy plan with respect to such com-  
8 posite plan has certified under section  
9 432(b)(3) that such defined benefit plan is or  
10 will be in critical status for the plan year in  
11 which such agreement would take effect or for  
12 any of the succeeding 5 plan years, and

13 “(B) unless the agreement requires each  
14 employer who is a party to such agreement, in-  
15 cluding employers whose employees are not par-  
16 ticipants in the legacy plan, to provide contribu-  
17 tions to the legacy plan with respect to such  
18 composite plan in a manner that satisfies the  
19 transition contribution requirements of sub-  
20 section (d).

21 “(2) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after a  
22 determination by a plan sponsor of a composite plan  
23 that an agreement fails to satisfy the requirements  
24 described in paragraph (1), the plan sponsor shall



1 provide notification of such failure and the reasons  
2 for such determination to—

3 “(A) the parties to the agreement,

4 “(B) active participants of the composite  
5 plan who have ceased to accrue or otherwise  
6 earn benefits with respect to service with an  
7 employer pursuant to paragraph (1), and

8 “(C) the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary  
9 of the Treasury, and the Pension Benefit Guar-  
10 anty Corporation.

11 “(3) LIMITATION ON RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—

12 This subsection shall not apply to benefits accrued  
13 before the date on which notice is provided under  
14 paragraph (2).

15 “(c) RESTRICTION ON ACCRUAL OF BENEFITS  
16 UNDER A COMPOSITE PLAN.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an  
18 employer, under a collective bargaining agreement  
19 entered into after the date of enactment of the Giv-  
20 ing Retirement Options to Workers Act of 2020,  
21 ceases to have an obligation to contribute to a multi-  
22 employer defined benefit plan, no employees em-  
23 ployed by the employer may accrue or otherwise earn  
24 benefits under any composite plan, with respect to  
25 service with that employer, for a 60-month period

1 beginning on the date on which the employer entered  
2 into such collective bargaining agreement.

3 “(2) NOTICE OF CESSATION OF OBLIGATION.—

4 Within 30 days of determining that an employer has  
5 ceased to have an obligation to contribute to a leg-  
6 acy plan with respect to employees employed by an  
7 employer that is or will be contributing to a com-  
8 posite plan with respect to service of such employees,  
9 the plan sponsor of the legacy plan shall notify the  
10 plan sponsor of the composite plan of that cessation.

11 “(3) NOTICE OF CESSATION OF ACCRUALS.—

12 Not later than 30 days after determining that an  
13 employer has ceased to have an obligation to con-  
14 tribute to a legacy plan, the plan sponsor of the  
15 composite plan shall notify the bargaining parties,  
16 the active participants affected by the cessation of  
17 accruals, the Secretary, the Secretary of Labor, and  
18 the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation of the  
19 cessation of accruals, the period during which such  
20 cessation is in effect, and the reasons therefor.

21 “(4) LIMITATION ON RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—

22 This subsection shall not apply to benefits accrued  
23 before the date on which notice is provided under  
24 paragraph (3).

25 “(d) TRANSITION CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A collective bargaining  
2 agreement satisfies the transition contribution re-  
3 quirements of this subsection if the agreement—

4           “(A) authorizes for payment of contribu-  
5 tions to a legacy plan at a rate or rates equal  
6 to or greater than the transition contribution  
7 rate established under paragraph (2), and

8           “(B) does not provide for—

9           “(i) a suspension of contributions to  
10 the legacy plan with respect to any period  
11 of service, or

12           “(ii) any new direct or indirect exclu-  
13 sion of younger or newly hired employees  
14 of the employer from being taken into ac-  
15 count in determining contributions owed to  
16 the legacy plan.

17           “(2) TRANSITION CONTRIBUTION RATE.—

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The transition con-  
19 tribution rate for a plan year is the contribution  
20 rate that, as certified by the actuary of the leg-  
21 acy plan in accordance with the principles in  
22 section 432(b)(3)(B), is reasonably expected to  
23 be adequate—

24           “(i) to fund the normal cost for the  
25 plan year,

1           “(ii) to amortize the plan’s unfunded  
2 liabilities in level annual installments over  
3 25 years, beginning with the plan year in  
4 which the transition contribution rate is  
5 first established, and

6           “(iii) to amortize any subsequent  
7 changes in the legacy plan’s unfunded li-  
8 ability due to experience gains or losses  
9 (including investment gains or losses, gains  
10 or losses due to contributions greater or  
11 less than the contributions made under the  
12 prior transition contribution rate, and  
13 other actuarial gains or losses), changes in  
14 actuarial assumptions, changes to the leg-  
15 acy plan’s benefits, or changes in funding  
16 method over a period of 15 plan years be-  
17 ginning with the plan year in which such  
18 change in unfunded liability is incurred.

19           The transition contribution rate for any plan  
20 year may not be less than the transition con-  
21 tribution rate for the plan year in which such  
22 rate is first established.

23           “(B) MULTIPLE RATES.—If different rates  
24 of contribution are payable to the legacy plan  
25 by different employers or for different classes of

1 employees, the certification shall specify a tran-  
2 sition contribution rate for each such employer.

3 “(C) RATE APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYER.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
5 vided by clause (ii), the transition con-  
6 tribution rate applicable to an employer for  
7 a plan year is the rate in effect for the  
8 plan year of the legacy plan that com-  
9 mences on or after 180 days before the  
10 earlier of—

11 “(I) the effective date of the col-  
12 lective bargaining agreement pursuant  
13 to which the employer contributes to  
14 the legacy plan, or

15 “(II) 5 years after the last plan  
16 year for which the transition contribu-  
17 tion rate applicable to the employer  
18 was established or updated.

19 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The transition  
20 contribution rate applicable to an employer  
21 for the first plan year beginning on or  
22 after the commencement of the employer’s  
23 obligation to contribute to the composite  
24 plan is the rate in effect for the plan year

1 of the legacy plan that commences on or  
2 after 180 days before such first plan year.

3 “(D) EFFECT OF LEGACY PLAN FINANCIAL  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES.—If the plan actuary of the  
5 legacy plan has certified under section 432 that  
6 the plan is in endangered or critical status for  
7 a plan year, the transition contribution rate for  
8 the following plan year is the rate determined  
9 with respect to the employer under the legacy  
10 plan’s funding improvement or rehabilitation  
11 plan under section 432, if greater than the rate  
12 otherwise determined, but in no event greater  
13 than 75 percent of the sum of the contribution  
14 rates applicable to the legacy plan and the com-  
15 posite plan for the plan year.

16 “(E) OTHER ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS  
17 AND METHODS.—Except as provided in sub-  
18 paragraph (A), the determination of the transi-  
19 tion contribution rate for a plan year shall be  
20 based on actuarial assumptions and methods  
21 consistent with the minimum funding deter-  
22 minations made under section 431 (or, if appli-  
23 cable, section 432) with respect to the legacy  
24 plan for the plan year.

1           “(F) ADJUSTMENTS IN RATE.—The plan  
2 sponsor of a legacy plan from time to time may  
3 adjust the transition contribution rate or rates  
4 applicable to an employer under this paragraph  
5 by increasing some rates and decreasing others  
6 if the actuary certifies that such adjusted rates  
7 in combination will produce projected contribu-  
8 tion income for the plan year beginning on or  
9 after the date of certification that is not less  
10 than would be produced by the transition con-  
11 tribution rates in effect at the time of the cer-  
12 tification.

13           “(G) NOTICE OF TRANSITION CONTRIBU-  
14 TION RATE.—The plan sponsor of a legacy plan  
15 shall provide notice to the parties to collective  
16 bargaining agreements pursuant to which con-  
17 tributions are made to the legacy plan of  
18 changes to the transition contribution rate re-  
19 quirements at least 30 days before the begin-  
20 ning of the plan year for which the rate is effec-  
21 tive.

22           “(H) NOTICE TO COMPOSITE PLAN SPON-  
23 SOR.—Not later than 30 days after a deter-  
24 mination by the plan sponsor of a legacy plan  
25 that a collective bargaining agreement provides

1 for a rate of contributions that is below the  
2 transition contribution rate applicable to one or  
3 more employers that are parties to the collective  
4 bargaining agreement, the plan sponsor of the  
5 legacy plan shall notify the plan sponsor of any  
6 composite plan under which employees of such  
7 employer would otherwise be eligible to accrue  
8 a benefit.

9 “(3) CORRECTION PROCEDURES.—Pursuant to  
10 standards prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, the  
11 plan sponsor of a composite plan shall adopt rules  
12 and procedures that give the parties to the collective  
13 bargaining agreement notice of the failure of such  
14 agreement to satisfy the transition contribution re-  
15 quirements of this subsection, and a reasonable op-  
16 portunity to correct such failure, not to exceed 180  
17 days from the date of notice given under subsection  
18 (b)(2).

19 “(4) SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—A col-  
20 lective bargaining agreement may provide for supple-  
21 mental contributions to the legacy plan for a plan  
22 year in excess of the transition contribution rate de-  
23 termined under paragraph (2), regardless of whether  
24 the legacy plan is in endangered or critical status for  
25 such plan year.



1       “(e) NONAPPLICATION OF COMPOSITE PLAN RE-  
2 STRICTIONS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of sub-  
4 sections (a), (b), and (c) shall not apply with respect  
5 to a collective bargaining agreement, to the extent  
6 the agreement, or a predecessor agreement, provides  
7 or provided for contributions to a defined benefit  
8 plan that is a legacy plan, as of the first day of the  
9 first plan year following a plan year for which the  
10 plan actuary certifies that the plan is fully funded,  
11 has been fully funded for at least three out of the  
12 immediately preceding 5 plan years, and is projected  
13 to remain fully funded for at least the following 4  
14 plan years.

15           “(2) DETERMINATION OF FULLY FUNDED.—A  
16 plan is fully funded for purposes of paragraph (1)  
17 if, as of the valuation date of the plan for a plan  
18 year, the value of the plan’s assets equals or exceeds  
19 the present value of the plan’s liabilities, determined  
20 in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Pen-  
21 sion Benefit Guaranty Corporation under sections  
22 4219(e)(1)(D) and 4281 of Employee Retirement  
23 Income and Security Act for multiemployer plans  
24 terminating by mass withdrawal, as in effect for the  
25 date of the determination, except the plan’s reason-

1       able assumption regarding the starting date of bene-  
2       fits may be used.

3               “(3) OTHER APPLICABLE RULES.—Except as  
4       provided in paragraph (2), actuarial determinations  
5       and projections under this section shall be based on  
6       the rules in section 432(b)(3) and section 438(b).

7       **“SEC. 440B. MERGERS AND ASSET TRANSFERS OF COM-**  
8               **POSITE PLANS.**

9               “(a) IN GENERAL.—Assets and liabilities of a com-  
10      posite plan may only be merged with, or transferred to,  
11      another plan if—

12              “(1) the other plan is a composite plan,

13              “(2) the plan or plans resulting from the merg-  
14      er or transfer is a composite plan,

15              “(3) no participant’s accrued benefit or adjust-  
16      able benefit is lower immediately after the trans-  
17      action than it was immediately before the trans-  
18      action, and

19              “(4) the value of the assets transferred in the  
20      case of a transfer reasonably reflects the value of the  
21      amounts contributed with respect to the participants  
22      whose benefits are being transferred, adjusted for al-  
23      locable distributions, investment gains and losses,  
24      and administrative expenses.

25              “(b) LEGACY PLAN.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—After a merger or transfer  
2 involving a composite plan, the legacy plan with re-  
3 spect to an employer that is obligated to contribute  
4 to the resulting composite plan is the legacy plan  
5 that applied to that employer immediately before the  
6 merger or transfer.

7           “(2) MULTIPLE LEGACY PLANS.—If an em-  
8 ployer is obligated to contribute to more than one  
9 legacy plan with respect to employees eligible to ac-  
10 crue benefits under more than one composite plan  
11 and there is a merger or transfer of such legacy  
12 plans, the transition contribution rate applicable to  
13 the legacy plan resulting from the merger or trans-  
14 fer with respect to that employer shall be determined  
15 in accordance with the provisions of section  
16 440A(d)(2)(B).”.

17           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sub-  
18 parts for part III of subchapter D of chapter 1 of  
19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by  
20 adding at the end the following new item:

“SUBPART C. COMPOSITE PLANS AND LEGACY PLANS”.

21           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 140003. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO**  
2 **COMPOSITE PLANS.**

3 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
4 INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—

5 (1) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING  
6 NOTICES.—Section 101(f) of the Employee Retirement  
7 Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
8 1021(f)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “title IV  
10 applies” and inserting “title IV applies or which  
11 is a composite plan”; and

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

13 “(5) APPLICATION TO COMPOSITE PLANS.—The  
14 provisions of this subsection shall apply to a com-  
15 posite plan only to the extent prescribed by the Sec-  
16 retary in regulations that take into account the dif-  
17 ferences between a composite plan and a defined  
18 benefit plan that is a multiemployer plan.”.

19 (2) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF ANNUAL  
20 REPORT.—Section 103 of the Employee Retirement  
21 Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1023) is  
22 amended—

23 (A) in subsection (d) by adding at the end  
24 the following sentence: “The provisions of this  
25 subsection shall apply to a composite plan only  
26 to the extent prescribed by the Secretary in reg-

1           ulations that take into account the differences  
2           between a composite plan and a defined benefit  
3           plan that is a multiemployer plan.”;

4                   (B) in subsection (f) by adding at the end  
5           the following:

6           “(3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COM-  
7           POSITE PLANS.—With respect to any composite  
8           plan—

9                   “(A) the provisions of paragraph (1)(A)  
10           shall apply by substituting ‘current funded ratio  
11           and projected funded ratio (as such terms are  
12           defined in section 802(a)(2))’ for ‘funded per-  
13           centage’ each place it appears; and

14                   “(B) the provisions of paragraph (2) shall  
15           apply only to the extent prescribed by the Sec-  
16           retary in regulations that take into account the  
17           differences between a composite plan and a de-  
18           fined benefit plan that is a multiemployer  
19           plan.”; and

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

21           “(h) COMPOSITE PLANS.—A multiemployer plan that  
22           incorporates the features of a composite plan as provided  
23           in section 801(b) shall be treated as a single plan for pur-  
24           poses of the report required by this section, except that  
25           separate financial statements and actuarial statements

1 shall be provided under paragraphs (3) and (4) of sub-  
2 section (a) for the defined benefit plan component and for  
3 the composite plan component of the multiemployer  
4 plan.”.

5 (3) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF PENSION  
6 BENEFIT STATEMENTS.—Section 105(a) of the Em-  
7 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29  
8 U.S.C. 1025(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following:

10 “(4) COMPOSITE PLANS.—For purposes of this  
11 subsection, a composite plan shall be treated as a  
12 defined benefit plan to the extent prescribed by the  
13 Secretary in regulations that take into account the  
14 differences between a composite plan and a defined  
15 benefit plan that is a multiemployer plan.”.

16 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
17 CODE OF 1986.—Section 6058 of the Internal Revenue  
18 Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection (f)  
19 as subsection (g) and by inserting after subsection (e) the  
20 following:

21 “(f) COMPOSITE PLANS.—A multiemployer plan that  
22 incorporates the features of a composite plan as provided  
23 in section 437(b) shall be treated as a single plan for pur-  
24 poses of the return required by this section, except that  
25 separate financial statements shall be provided for the de-

1 fined benefit plan component and for the composite plan  
2 component of the multiemployer plan.”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 140004. TREATMENT OF COMPOSITE PLANS UNDER**  
7 **TITLE IV.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 4001(a) of the Employee  
9 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.  
10 1301(a)) is amended by striking the period at the end of  
11 paragraph (21) and inserting a semicolon and by adding  
12 at the end the following:

13 “(22) COMPOSITE PLAN.—The term ‘composite  
14 plan’ has the meaning set forth in section 801.”.

15 (b) COMPOSITE PLANS DISREGARDED FOR CALCULATING PREMIUMS.—Section 4006(a) of such Act (29  
16 U.S.C. 1306(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:  
18

19 “(9) The composite plan component of a multi-  
20 employer plan shall be disregarded in determining  
21 the premiums due under this section from the multi-  
22 employer plan.”.

23 (c) COMPOSITE PLANS NOT COVERED.—Section  
24 4021(b)(1) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1321(b)(1)) is amend-  
25 ed by striking “Act” and inserting “Act, or a composite

1 plan, as defined in paragraph (43) of section 3 of this  
2 Act”.

3 (d) NO WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY.—Section 4201 of  
4 such Act (29 U.S.C. 1381) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(c) Contributions by an employer to the composite  
7 plan component of a multiemployer plan shall not be taken  
8 into account for any purpose under this title.”.

9 (e) NO WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN  
10 PLANS.—Section 4201 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1381) is  
11 further amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(d) Contributions by an employer to a multiem-  
13 ployer plan described in the except clause of section 3(35)  
14 of this Act pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement  
15 that specifically designates that such contributions shall  
16 be allocated to the separate defined contribution accounts  
17 of participants under the plan shall not be taken into ac-  
18 count with respect to the defined benefit portion of the  
19 plan for any purpose under this title (including the deter-  
20 mination of the employer’s highest contribution rate under  
21 section 4219), even if, under the terms of the plan, partici-  
22 pants have the option to transfer assets in their separate  
23 defined contribution accounts to the defined benefit por-  
24 tion of the plan in return for service credit under the de-



1 fined benefit portion, at rates established by the plan  
2 sponsor.

3 “(e) A legacy plan created under section 805 shall  
4 be deemed to have no unfunded vested benefits for pur-  
5 poses of this part, for each plan year following a period  
6 of 5 consecutive plan years for which—

7 “(1) the plan was fully funded within the mean-  
8 ing of section 805 for at least 3 of the plan years  
9 during that period, ending with a plan year for  
10 which the plan is fully funded;

11 “(2) the plan had no unfunded vested benefits  
12 for at least 3 of the plan years during that period,  
13 ending with a plan year for which the plan is fully  
14 funded; and

15 “(3) the plan is projected to be fully funded  
16 and to have no unfunded vested benefits for the fol-  
17 lowing four plan years.”.

18 (f) NO WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY FOR EMPLOYERS  
19 CONTRIBUTING TO CERTAIN FULLY FUNDED LEGACY  
20 PLANS.—Section 4211 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1382) is  
21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) No amount of unfunded vested benefits shall be  
23 allocated to an employer that has an obligation to con-  
24 tribute to a legacy plan described in subsection (e) of sec-

1 tion 4201 for each plan year for which such subsection  
2 applies.”.

3 (g) NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE.—Section  
4 4212 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1392) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(d) NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE.—An em-  
7 ployer shall not be treated as having an obligation to con-  
8 tribute to a multiemployer defined benefit plan within the  
9 meaning of subsection (a) solely because—

10 “(1) in the case of a multiemployer plan that  
11 includes a composite plan component, the employer  
12 has an obligation to contribute to the composite plan  
13 component of the plan;

14 “(2) the employer has an obligation to con-  
15 tribute to a composite plan that is maintained pur-  
16 suant to one or more collective bargaining agree-  
17 ments under which the multiemployer defined ben-  
18 efit plan is or previously was maintained; or

19 “(3) the employer contributes or has contrib-  
20 uted under section 805(d) to a legacy plan associ-  
21 ated with a composite plan pursuant to a collective  
22 bargaining agreement but employees of that em-  
23 ployer were not eligible to accrue benefits under the  
24 legacy plan with respect to service with that em-  
25 ployer.”.

1 (h) NO INFERENCE.—Nothing in the amendment  
2 made by subsection (e) shall be construed to create an in-  
3 ference with respect to the treatment under title IV of the  
4 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as in  
5 effect before such amendment, of contributions by an em-  
6 ployer to a multiemployer plan described in the except  
7 clause of section 3(35) of such Act that are made before  
8 the effective date of subsection (e) specified in subsection  
9 (h)(2).

10 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-  
12 paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section  
13 shall apply to plan years beginning after the date of  
14 the enactment of this Act.

15 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR SECTION 414(k) MULTI-  
16 EMPLOYER PLANS.—The amendment made by sub-  
17 section (e) shall apply only to required contributions  
18 payable for plan years beginning after the date of  
19 the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 140005. CONFORMING CHANGES.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the Employee Re-  
22 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002)  
23 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (35), by inserting “or a com-  
2 posite plan” after “other than an individual account  
3 plan”; and

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

5 “(43) The term ‘composite plan’ has the mean-  
6 ing given the term in section 801(a).”.

7 (b) SPECIAL FUNDING RULE FOR CERTAIN LEGACY  
8 PLANS.—

9 (1) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
10 INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 304(b) of  
11 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
12 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1084(b)) is amended by adding at  
13 the end the following:

14 “(9) SPECIAL FUNDING RULE FOR CERTAIN  
15 LEGACY PLANS.—In the case of a multiemployer de-  
16 fined benefit plan that has adopted an amendment  
17 under section 801(b), in accordance with which no  
18 further benefits shall accrue under the multiem-  
19 ployer defined benefit plan, the plan sponsor may  
20 combine the outstanding balance of all charge and  
21 credit bases and amortize that combined base in  
22 level annual installments (until fully amortized) over  
23 a period of 25 plan years beginning with the plan  
24 year following the date all benefit accruals ceased.”.

1           (2) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
2           OF 1986.—Section 431(b) of the Internal Revenue  
3           Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
4           following:

5           “(9) SPECIAL FUNDING RULE FOR CERTAIN  
6           LEGACY PLANS.—In the case of a multiemployer de-  
7           fined benefit plan that has adopted an amendment  
8           under section 437(b), in accordance with which no  
9           further benefits shall accrue under the multiem-  
10          ployer defined benefit plan, the plan sponsor may  
11          combine the outstanding balance of all charge and  
12          credit bases and amortize that combined base in  
13          level annual installments (until fully amortized) over  
14          a period of 25 plan years beginning with the plan  
15          year following the date on which all benefit accruals  
16          ceased.”.

17          (c) BENEFITS AFTER MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, OR  
18          TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—

19               (1) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT  
20               INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 208 of the  
21               Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
22               (29 U.S.C. 1058) is amended—

23                       (A) by striking so much of the first sen-  
24                       tence as precedes “may not merge” and insert-  
25                       ing the following:

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
2 graph (2), a pension plan may not merge, and”;

3           (B) by striking the second sentence and  
4 adding at the end the following:

5           “(2) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to  
6 any transaction to the extent that participants either  
7 before or after the transaction are covered under a  
8 multiemployer plan to which title IV of this Act ap-  
9 plies or a composite plan.”.

11           (2) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL REVENUE  
12 CODE OF 1986.—

13           (A) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Sec-  
14 tion 401(a)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code  
15 of 1986 is amended—

16           (i) by striking “(12) A trust” and in-  
17 serting the following:

18           “(12) BENEFITS AFTER MERGER, CONSOLIDA-  
19 TION, OR TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
21 subparagraph (B), a trust”;

22           (ii) by striking the second sentence;  
23 and

24           (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing:

1           “(B) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-  
2 EMPLOYER PLANS.—Subparagraph (A) shall  
3 not apply to any multiemployer plan with re-  
4 spect to any transaction to the extent that par-  
5 ticipants either before or after the transaction  
6 are covered under a multiemployer plan to  
7 which title IV of the Employee Retirement In-  
8 come Security Act of 1974 applies or a com-  
9 posite plan.”.

10           (B) ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIRE-  
11 MENT.—Paragraph (1) of section 414(l) of such  
12 Code is amended—

13           (i) by striking “(1) IN GENERAL” and  
14 all that follows through “shall not con-  
15 stitute” and inserting the following:

16           “(1) BENEFIT PROTECTIONS: MERGER, CON-  
17 SOLIDATION, TRANSFER.—

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
19 subparagraph (B), a trust which forms a part  
20 of a plan shall not constitute”; and

21           (ii) by striking the second sentence;  
22 and

23           (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(B) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-  
2           EMPLOYER PLANS.—Subparagraph (A) does not  
3           apply to any multiemployer plan with respect to  
4           any transaction to the extent that participants  
5           either before or after the transaction are cov-  
6           ered under a multiemployer plan to which title  
7           IV of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-  
8           rity Act of 1974 applies or a composite plan.”.

9           (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATUS AS A QUALIFIED  
10          PLAN.—

11           (1) REQUIREMENT THAT ACTUARIAL ASSUMP-  
12          TIONS BE SPECIFIED.—Section 401(a)(25) of the In-  
13          ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by insert-  
14          ing “(in the case of a composite plan, benefits objec-  
15          tively calculated pursuant to a formula)” after “defi-  
16          nitely determinable benefits”.

17           (2) MISSING PARTICIPANTS IN TERMINATING  
18          COMPOSITE PLAN.—Section 401(a)(34) of the Inter-  
19          nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “,  
20          a trust” and inserting “or a composite plan, a  
21          trust”.

22           (e) DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A QUALI-  
23          FIED PLAN.—Section 404(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue  
24          Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subparagraph



1 (E) as subparagraph (F) and by inserting after subpara-  
2 graph (D) the following:

3 “(E) COMPOSITE PLANS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a  
5 composite plan, subparagraph (D) shall  
6 not apply and the maximum amount de-  
7 ductible for a plan year shall be the excess  
8 (if any) of—

9 “(I) 160 percent of the greater  
10 of—

11 “(aa) the current liability of  
12 the plan determined in accord-  
13 ance with the principles of sec-  
14 tion 431(c)(6)(D), or

15 “(bb) the present value of  
16 plan liabilities as determined  
17 under section 438, over

18 “(II) the fair market value of the  
19 plan’s assets, projected to the end of  
20 the plan year.

21 “(ii) SPECIAL RULES FOR PREDE-  
22 CESSOR MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN TO COM-  
23 POSITE PLAN.—

24 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as  
25 provided in subclause (II), if an em-

1            employer contributes to a composite plan  
2            with respect to its employees, con-  
3            tributions by that employer to a mul-  
4            tiemployer defined benefit plan with  
5            respect to some or all of the same  
6            group of employees shall be deductible  
7            under sections 162 and this section,  
8            subject to the limits in subparagraph  
9            (D).

10            “(II) TRANSITION CONTRIBU-  
11            TION.—The full amount of a contribu-  
12            tion to satisfy the transition contribu-  
13            tion requirement (as defined in sec-  
14            tion 440A(d)) and allocated to the  
15            legacy defined benefit plan for the  
16            plan year shall be deductible for the  
17            employer’s taxable year ending with or  
18            within the plan year.”.

19            (f) MINIMUM VESTING STANDARDS.—

20            (1) YEARS OF SERVICE UNDER COMPOSITE  
21            PLANS.—

22            (A) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SE-  
23            CURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 203 of the Em-  
24            ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

1           (29 U.S.C. 1053) is amended by inserting after  
2           subsection (f) the following:

3           “(g) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMPUTING YEARS OF  
4 SERVICE UNDER COMPOSITE PLANS.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining a qualified  
6 employee’s years of service under a composite plan  
7 for purposes of this section, the employee’s years of  
8 service under a legacy plan shall be treated as years  
9 of service earned under the composite plan. For pur-  
10 poses of such determination, a composite plan shall  
11 not be treated as a defined benefit plan pursuant to  
12 section 801(d).

13           “(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of  
14 this subsection, an employee is a qualified employee  
15 if the employee first completes an hour of service  
16 under the composite plan (determined without re-  
17 gard to the provisions of this subsection) within the  
18 12-month period immediately preceding or the 24-  
19 month period immediately following the date the em-  
20 ployee ceased to accrue benefits under the legacy  
21 plan.

22           “(3) CERTIFICATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE.—  
23 For purposes of paragraph (1), the plan sponsor of  
24 the composite plan shall rely on a written certifi-  
25 cation by the plan sponsor of the legacy plan of the

1 years of service the qualified employee completed  
2 under the defined benefit plan as of the date the em-  
3 ployee satisfies the requirements of paragraph (2),  
4 disregarding any years of service that had been for-  
5 feited under the rules of the defined benefit plan be-  
6 fore that date.

7 “(h) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMPUTING YEARS OF  
8 SERVICE UNDER LEGACY PLANS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining a qualified  
10 employee’s years of service under a legacy plan for  
11 purposes of this section, and in addition to any serv-  
12 ice under applicable regulations, the employee’s  
13 years of service under a composite plan shall be  
14 treated as years of service earned under the legacy  
15 plan. For purposes of such determination, a com-  
16 posite plan shall not be treated as a defined benefit  
17 plan pursuant to section 801(d).

18 “(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of  
19 this subsection, an employee is a qualified employee  
20 if the employee first completes an hour of service  
21 under the composite plan (determined without re-  
22 gard to the provisions of this subsection) within the  
23 12-month period immediately preceding or the 24-  
24 month period immediately following the date the em-

1        ployee ceased to accrue benefits under the legacy  
2        plan.

3            “(3) CERTIFICATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE.—  
4        For purposes of paragraph (1), the plan sponsor of  
5        the legacy plan shall rely on a written certification  
6        by the plan sponsor of the composite plan of the  
7        years of service the qualified employee completed  
8        under the composite plan after the employee satisfies  
9        the requirements of paragraph (2), disregarding any  
10       years of service that has been forfeited under the  
11       rules of the composite plan.”.

12            (B) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—  
13        Section 411(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
14        1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15        lowing:

16            “(14) SPECIAL RULES FOR DETERMINING  
17        YEARS OF SERVICE UNDER COMPOSITE PLANS.—

18            “(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining a  
19        qualified employee’s years of service under a  
20        composite plan for purposes of this subsection,  
21        the employee’s years of service under a legacy  
22        plan shall be treated as years of service earned  
23        under the composite plan. For purposes of such  
24        determination, a composite plan shall not be

1 treated as a defined benefit plan pursuant to  
2 section 437(d).

3 “(B) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—For pur-  
4 poses of this paragraph, an employee is a quali-  
5 fied employee if the employee first completes an  
6 hour of service under the composite plan (deter-  
7 mined without regard to the provisions of this  
8 paragraph) within the 12-month period imme-  
9 diately preceding or the 24-month period imme-  
10 diately following the date the employee ceased  
11 to accrue benefits under the legacy plan.

12 “(C) CERTIFICATION OF YEARS OF SERV-  
13 ICE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the  
14 plan sponsor of the composite plan shall rely on  
15 a written certification by the plan sponsor of  
16 the legacy plan of the years of service the quali-  
17 fied employee completed under the legacy plan  
18 as of the date the employee satisfies the re-  
19 quirements of subparagraph (B), disregarding  
20 any years of service that had been forfeited  
21 under the rules of the defined benefit plan be-  
22 fore that date.

23 “(15) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMPUTING YEARS  
24 OF SERVICE UNDER LEGACY PLANS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining a  
2 qualified employee’s years of service under a  
3 legacy plan for purposes of this section, and in  
4 addition to any service under applicable regula-  
5 tions, the employee’s years of service under a  
6 composite plan shall be treated as years of serv-  
7 ice earned under the legacy plan. For purposes  
8 of such determination, a composite plan shall  
9 not be treated as a defined benefit plan pursu-  
10 ant to section 437(d).

11           “(B) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—For pur-  
12 poses of this paragraph, an employee is a quali-  
13 fied employee if the employee first completes an  
14 hour of service under the composite plan (deter-  
15 mined without regard to the provisions of this  
16 paragraph) within the 12-month period imme-  
17 diately preceding or the 24-month period imme-  
18 diately following the date the employee ceased  
19 to accrue benefits under the legacy plan.

20           “(C) CERTIFICATION OF YEARS OF SERV-  
21 ICE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the  
22 plan sponsor of the legacy plan shall rely on a  
23 written certification by the plan sponsor of the  
24 composite plan of the years of service the quali-  
25 fied employee completed under the composite

1 plan after the employee satisfies the require-  
2 ments of subparagraph (B), disregarding any  
3 years of service that has been forfeited under  
4 the rules of the composite plan.”.

5 (2) REDUCTION OF BENEFITS.—

6 (A) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SE-  
7 CURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 203(a)(3)(E)(ii)  
8 of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
9 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1053(a)(3)(E)(ii)) is  
10 amended—

11 (i) in subclause (I) by striking  
12 “4244A” and inserting “305(e), 803,”;  
13 and

14 (ii) in subclause (II) by striking  
15 “4245” and inserting “305(e), 4245,”.

16 (B) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—  
17 Section 411(a)(3)(F) of the Internal Revenue  
18 Code of 1986 is amended—

19 (i) in clause (i) by striking “section  
20 418D or under section 4281 of the Em-  
21 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of  
22 1974” and inserting “section 432(e) or  
23 439 or under section 4281 of the Em-  
24 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of  
25 1974”; and



1 (ii) in clause (ii) by inserting “or  
2 432(e)” after “section 418E”.

3 (3) ACCRUED BENEFIT REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (A) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SE-  
5 CURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 204(b)(1)(B)(i)  
6 of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
7 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1054(b)(1)(B)(i)) is  
8 amended by inserting “, including an amend-  
9 ment reducing or suspending benefits under  
10 section 305(e), 803, 4245 or 4281,” after “any  
11 amendment to the plan”.

12 (B) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—  
13 Section 411(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue  
14 Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “, includ-  
15 ing an amendment reducing or suspending ben-  
16 efits under section 418E, 432(e) or 439, or  
17 under section 4281 of the Employee Retirement  
18 Income Security Act of 1974,” after “any  
19 amendment to the plan”.

20 (4) ADDITIONAL ACCRUED BENEFIT REQUIRE-  
21 MENTS.—

22 (A) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SE-  
23 CURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 204(b)(1)(H)(v)  
24 of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
25 Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1053(b)(1)(H)(v)) is

1 amended by inserting before the period at the  
2 end the following: “, or benefits are reduced or  
3 suspended under section 305(e), 803, 4245, or  
4 4281”.

5 (B) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—  
6 Section 411(b)(1)(H)(iv) of the Internal Rev-  
7 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

8 (i) in the heading by striking “BEN-  
9 EFIT” and inserting “BENEFIT AND THE  
10 SUSPENSION AND REDUCTION OF CERTAIN  
11 BENEFITS”; and

12 (ii) in the text by inserting before the  
13 period at the end the following: “, or bene-  
14 fits are reduced or suspended under sec-  
15 tion 418E, 432(e), or 439, or under sec-  
16 tion 4281 of the Employee Retirement In-  
17 come Security Act of 1974”.

18 (5) ACCRUED BENEFIT NOT TO BE DECREASED  
19 BY AMENDMENT.—

20 (A) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SE-  
21 CURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 204(g)(1) of the  
22 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of  
23 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1053(g)(1)) is amended by in-  
24 serting after “302(d)(2)” the following: “,  
25 305(e), 803, 4245,”.

1 (B) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—  
2 Section 411(d)(6)(A) of the Internal Revenue  
3 Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after  
4 “412(d)(2),” the following: “418E, 432(e), or  
5 439,”.

6 (g) CERTAIN FUNDING RULES NOT APPLICABLE.—

7 (1) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY  
8 ACT OF 1974.—Section 305 of the Employee Retirement  
9 Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1085)  
10 is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(k) LEGACY PLANS.—Sections 302, 304, and 305  
12 shall not apply to an employer that has an obligation to  
13 contribute to a plan that is a legacy plan within the mean-  
14 ing of section 805(a) solely because the employer has an  
15 obligation to contribute to a composite plan described in  
16 section 801 that is associated with that legacy plan.”.

17 (2) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Sec-  
18 tion 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(k) LEGACY PLANS.—Sections 412, 431, and 432  
21 shall not apply to an employer that has an obligation to  
22 contribute to a plan that is a legacy plan within the mean-  
23 ing of section 440A(a) solely because the employer has an  
24 obligation to contribute to a composite plan described in  
25 section 437 that is associated with that legacy plan.”.

1 (h) TERMINATION OF COMPOSITE PLAN.—Section  
2 403(d) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
3 of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1103(d) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “regulations  
5 of the Secretary.” and inserting “regulations of the  
6 Secretary, or as provided in paragraph (3).”; and

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

8 “(3) Section 4044(a) of this Act shall be ap-  
9 plied in the case of the termination of a composite  
10 plan by—

11 “(A) limiting the benefits subject to para-  
12 graph (3) thereof to benefits as defined in sec-  
13 tion 802(b)(3)(B); and

14 “(B) including in the benefits subject to  
15 paragraph (4) all other benefits (if any) of indi-  
16 viduals under the plan that would be guaran-  
17 teed under section 4022A if the plan were sub-  
18 ject to title IV.”.

19 (i) GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO GUID-  
20 ANCE.—Where the implementation of any provision of law  
21 added or amended by this division is subject to issuance  
22 of regulations by the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary  
23 of the Treasury, or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Cor-  
24 poration, a multiemployer plan shall not be treated as fail-  
25 ing to meet the requirements of any such provision prior

1 to the issuance of final regulations or other guidance to  
2 carry out such provision if such plan is operated in accord-  
3 ance with a reasonable, good faith interpretation of such  
4 provision.

5 **SEC. 140006. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 Unless otherwise specified, the amendments made by  
7 this division shall apply to plan years beginning after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **DIVISION O—EDUCATION PROVI-**  
10 **SIONS AND OTHER PRO-**  
11 **GRAMS**

12 **TITLE I—HIGHER EDUCATION**  
13 **PROVISIONS**

14 **SEC. 150101. DEFINITIONS.**

15 In this title:

16 (1) **AWARD YEAR.**—The term “award year” has  
17 the meaning given the term in section 481(a) of the  
18 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(a)).

19 (2) **AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES.**—The term  
20 “authorizing committees” has the meaning given the  
21 term in section 103 of the Higher Education Act of  
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003).

23 (3) **FAFSA.**—The term “FAFSA” means an  
24 application under section 483 of the Higher Edu-

1 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090) for Federal  
2 student financial aid.

3 (4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
4 term “institution of higher education” has the  
5 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher  
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

7 (5) QUALIFYING EMERGENCY.—The term  
8 “qualifying emergency” has the meaning given the  
9 term in section 3502 of the CARES Act (Public  
10 Law 116–136), as amended by this Act.

11 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
12 the Secretary of Education.

## 13 **Subtitle A—CARES Act** 14 **Amendments**

### 15 **SEC. 150102. APPLICATION OF WAIVER TO PARTICIPATING** 16 **NONPROFIT EMPLOYERS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3503 of the CARES Act  
18 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
20 section (c); and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(b) WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE REQUIRE-  
24 MENT FOR NONPROFIT EMPLOYERS.—Notwithstanding  
25 any other provision of law, with respect to funds made

1 available for award years 2019–2020 and 2020–2021, the  
2 Secretary shall waive any requirement that a nonprofit  
3 employer provide a non-Federal share to match Federal  
4 funds provided to such nonprofit employer under an agree-  
5 ment under section 443 of the Higher Education Act of  
6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–53).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
9 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

10 **SEC. 150103. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL WORK-STUDY DUR-**  
11 **ING A QUALIFYING EMERGENCY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3505 of the CARES Act  
13 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “(not to exceed one aca-  
16 demic year)”; and

17 (B) by striking “such academic year” and  
18 inserting “such period”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “first”  
21 before “occurred”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “for all  
23 or part of such academic year”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
3 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

4 **SEC. 150104. CONTINUING EDUCATION AT AFFECTED FOR-**  
5 **EIGN INSTITUTIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3510 of the CARES Act  
7 (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “national  
9 emergency declared” and inserting “national emer-  
10 gency related to the coronavirus declared”;

11 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “qualifying  
12 emergency” and inserting “emergency or disaster af-  
13 fecting the institution as described in subsection  
14 (a)”;

15 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “qualifying  
16 emergency” and inserting “applicable emergency or  
17 disaster as described in subsection (a)”;

18 (4) in subsection (d)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) by striking “for the duration of a  
21 qualifying emergency and the following  
22 payment period,” and inserting “with re-  
23 spect to a foreign institution, in the case of  
24 a public health emergency, major disaster  
25 or emergency, or national emergency re-



1           lated to the coronavirus declared by the  
2           applicable government authorities in the  
3           country in which the foreign institution is  
4           located, or in the case of a qualifying  
5           emergency,”; and

6           (ii) by inserting “, for the duration of  
7           the applicable emergency or disaster and  
8           the following payment period,” after  
9           “1087a et seq.”; and

10          (B) in paragraph (4)—

11           (i) by striking “qualifying emergency”  
12           and inserting “applicable emergency or dis-  
13           aster”; and

14           (ii) by striking the period at the end  
15           and inserting “, the name of the institution  
16           of higher education located in the United  
17           States that has entered into a written ar-  
18           rangement with such foreign institution,  
19           and information regarding the nature of  
20           such written arrangement, including which  
21           coursework or program requirements are  
22           accomplished at each respective institu-  
23           tion.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
3 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

4 **SEC. 150105. FUNDING FOR HBCU CAPITAL FINANCING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3512(d) of the CARES  
6 Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking  
7 “\$62,000,000” and inserting “such sums as may be nec-  
8 essary”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
11 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

12 **SEC. 150106. WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR INSTITUTIONAL AID.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3517(a)(1)(D) of the  
14 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking  
15 “(b), (c), and (g)” and inserting “(b) and (c)”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
17 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
18 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

19 **SEC. 150107. SCOPE OF MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIRED AND**  
20 **ALLOWABLE USES.**

21 (a) AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE MINORITY SCIENCE  
22 AND ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Sub-  
23 section (a) of section 3518 of the CARES Act (Public Law  
24 116–136) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “part A or B of title III,” and  
2           inserting “part A, part B, or subpart 1 of part E  
3           of title III,”; and

4           (2) by inserting “1067 et seq.,” after “1060 et  
5           seq.”.

6           (b) AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY SCOPE OF AUTHOR-  
7           ITY.—Section 3518 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–  
8           136) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
9           subsection:

10          “(d) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding sub-  
11          section (a), the Secretary may not modify the required or  
12          allowable uses of funds for grants awarded under a statu-  
13          tory provision cited in subsection (a) in a manner that  
14          deviates from the overall purpose of the grant program,  
15          as provided in the general authorization, findings, or pur-  
16          pose of the grant program under the applicable statutory  
17          provision cited in such subsection.”.

18          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19          this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
20          ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

## 21           **Subtitle B—Financial Aid Access**

### 22           **SEC. 150108. EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS EX-** 23           **CLUDED FROM NEED ANALYSIS.**

24           (a) TREATMENT OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID  
25           GRANTS FOR NEED ANALYSIS.—Notwithstanding any

1 provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2 1001 et seq.), emergency financial aid grants—

3 (1) shall not be included as income or assets  
4 (including untaxed income and benefits under sec-  
5 tion 480(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6 (20 U.S.C. 1807vv(b))) in the computation of ex-  
7 pected family contribution for any program funded  
8 in whole or in part under the Higher Education Act  
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.); and

10 (2) shall not be treated as estimated financial  
11 assistance for the purposes of section 471 or section  
12 480(j) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
13 U.S.C. 1087kk; 1087vv(j)).

14 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “emer-  
15 gency financial aid grant” means—

16 (1) an emergency financial aid grant awarded  
17 by an institution of higher education under section  
18 3504 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136);

19 (2) an emergency financial aid grant from an  
20 institution of higher education made with funds  
21 made available under section 18004 of the CARES  
22 Act (Public Law 116–136); and

23 (3) any other emergency financial aid grant to  
24 a student from a Federal agency, a State, an Indian  
25 tribe, an institution of higher education, or a schol-

1 arship-granting organization (including a tribal or-  
2 ganization, as defined in section 4 of the Indian  
3 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act  
4 (25 U.S.C. 5304)) for the purpose of providing fi-  
5 nancial relief to students enrolled at institutions of  
6 higher education in response to a qualifying emer-  
7 gency.

8 **SEC. 150109. FACILITATING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID FOR**  
9 **RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED STUDENTS.**

10 (a) TREATMENT AS DISLOCATED WORKER.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
12 479(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
13 U.S.C. 1087ss(d)(1)), any individual who has ap-  
14 plied for, or who is receiving, unemployment benefits  
15 at the time of the submission of a FAFSA for a cov-  
16 ered award year shall be treated as a dislocated  
17 worker for purposes of the need analysis under part  
18 F of title IV such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087kk et seq.)  
19 applicable to such award year.

20 (2) INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS AND INSTI-  
21 TUTIONS.—The Secretary—

22 (A) in consultation with institutions of  
23 higher education, shall carry out activities to in-  
24 form applicants for Federal student financial

1 aid under the Higher Education Act of 1965  
2 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)—

3 (i) of the treatment of individuals who  
4 have applied for, or who are receiving, un-  
5 employment benefits as dislocated workers  
6 under paragraph (1); and

7 (ii) of the availability of means-tested  
8 Federal benefits for which such applicants  
9 may be eligible;

10 (B) shall carry out activities to inform in-  
11 stitutions of higher education of the authority  
12 of such institutions, with explicit written con-  
13 sent of an applicant for Federal student finan-  
14 cial aid under the Higher Education Act of  
15 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), to provide infor-  
16 mation collected from such applicant's FAFSA  
17 to an organization assisting the applicant in ap-  
18 plying for and receiving Federal, State, local, or  
19 tribal assistance in accordance with section 312  
20 of the Department of Defense and Labor,  
21 Health and Human Services, and Education  
22 Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Ap-  
23 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 115–245);  
24 and

1 (C) in consultation with the Secretary of  
2 Labor, shall carry out activities to inform appli-  
3 cants for, and recipients of, unemployment ben-  
4 efits of the availability of Federal student finan-  
5 cial aid under the Higher Education Act of  
6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) and the treat-  
7 ment of such applicants and recipients as dis-  
8 located workers under paragraph (1).

9 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall  
10 implement this subsection not later than 30 days  
11 after the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (4) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) shall apply  
13 with respect to a FAFSA submitted on or after the  
14 earlier of—

15 (A) the date on which the Secretary imple-  
16 ments this subsection under paragraph (3); or

17 (B) the date that is 30 days after the date  
18 of enactment of this Act.

19 (b) PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OF FINANCIAL AID  
20 ADMINISTRATORS.—The guidance of the Secretary titled  
21 “Update on the use of ‘Professional Judgment’ by Finan-  
22 cial Aid Administrators” (DCL ID: GEN–09–05), as in  
23 effect on May 8, 2009, shall apply—

24 (1) to the exercise of professional judgement by  
25 financial aid administrators pursuant to section

1 479A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
2 U.S.C. 1087tt) with respect to any FAFSA for a  
3 covered award year; and

4 (2) to the selection of institutions for program  
5 reviews pursuant to section 498A of the Higher  
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099c-1) for a  
7 covered award year.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED AWARD YEAR.—The term “cov-  
10 ered award year” means—

11 (A) an award year during which there is a  
12 qualifying emergency; and

13 (B) the first award year beginning after  
14 the end of such qualifying emergency.

15 (2) MEANS-TESTED FEDERAL BENEFIT.—The  
16 term “means-tested Federal benefit” includes the  
17 following:

18 (A) The supplemental security income pro-  
19 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act  
20 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.).

21 (B) The supplemental nutrition assistance  
22 program under the Food and Nutrition Act of  
23 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

24 (C) The free and reduced price school  
25 lunch program established under the Richard



1 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
2 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

3 (D) The program of block grants for  
4 States for temporary assistance for needy fami-  
5 lies established under part A of title IV of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

7 (E) The special supplemental nutrition  
8 program for women, infants, and children es-  
9 tablished by section 17 of the Child Nutrition  
10 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

11 (F) The Medicaid program under title XIX  
12 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et  
13 seq.).

14 (G) The tax credits provided under the fol-  
15 lowing sections of the Internal Revenue Code of  
16 1986 (title 26, United States Code):

17 (i) Section 25A (relating to American  
18 Opportunity and Lifetime Learning cred-  
19 its).

20 (ii) Section 32 (relating to earned in-  
21 come).

22 (iii) Section 36B (relating to refund-  
23 able credit for coverage under a qualified  
24 health plan).

1 (iv) Section 6428 (relating to 2020 re-  
2 covery rebates for individuals).

3 (H) Federal housing assistance programs,  
4 including tenant-based assistance under section  
5 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)), and public housing, as  
7 defined in section 3(b)(1) of such Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(1)).

9 (I) Such other Federal means-tested bene-  
10 fits as may be identified by the Secretary.

11 **SEC. 150110. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR HIGHER EDU-**  
12 **CATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND AND**  
13 **OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to student eligibility  
15 for receipt of funds provided under section 18004 of the  
16 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) and under title VI of  
17 division A of this Act—

18 (1) the Secretary is prohibited from imposing  
19 any restriction on, or defining, the populations of  
20 students who may receive such funds other than a  
21 restriction based solely on the student’s enrollment  
22 at the institution of higher education; and

23 (2) section 401(a) the Personal Responsibility  
24 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8  
25 U.S.C. 1611(a)) shall not apply.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
2 fect as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act  
3 (Public Law 116–136), and an institution of higher edu-  
4 cation that provided funds to a student before the date  
5 of enactment of this Act shall not be penalized if such  
6 provision is consistent with such subsection and section  
7 18004 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

8 **SEC. 150111. DEFINITION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in  
10 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
11 1070 et seq.), for purposes of such title, the term “dis-  
12 tance education” means education that uses technology—

13 (1) to deliver instruction to students enrolled at  
14 an institution of higher education who are separated  
15 from the instructor or instructors; and

16 (2) to support regular and substantive inter-  
17 action between the students and the instructor or in-  
18 structors, either synchronously or asynchronously.

19 (b) TECHNOLOGY.—For purposes of subsection (a),  
20 the technologies that may be used to offer distance edu-  
21 cation include—

22 (1) the internet;

23 (2) one-way and two-way transmissions through  
24 open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave,

1 broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite, or wireless  
2 communications devices;

3 (3) audio conferencing; and

4 (4) other media used in a course in conjunction  
5 with any of the technologies listed in paragraphs (1)  
6 through (3).

7 (c) INSTRUCTOR.—For purposes of subsection (a), an  
8 instructor is an individual responsible for delivering course  
9 content and who meets the qualifications for instruction  
10 established by the institution of higher education’s accred-  
11 iting agency.

12 (d) SUBSTANTIVE INTERACTION.—For purposes of  
13 subsection (a), substantive interaction is engaging stu-  
14 dents in teaching, learning, and assessment, consistent  
15 with the content under discussion, and also includes at  
16 least two of the following:

17 (1) Providing direct instruction.

18 (2) Assessing or providing feedback on a stu-  
19 dent’s coursework.

20 (3) Providing information or responding to  
21 questions about the content of a course or com-  
22 petency.

23 (4) Facilitating a group discussion regarding  
24 the content of a course or competency.

1           (5) Other instructional activities approved by  
2           the institution of higher education's or program's ac-  
3           crediting agency.

4           (e) **REGULAR INTERACTION.**—For purposes of sub-  
5           section (a), an institution ensures regular interaction be-  
6           tween a student and an instructor or instructors by, prior  
7           to the student's completion of a course or competency—

8                 (1) providing the opportunity for substantive  
9                 interactions with the student on a predictable and  
10                regular basis commensurate with the length of time  
11                and the amount of content in the course or com-  
12                petency; and

13               (2) monitoring the student's academic engage-  
14                ment and success and ensuring that an instructor is  
15                responsible for promptly and proactively engaging in  
16                substantive interaction with the student when need-  
17                ed, on the basis of such monitoring, or upon request  
18                by the student.

19           (f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall be effective  
20           for any semester (or the equivalent) that begins on or after  
21           August 15, 2020, and shall cease to be effective at the  
22           end of the 2020–2021 award year.

23   **SEC. 150112. INSTITUTIONAL STABILIZATION PROGRAM.**

24           (a) **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE.**—Notwithstanding  
25           paragraph (1) or (2) of section 498(c) of the Higher Edu-

1 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099c(c)), an eligible insti-  
2 tution described in subsection (b) may, in lieu of submit-  
3 ting a letter of credit in accordance with section  
4 498(c)(3)(A) of such Act, submit an application under  
5 subsection (c)(1) to enter into a COVID–19 provisional  
6 program participation agreement in accordance with sub-  
7 section (d) to provide the Secretary with satisfactory evi-  
8 dence of its financial responsibility.

9 (b) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION DESCRIBED.—An eligible  
10 institution described in this subsection is a private non-  
11 profit institution of higher education that—

12 (1) either—

13 (A) has a composite score of less than 1.0  
14 for the institutional fiscal year ending in 2019,  
15 as determined under section 668.171(b)(1) of  
16 title 34, Code of Federal Regulations; or

17 (B) on the date of an application under  
18 subsection (c)(1), has (or anticipates having) a  
19 composite score of less than 1.0 for the institu-  
20 tional fiscal year ending in 2020, as determined  
21 under section 668.171(b)(1) of title 34, Code of  
22 Federal Regulations;

23 (2) during award year 2018–2019—

24 (A) offered on-campus classes; and

1 (B) qualified for participation in a pro-  
2 gram under title IV of the Higher Education  
3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.); and

4 (3) on the date of the application under sub-  
5 section (c)(1), has a liquidity level of less than or  
6 equal to 180 days.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution desir-  
9 ing to enter into a COVID–19 provisional program  
10 participation agreement under subsection (d), shall,  
11 not later than December 31, 2020, submit to the  
12 Secretary an application that includes—

13 (A) the estimated liquidity level of the eli-  
14 gible institution on the date of the application  
15 and an assurance that such liquidity level will  
16 be attested to in accordance with paragraph  
17 (2);

18 (B) an assurance that such eligible institu-  
19 tion will submit a record-management plan in  
20 accordance with paragraph (3); and

21 (C) an assurance that such eligible institu-  
22 tion will submit a teach-out plan in accordance  
23 with paragraph (4); and

24 (D) an assurance that such eligible institu-  
25 tion will submit reports on teach-out agree-

1           ments and sufficient progress made on such  
2           agreements in accordance with subsection  
3           (d)(3), as applicable.

4           (2) AUDITOR ATTESTATION.—Not later than 60  
5           days after submitting an application under para-  
6           graph (1), an eligible institution shall submit to the  
7           Secretary an auditor attestation of the liquidity level  
8           of such eligible institution on the date such institu-  
9           tion submitted such application pursuant to an audit  
10          conducted by a qualified independent organization or  
11          person in accordance with standards established by  
12          the American Institute of Certified Public Account-  
13          ants.

14          (3) RECORD-MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

15                (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days  
16                after submitting an application under para-  
17                graph (1), an eligible institution shall submit to  
18                the Secretary a record-management plan ap-  
19                proved by the accrediting agency of such eligi-  
20                ble institution that includes—

21                        (i) a plan for the custody, including  
22                        by the State authorizing agency, if applica-  
23                        ble, and the disposition of—



1 (I) a teach-out plan and teach-  
2 out agreement records, as applicable;  
3 and

4 (II) student records, including  
5 student transcripts, billing, and finan-  
6 cial aid records;

7 (ii) an estimate of the costs necessary  
8 to carry out such record-management plan;  
9 and

10 (iii) a financial plan to provide fund-  
11 ing for such costs.

12 (B) ASSURANCE.—An eligible institution  
13 that submits a record-management plan under  
14 subparagraph (A) shall include an assurance to  
15 the Secretary that, in the case of the closure of  
16 such eligible institution, such eligible institu-  
17 tion—

18 (i) will release all financial holds  
19 placed on student records; and

20 (ii) for the 3-year period beginning on  
21 the date of the closure of such eligible in-  
22 stitution, will not require a student en-  
23 rolled in such eligible institution on the  
24 date of such closure (and students with-  
25 drawn from such eligible institution in the

1           120 days prior to such date) who requests  
2           the student records of such student to pur-  
3           chase such records or otherwise charge  
4           such student a fee with respect to such  
5           records.

6           (C) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days  
7           after submitting an application under para-  
8           graph (1), an eligible institution shall submit  
9           the record-management plan required under  
10          subparagraph (A) and the assurance under sub-  
11          paragraph (B) to the accrediting agency and, if  
12          applicable, the State authorizing agency, of  
13          such eligible institution.

14          (4) TEACH-OUT PLAN.—Not later than 60 days  
15          after submitting an application under paragraph (1),  
16          an eligible institution shall submit a teach-out plan  
17          approved by the accrediting agency of such eligible  
18          institution to the Secretary and, if applicable, the  
19          State authorizing agency of such eligible institution.

20          (5) LETTER OF CREDIT DURING PENDING AP-  
21          PLICATION.—Notwithstanding section 498(c)(3)(A)  
22          of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
23          1099c(e)(3)(A)), the Secretary may not use the com-  
24          posite score of an eligible institution (as determined  
25          under section 668.171(b)(1) of title 34, Code of

1 Federal Regulations) to require the eligible institu-  
2 tion to submit a new letter of credit or increase the  
3 value of an existing letter of credit while the institu-  
4 tion has an application pending under paragraph  
5 (1).

6 (6) NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION AND STA-  
7 TUS.—The eligible institution shall notify the accred-  
8 iting agency and, if applicable, the State authorizing  
9 agency, of such institution—

10 (A) that the institution has submitted an  
11 application under paragraph (1) to the Sec-  
12 retary not later than 10 days after submitting  
13 such application; and

14 (B) of the final acceptance or denial of  
15 such application not later than 5 days after re-  
16 ceiving a final decision from the Secretary.

17 (7) APPLICATION DECISION.—The Secretary  
18 shall accept or deny an application under paragraph  
19 (1) not later than 10 days after the date on which  
20 an eligible institution completes all of the submission  
21 requirements under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).

22 (d) COVID–19 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM PARTICIPA-  
23 TION AGREEMENT.—

24 (1) AUTHORITY TO ENTER AGREEMENT.—The  
25 Secretary may enter into a COVID–19 provisional

1 program participation agreement under this sub-  
2 section with an eligible institution that submits an  
3 application under subsection (c)(1) on or before De-  
4 cember 31, 2020, only if the Secretary has re-  
5 ceived—

6 (A) an auditor attestation under subsection  
7 (c)(2) that such eligible institution has a liquid-  
8 ity level of less than or equal to 180 days on  
9 the date of the application of such eligible insti-  
10 tution under subsection (c)(1);

11 (B) a record-management plan with re-  
12 spect to such eligible institution in accordance  
13 with subsection (c)(3); and

14 (C) a teach-out plan with respect to such  
15 eligible institution in accordance with sub-  
16 section (c)(4).

17 (2) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—In enter-  
18 ing into a COVID–19 provisional program participa-  
19 tion agreement with an eligible institution under this  
20 subsection, the Secretary shall require such eligible  
21 institution—

22 (A) if such eligible institution has a liquid-  
23 ity level of less than or equal to 90 days on the  
24 date of the application of such eligible institu-  
25 tion under subsection (c)(1), to submit a teach-

1 out agreement (or teach-out agreements, as ap-  
2 plicable) to the Secretary, to the accrediting  
3 agency of the institution, and, if applicable, the  
4 State authorizing agency of the institution, in  
5 accordance with paragraph (3);

6 (B) to report to the Secretary in accord-  
7 ance with paragraph (4);

8 (C) to meet the administrative capacity re-  
9 quirements under section 498(d) of the Higher  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099c(d));  
11 and

12 (D) to meet the cash reserves requirements  
13 under section 498(c)(6)(A) of the Higher Edu-  
14 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099c(c)(6)(A)).

15 (3) TEACH-OUT AGREEMENTS.—

16 (A) SUFFICIENT PROGRESS.—Not later  
17 than 30 days after the date on which an eligible  
18 institution described in paragraph (2)(A) enters  
19 into a COVID–19 provisional program partici-  
20 pation agreement under this subsection, such  
21 eligible institution shall submit to the Secretary  
22 an interim teach-out agreement that provides  
23 for the equitable treatment of at least 75 per-  
24 cent of enrolled students and a reasonable op-

1 portunity for such students to complete their  
2 program of study.

3 (B) ADDENDUM REPORTS.—Not later than  
4 15 days after the date on which an eligible in-  
5 stitution submits an interim teach-out agree-  
6 ment in accordance with subparagraph (A), and  
7 every 15 days thereafter, such eligible institu-  
8 tion shall submit to the Secretary a report that  
9 includes—

10 (i) the percentage of students enrolled  
11 in such eligible institution that are covered  
12 by a teach-out agreement;

13 (ii) the increase in the percentage of  
14 students covered by such an agreement, as  
15 compared to the most recently submitted  
16 report; and

17 (iii) such other information as the  
18 Secretary or accrediting agency of the eli-  
19 gible institution may require, including the  
20 progress of such eligible institution in  
21 meeting any benchmarks set by such ac-  
22 crediting agency related to the percentage  
23 of students that should be covered by such  
24 an agreement.

1 (C) TEACH-OUT AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—

2 On the date agreed to by the eligible institution,  
3 the accrediting agency of such eligible institu-  
4 tion, and the Secretary under a COVID–19  
5 provisional program participation agreement  
6 under this subsection, such eligible institution  
7 shall submit to the Secretary, to the accrediting  
8 agency of the institution, and, if applicable, the  
9 State authorizing agency of the institution, a  
10 teach-out agreement (or agreements, as applica-  
11 ble) that—

12 (i) provides for the equitable treat-  
13 ment of all enrolled students and a reason-  
14 able opportunity for such students to com-  
15 plete their program of study;

16 (ii) includes—

17 (I) a list of all students enrolled  
18 in such eligible institution on the date  
19 such eligible institution submitted an  
20 application under subsection (e)(1)  
21 (and students withdrawn from such  
22 eligible institution in the 120 days  
23 prior to such date), including the  
24 name, contact information, program  
25 of study, program requirements com-

1           pleted, and estimated date of program  
2           completion of each such student;

3                   (II) the amount of any unearned  
4           tuition, account balances, student  
5           fees, and refunds due to each such  
6           student;

7                   (III) a plan to notify each such  
8           student, in the case of the closure of  
9           such eligible institution, of—

10                   (aa) the process for obtain-  
11           ing a closed school discharge  
12           under section 437(c)(1) of the  
13           Higher Education Act of 1965  
14           (20 U.S.C. 1087(c)(1)), using  
15           standard language developed by  
16           the Secretary under subsection  
17           (f), and the benefits and con-  
18           sequences of such discharge;

19                   (bb) if applicable, informa-  
20           tion on institutional and State  
21           refund policies;

22                   (cc) the teach-out institution  
23           or institutions available to enroll  
24           such student;



1 (dd) the tuition and fees of  
2 the educational program offered  
3 by each such teach-out institution  
4 and the number and types of  
5 credit each such teach-out insti-  
6 tution will accept prior to the en-  
7 rollment of such student; and

8 (ee) the record-management  
9 plan submitted in accordance  
10 with subsection (c)(3).

11 (D) DECREASE IN LIQUIDITY.—In the case  
12 of an eligible institution that enters into a  
13 COVID–19 provisional program participation  
14 agreement under this subsection and has a li-  
15 quidity level of greater than 90 days on the  
16 date of the application of such eligible institu-  
17 tion under subsection (c)(1), if the Secretary  
18 determines such eligible institution has declined  
19 such that the liquidity level of such eligible in-  
20 stitution is consistently less than or equal to 90  
21 days, the Secretary may require such eligible in-  
22 stitution to submit a teach-out agreement (or  
23 agreements, as applicable) to the Secretary in  
24 accordance with subparagraph (C).

25 (4) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

1           (A) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS WITH A LI-  
2           QUIDITY LEVEL OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 90  
3           DAYS.—In the case of an eligible institution de-  
4           scribed in paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary shall  
5           require such eligible institution to report to the  
6           Secretary the liquidity level and total student  
7           enrollment of such eligible institution not less  
8           than once every 15 days, until such eligible in-  
9           stitution closes or no longer participates in a  
10          COVID–19 provisional program participation  
11          agreement under this subsection.

12          (B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS WITH A LI-  
13          QUIDITY LEVEL OF GREATER THAN 90 DAYS.—  
14          In the case of an eligible institution that enters  
15          into a COVID–19 provisional program partici-  
16          pation agreement under this subsection and has  
17          a liquidity level of greater than 90 days on the  
18          date of the application of such eligible institu-  
19          tion under subsection (c)(1), the Secretary shall  
20          require such eligible institution to report to the  
21          Secretary the liquidity level and total student  
22          enrollment of such eligible institution not less  
23          than once every 30 days, until such eligible in-  
24          stitution closes or no longer participates in a

1 COVID–19 provisional program participation  
2 agreement under this subsection.

3 (C) ALL ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—All eli-  
4 gible institutions that enter into a COVID–19  
5 provisional program participation agreement  
6 under this subsection shall comply with the re-  
7 porting requirements under paragraph (2) of  
8 section 668.175(d) of title 34, Code of Federal  
9 Regulations (as such paragraph is in effect on  
10 the date of enactment of this section).

11 (5) LETTER OF CREDIT DURING AGREEMENT.—  
12 The Secretary may not require an eligible institution  
13 that enters into a COVID–19 provisional program  
14 participation agreement under this subsection to  
15 submit a new letter of credit or increase the value  
16 of an existing letter of credit for the duration of the  
17 agreement.

18 (6) DURATION OF AGREEMENT.—A COVID–19  
19 provisional program participation agreement under  
20 this subsection may only be entered into for a period  
21 less than or equal to the period—

22 (A) beginning on the first date of the  
23 agreement; and

1 (B) ending on the last day of the first full  
2 award year that begins after the date described  
3 in subparagraph (A).

4 (7) RENEWAL.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—A COVID–19 provi-  
6 sional program participation agreement under  
7 this subsection may be renewed for 1 award  
8 year subsequent to the award year described in  
9 paragraph (6)(B), and shall expire no later  
10 than June 30, 2022.

11 (B) AUTHORITY TO EXTEND RENEWAL PE-  
12 RIOD.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if  
13 the Secretary determines that an extension of  
14 renewal authority is in the best interest of the  
15 eligible institutions with a COVID–19 provi-  
16 sional program participation agreement under  
17 this subsection, the Secretary may permit  
18 COVID–19 provisional program participation  
19 agreement under this subsection to be renewed,  
20 on an annual basis, for not more than 3 total  
21 consecutive award years subsequent to the  
22 award year described in paragraph (6)(B), pro-  
23 vided that no agreement under this subsection  
24 shall expire later than June 30, 2024.

1 (C) RECALCULATION OF LIQUIDITY.—An  
2 eligible institution desiring to renew a COVID–  
3 19 provisional program participation agreement  
4 shall—

5 (i) submit to the Secretary the liquid-  
6 ity level of the institution on the last day  
7 of the most recent fiscal year of the eligible  
8 institution, to be used for purposes of such  
9 an agreement; and

10 (ii) not later than 60 days after sub-  
11 mitting such liquidity level under clause  
12 (i), have such liquidity level attested to in  
13 accordance with subsection (c)(2).

14 (8) DISCONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT.—The  
15 participation of an eligible institution in a COVID–  
16 19 provisional program participation agreement  
17 under this subsection—

18 (A) may be discontinued at any time at the  
19 request of the eligible institution;

20 (B) shall be discontinued by the Secretary  
21 if such eligible institution receives a composite  
22 score of 1.0 or greater for the most recent insti-  
23 tutional fiscal year, as determined under section  
24 668.171(b)(1) of title 34, Code of Federal Reg-  
25 ulations; and

1 (C) shall have no effect on the eligibility of  
2 the institution to participate in a program par-  
3 ticipation agreement under section 487(a) of  
4 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
5 1094) after the COVID–19 provisional program  
6 participation agreement under this subsection  
7 has expired or been discontinued.

8 (9) GRANTS TO PARTICIPATING INSTITU-  
9 TIONS.—From the amounts authorized to be avail-  
10 able, subject to appropriation, under subsection (j),  
11 the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible insti-  
12 tution that enters into a COVID–19 provisional pro-  
13 gram participation agreement under this subsection  
14 to carry out the requirements of such agreement and  
15 provide for the increased economic stability of such  
16 eligible institution.

17 (10) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—Except as  
18 otherwise provided in this subsection, the Secretary  
19 shall have the same authority with respect to a  
20 COVID–19 provisional program participation agree-  
21 ment under this subsection as the Secretary has  
22 with respect to a program participation agreement  
23 under subparagraphs (B), (F), and (G) of section  
24 487(c)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1099(c)(1)).

1 (e) PARTICIPATION IN TITLE IV PROGRAM.—An eli-  
2 gible institution that enters into a COVID–19 provisional  
3 program participation agreement under subsection (d)  
4 may participate in programs under title IV of the Higher  
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) only if  
6 such eligible institution submits to the Secretary (and the  
7 accrediting agency of such eligible institution, as applica-  
8 ble) the agreements and reports applicable to such eligible  
9 institution under paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (d).

10 (f) STANDARD LANGUAGE.—Not later than 30 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
12 retary shall publish standard language relating to closed  
13 school discharges for purposes of subsection  
14 (d)(3)(C)(ii)(III)(aa).

15 (g) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days  
16 after the date of the enactment of this section and every  
17 90 days thereafter until the date on which every COVID–  
18 19 provisional program participation agreement under this  
19 subsection has expired or been terminated, or until June  
20 30, 2024, whichever is earlier, the Secretary shall submit  
21 to the authorizing committees a report that includes a  
22 summary of each COVID–19 provisional program partici-  
23 pation agreement entered into or renewed in the preceding  
24 90 days by the Secretary under this section, including the

1 name, total student enrollment, and liquidity level of the  
2 institution.

3 (h) AUTOMATIC CLOSED SCHOOL DISCHARGE.—

4 (1) AUTOMATIC DISCHARGE REQUIRED.—With  
5 respect to a borrower described in paragraph (2),  
6 the Secretary shall, without any further action by  
7 the borrower, discharge the liability of the borrower  
8 with respect to each of the borrower’s loans (includ-  
9 ing the interest and collection fees) described in  
10 paragraph (2)(A) in accordance with this subsection.

11 (2) BORROWER REQUIREMENTS.—A borrower  
12 described in this subparagraph is a borrower who—

13 (A) was enrolled for a period of enrollment  
14 at an eligible institution that was participating  
15 in a COVID–19 provisional program participa-  
16 tion agreement under subsection (d), and—

17 (i) was unable to complete such period  
18 of enrollment due to the closure of the in-  
19 stitution; or

20 (ii) withdrew from the eligible institu-  
21 tion—

22 (I) not more than 120 days be-  
23 fore the closure of the eligible institu-  
24 tion; or



1 (II) if the Secretary determines  
2 an extension of the 120-day period de-  
3 scribed in subclause (I) is necessary  
4 due to exceptional circumstances re-  
5 lated to the closure of the institution,  
6 during the extended period deter-  
7 mined by the Secretary;

8 (B) has one or more loans—

9 (i) made under title IV of the Higher  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et  
11 seq.) for a program of study at the eligible  
12 institution described in subparagraph (A);  
13 and

14 (ii) that have not been discharged by  
15 the Secretary pursuant to section  
16 437(c)(1) or section 464(g)(1) of the High-  
17 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
18 1087(c)(1); 1087dd(g)(1)); and

19 (C) during the 3-year period beginning on  
20 the date of the closure of the eligible institution  
21 described in subparagraph (A), has not enrolled  
22 in any institution of higher education that par-  
23 ticipates in a program under title IV of the  
24 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
25 et seq.).

1           (3) REPORT.—Beginning on the date that is 3  
2 years after the date of enactment of this Act and  
3 every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary shall report  
4 to the authorizing committees the number of loans  
5 discharged in accordance with this subsection, and  
6 any amounts recovered by the Secretary in accord-  
7 ance with the authority of the Secretary to pursue  
8 claims under section 437(e)(1) or section 464(g)(1)  
9 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
10 1087(e)(1); 1087dd(g)(1)).

11       (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) LIQUIDITY LEVEL.—The term “liquidity  
13 level” means, with respect to an eligible institution,  
14 the number of days such eligible institution can op-  
15 erate based on available resources, as determined in  
16 accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards  
17 Board update entitled “No. 2016–14 Not-for-Profit  
18 Entities (Topic 958)” and dated August, 2016.

19           (2) TEACH-OUT AGREEMENT.—The term  
20 “teach-out agreement” means a written agreement  
21 between an eligible institution and one or more  
22 teach-out institutions that is in accordance with the  
23 requirements in section 496(c)(6) of the Higher  
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b(c)(6)) and  
25 that provides for the equitable treatment of students

1 and a reasonable opportunity for students to com-  
2 plete their program of study if such eligible institu-  
3 tion, or an institutional location that provides 100  
4 percent of at least one program offered by such eli-  
5 gible institution, ceases to operate or plans to cease  
6 operations before all such enrolled students have  
7 completed their program of study.

8 (3) TEACH-OUT INSTITUTION.—The term  
9 “teach-out institution” means an institution of high-  
10 er education that—

11 (A) is not subject to a COVID–19 provi-  
12 sional program participation agreement under  
13 this section;

14 (B) shows no evidence of significant prob-  
15 lems (including financial responsibility or ad-  
16 ministrative capability) that affect, as deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary, the institution’s ability  
18 to administer a program under title IV of the  
19 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
20 et seq.);

21 (C) is not required to pay any material  
22 debt, as determined by the Secretary, or incur  
23 any material liability, as determined by the Sec-  
24 retary, arising from a judgment in a judicial

1 proceeding, an administrative proceeding or de-  
2 termination, or settlement;

3 (D) is not involved in a lawsuit by a Fed-  
4 eral or State authority for financial relief on  
5 claims related to the making of loans under  
6 part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act  
7 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.);

8 (E) has the necessary experience, re-  
9 sources, and capacity, including support serv-  
10 ices, to enroll students and provide an edu-  
11 cational program of acceptable quality that is  
12 reasonably similar in content and delivery, and  
13 to the extent practicable, scheduling, to that  
14 provided by the eligible institution that enters  
15 into an agreement with such teach-out institu-  
16 tion; and

17 (F) during the five most recent award  
18 years, has not been subject to a denial, with-  
19 drawal, suspension, or termination of accredita-  
20 tion by an accrediting agency or association rec-  
21 ognized by the Secretary.

22 (4) TEACH-OUT PLAN.—The term “teach-out  
23 plan” means a written plan developed by an eligible  
24 institution that provides for the equitable treatment  
25 of students if such eligible institution, or an institu-

1 tional location that provides 100 percent of at least  
2 one program offered by the eligible institution,  
3 ceases to operate or plans to cease operations before  
4 all enrolled students have completed their program  
5 of study.

6 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
7 authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 to carry out  
8 subsection (d)(9).

## 9 **Subtitle C—Federal Student Loan** 10 **Relief**

### 11 **PART A—TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR FEDERAL**

### 12 **STUDENT BORROWERS UNDER THE CARES ACT**

#### 13 **SEC. 150113. EXPANDING LOAN RELIEF TO ALL FEDERAL** 14 **STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS.**

15 Section 3502(a) of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
16 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
17 is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
19 (5) as paragraphs (3) through (6), respectively; and  
20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(2) FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN.—The term  
23 ‘Federal student loan’ means a loan—

24 “(A) made under part D, part B, or part  
25 E of title IV of the Higher Education Act of

1 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), and held by the  
2 Department of Education;

3 “(B) made, insured, or guaranteed under  
4 part B of such title, or made under part E of  
5 such title, and not held by the Department of  
6 Education; or

7 “(C) made under—

8 “(i) subpart II of part A of title VII  
9 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 292q et seq.); or

11 “(ii) part E of title VIII of the Public  
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297a et  
13 seq.).”.

14 **SEC. 150114. EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF BORROWER RE-**  
15 **LIEF DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMER-**  
16 **GENCY.**

17 Section 3513 of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
18 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
19 is amended—

20 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
21 lows:

22 “(a) **SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS.**—

23 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—During the period begin-  
24 ning on March 13, 2020, and ending on September  
25 30, 2021, the Secretary or, as applicable, the Sec-

1       retary of Health and Human Services, shall suspend  
2       all payments due on Federal student loans.

3           “(2) TRANSITION PERIOD.—For one additional  
4       30-day period beginning on the day after the last  
5       day of the suspension period described in subsection  
6       (a), the Secretary or, as applicable, the Secretary of  
7       Health and Human Services, shall ensure that any  
8       missed payments on a Federal student loan by a  
9       borrower during such additional 30-day period—

10           “(A) do not result in collection fees or pen-  
11       alties associated with late payments; and

12           “(B) are not reported to any consumer re-  
13       porting agency or otherwise impact the bor-  
14       rower’s credit history.

15           “(3) DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION.—  
16       The Secretary or, as applicable, the Secretary of  
17       Health and Human Services shall—

18           “(A) with respect to a holder of a Federal  
19       student loan defined in subparagraph (B) or  
20       (C) of section 3502(a)(2)—

21           “(i) determine any losses for such  
22       holder due to the suspension of payments  
23       on such loan under paragraph (1); and

24           “(ii) establish reasonable compensa-  
25       tion for such losses; and

1           “(B) not later than 60 days after the date  
2           of enactment of The Heroes Act, with respect  
3           to a borrower who made a payment on a Fed-  
4           eral student loan defined in subparagraph (B)  
5           or (C) of section 3502(a)(2) during the period  
6           beginning on March 13, 2020, and ending on  
7           such date of enactment, the Secretary shall pay  
8           to the borrower, an amount equal to the lower  
9           of—

10                   “(i) the amount paid by the borrower  
11                   on such loan during such period; or

12                   “(ii) the amount that was due on such  
13                   loan during such period.

14           “(4) RECERTIFICATION.—A borrower who is re-  
15           paying a Federal student loan pursuant to an in-  
16           come-contingent repayment plan under section  
17           455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
18           (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)(1)(D)) or an income-based re-  
19           payment plan under section 493C of such Act (20  
20           U.S.C. 1098e) shall not be required to recertify the  
21           income or family size of the borrower under such  
22           plan prior to December 31, 2021.”;

23           (2) in subsection (c), by striking “part D or B  
24           of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
25           U.S.C. 1087a et seq.; 1071 et seq.)” and inserting



1 “part B, D, or E of title IV of the Higher Education  
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.; 1071 et seq.;  
3 1087aa et seq.)”;

4 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “During the  
5 period in which the Secretary suspends payments on  
6 a loan under subsection (a), the Secretary” and in-  
7 serting “During the period in which payments on a  
8 Federal student loan are suspended under subsection  
9 (a), the Secretary or, as applicable, the Secretary of  
10 Health and Human Services”;

11 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “During the  
12 period in which the Secretary suspends payments on  
13 a loan under subsection (a), the Secretary” and in-  
14 serting “During the period in which payments on a  
15 Federal student loan are suspended under subsection  
16 (a), the Secretary or, as applicable, the Secretary of  
17 Health and Human Services”; and

18 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “the Sec-  
19 retary” and inserting “the Secretary or, as applica-  
20 ble, the Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

21 **SEC. 150115. NO INTEREST ACCRUAL.**

22 Section 3513(b) of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
23 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 “(b) PROVIDING INTEREST RELIEF.—

1 “(1) NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the period de-  
3 scribed in subparagraph (D), interest on a Fed-  
4 eral student loan shall not accrue or shall be  
5 paid by the Secretary (or the Secretary of  
6 Health and Human Services) during—

7 “(i) the repayment period of such  
8 loan;

9 “(ii) any period excluded from the re-  
10 payment period of such loan (including any  
11 period of deferment or forbearance);

12 “(iii) any period in which the bor-  
13 rower of such loan is in a grace period; or

14 “(iv) any period in which the borrower  
15 of such loan is in default on such loan.

16 “(B) DIRECT LOANS AND DEPARTMENT OF  
17 EDUCATION HELD FFEL AND PERKINS  
18 LOANS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), in-  
19 terest shall not accrue on a Federal student  
20 loan defined in section 3502(a)(2)(A).

21 “(C) FFEL AND PERKINS LOANS NOT  
22 HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
23 AND HHS LOANS.—For purposes of subpara-  
24 graph (A)—

1           “(i) in the case of a Federal student  
2           loan defined in section 3502(a)(2)(B), the  
3           Secretary shall pay, on a monthly basis,  
4           the amount of interest due on the unpaid  
5           principal of such loan to the holder of such  
6           loan, except that any payments made  
7           under this clause shall not affect payment  
8           calculations under section 438 of the High-  
9           er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
10          1087–1); and

11          “(ii) in the case of a Federal student  
12          loan defined in section 3502(a)(2)(C), the  
13          Secretary of Health and Human Services  
14          shall pay, on a monthly basis, the amount  
15          of interest due on the unpaid principal of  
16          such loan to the holder of such loan.

17          “(D) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

18          “(i) IN GENERAL.—The period de-  
19          scribed in this clause is the period begin-  
20          ning on March 13, 2020, and ending on  
21          the later of—

22                  “(I) September 30, 2021; or

23                  “(II) the day following the date  
24                  of enactment of The Heroes Act that  
25                  is 2 months after the national U–5

1 measure of labor underutilization  
2 shows initial signs of recovery.

3 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-  
4 graph:

5 “(I) NATIONAL U–5 MEASURE OF  
6 LABOR UNDERUTILIZATION.—The  
7 term ‘national U–5 measure of labor  
8 underutilization’ means the season-  
9 ally-adjusted, monthly U–5 measure  
10 of labor underutilization published by  
11 the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

12 “(II) INITIAL SIGNS OF RECOV-  
13 ERY.—The term ‘initial signs of recov-  
14 ery’ means that the average national  
15 U–5 measure of labor underutilization  
16 for months in the most recent 3-con-  
17 secutive-month period for which data  
18 are available—

19 “(aa) is lower than the high-  
20 est value of the average national  
21 U–5 measure of labor under-  
22 tilization for a 3-consecutive-  
23 month period during the period  
24 beginning in March 2020 and the  
25 most recent month for which

1 data from the Bureau of Labor  
2 Statistics are available by an  
3 amount that is equal to or great-  
4 er than one-third of the dif-  
5 ference between—

6 “(AA) the highest value  
7 of the average national U–5  
8 measure of labor under-  
9 utilization for a 3-consecu-  
10 tive-month period during  
11 such period; and

12 “(BB) the value of the  
13 average national U–5 meas-  
14 ure of labor underutilization  
15 for the 3-consecutive-month  
16 period ending in February  
17 2020; and

18 “(bb) has decreased for each  
19 month during the most recent 2  
20 consecutive months for which  
21 data from the Bureau of Labor  
22 Statistics are available.

23 “(E) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this para-  
24 graph:

25 “(i) DEFAULT.—The term ‘default’—

1           “(I) in the case of a Federal stu-  
2           dent loan made, insured, or guaran-  
3           teed under part B or D of the Higher  
4           Education Act of 1965, has the mean-  
5           ing given such term in section 435(l)  
6           of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
7           (20 U.S.C. 1085);

8           “(II) in the case of a Federal  
9           student loan made under part E of  
10          the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
11          has the meaning given such term in  
12          section 674.2 of title 34, Code of Fed-  
13          eral Regulations (or successor regula-  
14          tions); or

15          “(III) in the case of a Federal  
16          student loan defined in section  
17          3502(a)(2)(C), has the meaning given  
18          such term in section 721 or 835 of  
19          the Public Health Service Act (42  
20          U.S.C. 292q, 297a), as applicable.

21          “(ii) GRACE PERIOD.—The term  
22          ‘grace period’ means—

23                 “(I) in the case of a Federal stu-  
24                 dent loan made, insured, or guaran-  
25                 teed under part B or D of the Higher

1 Education Act of 1965, the 6-month  
2 period after the date the student  
3 ceases to carry at least one-half the  
4 normal full-time academic workload,  
5 as described in section 428(b)(7) of  
6 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
7 U.S.C. 1078(b)(7));

8 “(II) in the case of a Federal  
9 student loan made under part E of  
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
11 the 9-month period after the date on  
12 which a student ceases to carry at  
13 least one-half the normal full-time  
14 academic workload, as described in  
15 section 464(c)(1)(A) of the Higher  
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
17 1087dd(c)(1)(A)); and

18 “(III) in the case of a Federal  
19 student loan defined in section  
20 3502(a)(2)(C), the 1-year period de-  
21 scribed in section 722(c) of the Public  
22 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 292r(c)) or the 9-month period de-  
24 scribed in section 836(b)(2) of such

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 297b(b)(2)), as appli-  
2 cable.

3 “(iii) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—The  
4 term ‘repayment period’ means—

5 “(I) in the case of a Federal stu-  
6 dent loan made, insured, or guaran-  
7 teed under part B or D of the Higher  
8 Education Act of 1965, the repayment  
9 period described in section 428(b)(7)  
10 of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
11 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(7));

12 “(II) in the case of a Federal  
13 student loan made under part E of  
14 the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
15 the repayment period described in sec-  
16 tion 464(c)(4) of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
18 1087dd(c)(4)); or

19 “(III) in the case of a Federal  
20 student loan defined in section  
21 3502(a)(2)(C), the repayment period  
22 described in section 722(e) or  
23 836(b)(2) of the Public Health Serv-  
24 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(e),  
25 297b(b)(2)), as applicable.



1           “(2) INTEREST REFUND IN LIEU OF RETRO-  
2           ACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—By not later than 60 days  
3           after the date of enactment of The Heroes Act, the  
4           Secretary or, as applicable, the Secretary of Health  
5           and Human Services, shall, for each Federal student  
6           loan defined in subparagraph (B) or (C) of section  
7           3502(a)(2) for which interest was not paid by such  
8           Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1) during the pe-  
9           riod beginning on March 13, 2020 and ending on  
10          such date of enactment—

11                   “(A) determine the amount of interest due  
12                   (or that would have been due in the absence of  
13                   being voluntarily paid by the holder of such  
14                   loan) on such loan during the period beginning  
15                   March 13, 2020, and ending on such date of  
16                   enactment; and

17                   “(B) refund the amount of interest cal-  
18                   culated under subparagraph (A), by—

19                           “(i) paying the holder of the loan the  
20                           amount of the interest calculated under  
21                           subparagraph (A), to be applied to the  
22                           loan balance for the borrower of such loan;  
23                           or

24                           “(ii) if there is no outstanding balance  
25                           or payment due on the loan as of the date

1           on which the refund is to be provided, pro-  
2           viding a payment in the amount of the in-  
3           terest calculated under subparagraph (A)  
4           directly to the borrower.

5           “(3) SUSPENSION OF INTEREST CAPITALIZA-  
6           TION.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any  
8           Federal student loan, interest that accrued but  
9           had not been paid prior to March 13, 2020, and  
10          had not been capitalized as of such date, shall  
11          not be capitalized.

12          “(B) TRANSITION.—The Secretary or, as  
13          applicable, the Secretary of Health and Human  
14          Services, shall ensure that any interest on a  
15          Federal student loan that had been capitalized  
16          in violation of subparagraph (A) is corrected  
17          and the balance of principal and interest due  
18          for the Federal student loan is adjusted accord-  
19          ingly.”.

20   **SEC. 150116. NOTICE TO BORROWERS.**

21          Section 3513(g) of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
22   Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)  
23   is amended—

24          (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
25          striking “the Secretary” and inserting “the Sec-

1       retary or, as applicable, the Secretary of Health and  
2       Human Services,”;

3               (2) in paragraph (1)(D), by striking the period  
4       and inserting a semicolon;

5               (3) in paragraph (2)—

6                       (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
7       (A), by striking “August 1, 2020” and insert-  
8       ing “August 1, 2021”; and

9                       (B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read  
10      as follows:

11               “(B) that—

12                       “(i) a borrower of a Federal student  
13       loan made, insured, or guaranteed under  
14       part B or D of title IV of the Higher Edu-  
15       cation Act of 1965 may be eligible to enroll  
16       in an income-contingent repayment plan  
17       under section 455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher  
18       Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
19       1087e(d)(1)(D)) or an income-based repay-  
20       ment plan under section 493C of such Act  
21       (20 U.S.C. 1098e), including a brief de-  
22       scription of such repayment plans; and

23                       “(ii) in the case of a borrower of a  
24       Federal student loan defined in section  
25       3502(a)(2)(C) or made under part E of

1 title IV of the Higher Education of 1965,  
2 the borrower may be eligible to enroll in  
3 such a repayment plan if the borrower con-  
4 solidates such loan with a loan described in  
5 clause (i) of this subparagraph, and re-  
6 ceives a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan  
7 under part D of the Higher Education of  
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.); and”;  
9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) in a case in which the accrual of interest  
11 on Federal student loans is suspended under sub-  
12 section (b)(1) beyond September 30, 2021, during  
13 the 2-month period beginning on the date on which  
14 the national U–5 measure of labor underutilization  
15 shows initial signs of recovery (as such terms are de-  
16 fined in subsection (b)(1)(D)) carry out a program  
17 to provide not less than 6 notices by postal mail,  
18 telephone, or electronic communication to bor-  
19 rowers—

20 “(A) indicating when the interest on Fed-  
21 eral student loans of the borrower will resume  
22 accrual and capitalization; and

23 “(B) the information described in para-  
24 graph (2)(B).”.

1 **SEC. 150117. WRITING DOWN BALANCES FOR FEDERAL STU-**  
2 **DENT LOAN BORROWERS.**

3 Section 3513 of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
4 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136),  
5 as amended by this part, is further amended by adding  
6 at the end the following:

7 “(h) WRITING DOWN BALANCES FOR FEDERAL STU-  
8 DENT LOAN BORROWERS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
10 after the date of enactment of The Heroes Act, the  
11 Secretary shall cancel or repay an amount on the  
12 outstanding balance due (including the unpaid prin-  
13 cipal amount, any accrued interest, and any fees or  
14 charges) on the Federal student loans defined in  
15 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 3502(a)(2) of  
16 an economically distressed borrower that is equal to  
17 the lesser of—

18 “(A) \$10,000; or

19 “(B) the total outstanding balance due on  
20 such loans of the borrower.

21 “(2) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED BORROWER  
22 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘economi-  
23 cally distressed borrower’ means a borrower of a  
24 Federal student loan defined in subparagraph (A) or  
25 (B) of section 3502(a)(2) who, as of March 12,  
26 2020—

1           “(A) had a monthly payment due on such  
2 loan of \$0 pursuant to an income-contingent re-  
3 payment plan under section 455(d)(1)(D) of the  
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
5 1087e(d)(1)(D)) or an income-based repayment  
6 plan under section 493C of such Act (20 U.S.C.  
7 1098e);

8           “(B) was in default on such loan;

9           “(C) had a payment due on such loan that  
10 was at least 90 days past due; or

11           “(D) was, with respect to such loan, in—

12           “(i) a deferment due to an economic  
13 hardship described in section  
14 427(a)(2)(C)(iii), 428(b)(1)(M)(iv),  
15 455(f)(2)(D), or 464(c)(2)(A)(iv) of the  
16 Higher Education Act of 1965;

17           “(ii) a deferment due to unemploy-  
18 ment described in section 427(a)(2)(C)(ii),  
19 428(b)(1)(M)(ii), 455(f)(2)(B), or  
20 464(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Higher Education  
21 Act of 1965;

22           “(iii) a deferment due to cancer treat-  
23 ment described in section 427(a)(2)(C)(iv),  
24 428(b)(1)(M)(v), 455(f)(3), or

1           464(c)(2)(A)(vi) of the Higher Education  
2           Act of 1965; or

3           “ (iv) a forbearance described in sub-  
4           paragraph (A)(i)(II) or (B) of section  
5           428(c)(3) or 464(e)(1) of the Higher Edu-  
6           cation Act of 1965.

7           “(3) APPLICATION.—Unless otherwise re-  
8           quested by the borrower in writing, a cancellation or  
9           repayment under paragraph (1) shall be applied —

10           “(A) in the case of a borrower whose loans,  
11           as of March 12, 2020, had different applicable  
12           rates of interest, first toward the outstanding  
13           balance due on the loan with the highest appli-  
14           cable rate of interest among such loans; and

15           “(B) in the case of a borrower of loans  
16           that have the same applicable rates of interest,  
17           first toward the outstanding balance of prin-  
18           cipal due on the loan with the highest principal  
19           balance among such loans.

20           “(4) DATA TO IMPLEMENT.—Contractors of the  
21           Secretary, and holders of Federal student loans,  
22           shall report, to the satisfaction of the Secretary the  
23           information necessary to carry out this subsection.

24           “(5) TAXATION.—For purposes of the Internal  
25           Revenue Code of 1986, in the case of any cancella-

1 tion or repayment of indebtedness under this sub-  
2 section with respect to any borrower:

3 “(A) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME.—

4 No amount shall be included in the gross in-  
5 come of such borrower by reason of such can-  
6 cellation or repayment.

7 “(B) WAIVER OF INFORMATION REPORT-  
8 ING REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts excluded from  
9 gross income under subparagraph (A) shall not  
10 be required to be reported (and shall not be  
11 taken into account in determining whether any  
12 reporting requirement applies) under chapter  
13 61 of such Code.”.

14 **SEC. 150118. IMPLEMENTATION.**

15 Section 3513 of division A of the Coronavirus Aid,  
16 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136),  
17 as amended by this part, is further amended by adding  
18 at the end the following:

19 “(i) IMPLEMENTATION.—

20 “(1) INFORMATION VERIFICATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate imple-  
22 mentation of this section, information for the  
23 purposes described in subparagraph (B), shall  
24 be reported—



1           “(i) by the holders of Federal student  
2           loans defined in section 3502(a)(2)(B) to  
3           the satisfaction of the Secretary; and

4           “(ii) by the holders of Federal student  
5           loans defined in section 3502(a)(2)(C) to  
6           the satisfaction of the Secretary of Health  
7           and Human Services.

8           “(B) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the in-  
9           formation reported under subparagraph (A) are  
10          to—

11           “(i) verify, at the borrower level, the  
12           payments that are provided or suspended  
13           under this section; and

14           “(ii) calculate the amount of any in-  
15           terest due to the holder for reimbursement  
16           of interest under subsection (b).

17          “(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-  
18          ordinate with the Secretary of Health and Human  
19          Services to carry out the provisions of this section  
20          with respect to Federal student loans defined in sec-  
21          tion 3502(a)(2)(C).”.

22 **SEC. 150119. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23          Except as otherwise provided, this part, and the  
24          amendments made by this part, shall take effect as if en-

1 acted as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-  
2 nomic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

3 **PART B—CONSOLIDATION LOANS AND PUBLIC**  
4 **SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS**

5 **SEC. 150120. SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERAL DI-**  
6 **RECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS.**

7 (a) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERAL DIRECT  
8 CONSOLIDATION LOANS AND PSLF.—

9 (1) PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS OP-  
10 TION ON CONSOLIDATION APPLICATION.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—During the period de-  
12 scribed in subsection (e), the Secretary shall—

13 (i) include, in any application for a  
14 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan under  
15 part D of title IV of the Higher Education  
16 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.), an  
17 option for the borrower to indicate that the  
18 borrower intends to participate in the pub-  
19 lic service loan forgiveness program under  
20 section 455(m) of such Act (20 U.S.C.  
21 1087e(m)); and

22 (ii) for each borrower who submits an  
23 application for a Federal Direct Consolida-  
24 tion Loan, without regard to whether the

1 borrower indicates the intention described  
2 in clause (i)—

3 (I) request that the borrower  
4 submit a certification of employment;  
5 and

6 (II) after receiving a complete  
7 certification of employment—

8 (aa) carry out the require-  
9 ments of paragraph (2); and

10 (bb) inform the borrower of  
11 the number of qualifying monthly  
12 payments made on the compo-  
13 nent loans before consolidation  
14 that shall be deemed, in accord-  
15 ance with paragraph (2)(D), to  
16 be qualifying monthly payments  
17 made on the Federal Direct Con-  
18 solidation Loan.

19 (B) HOLD HARMLESS.—The Secretary  
20 may not change or otherwise rescind a calcula-  
21 tion made under paragraph (2)(D) after in-  
22 forming the borrower of the results of such cal-  
23 culation under subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)(bb).

24 (2) PROCESS TO DETERMINE QUALIFYING PAY-  
25 MENTS FOR PURPOSES OF PSLF.—Upon receipt of a

1 complete certification of employment under para-  
2 graph (1)(A)(ii)(II) of a borrower who receives a  
3 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan described in  
4 paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall—

5 (A) review the borrower's payment history  
6 to identify each component loan of such Federal  
7 Direct Consolidation Loan;

8 (B) for each such component loan—

9 (i) calculate the weighted factor of the  
10 component loan, which shall be the factor  
11 that represents the portion of such Federal  
12 Direct Consolidation Loan that is attrib-  
13 utable to such component loan; and

14 (ii) determine the number of quali-  
15 fying monthly payments made on such  
16 component loan before consolidation;

17 (C) calculate the number of qualifying  
18 monthly payments determined under subpara-  
19 graph (B)(ii) with respect to a component loan  
20 that shall be deemed as qualifying monthly pay-  
21 ments made on the Federal Direct Consolida-  
22 tion Loan by multiplying—

23 (i) the weighted factor of such compo-  
24 nent loan as determined under subpara-  
25 graph (B)(i), by

1           (ii) the number of qualifying monthly  
2           payments made on such component loan as  
3           determined under subparagraph (B)(ii);  
4           and

5           (D) calculate the total number of quali-  
6           fying monthly payments with respect to the  
7           component loans of the Federal Direct Consoli-  
8           dation Loan that shall be deemed as qualifying  
9           monthly payments made on such Federal Direct  
10          Consolidation Loan by—

11           (i) adding together the result of each  
12           calculation made under subparagraph (C)  
13           with respect to each such component loan;  
14           and

15           (ii) rounding the number determined  
16           under clause (i) to the nearest whole num-  
17           ber.

18          (3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
19          section:

20           (A) CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT.—  
21          The term “certification of employment”, used  
22          with respect to a borrower, means a certifi-  
23          cation of the employment of the borrower in a  
24          public service job (as defined in section

1 455(m)(3)(B) of the Higher Education Act of  
2 1965) on or after October 1, 2007.

3 (B) COMPONENT LOAN.—The term “com-  
4 ponent loan”, used with respect to a Federal  
5 Direct Consolidation Loan, means each loan for  
6 which the liability has been discharged by the  
7 proceeds of the Federal Direct Consolidation  
8 Loan, which—

9 (i) may include a loan that is not an  
10 eligible Federal Direct Loan (as defined in  
11 section 455(m)(3)(A) of the Higher Edu-  
12 cation Act of 1965); and

13 (ii) in the case of a subsequent con-  
14 solidation loan, only includes loans for  
15 which the liability has been directly dis-  
16 charged by such subsequent consolidation  
17 loan.

18 (C) FEDERAL DIRECT CONSOLIDATION  
19 LOAN.—The term “Federal Direct Consolida-  
20 tion Loan” means a Federal Direct Consolida-  
21 tion Loan made under part D of title IV of the  
22 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
23 1087a et seq.).

24 (D) QUALIFYING MONTHLY PAYMENT.—

1 (i) COMPONENT LOAN.—The term  
2 “qualifying monthly payment”, used with  
3 respect to a component loan, means a  
4 monthly payment on such loan made by a  
5 borrower, during a period of employment  
6 in a public service job (as defined in sec-  
7 tion 455(m)(3)(B) of the Higher Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
9 1087e(m)(3)(B)) on or after October 1,  
10 2007, pursuant to—

11 (I) a repayment plan under part  
12 B, D, or E of title IV of the Higher  
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
14 1071 et seq.; 1087a et seq.; 1087aa et  
15 seq.); or

16 (II) in the case of a loan made  
17 under subpart II of part A of title VII  
18 of the Public Health Service Act or  
19 under part E of title VIII of the Pub-  
20 lic Health Service Act, a repayment  
21 plan under title VII or VIII of such  
22 Act.

23 (ii) FEDERAL DIRECT CONSOLIDATION  
24 LOAN.—The term “qualifying monthly pay-  
25 ment”, used with respect to a Federal Di-

1           rect Consolidation Loan, means a monthly  
2           payment on such loan that counts as 1 of  
3           the 120 monthly payments described in  
4           section 455(m)(1)(A) of the Higher Edu-  
5           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
6           1087e(m)(3)(B)).

7           (b) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERAL DIRECT  
8 CONSOLIDATION LOANS AND ICR AND IBR.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period described  
10          in subsection (e), with respect to a borrower who re-  
11          ceives a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan and who  
12          intends to repay such loan under an income-conti-  
13          gent repayment plan under section 455(d)(1)(D) of  
14          the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
15          1087e(d)(1)(D)) or an income-based repayment plan  
16          under section 493C of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1098e),  
17          the Secretary shall—

18                 (A) review the borrower’s payment history  
19                 to identify each component loan of such Federal  
20                 Direct Consolidation Loan;

21                 (B) for each such component loan—

22                         (i) calculate the weighted factor of the  
23                         component loan, which shall be the factor  
24                         that represents the portion of such Federal



1 Direct Consolidation Loan that is attrib-  
2 utable to such component loan; and

3 (ii) determine the number of quali-  
4 fying monthly payments made on such  
5 component loan before consolidation;

6 (C) calculate the number of qualifying  
7 monthly payments determined under subpara-  
8 graph (B)(ii) with respect to a component loan  
9 that shall be deemed as qualifying monthly pay-  
10 ments made on the Federal Direct Consolida-  
11 tion Loan by multiplying—

12 (i) the weighted factor of such compo-  
13 nent loan as determined under subpara-  
14 graph (B)(i), by

15 (ii) the number of qualifying monthly  
16 payments made on such component loan as  
17 determined under subparagraph (B)(ii);  
18 and

19 (D) calculate and inform the borrower of  
20 the total number of qualifying monthly pay-  
21 ments with respect to the component loans of  
22 the Federal Direct Consolidation Loan that  
23 shall be deemed as qualifying monthly payments  
24 made on such Federal Direct Consolidation  
25 Loan by—

1 (i) adding together the result of each  
2 calculation made under subparagraph (C)  
3 with respect to each such component loan;  
4 and

5 (ii) rounding the number determined  
6 under clause (i) to the nearest whole num-  
7 ber.

8 (2) HOLD HARMLESS.—The Secretary may not  
9 change or otherwise rescind a calculation made  
10 under paragraph (1)(D) after informing the bor-  
11 rower of the results of such calculation under such  
12 paragraph.

13 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

14 (A) COMPONENT LOAN; FEDERAL DIRECT  
15 CONSOLIDATION LOAN.—The terms “component  
16 loan” and “Federal Direct Consolidation Loan”  
17 have the meanings given the terms in sub-  
18 section (a).

19 (B) QUALIFYING PAYMENT.—

20 (i) COMPONENT LOANS.—Subject to  
21 clause (ii), the term “qualifying monthly  
22 payment”, used with respect to a compo-  
23 nent loan, means a monthly payment on  
24 such loan made by a borrower pursuant  
25 to—

1 (I) a repayment plan under part  
2 B, D, or E of title IV of the Higher  
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
4 1071 et seq., 1087a et seq., 1087aa et  
5 seq.); or

6 (II) in the case of a loan made  
7 under subpart II of part A of title VII  
8 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 292q et seq.) or under part E  
10 of title VIII of the Public Health  
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297a et seq.),  
12 a repayment plan under title VII or  
13 VIII of such Act.

14 (ii) CLARIFICATION.—

15 (I) ICR.—For purposes of deter-  
16 mining the number of qualifying  
17 monthly payments made on a compo-  
18 nent loan pursuant to an income-con-  
19 tingent repayment plan under section  
20 455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Education  
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
22 1087e(d)(1)(D)), each month a bor-  
23 rower is determined to meet the re-  
24 quirements of section 455(e)(7)(B)(i)  
25 of such Act with respect to such loan

1 shall be treated as such a qualifying  
2 monthly payment.

3 (II) IBR.—For purposes of de-  
4 termining the number of qualifying  
5 monthly payments made on a compo-  
6 nent loan pursuant to an income-  
7 based repayment plan under section  
8 493C of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1098e),  
9 each month a borrower was deter-  
10 mined to meet the requirements of  
11 subsection (b)(7)(B) of such section  
12 493C with respect to such loan shall  
13 be treated as such a qualifying month-  
14 ly payment.

15 (iii) FEDERAL DIRECT CONSOLIDA-  
16 TION LOANS.—The term “qualifying  
17 monthly payment”, used with respect to a  
18 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan, means  
19 a monthly payment on such loan that  
20 counts as a monthly payment under an in-  
21 come-contingent repayment plan under sec-  
22 tion 455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Education  
23 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)(1)(D)),  
24 or an income-based repayment plan under

1 section 493C of the Higher Education Act  
2 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098e).

3 (c) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period described  
5 in subsection (e), the Secretary and the Secretary of  
6 Health and Human Services shall undertake a cam-  
7 paign to alert borrowers of a loan described in para-  
8 graph (2)—

9 (A) on the benefits of consolidating such  
10 loans into a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan,  
11 including the benefits of the special rules under  
12 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and

13 (B) under which servicers and holders of  
14 Federal student loans shall provide to bor-  
15 rowers such consumer information, and in such  
16 manner, as determined appropriate by the Sec-  
17 retaries, based on conducting consumer testing  
18 to determine how to make the information as  
19 meaningful to borrowers as possible.

20 (2) FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS.—A loan de-  
21 scribed in this paragraph is—

22 (A) a loan made under subpart II of part  
23 A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act  
24 or under part E of title VIII of such Act; or

1 (B) a loan made under part E of the High-  
2 er Education Act of 1965.

3 (d) SPECIAL RULE FOR INTEREST ON FEDERAL DI-  
4 RECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—Any Federal Direct Con-  
5 solidation Loan for which the application is received dur-  
6 ing the period described in subsection (e), shall bear inter-  
7 est at an annual rate as calculated under section  
8 455(b)(8)(D) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(8)(D)), without regard to the require-  
10 ment to round the weighted average of the interest rate  
11 to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent.

12 (e) PERIOD.—The period described in this clause is  
13 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act,  
14 and ending on the later of—

15 (1) September 30, 2021; or

16 (2) the day following the date of enactment of  
17 this Act that is 2 months after the national U–5  
18 measure of labor underutilization shows initial signs  
19 of recovery (as such terms are defined in section  
20 3513(b) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Eco-  
21 nomic Security Act (Public Law 116–136), as  
22 amended by this Act)).

23 (f) GAO STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL  
24 RULES ON CONSOLIDATION.—Not later than 6 months  
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller

1 General of the United States shall submit a report to the  
2 authorizing committees (defined in section 103 of the  
3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003) on the  
4 implementation of this section, which shall include—

5 (1) information on borrowers who apply for or  
6 receive a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan under  
7 part D of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during  
8 the period described in subsection (e),  
9 disaggregated—

10 (A) by borrowers who intend to participate  
11 in the public service loan forgiveness program  
12 under section 455(m) of such Act (20 U.S.C.  
13 1087e(m)); and

14 (B) by borrowers who intend to repay such  
15 loans on an income-contingent repayment plan  
16 under section 455(d)(1)(D) of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)(1)(D))  
18 or an income-based repayment plan under sec-  
19 tion 493C of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1098e);

20 (2) the extent to which the Secretary has estab-  
21 lished procedures for carrying out subsections (a)  
22 and (b);

23 (3) the extent to which the Secretary and the  
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services have car-

1 ried out the notification to borrowers required under  
2 subsection (c); and

3 (4) recommendations on improving the imple-  
4 mentation of this section to ensure increased bor-  
5 rower participation.

6 **SEC. 150121. TREATMENT OF PSLF.**

7 (a) EXCEPTION FOR PURPOSES OF PSLF LOAN  
8 FORGIVENESS.—Section 455(m)(1)(B) of the Higher  
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(1)(B)) shall  
10 apply as if clause (i) were struck.

11 (b) HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.—In section  
12 455(m)(3)(B)(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
13 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)(B)(i)), the term “full-time profes-  
14 sionals engaged in health care practitioner occupations”  
15 includes an individual who—

16 (1) has a full-time job as a health care practi-  
17 tioner;

18 (2) provides medical services in such full-time  
19 job at a nonprofit hospital or public hospital or other  
20 nonprofit or public health care facility; and

21 (3) is prohibited by State law from being em-  
22 ployed directly by such hospital or other health care  
23 facility.



1 **PART C—EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DEFRAUDED**  
2 **BORROWERS**

3 **SEC. 150122. EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DEFRAUDED BOR-**  
4 **ROWERS.**

5 (a) EMERGENCY RELIEF.—An eligible borrower shall  
6 be entitled to relief on an eligible loan pursuant to this  
7 section.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) ELIGIBLE BORROWER.—The term “eligible  
10 borrower” means an individual—

11 (A) who—

12 (i) borrowed an eligible loan to fi-  
13 nance the cost of enrollment at an institu-  
14 tion of higher education that, according to  
15 findings by the Department of Education  
16 made on or before the date of enactment  
17 of this Act, made a false or misleading rep-  
18 resentation with the respect to the job  
19 placement rates of such institution of high-  
20 er education; and

21 (ii) has not received the relief de-  
22 scribed in subsection (c)(1) on such eligible  
23 loan; or

24 (B) who—

25 (i) borrowed an eligible loan to fi-  
26 nance the cost of enrollment at an institu-

1           tion of higher education that, according to  
2           findings by the Department of Education  
3           made on or before the date of enactment  
4           of this Act, made a false or misleading rep-  
5           resentation with respect to guaranteed em-  
6           ployment or transferability of credits of  
7           such institution of higher education;

8           (ii) in an application to the Secretary  
9           for a defense to repayment of such eligible  
10          loan, has asserted that the borrower (or  
11          the dependent student on whose behalf the  
12          eligible borrowed such eligible loan) relied  
13          on such false or misleading representation  
14          in deciding to enroll in such institution of  
15          higher education; and

16          (iii) has not received the relief de-  
17          scribed in subsection (c)(1) on such eligible  
18          loan.

19          (2) ELIGIBLE LOAN.—The term “eligible loan”  
20          means a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under  
21          part B or D of title IV of the Higher Education Act  
22          of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.; 1087a et seq.).

23          (c) RELIEF.—With respect to each eligible borrower,  
24          the Secretary shall—

1           (1) not later than 45 days after the date of en-  
2           actment of this Act, with respect to each eligible  
3           loan of the borrower described in subsection (b)(1)—

4                   (A) cancel or repay the full balance of in-  
5                   terest and principal (including fees and  
6                   charges) due on such loan; and

7                   (B) return to the borrower an amount  
8                   equal to the total amount of payments (includ-  
9                   ing voluntary and involuntary payments) made  
10                  on the loan by the borrower;

11          (2) not later than 60 days after the date of en-  
12          actment of this section, report the cancellation or re-  
13          payment under paragraph (1)(A) of each eligible  
14          loan to each consumer reporting agency to which the  
15          Secretary previously reported the status of the loan,  
16          so as to delete all adverse credit history assigned to  
17          the loan; and

18          (3) not later than 60 days after the date of en-  
19          actment of this Act, no longer consider a borrower  
20          who has defaulted on a loan cancelled or repaid  
21          under this subsection to be in default on such loan.

22          (d) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the  
23          date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall no-  
24          tify (in writing) each eligible borrower of—

1           (1) the relief to which the borrower is entitled  
2           pursuant to subsection (c), and when the borrower  
3           will receive such relief;

4           (2) the borrower's eligibility to receive assist-  
5           ance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
6           1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) after receiving relief  
7           pursuant to subsection (c); and

8           (3) any further relief to such borrower as the  
9           Secretary determines is appropriate.

10          (e) EXPEDIENT ADJUDICATION OF STATE ATTORNEY  
11 GENERAL CLAIMS RELATING TO DEFENSE TO REPAY-  
12 MENT OF A LOAN.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
14           out the existing requirement to adjudicate claims  
15           from State attorneys general, and the requirements  
16           of paragraph (2) with respect to each claim sub-  
17           mitted to the Secretary on or before the date of en-  
18           actment of this Act by a State attorney general on  
19           behalf of one or more individuals who—

20                   (A) allege that the individual borrowed an  
21                   eligible loan to finance the cost of enrollment at  
22                   an institution of higher education whose act or  
23                   omission is a defense to repayment on such loan  
24                   under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) or under applicable State  
2 law; and

3 (B) has not received the relief described in  
4 paragraph (2)(B) on such eligible loan.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall carry  
6 out the following with respect to each claim de-  
7 scribed in paragraph (1):

8 (A) Not later than 180 days after the date  
9 of enactment of this Act, adjudicate each such  
10 claim.

11 (B) For each claim for which the Secretary  
12 finds that an act or omission of the institution  
13 of higher education is a defense to repayment  
14 of an eligible loan of the individuals on whose  
15 behalf the claim was submitted, with respect to  
16 each such individual, provide the following:

17 (i) Not later than 45 days after the  
18 date on which such claim is adjudicated,  
19 with respect to each eligible loan described  
20 in paragraph (1) of the individual—

21 (I) cancel or repay the full bal-  
22 ance of interest and principal (includ-  
23 ing fees and charges) due on such  
24 loan; and

1 (II) return to the borrower an  
2 amount equal to the total amount of  
3 payments (including voluntary and in-  
4 voluntary payments) made on the loan  
5 by the borrower.

6 (ii) Not later than 60 days after the  
7 date on which such claim is adjudicated,  
8 report the cancellation or repayment under  
9 clause (i) of each eligible loan to each con-  
10 sumer reporting agency to which the Sec-  
11 retary previously reported the status of the  
12 loan, so as to delete all adverse credit his-  
13 tory assigned to the loan.

14 (iii) Not later than 60 days after the  
15 date on which such claim is adjudicated,  
16 no longer consider a borrower who has de-  
17 faulted on a loan cancelled or repaid under  
18 this subparagraph to be in default on such  
19 loan.

20 (C) Not later than 10 days after the date  
21 of adjudication under subparagraph (A), with  
22 respect to each claim submitted on behalf of not  
23 less than 20 individuals, provide detailed re-  
24 ports to the authorizing committees, which shall  
25 include—

1 (i) any evidence submitted by the  
2 State attorney general, which the Secretary  
3 relied upon in adjudicating the claim;

4 (ii) any evidence submitted by the  
5 State attorney general, which the Secretary  
6 did not rely upon in adjudicating the  
7 claim;

8 (iii) any other evidence the Secretary  
9 relied upon in adjudicating the claim;

10 (iv) a summary of all efforts to co-  
11 ordinate with the State attorney general to  
12 ensure a fair adjudication; and

13 (v) a detailed legal rationale for the  
14 Secretary's adjudication.

15 (D) For the duration of the adjudication of  
16 each claim, the Secretary shall fulfill the Sec-  
17 retary's obligation to—

18 (i) suspend any payments owed on  
19 any eligible loan that is the subject of such  
20 claim, including a suspension of any cap-  
21 italization of interest;

22 (ii) suspend any involuntary collec-  
23 tions on such loan, including collections  
24 under—

1 (I) a wage garnishment author-  
2 ized under section 488A of the Higher  
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
4 1095a) or section 3720D of title 31,  
5 United States Code;

6 (II) a reduction of tax refund by  
7 amount of debt authorized under sec-  
8 tion 3720A of title 31, United States  
9 Code, or section 6402(d) of the Inter-  
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986;

11 (III) a reduction of any other  
12 Federal benefit payment by adminis-  
13 trative offset authorized under section  
14 3716 of title 31, United States Code  
15 (including a benefit payment due to  
16 an individual under the Social Secu-  
17 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or  
18 any other provision described in sub-  
19 section (c)(3)(A)(i) of such section);  
20 or

21 (IV) any other involuntary collec-  
22 tion activity by the Secretary; and

23 (iii) suspend any interest accrual on  
24 such loan.



1           (E) Not later than 10 days after the date  
2 of adjudication for which relief is provided  
3 under subparagraph (B), notify (in writing)  
4 each individual with respect to whom relief is  
5 provided of—

6           (i) the relief to which the individual is  
7 entitled pursuant to subparagraph (B),  
8 and when the individual will receive such  
9 relief;

10           (ii) the individual's eligibility to re-  
11 ceive assistance under title IV of the High-  
12 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
13 et seq.) after receiving relief pursuant to  
14 subparagraph (B); and

15           (iii) any further relief to such bor-  
16 rower as the Secretary determines is ap-  
17 propriate.

18           (f) INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—With respect  
19 to each loan cancelled or repaid under this section, the  
20 Secretary shall initiate an appropriate proceeding to re-  
21 quire the institution of higher education whose act or  
22 omission resulted in such cancellation or repayment to  
23 repay to the Secretary the amount so cancelled or repaid.

1 (g) TAXATION.—For purposes of the Internal Rev-  
2 enue Code of 1986, in the case of any relief provided under  
3 subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2)(B) with respect to a borrower:

4 (1) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME; NO RE-  
5 CAPTURE OF TAX BENEFITS.—No amount shall be  
6 included in the gross income of such borrower by  
7 reason of such relief and section 111(b) such Code  
8 shall not apply with respect to such relief.

9 (2) WAIVER OF INFORMATION REPORTING RE-  
10 QUIREMENTS.—Amounts excluded from gross in-  
11 come under paragraph (1) shall not be required to  
12 be reported (and shall not be taken into account in  
13 determining whether any reporting requirement ap-  
14 plies) under chapter 61 of such Code.

## 15 **Subtitle D—Notifications and** 16 **Reporting**

17 **SEC. 150123. NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTING RELATING**  
18 **TO HIGHER EDUCATION.**

19 (a) NOTIFICATION OF NON-CARES ACT FLEXIBILI-  
20 TIES.—

21 (1) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two  
23 days before the date on which the Secretary  
24 grants a flexibility described in paragraph (4),  
25 the Secretary shall—

1 (i) submit to the authorizing commit-  
2 tees a written notification of the Sec-  
3 retary's intent to grant such flexibility; and

4 (ii) publish the notification on a pub-  
5 licly accessible website of the Department  
6 of Education.

7 (B) ELEMENTS.—Each notification under  
8 subparagraph (A) shall—

9 (i) identify the provision of law, regu-  
10 lation, or subregulatory guidance to which  
11 the flexibility will apply;

12 (ii) identify any limitations on the  
13 flexibility, including any time limits;

14 (iii) identify the statutory authority  
15 under which the flexibility is provided;

16 (iv) identify the class of covered enti-  
17 ties to which the flexibility will apply;

18 (v) identify whether a covered entity  
19 will need to request the flexibility or  
20 whether the flexibility will be applied with-  
21 out request;

22 (vi) in the case of a flexibility that re-  
23 quires a covered entity to request the flexi-  
24 bility, identify the factors the Secretary

1 will consider in approving or denying the  
2 flexibility;

3 (vii) explain how the flexibility is ex-  
4 pected to benefit the covered entity or class  
5 of covered entities to which it applies; and

6 (viii) explain the reasons the flexibility  
7 is necessary and appropriate due to  
8 COVID-19.

9 (2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 10  
10 days after the end of each fiscal quarter for the du-  
11 ration of the qualifying emergency through the end  
12 of the first fiscal year beginning after the conclusion  
13 of such qualifying emergency, the Secretary shall  
14 submit to the authorizing committees a report that  
15 includes, with respect to flexibilities described in  
16 paragraph (4) that have been issued by the Sec-  
17 retary in the most recently ended fiscal quarter, the  
18 following:

19 (A) In the case of a flexibility that was  
20 issued by the Secretary without request from a  
21 covered entity, an explanation of all require-  
22 ments, including reporting requirements, that  
23 the Secretary imposed on the covered entity as  
24 a condition of the flexibility.

1 (B) In the case of a flexibility for which a  
2 covered entity requested and received specific  
3 approval from the Secretary—

4 (i) identification of the covered entity  
5 that received the flexibility;

6 (ii) an explanation of the specific rea-  
7 sons for approval of the request;

8 (iii) a detailed description of the  
9 terms of the flexibility, including—

10 (I) a description of any limita-  
11 tions on the flexibility; and

12 (II) identification of each provi-  
13 sion of law (including regulation and  
14 subregulatory guidance) that is waived  
15 or modified and, for each such provi-  
16 sion, the statutory authority under  
17 which the flexibility was provided; and

18 (iv) a copy of the final document  
19 granting the flexibility.

20 (C) In the case of any request for a flexi-  
21 bility that was denied by the Secretary—

22 (i) identification of the covered entity  
23 or entities that were denied a flexibility;

24 (ii) a detailed description of the terms  
25 of the request for the flexibility; and

1 (iii) an explanation of the specific rea-  
2 sons for denial of the request.

3 (3) REPORT ON FLEXIBILITIES GRANTED BE-  
4 FORE ENACTMENT.—Not later than 30 days after  
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 shall submit to the authorizing committees a report  
7 that—

8 (A) identifies each flexibility described in  
9 paragraph (4) that was granted by the Sec-  
10 retary between March 13, 2020, and the date  
11 of enactment of this Act; and

12 (B) with respect to each such flexibility,  
13 provides the information specified in paragraph  
14 (1)(B).

15 (4) FLEXIBILITY DESCRIBED.—A flexibility de-  
16 scribed in this paragraph is modification or waiver  
17 of any provision of the Higher Education Act of  
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) (including any regu-  
19 lation or subregulatory guidance issued under such  
20 a provision) that the Secretary determines to be nec-  
21 essary and appropriate to modify or waive due to  
22 COVID–19, other than a provision of the Higher  
23 Education Act of 1965 that the Secretary is specifi-  
24 cally authorized to modify or waive pursuant to the  
25 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

1           (5) PRIVACY.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
2           any report or notification submitted under this sub-  
3           section does not reveal personally identifiable infor-  
4           mation about an individual student.

5           (6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
6           subsection shall be construed to authorize the Sec-  
7           retary to waive or modify any provision of law.

8           (b) REPORTS ON EXERCISE OF CARES ACT WAIV-  
9           ERS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Not  
10          later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
11          each institution of higher education that exercises an au-  
12          thority provided under section 3503(c) (as redesignated  
13          by section 150102 of this Act), section 3504, section 3505,  
14          section 3508(d), section 3509, or section 3517(b) of the  
15          CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) shall submit to the  
16          Secretary a report that describes the nature and extent  
17          of the institution’s exercise of such authorities, including  
18          the number of students and amounts of aid provided under  
19          title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
20          1070 et seq.) affected by the exercise of such authorities,  
21          as applicable.

22          (c) REPORTS ON CHANGES TO CONTRACTS AND  
23          AGREEMENTS.—Not later than 10 days after the end of  
24          each fiscal quarter for the duration of the qualifying emer-  
25          gency through the end of the first fiscal year beginning

1 after the conclusion of such qualifying emergency, the Sec-  
2 retary shall submit to the authorizing committees a report  
3 that includes, for the most recently ended fiscal quarter—

4 (1) a summary of all modifications to any con-  
5 tracts with Department of Education contractors re-  
6 lating to Federal student loans, including—

7 (A) the contractual provisions that were  
8 modified;

9 (B) the names of all contractors affected  
10 by the modifications; and

11 (C) estimates of any costs or savings re-  
12 sulting from the modifications;

13 (2) a summary of all amendments, addendums,  
14 or other modifications to program participation  
15 agreements with institutions of higher education  
16 under section 487 of the Higher Education Act of  
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094), any provisional program  
18 participation agreements entered into under such  
19 section, and any COVID–19 provisional program  
20 participation agreements entered into under section  
21 150112 of this Act, including—

22 (A) any provisions of such agreements that  
23 were modified by the Department of Education;  
24 and



1 (B) the number of institutions of higher  
2 education that received such modifications or  
3 entered into such provisional agreements,  
4 disaggregated by—

5 (i) status as a four-year, two-year, or  
6 less-than-two-year public institution, pri-  
7 vate nonprofit institution, or proprietary  
8 institution; and

9 (ii) each category of minority-serving  
10 institution described in section 371(a) of  
11 the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C.  
12 1067q); and

13 (3) sample copies of program participation  
14 agreements (including provisional agreements), se-  
15 lected at random from among the agreements de-  
16 scribed in paragraph (2), including at least one  
17 agreement from each type of institution (whether a  
18 public institution, private nonprofit institution, or  
19 proprietary institution) that received a modified or  
20 provisional agreement.

21 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
24 shall submit to the authorizing committees a report  
25 that includes the following:

1 (A) A summary of the reports received by  
2 the Secretary under subsection (b).

3 (B) A description of—

4 (i) the Secretary's use of the authority  
5 under section 3506 of the CARES Act  
6 (Public Law 116–136) to adjust subsidized  
7 loan usage limits, including the total num-  
8 ber of students and the total amount of  
9 subsidized loans under title IV of the  
10 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
11 1070 et seq.) affected by the Secretary's  
12 use of such authority;

13 (ii) the Secretary's use of the author-  
14 ity under section 3507 of the CARES Act  
15 (Public Law 116–136) to exclude certain  
16 periods from the Federal Pell Grant dura-  
17 tion limit, including the total number of  
18 students and the total amount of Federal  
19 Pell Grants under section 401 of the High-  
20 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
21 1070a) affected by the Secretary's use of  
22 such authority;

23 (iii) the Secretary's use of the author-  
24 ity under section 3508 of the CARES Act  
25 (Public Law 116–136) to waive certain re-

1            requirements for the return of Federal  
2            funds, including—

3                    (I) in the case of waivers issued  
4                    to students under such section, the  
5                    total number of students and the total  
6                    amount of aid under title IV of the  
7                    Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
8                    U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) affected by the  
9                    Secretary's use of such authority; and

10                    (II) in the case of waivers issued  
11                    to institutions of higher education  
12                    under such section, the total number  
13                    of students and the total amount of  
14                    aid under title IV of the Higher Edu-  
15                    cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
16                    et seq.) affected by the Secretary's  
17                    use of such authority.

18                    (C) A summary of the information re-  
19                    quired to be reported to the authorizing com-  
20                    mittees under sections 3510 and 3512 of the  
21                    CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as amend-  
22                    ed by this Act, regardless of whether such infor-  
23                    mation has previously been reported to such  
24                    committees as of the date of the report under  
25                    this subsection.

1 (D) Information relating to the temporary  
2 relief for Federal student loan borrowers pro-  
3 vided under section 3513 of the CARES Act  
4 (Public Law 116–136), including—

5 (i) with respect to the notifications re-  
6 quired under subsection (g)(1) of such sec-  
7 tion—

8 (I) the total number of individual  
9 notifications sent to borrowers in ac-  
10 cordance with such subsection,  
11 disaggregated by electronic, postal,  
12 and telephonic notifications;

13 (II) the total number of notifica-  
14 tions described in clause (i) that were  
15 sent within the 15-day period speci-  
16 fied in such subsection; and

17 (III) the actual costs to the De-  
18 partment of Education of making the  
19 notifications under such subsection;

20 (ii) the projected costs to the Depart-  
21 ment of Education of making the notifica-  
22 tions required under subsection (g)(2) of  
23 such section;

24 (iii) the number of Federal student  
25 loan borrowers who have affirmatively

1           opted-out of payment suspension under  
2           subsection (a) of such section;

3           (iv) the number of individual notifica-  
4           tions sent to employers directing the em-  
5           ployers to halt wage garnishment pursuant  
6           to subsection (e) of such section,  
7           disaggregated by electronic, postal, and tel-  
8           ephonic notifications;

9           (v) the number of Federal student  
10          loan borrowers who have had their wages  
11          garnished pursuant to section 488A of the  
12          Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
13          1095a) or section 3720D of title 31,  
14          United States Code, between March 13,  
15          2020, and the date of the date of enact-  
16          ment of this Act;

17          (vi) the number of Federal student  
18          loan borrowers subject to interest capital-  
19          ization as a result of consolidating Federal  
20          student loans since March 13, 2020, and  
21          the total amount of such interest capital-  
22          ization;

23          (vii) the average daily call wait times  
24          and call drop rates, disaggregated by stu-  
25          dent loan servicer, for the period between

1 March 13, 2020, and the date of enact-  
2 ment of this Act; and

3 (viii) the estimated or projected sav-  
4 ings to the Department of Education for  
5 student loan servicing activities for the pe-  
6 riod beginning on March 13, 2020, and  
7 ending on September 30, 2020, due to  
8 lower reimbursement or contract costs per  
9 account for student loan servicers and pri-  
10 vate collection agencies resulting from the  
11 suspension of Federal student loan pay-  
12 ments and halt to collection activities  
13 under the CARES Act (Public Law 116-  
14 136).

15 (E) Information relating to the special  
16 rules relating to Federal Direct Consolidation  
17 Loans under section 150120 of this Act, includ-  
18 ing—

19 (i) the number of borrowers who sub-  
20 mitted an application for a Federal Direct  
21 Consolidation Loan;

22 (ii) the number of borrowers who re-  
23 ceived a Federal Direct Consolidation  
24 Loan; and

1 (iii) the wait time between submitting  
2 an application and receiving a Federal Di-  
3 rect Consolidation Loan.

4 (F) A summary of the information re-  
5 quired to be reported to the authorizing com-  
6 mittees under section 3517(c) and section  
7 3518(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-  
8 136), as amended by this Act, regardless of  
9 whether such information has previously been  
10 reported to such committees as of the date of  
11 the report under this subsection.

12 (G) A copy of any communication from the  
13 Department of Education to grantees and Fed-  
14 eral student loan borrowers eligible for rights  
15 and benefits under section 3519 of the CARES  
16 Act (Public Law 116-136) to inform such  
17 grantees and borrowers of their eligibility for  
18 such rights and benefits.

19 (2) DUTY OF HHS.—The Secretary of Health  
20 and Human Services shall provide to the Secretary  
21 of Education the information necessary for the Sec-  
22 retary of Education to comply with paragraph  
23 (1)(D).

24 (e) AMENDMENTS TO CARES ACT REPORTING RE-  
25 QUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR HBCU CAP-  
2           ITAL FINANCING LOAN DEFERMENT.—Section  
3           3512(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)  
4           is amended by striking the period at the end and in-  
5           serting “, the terms of the loans deferred, and the  
6           schedule for repayment of the deferred loan  
7           amount.”

8           (2) REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR INSTITU-  
9           TIONAL AID MODIFICATIONS.—Section 3517(c) of  
10          the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended  
11          by striking the period at the end and inserting “,  
12          identifies the statutory provision waived or modified,  
13          and describes the terms of the waiver or modifica-  
14          tion received by the institution.”

15          (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR GRANT  
16          MODIFICATIONS.—Section 3518(c) of the CARES  
17          Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking  
18          the period at the end and inserting “and describes  
19          the terms of the modification received by the institu-  
20          tion or other grant recipient.”

21          (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22               (1) The term “covered entity” means an insti-  
23               tution of higher education, a Federal contractor, a  
24               student, or any other entity that is subject to the



1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et  
2 seq.).

3 (2) The term “Federal student loan” means a  
4 loan described in section 3502(a)(2) of the CARES  
5 Act (Public Law 116–136), as amended by this Act.

## 6 **TITLE II—OTHER PROGRAMS**

### 7 **Subtitle A—Carl D. Perkins Career** 8 **and Technical Education Act of** 9 **2006 and Adult Education and** 10 **Literacy COVID–19 National** 11 **Emergency Response**

#### 12 **SEC. 150201. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this subtitle:

14 (1) APPRENTICESHIP; APPRENTICESHIP PRO-  
15 GRAM.—The terms “apprenticeship” and “appren-  
16 ticeship program” mean an apprenticeship program  
17 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-  
18 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”)  
19 (50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),  
20 including any requirement, standard, or rule promul-  
21 gated under such Act, as such requirement, stand-  
22 ard, or rule was in effect on December 30, 2019.

23 (2) CORONAVIRUS.—The term “coronavirus”  
24 means coronavirus as defined in section 506 of the  
25 Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supple-

1 mental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–  
2 123).

3 (3) COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—The  
4 term “COVID–19 national emergency” means the  
5 national emergency declared by the President under  
6 the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et  
7 seq.) on March 13, 2020, with respect to the  
8 coronavirus.

9 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of Education.

11 **SEC. 150202. COVID–19 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-**  
12 **CATION RESPONSE FLEXIBILITY.**

13 (a) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sec-  
14 tion 133(b)(1) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
15 nical Education Act of 2006 (29 U.S.C. 2353(b)(1)), with  
16 respect to an eligible recipient that, due to the COVID–  
17 19 national emergency, does not expend all of the amounts  
18 that the eligible recipient is allocated for academic year  
19 2019–2020 under section 131 or 132 of the Carl D. Per-  
20 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20  
21 U.S.C. 2351; 2352), the eligible agency that allocated  
22 such funds to the eligible recipient—

23 (1) may authorize the eligible recipient to retain  
24 such amounts to carry out, during academic year  
25 2020–2021, any activities described in the applica-

1       tion of eligible recipient submitted under section  
2       134(b) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2354(b)) that such  
3       eligible recipient had intended to carry out during  
4       academic year 2019–2020; and

5               (2) shall ensure that a retention of amounts by  
6       an eligible recipient under paragraph (1) has no im-  
7       pact on the allocation of amounts to such eligible re-  
8       cipient under section 131 or 132 of the Carl D. Per-  
9       kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006  
10       (20 U.S.C. 2351; 2352) for academic year 2020–  
11       2021.

12       (b) **POOLING OF FUNDS.**—An eligible recipient may,  
13       in accordance with section 135(c) of the Carl D. Perkins  
14       Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.  
15       2355(e)), pool a portion of funds received under such Act  
16       with a portion of funds received under such Act available  
17       to one or more eligible recipients to support the transition  
18       from secondary education to postsecondary education or  
19       employment for CTE participants whose academic year  
20       was interrupted by the COVID–19 national emergency.

21       (c) **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**—During the  
22       COVID–19 national emergency, section 3(40)(B) of the  
23       Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of  
24       2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(40)(B)) shall apply as if “sustained  
25       (not stand-alone, 1-day, or short-term workshops), inten-

1 sive, collaborative, job-embedded, data-driven, and class-  
2 room-focused,” were struck.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Except as otherwise provided, the  
4 terms in this section have the meanings given the terms  
5 in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical  
6 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

7 **SEC. 150203. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY RESPONSE**  
8 **ACTIVITIES.**

9 (a) ONLINE SERVICE DELIVERY OF ADULT EDU-  
10 CATION AND LITERACY ACTIVITIES.—During the  
11 COVID–19 national emergency, an eligible agency may  
12 use funds available to such agency under paragraphs (2)  
13 and (3) of section 222(a) of the Workforce Innovation and  
14 Opportunity Act (20 U.S.C. 3302(a)) for the administra-  
15 tive expenses of the eligible agency related to transitions  
16 to online service delivery of adult education and literacy  
17 activities.

18 (b) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—Not later  
19 than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
20 Secretary shall, in carrying out section 242(c)(2)(G) of the  
21 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
22 3332(c)(2)(G)), identify and disseminate to States strate-  
23 gies and virtual proctoring tools to—

1           (1) assess the progress of learners in adult edu-  
2           cation programs based upon valid research, as ap-  
3           propriate, and;

4           (2) measure the progress of such programs in  
5           meeting the State adjusted levels of performance de-  
6           scribed in section 116(b)(3) of the Workforce Inno-  
7           vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(3)).

8           (c) DEFINITIONS.—Except as otherwise provided, the  
9           terms in this section have the meanings given the terms  
10          in section 203 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
11          tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3272).

12       **SEC. 150204. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

13          Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if deter-  
14          mined necessary and appropriate due to the COVID–19  
15          national emergency by the Secretary, the Secretary may  
16          waive, for a period not to exceed academic year 2019–  
17          2020—

18               (1) upon the request of a State or Indian Tribe  
19               receiving funds under title I of the Carl D. Perkins  
20               Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20  
21               U.S.C. 2321 et seq.), the requirements under section  
22               421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20  
23               U.S.C. 1225(b)) for the State or Indian Tribe with  
24               respect to such funds; and

1           (2) upon the request of an eligible agency re-  
 2           ceiving funds under the Adult Education and Family  
 3           Literacy Act (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.), the require-  
 4           ments under section 421(b) of the General Edu-  
 5           cation Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1225(b)) for that  
 6           eligible agency with respect to such funds.

7       **Subtitle B—Corporation for Na-**  
 8       **tional and Community Service**  
 9       **COVID-19 Response Activities**

10   **SEC. 150205. CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMU-**  
 11                           **NITY SERVICE PROVISIONS.**

12           Section 3514(a)(2)(B) of the CARES Act is amended  
 13           by inserting “, or the full value of the stipend under sec-  
 14           tion 105(a) of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service  
 15           Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955), as amended,” after “such  
 16           subtitle”.

17   **SEC. 150206. NATIONAL SERVICE EXPANSION FEASIBILITY**  
 18                           **STUDY.**

19           (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Corporation for Na-  
 20           tional and Community Service shall conduct a study on  
 21           the feasibility of increasing the capacity of national service  
 22           programs across the country to respond to the COVID-  
 23           19 national emergency, the corresponding public health  
 24           crisis, and the economic and social impact to communities  
 25           across the country.

1 (b) SCOPE OF STUDY.—The Corporation for National  
2 and Community Service shall examine new and existing  
3 programs, partnerships, organizations and grantees that  
4 could be utilized to respond to the COVID–19 national  
5 emergency as described in subsection (a), including—

6 (1) service opportunities related to food secu-  
7 rity, education, economic opportunity, and disaster  
8 or emergency response;

9 (2) partnerships with the Department of Health  
10 and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Con-  
11 trol and Prevention, and public health departments  
12 in all 50 states and territories to respond to public  
13 health needs related to COVID–19 such as testing,  
14 contact tracing, or related activities; and

15 (3) the capacity and ability of the State Com-  
16 missions on National and Community Service to re-  
17 spond to the needs of state and local governments in  
18 each state or territory in which such State Commis-  
19 sion is in operation.

20 (c) REQUIRED ASPECTS OF THE STUDY.—In per-  
21 forming the study described in this section, the Corpora-  
22 tion for National and Community Service shall examine  
23 the following aspects for each of the new or existing pro-  
24 grams, partnerships, organizations and grantees as de-  
25 scribed in subsection (b), including—

1           (1) the cost and resources necessary related to  
2 expansion as described in paragraphs (1), (2) and  
3 (3) of subsection (b);

4           (2) the timeline for implementation of any ex-  
5 panded partnerships or expanded capacity as de-  
6 scribed in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of subsection  
7 (b);

8           (3) options to use existing corps programs over-  
9 seen by the Corporation for National and Commu-  
10 nity Service for expanding such capacity, and the  
11 role of programs, such as AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps  
12 VISTA, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community  
13 Corps, or Senior Corps, for expanding capacity as  
14 described in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of sub-  
15 section (b);

16           (4) the ability to increase diversity, including  
17 economic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity,  
18 amongst national service volunteers and programs as  
19 part of any expansion activities;

20           (5) the geographic distribution of demand by  
21 state due to the economic or health related impacts  
22 of COVID–19 for national service volunteer opportu-  
23 nities across the country and the additional volun-  
24 teer capacity needed to meet this demand, com-  
25 paring existing demand for volunteer opportunities



1 to expected or realized increases as a result of  
2 COVID–19; and

3 (6) whether any additional administrative ca-  
4 pacity is needed to respond to increases in demand  
5 as described in paragraph (5), including through  
6 grantee organizational capacity or at the Corpora-  
7 tion for National and Community Service.

8 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

9 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this  
10 Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for  
11 National and Community Service shall prepare and submit  
12 a report to the Committee on Education and Labor and  
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives, and the Committee on Health, Education,  
15 Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Appropria-  
16 tions of the Senate, with recommendations on the role for  
17 the Corporation for National and Community Service in  
18 responding to the COVID–19 national emergency, includ-  
19 ing any recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and  
20 administrative changes based on findings related to the  
21 topics identified under subsection (b).

22 **SEC. 150207. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this subtitle, the following definitions apply:

24 (1) DVSA TERMS.—The terms “Director” and  
25 “poverty line for a single individual” have the mean-

1 ing given such terms in section 421 of the Domestic  
2 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5061).

3 (2) COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—The  
4 term “COVID–19 national emergency” means the  
5 national emergency declared by the President under  
6 the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et  
7 seq.) on March 13, 2020, with respect to COVID–  
8 19.

9 (3) GRANTEE.—The term “grantee” means a  
10 recipient of a grant under the Domestic Volunteer  
11 Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) or the  
12 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
13 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) to run a program.

14 (4) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means a  
15 program funded under the Domestic Volunteer Serv-  
16 ice Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) or the Na-  
17 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42  
18 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

19 (5) STATE COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND  
20 COMMUNITY SERVICE.—The term “State Commis-  
21 sion on National and Community Service” has the  
22 meaning given such term in section 101 of the Na-  
23 tional and Community Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 12511).

1           **DIVISION P—ACCESS ACT**

2   **SEC. 160001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

3           This Act may be cited as the “American Coronavirus/  
4 COVID–19 Election Safety and Security Act” or the “AC-  
5 CESS Act”.

6   **SEC. 160002. REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL ELECTION**  
7                           **CONTINGENCY PLANS IN RESPONSE TO NAT-**  
8                           **URAL DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—

10                   (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each  
12 State and each jurisdiction in a State which is re-  
13 sponsible for administering elections for Federal of-  
14 fice shall establish and make publicly available a  
15 contingency plan to enable individuals to vote in  
16 elections for Federal office during a state of emer-  
17 gency, public health emergency, or national emer-  
18 gency which has been declared for reasons includ-  
19 ing—

20                           (A) a natural disaster; or

21                           (B) an infectious disease.

22                   (2) UPDATING.—Each State and jurisdiction  
23 shall update the contingency plan established under  
24 this subsection not less frequently than every 5  
25 years.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SAFETY.—The  
2 contingency plan established under subsection (a) shall in-  
3 clude initiatives to provide equipment and resources need-  
4 ed to protect the health and safety of poll workers and  
5 voters when voting in person.

6 (c) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RECRUITMENT OF  
7 POLL WORKERS.—The contingency plan established  
8 under subsection (a) shall include initiatives by the chief  
9 State election official and local election officials to recruit  
10 poll workers from resilient or unaffected populations,  
11 which may include—

12 (1) employees of other State and local govern-  
13 ment offices; and

14 (2) in the case in which an infectious disease  
15 poses significant increased health risks to elderly in-  
16 dividuals, students of secondary schools and institu-  
17 tions of higher education in the State.

18 (d) ENFORCEMENT.—

19 (1) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney Gen-  
20 eral may bring a civil action against any State or ju-  
21 risdiction in an appropriate United States District  
22 Court for such declaratory and injunctive relief (in-  
23 cluding a temporary restraining order, a permanent  
24 or temporary injunction, or other order) as may be

1 necessary to carry out the requirements of this sec-  
2 tion.

3 (2) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a viola-  
5 tion of this section, any person who is aggrieved  
6 by such violation may provide written notice of  
7 the violation to the chief election official of the  
8 State involved.

9 (B) RELIEF.—If the violation is not cor-  
10 rected within 20 days after receipt of a notice  
11 under subparagraph (A), or within 5 days after  
12 receipt of the notice if the violation occurred  
13 within 120 days before the date of an election  
14 for Federal office, the aggrieved person may, in  
15 a civil action, obtain declaratory or injunctive  
16 relief with respect to the violation.

17 (C) SPECIAL RULE.—If the violation oc-  
18 curred within 5 days before the date of an elec-  
19 tion for Federal office, the aggrieved person  
20 need not provide notice to the chief election of-  
21 ficial of the State involved under subparagraph  
22 (A) before bringing a civil action under sub-  
23 paragraph (B).

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—

1           (1) ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.—For  
2 purposes of this section, the term “election for Fed-  
3 eral office” means a general, special, primary, or  
4 runoff election for the office of President or Vice  
5 President, or of Senator or Representative in, or  
6 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Con-  
7 gress.

8           (2) STATE.—For purposes of this section, the  
9 term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the  
10 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American  
11 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the  
12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

13          (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
14 respect to the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-  
15 eral office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
16 election for Federal office.

17 **SEC. 160003. EARLY VOTING AND VOTING BY MAIL.**

18          (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Title III of the Help America  
19 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended  
20 by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

21 **“Subtitle C—Other Requirements**

22 **“SEC. 321. EARLY VOTING.**

23          “(a) REQUIRING ALLOWING VOTING PRIOR TO DATE  
24 OF ELECTION.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall allow indi-  
2           viduals to vote in an election for Federal office dur-  
3           ing an early voting period which occurs prior to the  
4           date of the election, in the same manner as voting  
5           is allowed on such date.

6           “(2) LENGTH OF PERIOD.—The early voting  
7           period required under this subsection with respect to  
8           an election shall consist of a period of consecutive  
9           days (including weekends) which begins on the 15th  
10          day before the date of the election (or, at the option  
11          of the State, on a day prior to the 15th day before  
12          the date of the election) and ends on the date of the  
13          election.

14          “(b) MINIMUM EARLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS.—  
15          Each polling place which allows voting during an early vot-  
16          ing period under subsection (a) shall—

17                 “(1) allow such voting for no less than 10 hours  
18                 on each day;

19                 “(2) have uniform hours each day for which  
20                 such voting occurs; and

21                 “(3) allow such voting to be held for some pe-  
22                 riod of time prior to 9:00 a.m (local time) and some  
23                 period of time after 5:00 p.m. (local time).

24          “(c) LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES.—

1           “(1) PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC TRANSPOR-  
2           TATION.—To the greatest extent practicable, a State  
3           shall ensure that each polling place which allows vot-  
4           ing during an early voting period under subsection  
5           (a) is located within walking distance of a stop on  
6           a public transportation route.

7           “(2) AVAILABILITY IN RURAL AREAS.—The  
8           State shall ensure that polling places which allow  
9           voting during an early voting period under sub-  
10          section (a) will be located in rural areas of the State,  
11          and shall ensure that such polling places are located  
12          in communities which will provide the greatest op-  
13          portunity for residents of rural areas to vote during  
14          the early voting period.

15          “(d) STANDARDS.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall issue  
17                 standards for the administration of voting prior to  
18                 the day scheduled for a Federal election. Such  
19                 standards shall include the nondiscriminatory geo-  
20                 graphic placement of polling places at which such  
21                 voting occurs.

22                 “(2) DEVIATION.—The standards described in  
23                 paragraph (1) shall permit States, upon providing  
24                 adequate public notice, to deviate from any require-  
25                 ment in the case of unforeseen circumstances such



1 as a natural disaster, terrorist attack, or a change  
2 in voter turnout.

3 “(e) **BALLOT PROCESSING AND SCANNING REQUIRE-**  
4 **MENTS.—**

5 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**The State shall begin proc-  
6 essing and scanning ballots cast during early voting  
7 for tabulation at least 14 days prior to the date of  
8 the election involved.

9 “(2) **LIMITATION.—**Nothing in this subsection  
10 shall be construed to permit a State to tabulate bal-  
11 lots in an election before the closing of the polls on  
12 the date of the election.

13 “(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.—**This section shall apply  
14 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
15 Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
16 election for Federal office.

17 **“SEC. 322. PROMOTING ABILITY OF VOTERS TO VOTE BY**  
18 **MAIL.**

19 “(a) **UNIFORM AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE VOTING**  
20 **TO ALL VOTERS.—**

21 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**If an individual in a State  
22 is eligible to cast a vote in an election for Federal  
23 office, the State may not impose any additional con-  
24 ditions or requirements on the eligibility of the indi-

1       vidual to cast the vote in such election by absentee  
2       ballot by mail.

3               “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF VOTING BY MAIL.—

4                       “(A) PROHIBITING IDENTIFICATION RE-  
5                       QUIREMENT AS CONDITION OF OBTAINING BAL-  
6                       LOT.—A State may not require an individual to  
7                       provide any form of identification as a condition  
8                       of obtaining an absentee ballot, except that  
9                       nothing in this paragraph may be construed to  
10                      prevent a State from requiring a signature of  
11                      the individual or similar affirmation as a condi-  
12                      tion of obtaining an absentee ballot.

13                     “(B) PROHIBITING REQUIREMENT TO PRO-  
14                     VIDE NOTARIZATION OR WITNESS SIGNATURE  
15                     AS CONDITION OF OBTAINING OR CASTING BAL-  
16                     LOT.—A State may not require notarization or  
17                     witness signature or other formal authentica-  
18                     tion (other than voter attestation) as a condi-  
19                     tion of obtaining or casting an absentee ballot.

20                     “(C) DEADLINE FOR RETURNING BAL-  
21                     LOT.—A State may impose a deadline for re-  
22                     questing the absentee ballot and related voting  
23                     materials from the appropriate State or local  
24                     election official and for returning the ballot to  
25                     the appropriate State or local election official.

1           “(3) APPLICATION FOR ALL FUTURE ELEC-  
2           TIONS.—At the option of an individual, a State shall  
3           treat the individual’s application to vote by absentee  
4           ballot by mail in an election for Federal office as an  
5           application to vote by absentee ballot by mail in all  
6           subsequent Federal elections held in the State.

7           “(b) DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES  
8           REQUIRING SIGNATURE VERIFICATION.—

9           “(1) REQUIREMENT.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may not im-  
11           pose a signature verification requirement as a  
12           condition of accepting and counting an absentee  
13           ballot submitted by any individual with respect  
14           to an election for Federal office unless the  
15           State meets the due process requirements de-  
16           scribed in paragraph (2).

17           “(B) SIGNATURE VERIFICATION REQUIRE-  
18           MENT DESCRIBED.—In this subsection, a ‘sig-  
19           nature verification requirement’ is a require-  
20           ment that an election official verify the identi-  
21           fication of an individual by comparing the indi-  
22           vidual’s signature on the absentee ballot with  
23           the individual’s signature on the official list of  
24           registered voters in the State or another official

1 record or other document used by the State to  
2 verify the signatures of voters.

3 “(2) DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(A) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE  
5 DISCREPANCY.—If an individual submits an ab-  
6 sentee ballot and the appropriate State or local  
7 election official determines that a discrepancy  
8 exists between the signature on such ballot and  
9 the signature of such individual on the official  
10 list of registered voters in the State or other of-  
11 ficial record or document used by the State to  
12 verify the signatures of voters, such election of-  
13 ficial, prior to making a final determination as  
14 to the validity of such ballot, shall—

15 “(i) make a good faith effort to imme-  
16 diately notify the individual by mail, tele-  
17 phone, and (if available) electronic mail  
18 that—

19 “(I) a discrepancy exists between  
20 the signature on such ballot and the  
21 signature of the individual on the offi-  
22 cial list of registered voters in the  
23 State, and

24 “(II) if such discrepancy is not  
25 cured prior to the expiration of the

1           10-day period which begins on the  
2           date the official notifies the individual  
3           of the discrepancy, such ballot will not  
4           be counted; and

5           “(ii) cure such discrepancy and count  
6           the ballot if, prior to the expiration of the  
7           10-day period described in clause (i)(II),  
8           the individual provides the official with in-  
9           formation to cure such discrepancy, either  
10          in person, by telephone, or by electronic  
11          methods.

12          “(B) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO PRO-  
13          VIDE MISSING SIGNATURE.—If an individual  
14          submits an absentee ballot without a signature,  
15          the appropriate State or local election official,  
16          prior to making a final determination as to the  
17          validity of the ballot, shall—

18                 “(i) make a good faith effort to imme-  
19                 diately notify the individual by mail, tele-  
20                 phone, and (if available) electronic mail  
21                 that—

22                         “(I) the ballot did not include a  
23                         signature, and

24                         “(II) if the individual does not  
25                         provide the missing signature prior to

1 the expiration of the 10-day period  
2 which begins on the date the official  
3 notifies the individual that the ballot  
4 did not include a signature, such bal-  
5 lot will not be counted; and

6 “(ii) count the ballot if, prior to the  
7 expiration of the 10-day period described  
8 in clause (i)(II), the individual provides the  
9 official with the missing signature on a  
10 form proscribed by the State.

11 “(C) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—An election  
12 official may not make a determination that a  
13 discrepancy exists between the signature on an  
14 absentee ballot and the signature of the indi-  
15 vidual who submits the ballot on the official list  
16 of registered voters in the State or other official  
17 record or other document used by the State to  
18 verify the signatures of voters unless—

19 “(i) at least 2 election officials make  
20 the determination; and

21 “(ii) each official who makes the de-  
22 termination has received training in proce-  
23 dures used to verify signatures.

24 “(3) REPORT.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120  
2 days after the end of a Federal election cycle,  
3 each chief State election official shall submit to  
4 Congress a report containing the following in-  
5 formation for the applicable Federal election  
6 cycle in the State:

7                   “(i) The number of ballots invalidated  
8 due to a discrepancy under this subsection.

9                   “(ii) Description of attempts to con-  
10 tact voters to provide notice as required by  
11 this subsection.

12                   “(iii) Description of the cure process  
13 developed by such State pursuant to this  
14 subsection, including the number of ballots  
15 determined valid as a result of such proc-  
16 ess.

17           “(B) FEDERAL ELECTION CYCLE DE-  
18 FINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the  
19 term ‘Federal election cycle’ means the period  
20 beginning on January 1 of any odd numbered  
21 year and ending on December 31 of the fol-  
22 lowing year.

23           “(c) METHODS AND TIMING FOR TRANSMISSION OF  
24 BALLOTS AND BALLOTING MATERIALS TO VOTERS.—

1           “(1) METHOD FOR REQUESTING BALLOT.—In  
2 addition to such other methods as the State may es-  
3 tablish for an individual to request an absentee bal-  
4 lot, the State shall permit an individual to submit a  
5 request for an absentee ballot online. The State shall  
6 be considered to meet the requirements of this para-  
7 graph if the website of the appropriate State or local  
8 election official allows an absentee ballot request ap-  
9 plication to be completed and submitted online and  
10 if the website permits the individual—

11                   “(A) to print the application so that the  
12 individual may complete the application and re-  
13 turn it to the official; or

14                   “(B) request that a paper copy of the ap-  
15 plication be transmitted to the individual by  
16 mail or electronic mail so that the individual  
17 may complete the application and return it to  
18 the official.

19           “(2) ENSURING DELIVERY PRIOR TO ELEC-  
20 TION.—If an individual requests to vote by absentee  
21 ballot in an election for Federal office, the appro-  
22 priate State or local election official shall ensure  
23 that the ballot and relating voting materials are re-  
24 ceived by the individual prior to the date of the elec-  
25 tion so long as the individual’s request is received by



1 the official not later than 5 days (excluding Satur-  
2 days, Sundays, and legal public holidays) before the  
3 date of the election, except that nothing in this para-  
4 graph shall preclude a State or local jurisdiction  
5 from allowing for the acceptance and processing of  
6 ballot requests submitted or received after such re-  
7 quired period.

8 “(3) SPECIAL RULES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY  
9 PERIODS.—

10 “(A) AUTOMATIC MAILING OF ABSENTEE  
11 BALLOTS TO ALL VOTERS.—If the area in which  
12 an election is held is in an area in which an  
13 emergency or disaster which is described in sub-  
14 paragraph (A) or (B) of section 1135(g)(1) of  
15 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-  
16 5(g)(1)) is declared during the period described  
17 in subparagraph (C)—

18 “(i) paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not  
19 apply with respect to the election; and

20 “(ii) not later than 2 weeks before the  
21 date of the election, the appropriate State  
22 or local election official shall transmit by  
23 mail absentee ballots and balloting mate-  
24 rials for the election to all individuals who  
25 are registered to vote in such election or,

1 in the case of any State that does not reg-  
2 ister voters, all individuals who are in the  
3 State's central voter file (or if the State  
4 does not keep a central voter file, to all in-  
5 dividuals who are eligible to vote in such  
6 election).

7 “(B) AFFIRMATION.—If an individual re-  
8 ceives an absentee ballot from a State or local  
9 election official pursuant to subparagraph (A)  
10 and returns the voted ballot to the official, the  
11 ballot shall not be counted in the election unless  
12 the individual includes with the ballot a signed  
13 affirmation that—

14 “(i) the individual has not and will  
15 not cast another ballot with respect to the  
16 election; and

17 “(ii) acknowledges that a material  
18 misstatement of fact in completing the bal-  
19 lot may constitute grounds for conviction  
20 of perjury.

21 “(C) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period de-  
22 scribed in this subparagraph with respect to an  
23 election is the period which begins 120 days be-  
24 fore the date of the election and ends 30 days  
25 before the date of the election.

1           “(D) APPLICATION TO NOVEMBER 2020  
2           GENERAL ELECTION.—Because of the public  
3           health emergency declared pursuant to section  
4           319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5           U.S.C. 247d) resulting from the COVID–19  
6           pandemic, the special rules set forth in this  
7           paragraph shall apply with respect to the regu-  
8           larly scheduled general election for Federal of-  
9           fice held in November 2020 in each State.

10          “(d) ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-  
11          ABILITIES.—The State shall ensure that all absentee bal-  
12          lots and related voting materials in elections for Federal  
13          office are accessible to individuals with disabilities in a  
14          manner that provides the same opportunity for access and  
15          participation (including with privacy and independence) as  
16          for other voters.

17          “(e) UNIFORM DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF  
18          MAILED BALLOTS.—A State may not refuse to accept or  
19          process a ballot submitted by an individual by mail with  
20          respect to an election for Federal office in the State on  
21          the grounds that the individual did not meet a deadline  
22          for returning the ballot to the appropriate State or local  
23          election official if—

24                  “(1) the ballot is postmarked, signed, or other-  
25                  wise indicated by the United States Postal Service to

1 have been mailed on or before the date of the elec-  
2 tion; and

3 “(2) the ballot is received by the appropriate  
4 election official prior to the expiration of the 10-day  
5 period which begins on the date of the election.

6 “(f) ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF RETURNING BAL-  
7 LOTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to permitting  
9 an individual to whom a ballot in an election was  
10 provided under this section to return the ballot to an  
11 election official by mail, the State shall permit the  
12 individual to cast the ballot by delivering the ballot  
13 at such times and to such locations as the State may  
14 establish, including—

15 “(A) permitting the individual to deliver  
16 the ballot to a polling place on any date on  
17 which voting in the election is held at the poll-  
18 ing place; and

19 “(B) permitting the individual to deliver  
20 the ballot to a designated ballot drop-off loca-  
21 tion.

22 “(2) PERMITTING VOTERS TO DESIGNATE  
23 OTHER PERSON TO RETURN BALLOT.—The State—

24 “(A) shall permit a voter to designate any  
25 person to return a voted and sealed absentee

1 ballot to the post office, a ballot drop-off loca-  
2 tion, tribally designated building, or election of-  
3 fice so long as the person designated to return  
4 the ballot does not receive any form of com-  
5 pensation based on the number of ballots that  
6 the person has returned and no individual,  
7 group, or organization provides compensation  
8 on this basis; and

9 “(B) may not put any limit on how many  
10 voted and sealed absentee ballots any des-  
11 igned person can return to the post office, a  
12 ballot drop off location, tribally designated  
13 building, or election office.

14 “(g) BALLOT PROCESSING AND SCANNING REQUIRE-  
15 MENTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The State shall begin proc-  
17 essing and scanning ballots cast by mail for tabula-  
18 tion at least 14 days prior to the date of the election  
19 involved.

20 “(2) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection  
21 shall be construed to permit a State to tabulate bal-  
22 lots in an election before the closing of the polls on  
23 the date of the election.

24 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
25 tion shall be construed to affect the authority of States

1 to conduct elections for Federal office through the use of  
2 polling places at which individuals cast ballots.

3 “(i) NO EFFECT ON BALLOTS SUBMITTED BY AB-  
4 SENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.—Nothing in  
5 this section may be construed to affect the treatment of  
6 any ballot submitted by an individual who is entitled to  
7 vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas  
8 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).

9 “(j) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
10 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
11 Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
12 election for Federal office.

13 **“SEC. 323. ABSENTEE BALLOT TRACKING PROGRAM.**

14 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Each State shall carry out a  
15 program to track and confirm the receipt of absentee bal-  
16 lots in an election for Federal office under which the State  
17 or local election official responsible for the receipt of voted  
18 absentee ballots in the election carries out procedures to  
19 track and confirm the receipt of such ballots, and makes  
20 information on the receipt of such ballots available to the  
21 individual who cast the ballot, by means of online access  
22 using the Internet site of the official’s office.

23 “(b) INFORMATION ON WHETHER VOTE WAS  
24 COUNTED.—The information referred to under subsection  
25 (a) with respect to the receipt of an absentee ballot shall

1 include information regarding whether the vote cast on the  
2 ballot was counted, and, in the case of a vote which was  
3 not counted, the reasons therefor.

4       “(c) USE OF TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER BY  
5 OFFICIALS WITHOUT INTERNET SITE.—A program estab-  
6 lished by a State or local election official whose office does  
7 not have an Internet site may meet the requirements of  
8 subsection (a) if the official has established a toll-free tele-  
9 phone number that may be used by an individual who cast  
10 an absentee ballot to obtain the information on the receipt  
11 of the voted absentee ballot as provided under such sub-  
12 section.

13       “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
14 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
15 Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
16 election for Federal office.

17 **“SEC. 324. RULES FOR COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.**

18       “(a) STATEWIDE COUNTING OF PROVISIONAL BAL-  
19 LOTS.—

20               “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
21 302(a)(4), notwithstanding the precinct or polling  
22 place at which a provisional ballot is cast within the  
23 State, the appropriate election official shall count  
24 each vote on such ballot for each election in which  
25 the individual who cast such ballot is eligible to vote.

1           “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
2           apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general  
3           election for Federal office held in November 2020  
4           and each succeeding election for Federal office.

5           “(b) UNIFORM AND NONDISCRIMINATORY STAND-  
6           ARDS.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the re-  
8           quirements of section 302, each State shall establish  
9           uniform and nondiscriminatory standards for the  
10          issuance, handling, and counting of provisional bal-  
11          lots.

12          “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
13          apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general  
14          election for Federal office held in November 2020  
15          and each succeeding election for Federal office.

16       **“SEC. 325. COVERAGE OF COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN**  
17                               **MARIANA ISLANDS.**

18          “In this subtitle, the term ‘State’ includes the Com-  
19          monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

20       **“SEC. 326. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDING**  
21                               **ABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO VOTE.**

22          “The requirements of this subtitle are minimum re-  
23          quirements, and nothing in this subtitle may be construed  
24          to prevent a State from establishing standards which pro-  
25          mote the ability of individuals to vote in elections for Fed-



1 eral office, so long as such standards are not inconsistent  
2 with the requirements of this subtitle or other Federal  
3 laws.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO  
5 ISSUANCE OF VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION AS-  
6 SISTANCE COMMISSION.—Section 311(b) of such Act (52  
7 U.S.C. 21101(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
9 (2);

10 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
11 graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraph:

14 “(4) in the case of the recommendations with  
15 respect to subtitle C, June 30, 2020.”.

16 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

17 (1) COVERAGE UNDER EXISTING ENFORCE-  
18 MENT PROVISIONS.—Section 401 of such Act (52  
19 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and 303”  
20 and inserting “303, and subtitle C of title III”.

21 (2) AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE RIGHT OF AC-  
22 TION.—Title IV of such (52 U.S.C. 21111 et seq.)  
23 is amended by adding at the end the following new  
24 section:

1 **“SEC. 403. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF**  
2 **CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a violation of sub-  
4 title C of title III, section 402 shall not apply and any  
5 person who is aggrieved by such violation may provide  
6 written notice of the violation to the chief election official  
7 of the State involved.

8 “(b) RELIEF.—If the violation is not corrected within  
9 20 days after receipt of a notice under subsection (a), or  
10 within 5 days after receipt of the notice if the violation  
11 occurred within 120 days before the date of an election  
12 for Federal office, the aggrieved person may, in a civil ac-  
13 tion, obtain declaratory or injunctive relief with respect  
14 to the violation.

15 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—If the violation occurred within  
16 5 days before the date of an election for Federal office,  
17 the aggrieved person need not provide notice to the chief  
18 election official of the State involved under subsection (a)  
19 before bringing a civil action under subsection (b).”.

20 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
21 of such Act is amended—

22 (1) by adding at the end of the items relating  
23 to title III the following:

“Subtitle C—Other Requirements

“Sec. 321. Early voting.

“Sec. 322. Promoting ability of voters to vote by mail.

“Sec. 323. Absentee ballot tracking program.

“Sec. 324. Rules for counting provisional ballots.

“Sec. 325. Coverage of Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

“Sec. 326. Minimum requirements for expanding ability of individuals to vote.”;  
and

1           (2) by adding at the end of the items relating  
2           to title IV the following new item:

“Sec. 403. Private right of action for violations of certain requirements.”.

3 **SEC. 160004. PERMITTING USE OF SWORN WRITTEN STATE-**  
4                           **MENT TO MEET IDENTIFICATION REQUIRE-**  
5                           **MENTS FOR VOTING.**

6           (a) PERMITTING USE OF STATEMENT.—Subtitle C of  
7 title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added  
8 by section 160003(a), is amended—

9           (1) by redesignating sections 325 and 326 as  
10           sections 326 and 327; and

11           (2) by inserting after section 324 the following  
12           new section:

13 **“SEC. 325. PERMITTING USE OF SWORN WRITTEN STATE-**  
14                           **MENT TO MEET IDENTIFICATION REQUIRE-**  
15                           **MENTS.**

16           “(a) USE OF STATEMENT.—

17           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-  
18           section (c), if a State has in effect a requirement  
19           that an individual present identification as a condi-  
20           tion of casting a ballot in an election for Federal of-  
21           fice, the State shall permit the individual to meet  
22           the requirement—

1           “(A) in the case of an individual who de-  
2           sires to vote in person, by presenting the appro-  
3           priate State or local election official with a  
4           sworn written statement, signed by the indi-  
5           vidual under penalty of perjury, attesting to the  
6           individual’s identity and attesting that the indi-  
7           vidual is eligible to vote in the election; or

8           “(B) in the case of an individual who de-  
9           sires to vote by mail, by submitting with the  
10          ballot the statement described in subparagraph  
11          (A).

12          “(2) DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-PRINTED VERSION  
13          OF STATEMENT BY COMMISSION.—The Commission  
14          shall develop a pre-printed version of the statement  
15          described in paragraph (1)(A) which includes a  
16          blank space for an individual to provide a name and  
17          signature for use by election officials in States which  
18          are subject to paragraph (1).

19          “(3) PROVIDING PRE-PRINTED COPY OF STATE-  
20          MENT.—A State which is subject to paragraph (1)  
21          shall—

22                 “(A) make copies of the pre-printed  
23                 version of the statement described in paragraph  
24                 (1)(A) which is prepared by the Commission  
25                 available at polling places for election officials

1 to distribute to individuals who desire to vote in  
2 person; and

3 “(B) include a copy of such pre-printed  
4 version of the statement with each blank absen-  
5 tee or other ballot transmitted to an individual  
6 who desires to vote by mail.

7 “(b) REQUIRING USE OF BALLOT IN SAME MANNER  
8 AS INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING IDENTIFICATION.—An in-  
9 dividual who presents or submits a sworn written state-  
10 ment in accordance with subsection (a)(1) shall be per-  
11 mitted to cast a ballot in the election in the same manner  
12 as an individual who presents identification.

13 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS REG-  
14 ISTERING BY MAIL.—Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply  
15 with respect to any individual described in paragraph (1)  
16 of section 303(b) who is required to meet the requirements  
17 of paragraph (2) of such section.”.

18 (b) REQUIRING STATES TO INCLUDE INFORMATION  
19 ON USE OF SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT IN VOTING IN-  
20 FORMATION MATERIAL POSTED AT POLLING PLACES.—  
21 Section 302(b)(2) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21082(b)(2)),  
22 is amended—

23 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
24 graph (E);



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title III of the  
2           Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added by section  
3           160003(a) and as amended by section 160004(a), is  
4           further amended—

5                   (A) by redesignating sections 326 and 327  
6                   as sections 327 and 328; and

7                   (B) by inserting after section 325 the fol-  
8                   lowing new section:

9           **“SEC. 326. PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON RETURN ENVE-**  
10                   **LOPES FOR VOTING MATERIALS.**

11           “(a) PROVISION OF RETURN ENVELOPES.—The ap-  
12           propriate State or local election official shall provide a  
13           self-sealing return envelope with—

14                   “(1) any voter registration application form  
15                   transmitted to a registrant by mail;

16                   “(2) any application for an absentee ballot  
17                   transmitted to an applicant by mail; and

18                   “(3) any blank absentee ballot transmitted to a  
19                   voter by mail.

20           “(b) PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE.—Consistent with  
21           regulations of the United States Postal Service, the State  
22           or the unit of local government responsible for the admin-  
23           istration of the election involved shall prepay the postage  
24           on any envelope provided under subsection (a).

1       “(c) NO EFFECT ON BALLOTS OR BALLOTING MATE-  
 2 RIALS TRANSMITTED TO ABSENT MILITARY AND OVER-  
 3 SEAS VOTERS.—Nothing in this section may be construed  
 4 to affect the treatment of any ballot or balloting materials  
 5 transmitted to an individual who is entitled to vote by ab-  
 6 sentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens  
 7 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).”.

8           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
 9 tents of such Act, as amended by section 160004(c),  
 10 is amended—

11           (A) by redesignating the items relating to  
 12 sections 326 and 327 as relating to sections  
 13 327 and 328; and

14           (B) by inserting after the item relating to  
 15 section 325 the following new item:

“Sec. 326. Prepayment of postage on return envelopes for voting materials”.

16       (b) ROLE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 34 of title 39,  
 18 United States Code, is amended by adding after sec-  
 19 tion 3406 the following:

20 **“§ 3407. Voting materials**

21       “(a) Any voter registration application, absentee bal-  
 22 lot application, or absentee ballot with respect to any elec-  
 23 tion for Federal office shall be carried expeditiously, with  
 24 postage on the return envelope prepaid by the State or



1 unit of local government responsible for the administration  
2 of the election.

3 “(b) As used in this section—

4 “(1) the term ‘absentee ballot’ means any ballot  
5 transmitted by a voter by mail in an election for  
6 Federal office, but does not include any ballot cov-  
7 ered by section 3406; and

8 “(2) the term ‘election for Federal office’ means  
9 a general, special, primary, or runoff election for the  
10 office of President or Vice President, or of Senator  
11 or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-  
12 missioner to, the Congress.

13 “(c) Nothing in this section may be construed to af-  
14 fect the treatment of any ballot or balloting materials  
15 transmitted to an individual who is entitled to vote by ab-  
16 sentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens  
17 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).”

18 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
19 tions for chapter 34 of such title is amended by in-  
20 serting after the item relating to section 3406 the  
21 following:

“3407. Voting materials.”

1 **SEC. 160006. REQUIRING TRANSMISSION OF BLANK ABSEN-**  
2 **TEE BALLOTS UNDER UOCAVA TO CERTAIN**  
3 **VOTERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Uniformed and Overseas  
5 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.)  
6 is amended by inserting after section 103B the following  
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 103C. TRANSMISSION OF BLANK ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
9 **TO CERTAIN OTHER VOTERS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(1) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to the  
12 provisions of this section, each State shall transmit  
13 blank absentee ballots electronically to qualified indi-  
14 viduals who request such ballots in the same manner  
15 and under the same terms and conditions under  
16 which the State transmits such ballots electronically  
17 to absent uniformed services voters and overseas vot-  
18 ers under the provisions of section 102(f), except  
19 that no such marked ballots shall be returned elec-  
20 tronically.

21 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Any blank absentee bal-  
22 lot transmitted to a qualified individual under this  
23 section—

24 “(A) must comply with the language re-  
25 quirements under section 203 of the Voting  
26 Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503); and

1           “(B) must comply with the disability re-  
2           quirements under section 508 of the Rehabilita-  
3           tion Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d).

4           “(3) AFFIRMATION.—The State may not trans-  
5           mit a ballot to a qualified individual under this sec-  
6           tion unless the individual provides the State with a  
7           signed affirmation in electronic form that—

8                   “(A) the individual is a qualified individual  
9                   (as defined in subsection (b));

10                   “(B) the individual has not and will not  
11                   cast another ballot with respect to the election;  
12                   and

13                   “(C) acknowledges that a material  
14                   misstatement of fact in completing the ballot  
15                   may constitute grounds for conviction of per-  
16                   jury.

17           “(4) CLARIFICATION REGARDING FREE POST-  
18           AGE.—An absentee ballot obtained by a qualified in-  
19           dividual under this section shall be considered bal-  
20           lotting materials as defined in section 107 for pur-  
21           poses of section 3406 of title 39, United States  
22           Code.

23           “(5) PROHIBITING REFUSAL TO ACCEPT BAL-  
24           LOT FOR FAILURE TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIRE-  
25           MENTS.—A State shall not refuse to accept and

1 process any otherwise valid blank absentee ballot  
2 which was transmitted to a qualified individual  
3 under this section and used by the individual to vote  
4 in the election solely on the basis of the following:

5 “(A) Notarization or witness signature re-  
6 quirements.

7 “(B) Restrictions on paper type, including  
8 weight and size.

9 “(C) Restrictions on envelope type, includ-  
10 ing weight and size.

11 “(b) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, except as  
13 provided in paragraph (2), the term ‘qualified indi-  
14 vidual’ means any individual who is otherwise quali-  
15 fied to vote in an election for Federal office and who  
16 meets any of the following requirements:

17 “(A) The individual—

18 “(i) has previously requested an ab-  
19 sentee ballot from the State or jurisdiction  
20 in which such individual is registered to  
21 vote; and

22 “(ii) has not received such absentee  
23 ballot at least 2 days before the date of the  
24 election.

25 “(B) The individual—

1           “(i) resides in an area of a State with  
2           respect to which an emergency or public  
3           health emergency has been declared by the  
4           chief executive of the State or of the area  
5           involved within 5 days of the date of the  
6           election under the laws of the State due to  
7           reasons including a natural disaster, in-  
8           cluding severe weather, or an infectious  
9           disease; and

10           “(ii) has not previously requested an  
11           absentee ballot.

12           “(C) The individual expects to be absent  
13           from such individual’s jurisdiction on the date  
14           of the election due to professional or volunteer  
15           service in response to a natural disaster or  
16           emergency as described in subparagraph (B).

17           “(D) The individual is hospitalized or ex-  
18           pects to be hospitalized on the date of the elec-  
19           tion.

20           “(E) The individual is an individual with a  
21           disability (as defined in section 3 of the Ameri-  
22           cans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
23           12102)) and resides in a State which does not  
24           offer voters the ability to use secure and acces-  
25           sible remote ballot marking. For purposes of

1           this subparagraph, a State shall permit an indi-  
2           vidual to self-certify that the individual is an in-  
3           dividual with a disability.

4           “(2) EXCLUSION OF ABSENT UNIFORMED SERV-  
5           ICES AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.—The term ‘qualified  
6           individual’ shall not include an absent uniformed  
7           services voter or an overseas voter.

8           “(c) STATE.—For purposes of this section, the term  
9           ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia, the Common-  
10          wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the  
11          United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of  
12          the Northern Mariana Islands.

13          “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
14          with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
15          Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
16          election for Federal office.”.

17          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 102(a) of  
18          such Act (52 U.S.C. 20302(a)) is amended—

19                 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
20                 (10);

21                 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
22                 graph (11) and inserting “; and”; and

23                 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
24                 paragraph:



1 the official public websites of the appropriate State  
2 and local election officials in the State, in the same  
3 manner and subject to the same terms and condi-  
4 tions as the services provided by voter registration  
5 agencies under section 7(a):

6 “(A) Online application for voter registra-  
7 tion.

8 “(B) Online assistance to applicants in ap-  
9 plying to register to vote.

10 “(C) Online completion and submission by  
11 applicants of the mail voter registration applica-  
12 tion form prescribed by the Election Assistance  
13 Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2), includ-  
14 ing assistance with providing a signature as re-  
15 quired under subsection (c).

16 “(D) Online receipt of completed voter reg-  
17 istration applications.

18 “(b) ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS.—  
19 A State shall accept an online voter registration applica-  
20 tion provided by an individual under this section, and en-  
21 sure that the individual is registered to vote in the State,  
22 if—

23 “(1) the individual meets the same voter reg-  
24 istration requirements applicable to individuals who  
25 register to vote by mail in accordance with section



1 6(a)(1) using the mail voter registration application  
2 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-  
3 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2); and

4 “(2) the individual meets the requirements of  
5 subsection (c) to provide a signature in electronic  
6 form (but only in the case of applications submitted  
7 during or after the second year in which this section  
8 is in effect in the State).

9 “(c) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-  
11 tion, an individual meets the requirements of this  
12 subsection as follows:

13 “(A) In the case of an individual who has  
14 a signature on file with a State agency, includ-  
15 ing the State motor vehicle authority, that is  
16 required to provide voter registration services  
17 under this Act or any other law, the individual  
18 consents to the transfer of that electronic signa-  
19 ture.

20 “(B) If subparagraph (A) does not apply,  
21 the individual submits with the application an  
22 electronic copy of the individual’s handwritten  
23 signature through electronic means.

24 “(C) If subparagraph (A) and subpara-  
25 graph (B) do not apply, the individual executes

1 a computerized mark in the signature field on  
2 an online voter registration application, in ac-  
3 cordance with reasonable security measures es-  
4 tablished by the State, but only if the State ac-  
5 cepts such mark from the individual.

6 “(2) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO  
7 MEET REQUIREMENT.—If an individual is unable to  
8 meet the requirements of paragraph (1), the State  
9 shall—

10 “(A) permit the individual to complete all  
11 other elements of the online voter registration  
12 application;

13 “(B) permit the individual to provide a sig-  
14 nature at the time the individual requests a bal-  
15 lot in an election (whether the individual re-  
16 quests the ballot at a polling place or requests  
17 the ballot by mail); and

18 “(C) if the individual carries out the steps  
19 described in subparagraph (A) and subpara-  
20 graph (B), ensure that the individual is reg-  
21 istered to vote in the State.

22 “(3) NOTICE.—The State shall ensure that in-  
23 dividuals applying to register to vote online are noti-  
24 fied of the requirements of paragraph (1) and of the

1 treatment of individuals unable to meet such re-  
2 quirements, as described in paragraph (2).

3 “(d) CONFIRMATION AND DISPOSITION.—

4 “(1) CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.—Upon the  
5 online submission of a completed voter registration  
6 application by an individual under this section, the  
7 appropriate State or local election official shall send  
8 the individual a notice confirming the State’s receipt  
9 of the application and providing instructions on how  
10 the individual may check the status of the applica-  
11 tion.

12 “(2) NOTICE OF DISPOSITION.—Not later than  
13 7 days after the appropriate State or local election  
14 official has approved or rejected an application sub-  
15 mitted by an individual under this section, the offi-  
16 cial shall send the individual a notice of the disposi-  
17 tion of the application.

18 “(3) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—The appro-  
19 priate State or local election official shall send the  
20 notices required under this subsection by regular  
21 mail and—

22 “(A) in the case of an individual who has  
23 provided the official with an electronic mail ad-  
24 dress, by electronic mail; and

1                   “(B) at the option of an individual, by text  
2                   message.

3           “(e) PROVISION OF SERVICES IN NONPARTISAN  
4 MANNER.—The services made available under subsection  
5 (a) shall be provided in a manner that ensures that, con-  
6 sistent with section 7(a)(5)—

7                   “(1) the online application does not seek to in-  
8                   fluence an applicant’s political preference or party  
9                   registration; and

10                   “(2) there is no display on the website pro-  
11                   moting any political preference or party allegiance,  
12                   except that nothing in this paragraph may be con-  
13                   strued to prohibit an applicant from registering to  
14                   vote as a member of a political party.

15           “(f) PROTECTION OF SECURITY OF INFORMATION.—  
16 In meeting the requirements of this section, the State shall  
17 establish appropriate technological security measures to  
18 prevent to the greatest extent practicable any unauthor-  
19 ized access to information provided by individuals using  
20 the services made available under subsection (a).

21           “(g) ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES.—A state shall en-  
22 sure that the services made available under this section  
23 are made available to individuals with disabilities to the  
24 same extent as services are made available to all other in-  
25 dividuals.

1       “(h) USE OF ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE-BASED SYS-  
2 TEM.—A State shall make the services made available on-  
3 line under subsection (a) available through the use of an  
4 automated telephone-based system, subject to the same  
5 terms and conditions applicable under this section to the  
6 services made available online, in addition to making the  
7 services available online in accordance with the require-  
8 ments of this section.

9       “(i) NONDISCRIMINATION AMONG REGISTERED VOT-  
10 ERS USING MAIL AND ONLINE REGISTRATION.—In car-  
11 rying out this Act, the Help America Vote Act of 2002,  
12 or any other Federal, State, or local law governing the  
13 treatment of registered voters in the State or the adminis-  
14 tration of elections for public office in the State, a State  
15 shall treat a registered voter who registered to vote online  
16 in accordance with this section in the same manner as the  
17 State treats a registered voter who registered to vote by  
18 mail.”.

19               (2) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
20 USING ONLINE REGISTRATION.—

21                       (A) TREATMENT AS INDIVIDUALS REG-  
22                       ISTERING TO VOTE BY MAIL FOR PURPOSES OF  
23                       FIRST-TIME VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIRE-  
24                       MENTS.—Section 303(b)(1)(A) of the Help  
25                       America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.

1           21083(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “by  
2           mail” and inserting “by mail or online under  
3           section 6A of the National Voter Registration  
4           Act of 1993”.

5           (B) REQUIRING SIGNATURE FOR FIRST-  
6           TIME VOTERS IN JURISDICTION.—Section  
7           303(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)) is  
8           amended—

9                   (i) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
10                  paragraph (6); and

11                   (ii) by inserting after paragraph (4)  
12                  the following new paragraph:

13           “(5) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-  
14           TIME VOTERS USING ONLINE REGISTRATION.—

15                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State shall, in a  
16                  uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, require  
17                  an individual to meet the requirements of sub-  
18                  paragraph (B) if—

19                           “(i) the individual registered to vote  
20                           in the State online under section 6A of the  
21                           National Voter Registration Act of 1993;  
22                           and

23                           “(ii) the individual has not previously  
24                           voted in an election for Federal office in  
25                           the State.

1           “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—An individual  
2 meets the requirements of this subparagraph  
3 if—

4           “(i) in the case of an individual who  
5 votes in person, the individual provides the  
6 appropriate State or local election official  
7 with a handwritten signature; or

8           “(ii) in the case of an individual who  
9 votes by mail, the individual submits with  
10 the ballot a handwritten signature.

11           “(C) INAPPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph  
12 (A) does not apply in the case of an individual  
13 who is—

14           “(i) entitled to vote by absentee ballot  
15 under the Uniformed and Overseas Citi-  
16 zens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C.  
17 20302 et seq.);

18           “(ii) provided the right to vote other-  
19 wise than in person under section  
20 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessibility  
21 for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (52  
22 U.S.C. 20102(b)(2)(B)(ii)); or

23           “(iii) entitled to vote otherwise than  
24 in person under any other Federal law.”.

1 (C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING  
2 TO EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d)(2)(A) of  
3 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(d)(2)(A)) is amend-  
4 ed by striking “Each State” and inserting “Ex-  
5 cept as provided in subsection (b)(5), each  
6 State”.

7 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (A) TIMING OF REGISTRATION.—Section  
9 8(a)(1) of the National Voter Registration Act  
10 of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1)) is amended—

11 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
12 subparagraph (C);

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

15 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
16 (C) the following new subparagraph:

17 “(D) in the case of online registration  
18 through the official public website of an election  
19 official under section 6A, if the valid voter reg-  
20 istration application is submitted online not  
21 later than the lesser of 28 days, or the period  
22 provided by State law, before the date of the  
23 election (as determined by treating the date on  
24 which the application is sent electronically as  
25 the date on which it is submitted); and”.



1 (B) INFORMING APPLICANTS OF ELIGI-  
2 BILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES.—Sec-  
3 tion 8(a)(5) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
4 20507(a)(5)) is amended by striking “and 7”  
5 and inserting “6A, and 7”.

6 (b) USE OF INTERNET TO UPDATE REGISTRATION  
7 INFORMATION.—

8 (1) UPDATES TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON  
9 COMPUTERIZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION  
10 LIST.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(a) of the  
12 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.  
13 21083(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(6) USE OF INTERNET BY REGISTERED VOT-  
16 ERS TO UPDATE INFORMATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate State  
18 or local election official shall ensure that any  
19 registered voter on the computerized list may at  
20 any time update the voter’s registration infor-  
21 mation, including the voter’s address and elec-  
22 tronic mail address, online through the official  
23 public website of the election official responsible  
24 for the maintenance of the list, so long as the  
25 voter attests to the contents of the update by

1 providing a signature in electronic form in the  
2 same manner required under section 6A(c) of  
3 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

4 “(B) PROCESSING OF UPDATED INFORMA-  
5 TION BY ELECTION OFFICIALS.—If a registered  
6 voter updates registration information under  
7 subparagraph (A), the appropriate State or  
8 local election official shall—

9 “(i) revise any information on the  
10 computerized list to reflect the update  
11 made by the voter; and

12 “(ii) if the updated registration infor-  
13 mation affects the voter’s eligibility to vote  
14 in an election for Federal office, ensure  
15 that the information is processed with re-  
16 spect to the election if the voter updates  
17 the information not later than the lesser of  
18 7 days, or the period provided by State  
19 law, before the date of the election.

20 “(C) CONFIRMATION AND DISPOSITION.—

21 “(i) CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.—  
22 Upon the online submission of updated  
23 registration information by an individual  
24 under this paragraph, the appropriate  
25 State or local election official shall send

1 the individual a notice confirming the  
2 State’s receipt of the updated information  
3 and providing instructions on how the indi-  
4 vidual may check the status of the update.

5 “(ii) NOTICE OF DISPOSITION.—Not  
6 later than 7 days after the appropriate  
7 State or local election official has accepted  
8 or rejected updated information submitted  
9 by an individual under this paragraph, the  
10 official shall send the individual a notice of  
11 the disposition of the update.

12 “(iii) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—  
13 The appropriate State or local election offi-  
14 cial shall send the notices required under  
15 this subparagraph by regular mail and—

16 “(I) in the case of an individual  
17 who has requested that the State pro-  
18 vide voter registration and voting in-  
19 formation through electronic mail, by  
20 electronic mail; and

21 “(II) at the option of an indi-  
22 vidual, by text message.”.

23 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING  
24 TO EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d)(1)(A) of  
25 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(d)(1)(A)) is amend-

1           ed by striking “subparagraph (B),” and insert-  
2           ing “subparagraph (B) and subsection (a)(6),”.

3           (2) ABILITY OF REGISTRANT TO USE ONLINE  
4           UPDATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RESI-  
5           DENCE.—Section 8(d)(2)(A) of the National Voter  
6           Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
7           20507(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

8                   (A) in the first sentence, by inserting after  
9                   “return the card” the following: “or update the  
10                  registrant’s information on the computerized  
11                  Statewide voter registration list using the online  
12                  method provided under section 303(a)(6) of the  
13                  Help America Vote Act of 2002”; and

14                   (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
15                   “returned,” and inserting the following: “re-  
16                  turned or if the registrant does not update the  
17                  registrant’s information on the computerized  
18                  Statewide voter registration list using such on-  
19                  line method,”.

20           (c) SAME DAY REGISTRATION.—

21                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title III of the  
22                  Help America Vote Act of 2002, as added by section  
23                  160003(a) and as amended by sections 160004(a)  
24                  and 160005(a), is further amended—

1 (A) by redesignating sections 327 and 328  
2 as sections 328 and 329; and

3 (B) by inserting after section 326 the fol-  
4 lowing new section:

5 **“SEC. 327. SAME DAY REGISTRATION.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

7 “(1) REGISTRATION.—Each State shall permit  
8 any eligible individual on the day of a Federal elec-  
9 tion and on any day when voting, including early  
10 voting, is permitted for a Federal election—

11 “(A) to register to vote in such election at  
12 the polling place using a form that meets the  
13 requirements under section 9(b) of the National  
14 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (or, if the indi-  
15 vidual is already registered to vote, to revise  
16 any of the individual’s voter registration infor-  
17 mation); and

18 “(B) to cast a vote in such election.

19 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements under  
20 paragraph (1) shall not apply to a State in which,  
21 under a State law in effect continuously on and after  
22 the date of the enactment of this section, there is no  
23 voter registration requirement for individuals in the  
24 State with respect to elections for Federal office.

1       “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this  
2 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect  
3 to any election for Federal office, an individual who is oth-  
4 erwise qualified to vote in that election.

5       “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each State shall be re-  
6 quired to comply with the requirements of subsection (a)  
7 for the regularly scheduled general election for Federal of-  
8 fice occurring in November 2020 and for any subsequent  
9 election for Federal office.”.

10           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
11 tents of such Act, as added by section 160003 and  
12 as amended by sections 160004 and 160005, is fur-  
13 ther amended—

14                   (A) by redesignating the items relating to  
15 sections 327 and 328 as relating to sections  
16 328 and 329; and

17                   (B) by inserting after the item relating to  
18 section 326 the following new item:

“Sec. 327. Same day registration.”.

19       (d) PROHIBITING STATE FROM REQUIRING APPLI-  
20 CANTS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN LAST 4 DIGITS OF SO-  
21 CIAL SECURITY NUMBER.—

22           (1) FORM INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION FOR  
23 MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section  
24 5(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act  
25 of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504(c)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended

1 by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting  
2 the following: “, and to the extent that the applica-  
3 tion requires the applicant to provide a Social Secu-  
4 rity number, may not require the applicant to pro-  
5 vide more than the last 4 digits of such number;”.

6 (2) NATIONAL MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION  
7 FORM.—Section 9(b)(1) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
8 20508(b)(1)) is amended by striking the semicolon  
9 at the end and inserting the following: “, and to the  
10 extent that the form requires the applicant to pro-  
11 vide a Social Security number, the form may not re-  
12 quire the applicant to provide more than the last 4  
13 digits of such number;”.

14 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
15 by this subsection shall apply with respect to the  
16 regularly scheduled general election for Federal of-  
17 fice held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
18 election for Federal office.

19 **SEC. 160008. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VOTERS RESIDING IN**  
20 **INDIAN LANDS.**

21 (a) ACCOMMODATIONS DESCRIBED.—

22 (1) DESIGNATION OF BALLOT PICKUP AND COL-  
23 LECTION LOCATIONS.—Given the widespread lack of  
24 residential mail delivery in Indian Country, an In-  
25 dian Tribe may designate buildings as ballot pickup

1 and collection locations with respect to an election  
2 for Federal office at no cost to the Indian Tribe. An  
3 Indian Tribe may designate one building per pre-  
4 cinct located within Indian lands. The applicable  
5 State or political subdivision shall collect ballots  
6 from those locations. The applicable State or polit-  
7 ical subdivision shall provide the Indian Tribe with  
8 accurate precinct maps for all precincts located with-  
9 in Indian lands 60 days before the election.

10 (2) PROVISION OF MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE  
11 BALLOTS.—The State or political subdivision shall  
12 provide mail-in and absentee ballots with respect to  
13 an election for Federal office to each individual who  
14 is registered to vote in the election who resides on  
15 Indian lands in the State or political subdivision in-  
16 volved without requiring a residential address or a  
17 mail-in or absentee ballot request.

18 (3) USE OF DESIGNATED BUILDING AS RESI-  
19 DENTIAL AND MAILING ADDRESS.—The address of a  
20 designated building that is a ballot pickup and col-  
21 lection location with respect to an election for Fed-  
22 eral office may serve as the residential address and  
23 mailing address for voters living on Indian lands if  
24 the tribally designated building is in the same pre-  
25 cinct as that voter. If there is no tribally designated



1 building within a voter's precinct, the voter may use  
2 another tribally designated building within the In-  
3 dian lands where the voter is located. Voters using  
4 a tribally designated building outside of the voter's  
5 precinct may use the tribally designated building as  
6 a mailing address and may separately designate the  
7 voter's appropriate precinct through a description of  
8 the voter's address, as specified in section  
9 9428.4(a)(2) of title 11, Code of Federal Regula-  
10 tions.

11 (4) LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY.—In the case of  
12 a State or political subdivision that is a covered  
13 State or political subdivision under section 203 of  
14 the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503),  
15 that State or political subdivision shall provide ab-  
16 sентee or mail-in voting materials with respect to an  
17 election for Federal office in the language of the ap-  
18 plicable minority group as well as in the English lan-  
19 guage, bilingual election voting assistance, and writ-  
20 ten translations of all voting materials in the lan-  
21 guage of the applicable minority group, as required  
22 by section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52  
23 U.S.C. 10503), as amended by subsection (b).

24 (5) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this section  
25 alters the ability of an individual voter residing on

1 Indian lands to request a ballot in a manner avail-  
2 able to all other voters in the State.

3 (6) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (A) ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.—

5 The term “election for Federal office” means a  
6 general, special, primary or runoff election for  
7 the office of President or Vice President, or of  
8 Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or  
9 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

10 (B) INDIAN.—The term “Indian” has the

11 meaning given the term in section 4 of the In-  
12 dian Self-Determination and Education Assist-  
13 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

14 (C) INDIAN LANDS.—The term “Indian  
15 lands” includes—

16 (i) any Indian country of an Indian  
17 Tribe, as defined under section 1151 of  
18 title 18, United States Code;

19 (ii) any land in Alaska owned, pursu-  
20 ant to the Alaska Native Claims Settle-  
21 ment Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), by an  
22 Indian Tribe that is a Native village (as  
23 defined in section 3 of that Act (43 U.S.C.  
24 1602)) or by a Village Corporation that is  
25 associated with an Indian Tribe (as de-

1            fined in section 3 of that Act (43 U.S.C.  
2            1602));

3            (iii) any land on which the seat of the  
4            Tribal Government is located; and

5            (iv) any land that is part or all of a  
6            Tribal designated statistical area associ-  
7            ated with an Indian Tribe, or is part or all  
8            of an Alaska Native village statistical area  
9            associated with an Indian Tribe, as defined  
10           by the Census Bureau for the purposes of  
11           the most recent decennial census.

12           (D) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian  
13           Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian  
14           tribe” in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-  
15           mination and Education Assistance Act (25  
16           U.S.C. 5304).

17           (E) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term  
18           “Tribal Government” means the recognized  
19           governing body of an Indian Tribe.

20           (7) ENFORCEMENT.—

21           (A) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney  
22           General may bring a civil action in an appro-  
23           priate district court for such declaratory or in-  
24           junctive relief as is necessary to carry out this  
25           subsection.

1 (B) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

2 (i) A person or Tribal Government  
3 who is aggrieved by a violation of this sub-  
4 section may provide written notice of the  
5 violation to the chief election official of the  
6 State involved.

7 (ii) An aggrieved person or Tribal  
8 Government may bring a civil action in an  
9 appropriate district court for declaratory  
10 or injunctive relief with respect to a viola-  
11 tion of this subsection, if—

12 (I) that person or Tribal Govern-  
13 ment provides the notice described in  
14 clause (i); and

15 (II)(aa) in the case of a violation  
16 that occurs more than 120 days be-  
17 fore the date of an election for Fed-  
18 eral office, the violation remains and  
19 90 days or more have passed since the  
20 date on which the chief election offi-  
21 cial of the State receives the notice  
22 under clause (i); or

23 (bb) in the case of a violation  
24 that occurs 120 days or less before  
25 the date of an election for Federal of-

1            fice, the violation remains and 20  
2            days or more have passed since the  
3            date on which the chief election offi-  
4            cial of the State receives the notice  
5            under clause (i).

6            (iii) In the case of a violation of this  
7            section that occurs 30 days or less before  
8            the date of an election for Federal office,  
9            an aggrieved person or Tribal Government  
10           may bring a civil action in an appropriate  
11           district court for declaratory or injunctive  
12           relief with respect to the violation without  
13           providing notice to the chief election offi-  
14           cial of the State under clause (i).

15           (b) BILINGUAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
16 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503)  
17 is amended—

18           (1) in subsection (b)(3)(C), by striking “1990”  
19           and inserting “2010”; and

20           (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
21           following:

22           “(c) PROVISION OF VOTING MATERIALS IN THE LAN-  
23           GUAGE OF A MINORITY GROUP.—

24           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever any State or po-  
25           litical subdivision subject to the prohibition of sub-

1 section (b) of this section provides any registration  
2 or voting notices, forms, instructions, assistance, or  
3 other materials or information relating to the elec-  
4 toral process, including ballots, it shall provide them  
5 in the language of the applicable minority group as  
6 well as in the English language.

7 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 “(A) In the case of a minority group that  
9 is not American Indian or Alaska Native and  
10 the language of that minority group is oral or  
11 unwritten, the State or political subdivision  
12 shall only be required to furnish, in the covered  
13 language, oral instructions, assistance, trans-  
14 lation of voting materials, or other information  
15 relating to registration and voting.

16 “(B) In the case of a minority group that  
17 is American Indian or Alaska Native, the State  
18 or political subdivision shall only be required to  
19 furnish in the covered language oral instruc-  
20 tions, assistance, or other information relating  
21 to registration and voting, including all voting  
22 materials, if the Tribal Government of that mi-  
23 nority group has certified that the language of  
24 the applicable American Indian or Alaska Na-  
25 tive language is presently unwritten or the

1 Tribal Government does not want written trans-  
2 lations in the minority language.

3 “(3) WRITTEN TRANSLATIONS FOR ELECTION  
4 WORKERS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the  
5 State or political division may be required to provide  
6 written translations of voting materials, with the  
7 consent of any applicable Indian Tribe, to election  
8 workers to ensure that the translations from English  
9 to the language of a minority group are complete,  
10 accurate, and uniform.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
12 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to the  
13 regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held  
14 in November 2020 and each succeeding election for Fed-  
15 eral office.

16 **SEC. 160009. PAYMENTS BY ELECTION ASSISTANCE COM-**  
17 **MISSION TO STATES TO ASSIST WITH COSTS**  
18 **OF COMPLIANCE.**

19 (a) AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS.—Subtitle D of title  
20 II of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.  
21 21001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing new part:

1 **“PART 7—PAYMENTS TO ASSIST WITH COSTS OF**  
2 **COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESS ACT**

3 **“SEC. 297. PAYMENTS TO ASSIST WITH COSTS OF COMPLI-**  
4 **ANCE WITH ACCESS ACT.**

5 “(a) AVAILABILITY AND USE OF PAYMENTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
7 make a payment to each eligible State to assist the  
8 State with the costs of complying with the American  
9 Coronavirus/COVID–19 Election Safety and Secu-  
10 rity Act and the amendments made by such Act, in-  
11 cluding the provisions of such Act and such amend-  
12 ments which require States to pre-pay the postage  
13 on absentee ballots and balloting materials.

14 “(2) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS.—For  
15 purposes of this part, the costs incurred by a State  
16 in carrying out a campaign to educate the public  
17 about the requirements of the American  
18 Coronavirus/COVID–19 Election Safety and Secu-  
19 rity Act and the amendments made by such Act  
20 shall be included as the costs of complying with such  
21 Act and such amendments.

22 “(b) PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—

23 “(1) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—In addition to  
24 any payments under subsection (a), the Commission  
25 shall make a payment to each eligible State to assist  
26 the State with the costs incurred in voluntarily elect-



1 ing to comply with the American Coronavirus/  
2 COVID–19 Election Safety and Security Act and  
3 the amendments made by such Act with respect to  
4 primary elections for Federal office held in the State  
5 in 2020.

6 “(2) STATE PARTY-RUN PRIMARIES.—In addi-  
7 tion to any payments under paragraph (1), the Com-  
8 mission shall make payments to each eligible polit-  
9 ical party of the State for costs incurred by such  
10 parties to send absentee ballots and return envelopes  
11 with prepaid postage to eligible voters participating  
12 in such primaries during 2020.

13 “(c) PASS-THROUGH OF FUNDS TO LOCAL JURISDIC-  
14 TIONS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a State receives a pay-  
16 ment under this part for costs that include costs in-  
17 curred by a local jurisdiction or Tribal government  
18 within the State, the State shall pass through to  
19 such local jurisdiction or Tribal government a por-  
20 tion of such payment that is equal to the amount of  
21 the costs incurred by such local jurisdiction or Trib-  
22 al government.

23 “(2) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DEFINED.—In this  
24 subsection, the term ‘Tribal Government’ means the  
25 recognized governing body of an Indian tribe (as de-

1        fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
2        and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

3        “(d) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS.—As soon as prac-  
4        ticable after the date of the enactment of this part and  
5        not less frequently than once each calendar year there-  
6        after, the Commission shall make payments under this  
7        part.

8        “(e) COVERAGE OF COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN  
9        MARIANA ISLANDS.—In this part, the term ‘State’ in-  
10       cludes the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-  
11       lands.

12       “(f) LIMITATION.—No funds may be provided to a  
13       State under this part for costs attributable to the elec-  
14       tronic return of marked ballots by any voter.

15       **“SEC. 297A. AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.**

16       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section  
17       297C, the amount of a payment made to an eligible State  
18       for a year under this part shall be determined by the Com-  
19       mission.

20       “(b) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AFTER  
21       APPROPRIATION.—A payment made to an eligible State  
22       or eligible unit of local government under this part shall  
23       be available without fiscal year limitation.

1 **“SEC. 297B. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY.**

2 “(a) APPLICATION.—Except as provided in section  
3 297C, each State that desires to receive a payment under  
4 this part for a fiscal year, and each political party of a  
5 State that desires to receive a payment under section  
6 297(b)(2), shall submit an application for the payment to  
7 the Commission at such time and in such manner and con-  
8 taining such information as the Commission shall require.

9 “(b) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each application  
10 submitted under subsection (a) shall—

11 “(1) describe the activities for which assistance  
12 under this part is sought; and

13 “(2) provide such additional information and  
14 certifications as the Commission determines to be es-  
15 sential to ensure compliance with the requirements  
16 of this part.

17 **“SEC. 297C. SPECIAL RULES FOR PAYMENTS FOR ELEC-**  
18 **TIONS SUBJECT TO EMERGENCY RULES.**

19 “(a) SUBMISSION OF ESTIMATED COSTS.—If the spe-  
20 cial rules in the case of an emergency period under section  
21 322(c)(3) apply to an election, not later than the applica-  
22 ble deadline under subsection (c), the State shall submit  
23 to the Commission a request for a payment under this  
24 part, and shall include in the request the State’s estimate  
25 of the costs the State expects to incur in the administra-

1 tion of the election which are attributable to the applica-  
2 tion of such special rules to the election.

3 “(b) PAYMENT.—Not later than 7 days after receiv-  
4 ing a request from the State under subsection (a), the  
5 Commission shall make a payment to the State in an  
6 amount equal to the estimate provided by the State in the  
7 request.

8 “(c) APPLICABLE DEADLINE.—The applicable dead-  
9 line under this paragraph with respect to an election is—

10 “(1) with respect to the regularly scheduled  
11 general election for Federal office held in November  
12 2020, 15 days after the date of the enactment of  
13 this part; and

14 “(2) with respect to any other election, 15 days  
15 after the emergency or disaster described in section  
16 322(c)(3) is declared.

17 **“SEC. 297D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 “There are authorized to be appropriated for pay-  
19 ments under this part—

20 “(1) in the case of payments made under sec-  
21 tion 297C, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal  
22 year 2020 and each succeeding fiscal year; and

23 “(2) in the case of any other payments, such  
24 sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020.

1 **“SEC. 297E. REPORTS.**

2       “(a) **REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS.**—Not later than 6  
3 months after the end of each fiscal year for which an eligi-  
4 ble State received a payment under this part, the State  
5 shall submit a report to the Commission on the activities  
6 conducted with the funds provided during the year.

7       “(b) **REPORTS BY COMMISSION TO COMMITTEES.**—  
8 With respect to each fiscal year for which the Commission  
9 makes payments under this part, the Commission shall  
10 submit a report on the activities carried out under this  
11 part to the Committee on House Administration of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules  
13 and Administration of the Senate.”.

14       (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents  
15 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items  
16 relating to subtitle D of title II the following:

“PART 7—PAYMENTS TO ASSIST WITH COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
ACCESS ACT

“Sec. 297. Payments to assist with costs of compliance with Access Act.

“Sec. 297A. Amount of payment.

“Sec. 297B. Requirements for eligibility.

“Sec. 297C. Authorization of appropriations.

“Sec. 297D. Reports.”.

17 **SEC. 160010. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CONDUCTING RISK-**  
18 **LIMITING AUDITS OF RESULTS OF ELEC-**  
19 **TIONS.**

20       (a) **AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS.**—Subtitle D of title  
21 II of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.

1 21001 et seq.), as amended by section 160009(a), is fur-  
2 ther amended by adding at the end the following new part:

3 **“PART 8—GRANTS FOR CONDUCTING RISK-**  
4 **LIMITING AUDITS OF RESULTS OF ELECTIONS**  
5 **“SEC. 298. GRANTS FOR CONDUCTING RISK-LIMITING AU-**  
6 **DITS OF RESULTS OF ELECTIONS.**

7 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS.—The Commission  
8 shall make a grant to each eligible State to conduct risk-  
9 limiting audits as described in subsection (b) with respect  
10 to the regularly scheduled general elections for Federal of-  
11 fice held in November 2020 and each succeeding election  
12 for Federal office.

13 “(b) RISK-LIMITING AUDITS DESCRIBED.—In this  
14 part, a ‘risk-limiting audit’ is a post-election process—

15 “(1) which is conducted in accordance with  
16 rules and procedures established by the chief State  
17 election official of the State which meet the require-  
18 ments of subsection (c); and

19 “(2) under which, if the reported outcome of  
20 the election is incorrect, there is at least a predeter-  
21 mined percentage chance that the audit will replace  
22 the incorrect outcome with the correct outcome as  
23 determined by a full, hand-to-eye tabulation of all  
24 votes validly cast in that election that ascertains

1 voter intent manually and directly from voter-  
2 verifiable paper records.

3 “(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR RULES AND PROCE-  
4 DURES.—The rules and procedures established for con-  
5 ducting a risk-limiting audit shall include the following  
6 elements:

7 “(1) Rules for ensuring the security of ballots  
8 and documenting that prescribed procedures were  
9 followed.

10 “(2) Rules and procedures for ensuring the ac-  
11 curacy of ballot manifests produced by election agen-  
12 cies.

13 “(3) Rules and procedures for governing the  
14 format of ballot manifests, cast vote records, and  
15 other data involved in the audit.

16 “(4) Methods to ensure that any cast vote  
17 records used in the audit are those used by the vot-  
18 ing system to tally the election results sent to the  
19 chief State election official and made public.

20 “(5) Procedures for the random selection of  
21 ballots to be inspected manually during each audit.

22 “(6) Rules for the calculations and other meth-  
23 ods to be used in the audit and to determine wheth-  
24 er and when the audit of an election is complete.

1           “(7) Procedures and requirements for testing  
2 any software used to conduct risk-limiting audits.

3           “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this part, the following defi-  
4 nitions apply:

5           “(1) The term ‘ballot manifest’ means a record  
6 maintained by each election agency that meets each  
7 of the following requirements:

8           “(A) The record is created without reliance  
9 on any part of the voting system used to tab-  
10 ulate votes.

11           “(B) The record functions as a sampling  
12 frame for conducting a risk-limiting audit.

13           “(C) The record contains the following in-  
14 formation with respect to the ballots cast and  
15 counted in the election:

16           “(i) The total number of ballots cast  
17 and counted by the agency (including  
18 undervotes, overvotes, and other invalid  
19 votes).

20           “(ii) The total number of ballots cast  
21 in each election administered by the agency  
22 (including undervotes, overvotes, and other  
23 invalid votes).

24           “(iii) A precise description of the  
25 manner in which the ballots are physically



1 stored, including the total number of phys-  
2 ical groups of ballots, the numbering sys-  
3 tem for each group, a unique label for each  
4 group, and the number of ballots in each  
5 such group.

6 “(2) The term ‘incorrect outcome’ means an  
7 outcome that differs from the outcome that would be  
8 determined by a full tabulation of all votes validly  
9 cast in the election, determining voter intent manu-  
10 ally, directly from voter-verifiable paper records.

11 “(3) The term ‘outcome’ means the winner of  
12 an election, whether a candidate or a position.

13 “(4) The term ‘reported outcome’ means the  
14 outcome of an election which is determined accord-  
15 ing to the canvass and which will become the official,  
16 certified outcome unless it is revised by an audit, re-  
17 count, or other legal process.

18 **“SEC. 298A. ELIGIBILITY OF STATES.**

19 “A State is eligible to receive a grant under this part  
20 if the State submits to the Commission, at such time and  
21 in such form as the Commission may require, an applica-  
22 tion containing—

23 “(1) a certification that, not later than 5 years  
24 after receiving the grant, the State will conduct risk-

1 limiting audits of the results of elections for Federal  
2 office held in the State as described in section 298;

3 “(2) a certification that, not later than one year  
4 after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
5 chief State election official of the State has estab-  
6 lished or will establish the rules and procedures for  
7 conducting the audits which meet the requirements  
8 of section 298(c);

9 “(3) a certification that the audit shall be com-  
10 pleted not later than the date on which the State  
11 certifies the results of the election;

12 “(4) a certification that, after completing the  
13 audit, the State shall publish a report on the results  
14 of the audit, together with such information as nec-  
15 essary to confirm that the audit was conducted prop-  
16 erly;

17 “(5) a certification that, if a risk-limiting audit  
18 conducted under this part leads to a full manual  
19 tally of an election, State law requires that the State  
20 or election agency shall use the results of the full  
21 manual tally as the official results of the election;  
22 and

23 “(6) such other information and assurances as  
24 the Commission may require.

1 **“SEC. 298B. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated for grants  
3 under this part \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to re-  
4 main available until expended.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
6 of such Act, as amended by section 160009(b), is further  
7 amended by adding at the end of the items relating to  
8 subtitle D of title II the following:

“PART 8—GRANTS FOR CONDUCTING RISK-LIMITING AUDITS OF RESULTS  
OF ELECTIONS

“Sec. 298. Grants for conducting risk-limiting audits of results of elec-  
tions.

“Sec. 298A. Eligibility of States.

“Sec. 298B. Authorization of appropriations.

9 (c) GAO ANALYSIS OF EFFECTS OF AUDITS.—

10 (1) ANALYSIS.—Not later than 6 months after  
11 the first election for Federal office is held after  
12 grants are first awarded to States for conducting  
13 risk-limiting audits under part 8 of subtitle D of  
14 title II of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (as  
15 added by subsection (a)) for conducting risk-limiting  
16 audits of elections for Federal office, the Comp-  
17 troller General of the United States shall conduct an  
18 analysis of the extent to which such audits have im-  
19 proved the administration of such elections and the  
20 security of election infrastructure in the States re-  
21 ceiving such grants.

1           (2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the  
2           United States shall submit a report on the analysis  
3           conducted under subsection (a) to the appropriate  
4           congressional committees.

5   **SEC. 160011. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**  
6                           **ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any funds other-  
8           wise appropriated to the Election Assistance Commission  
9           for fiscal year 2020, there is authorized to be appropriated  
10          \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 in order for the Commis-  
11          sion to provide additional assistance and resources to  
12          States for improving the administration of elections.

13          (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
14          priated pursuant to the authorization under this sub-  
15          section shall remain available without fiscal year limita-  
16          tion.

17   **SEC. 160012. DEFINITION.**

18          (a) DEFINITION OF ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OF-  
19          FICE.—Title IX of the Help America Vote Act of 2002  
20          (52 U.S.C. 21141 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
21          end the following new section:

22   **“SEC. 907. ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICE DEFINED.**

23          “For purposes of titles I through III, the term ‘elec-  
24          tion for Federal office’ means a general, special, primary,  
25          or runoff election for the office of President or Vice Presi-

1 dent, or of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or  
2 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
4 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items  
5 relating to title IX the following new item:

“Sec. 907. Election for Federal office defined.”.

6 **DIVISION Q—COVID-19 HEROES**  
7 **FUND**

8 **SEC. 170001. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This Act may be cited as the “COVID-19 Heroes  
10 Fund Act of 2020”.

11 **TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING**  
12 **TO STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,**  
13 **AND PRIVATE SECTOR WORK-**  
14 **ERS**

15 **SEC. 170101. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this title:

17 (1) COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

18 The term “COVID-19 Public Health Emergency”  
19 means the public health emergency first declared on  
20 January 31, 2020, by the Secretary of Health and  
21 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
22 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
23 COVID-19.

24 (2) EMPLOYEE.—Except as provided in para-  
25 graph (3)(C)(iii), the term “employee” means an in-

1       dividual (not employed by an entity excluded from  
2       the definition of the term “employer” for purposes  
3       of this title under paragraph (3)(B)) who is—

4               (A) an employee, as defined in section 3(e)  
5               of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29  
6               U.S.C. 203(e)), except that a reference in such  
7               section 3(e) to an employer shall be considered  
8               to be a reference to an employer described in  
9               clauses (i)(I) and (ii) of paragraph (3)(A);

10              (B) a State employee described in section  
11              304(a) of the Government Employee Rights Act  
12              of 1991 (42 U.S.C. 2000e–16c(a)); or

13              (C) an employee of a Tribal employer.

14       (3) EMPLOYER.—

15              (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “employer”  
16              means, except as provided in subparagraph (B),  
17              a person who is—

18                      (i)(I) a covered employer, as defined  
19                      in subparagraph (C);

20                      (II) an entity employing a State em-  
21                      ployee described in section 304(a) of the  
22                      Government Employee Rights Act of 1991;  
23                      or

24                      (III) a Tribal employer; and

1 (ii) engaged in commerce (including  
2 government), or an industry or activity af-  
3 fecting commerce (including government).

4 (B) EXCLUSION OF EXECUTIVE, LEGISLA-  
5 TIVE, AND JUDICIAL ENTITIES COVERED UNDER  
6 TITLE II.—The term “employer” does not in-  
7 clude—

8 (i) any agency, as defined in section  
9 170201(1), except, only as provided in sec-  
10 tion 170102(g)(2), the VA Office of Geri-  
11 atrics & Extended Care of the Veterans  
12 Health Administration; or

13 (ii) the Postal Regulatory Commis-  
14 sion.

15 (C) COVERED EMPLOYER.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—In subparagraph  
17 (A)(i)(I), the term “covered employer”—

18 (I) means any person engaged in  
19 commerce (including government), or  
20 in any industry or activity affecting  
21 commerce (including government),  
22 who employs 1 or more employees;

23 (II) includes—

24 (aa) any person who acts di-  
25 rectly or indirectly in the interest

1 of (within the meaning of section  
2 3(d) of the Fair Labor Standards  
3 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(d))  
4 an employer in relation to any of  
5 the employees of such employer;  
6 and

7 (bb) any successor in inter-  
8 est of an employer;

9 (III) except as provided in sub-  
10 paragraph (B), includes any public  
11 agency, as defined in section 3(x) of  
12 the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
13 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(x));

14 (IV) includes any person de-  
15 scribed in subclause (I) who conducts  
16 business as a not-for-profit organiza-  
17 tion;

18 (V) includes—

19 (aa) an entity or person that  
20 contracts directly with a State,  
21 locality, Tribal government, or  
22 the Federal Government, to pro-  
23 vide care (which may include  
24 items and services) through em-  
25 ployees of such entity or person



1 to individuals under the Medicare  
2 program under title XVIII of the  
3 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395 et seq.), under a State  
5 Medicaid plan under title XIX of  
6 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et  
7 seq.) or under a waiver of such  
8 plan, or under any other program  
9 established or administered by a  
10 State, locality, Tribal govern-  
11 ment, or the Federal Govern-  
12 ment;

13 (bb) a subcontractor of an  
14 entity or person described in item  
15 (aa);

16 (cc) an individual client (or  
17 a representative on behalf of an  
18 individual client), an entity, or a  
19 person, that employs an indi-  
20 vidual to provide care (which may  
21 include items and services) to the  
22 individual client under a self-di-  
23 rected service delivery model  
24 through a program established or  
25 administered by a State, locality,

1 Tribal government, or the Fed-  
2 eral Government; or

3 (dd) an individual client (or  
4 a representative on behalf of an  
5 individual client) that, on their  
6 own accord, employs an indi-  
7 vidual to provide care (which may  
8 include items and services) to the  
9 individual client using the indi-  
10 vidual client's own finances;

11 (VI) includes the United States  
12 Postal Service;

13 (VII) includes a nonappropriated  
14 fund instrumentality under the juris-  
15 diction of the Armed Forces; and

16 (VIII) includes, only with respect  
17 to section 170102(g)(2), the VA Of-  
18 fice of Geriatrics & Extended Care of  
19 the Veterans Health Administration.

20 (ii) PUBLIC AGENCY.—For purposes  
21 of this title, a public agency shall be con-  
22 sidered to be a person engaged in com-  
23 merce or in an industry or activity affect-  
24 ing commerce.

1 (iii) DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE.—For  
2 purposes of clause (i), the term “em-  
3 ployee” has the meaning given such term  
4 in section 3(e), except such term does not  
5 include any individual employed by entity  
6 excluded from the definition of the term  
7 “employer” for purposes of this title under  
8 subparagraph (B).

9 (D) PREDECESSORS.—Any reference in  
10 this paragraph to an employer shall include a  
11 reference to any predecessor of such employer.

12 (E) DEFINITION OF COMMERCE.—For pur-  
13 poses of this paragraph, the terms “commerce”  
14 and “industry or activity affecting com-  
15 merce”—

16 (i) mean any activity, business, or in-  
17 dustry in commerce or in which a labor  
18 dispute would hinder or obstruct commerce  
19 or the free flow of commerce;

20 (ii) include commerce and any indus-  
21 try affecting commerce, as such terms are  
22 defined in paragraphs (1) and (3) of sec-  
23 tion 501 of the Labor Management Rela-  
24 tions Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 142(1) and  
25 (3)); and

1 (iii) include commerce, as defined in  
2 section 3(b) of the Fair Labor Standards  
3 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(b)) and as de-  
4 scribed in section 2(a) of such Act (29  
5 U.S.C. 202(a)).

6 (4) EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES.—The term  
7 “employer payroll taxes” means—

8 (A) taxes imposed under sections 3111(b),  
9 3221(a) (but only to the extent attributable to  
10 the portion of such tax attributable to the tax  
11 imposed by section 3111(b)), 3221(b), and  
12 3301 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;  
13 and

14 (B) taxes imposed by a State or local gov-  
15 ernment on an employer with respect to  
16 amounts paid by such employer for work by em-  
17 ployees.

18 (5) ESSENTIAL WORK.—The term “essential  
19 work” means any work that—

20 (A) is performed during the period that be-  
21 gins on January 27, 2020 and ends 60 days  
22 after the last day of the COVID–19 Public  
23 Health Emergency;

24 (B) is not performed while teleworking  
25 from a residence;

1 (C) involves—

2 (i) regular in-person interactions

3 with—

4 (I) patients;

5 (II) the public; or

6 (III) coworkers of the individual

7 performing the work; or

8 (ii) regular physical handling of items

9 that were handled by, or are to be handled

10 by—

11 (I) patients;

12 (II) the public; or

13 (III) coworkers of the individual

14 performing the work; and

15 (D) is in any of the following areas:

16 (i) First responder work, in the public

17 sector or private sector, including services

18 in response to emergencies that have the

19 potential to cause death or serious bodily

20 injury, such as police, fire, emergency med-

21 ical, protective, child maltreatment, domes-

22 tic violence, and correctional services (in-

23 cluding activities carried out by employees

24 in fire protection activities, as defined in

25 section 3(y) of the Fair Labor Standards

1 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(y)) and activi-  
2 ties of law enforcement officers, as defined  
3 in section 1204(6) of the Omnibus Crime  
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
5 U.S.C. 10284(6)).

6 (ii) Health care work physically pro-  
7 vided in inpatient settings (including hos-  
8 pitals and other inpatient post-acute care  
9 settings such as nursing homes, inpatient  
10 rehabilitation facilities, and other related  
11 settings) and other work physically per-  
12 formed in such inpatient settings that sup-  
13 ports or is in furtherance of such health  
14 care work physically provided in inpatient  
15 settings.

16 (iii) Health care work physically pro-  
17 vided in outpatient settings (including at  
18 physician offices, community health cen-  
19 ters, rural health clinics and other clinics,  
20 hospital outpatient departments, free-  
21 standing emergency departments, ambula-  
22 tory surgical centers, and other related set-  
23 tings), and other work physically per-  
24 formed in such inpatient settings that sup-  
25 ports or is in furtherance of such health

1 care work physically provided in outpatient  
2 settings.

3 (iv) Pharmacy work, physically per-  
4 formed in pharmacies, drug stores, or  
5 other retail facilities specializing in medical  
6 goods and supplies.

7 (v) Any work physically performed in  
8 a facility that performs medical testing and  
9 diagnostic services, including laboratory  
10 processing, medical testing services, or re-  
11 lated activities.

12 (vi) Home and community-based  
13 work, including home health care, residen-  
14 tial care, assistance with activities of daily  
15 living, and any services provided by direct  
16 care workers (as defined in section 799B  
17 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 295p)), personal care aides, job  
19 coaches, or supported employment pro-  
20 viders, and any other provision of care to  
21 individuals in their homes by direct service  
22 providers, personal care attendants, and  
23 home health aides.

24 (vii) Biomedical research regarding  
25 SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 that in-

1 involves the handling of hazardous materials  
2 such as COVID–19 samples.

3 (viii) Behavioral health work requiring  
4 physical interaction with individuals, in-  
5 cluding mental health services and sub-  
6 stance use disorder prevention, treatment,  
7 and recovery services.

8 (ix) Nursing care and residential care  
9 work physically provided in a facility.

10 (x) Family care, including child care  
11 services, in-home child care services such  
12 as nanny services, and care services pro-  
13 vided by family members to other family  
14 members.

15 (xi) Social services work, including so-  
16 cial work, case management, social and  
17 human services, child welfare, family serv-  
18 ices, shelter and services for people who  
19 have experienced intimate partner violence  
20 or sexual assault, services for individuals  
21 who are homeless, child services, commu-  
22 nity food and housing services, and other  
23 emergency social services.

24 (xii) Public health work conducted at  
25 State, local, territorial, and Tribal govern-



1           ment public health agencies, including epi-  
2           demiological activities, surveillance, contact  
3           tracing, data analysis, statistical research,  
4           health education, and other disease detec-  
5           tion, prevention, and response methods.

6           (xiii) Tribal vital services, as defined  
7           by the Commissioner of the Administration  
8           for Native Americans in consultation with  
9           Tribal governments and after conferring  
10          with urban Indian organizations.

11          (xiv) Grocery work physically per-  
12          formed at grocery stores, supermarkets,  
13          convenience stores, corner stores, drug  
14          stores, retail facilities specializing in med-  
15          ical goods and supplies, bodegas, and other  
16          locations where individuals purchase non-  
17          prepared food items.

18          (xv) Restaurant work, including carry-  
19          out, drive-thru, or food delivery work, re-  
20          quiring physical interaction with individ-  
21          uals or food products.

22          (xvi) Food production work involving  
23          the physical interaction with food products,  
24          including all agricultural work, farming,  
25          fishing, forestry, ranching, processing, can-

1           ning, slaughtering, packaging, baking,  
2           butchering, and other food production  
3           work, such as any service or activity in-  
4           cluded within the provisions of section 3(f)  
5           of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938  
6           (29 U.S.C. 203(f)), or section 3121(g) of  
7           the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and  
8           the handling, planting, drying, packing,  
9           packaging, processing, freezing, or grading  
10          prior to delivery for storage of any agricul-  
11          tural or horticultural commodity in its un-  
12          manufactured state.

13                 (xvii) Transportation work, includ-  
14          ing—

15                         (I) any services in public trans-  
16                         portation, as defined in section  
17                         5302(14) of title 49, United States  
18                         Code;

19                         (II) any private transportation of  
20                         people, such as transportation pro-  
21                         vided by air, rail, bus, taxicab, per-  
22                         sonal car or truck, non-motorized ve-  
23                         hicle, or otherwise, including all serv-  
24                         ices performed by individuals working

1 in or on such vehicles, vehicle depots,  
2 or transit facilities;

3 (III) any private transportation  
4 of goods in bulk, including transpor-  
5 tation via heavy or light truck, rail,  
6 air, or otherwise;

7 (IV) any public or private trans-  
8 portation of mail or packages;

9 (V) any private transportation of  
10 food or other goods to individuals, in-  
11 cluding in a personal car or truck,  
12 non-motorized vehicle, or otherwise;

13 (VI) any services in passenger  
14 rail transportation, including com-  
15 muter rail, intercity passenger rail, or  
16 Amtrak, including services performed  
17 by employees of contractors of such  
18 entities;

19 (VII) any services in the trans-  
20 portation of persons, property, or mail  
21 by an aircraft of an air carrier con-  
22 ducting operations under part 121 of  
23 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations  
24 (or successor regulations), or a for-  
25 eign air carrier within, to, or from the

1 United States, either on board an air-  
2 craft or on the ground at an airport,  
3 including services performed by em-  
4 ployees of contractors of air carriers,  
5 or foreign air carriers, as described in  
6 section 4111(3) of the CARES Act  
7 (Public Law 116–136);

8 (VIII) any services as an aircraft  
9 mechanic or technician who performs  
10 maintenance, repair, or overhaul work  
11 on an aircraft of an air carrier con-  
12 ducting operations under such part  
13 121 or foreign air carrier within the  
14 United States;

15 (IX) services as maritime work-  
16 ers who qualify as seamen under sec-  
17 tion 10101(3) of title 46, United  
18 States Code, and other maritime em-  
19 ployees including—

20 (aa) longshoremen, harbor  
21 workers and shipbuilders covered  
22 under section 2(3) of the  
23 Longshore and Harbor Workers’  
24 Compensation Act (33 U.S.C.  
25 902(3)) involved in the transpor-

1 tation of merchandise or pas-  
2 sengers by water; and

3 (bb) shipbuilders and ship  
4 repairers who are working for an  
5 employer performing shipbuilding  
6 or ship repair work under con-  
7 tract or subcontract to the De-  
8 partments of Defense, Energy or  
9 Homeland Security for military  
10 or other national security pur-  
11 poses; and

12 (X) services as maritime trans-  
13 portation workers supporting or ena-  
14 bling transportation functions, includ-  
15 ing such services as—

16 (aa) barge workers, tug op-  
17 erators, and port and facility se-  
18 curity personnel;

19 (bb) marine dispatchers; and

20 (cc) workers who repair and  
21 maintain marine vessels (includ-  
22 ing the equipment and infra-  
23 structure that enables operations  
24 that encompass movement of  
25 cargo and passengers).

1 (xviii) Work physically performed in a  
2 warehouse or other facility in warehousing  
3 (including all services performed by indi-  
4 viduals picking, sorting, packing, and ship-  
5 ping in warehouses), storage, distribution,  
6 or call center support facilities, and other  
7 essential operational support functions that  
8 are necessary to accept, store, and process  
9 goods, and that facilitate the goods' trans-  
10 portation and delivery.

11 (xix) Cleaning work and building  
12 maintenance work physically performed on  
13 the grounds of a facility, including all cus-  
14 todial or janitorial services, security serv-  
15 ices, and repair and maintenance services.

16 (xx) Work in the collection, removal,  
17 transport, storage, or disposal of residen-  
18 tial, industrial, or commercial solid waste  
19 and recycling, including services provided  
20 by individuals who drive waste or recycling  
21 trucks, who pick up waste or recycling  
22 from residential or commercial locations,  
23 or who work at waste or recycling centers  
24 or landfills.

1           (xxi) Work in the gathering, proc-  
2           essing, disseminating, and delivery of news  
3           and information that serves the public in-  
4           terest to the public through mass media,  
5           including television, radio, and newspapers.

6           (xxii) Any work performed by an em-  
7           ployee of a State, locality, or Tribal gov-  
8           ernment, that is determined to be essential  
9           work by the highest authority of such  
10          State, locality, or Tribal government.

11          (xxiii) Educational work, school nutri-  
12          tion work, and other work required to op-  
13          erate a school facility, including early  
14          childhood programs, preschool programs,  
15          elementary and secondary education, and  
16          higher education.

17          (xxiv) Laundry work, including work  
18          in laundromats, laundry service companies,  
19          and dry cleaners.

20          (xxv) Elections work physically per-  
21          formed at polling places or otherwise  
22          amongst the public, including public-sector  
23          elections personnel and private-sector elec-  
24          tions personnel.

1           (xxvi) Hazardous materials manage-  
2           ment, response, and cleanup work associ-  
3           ated with any other essential work covered  
4           under this paragraph, including health  
5           care waste (including medical, pharma-  
6           ceuticals, and medical material produc-  
7           tion), and testing operations (including  
8           laboratories processing test kits).

9           (xxvii) Disinfection work for all facili-  
10          ties and modes of transportation involved  
11          in other essential work covered under this  
12          paragraph.

13          (xxviii) Work in critical clinical re-  
14          search, development, and testing necessary  
15          for COVID–19 response that involves  
16          physical interaction with hazardous mate-  
17          rials, such as samples of COVID–19.

18          (xxix) Work in mortuary, funeral, cre-  
19          mation, burial, cemetery, and related serv-  
20          ices.

21          (xxx) Work requiring physical inter-  
22          actions with patients in physical therapy,  
23          occupational therapy, speech-language pa-  
24          thology, and respiratory therapy and other  
25          therapy services.



1                   (xxxi) Dental care work requiring  
2                   physical interaction with patients.

3                   (xxxii) Work performed by employees  
4                   of the U.S. Postal Service.

5                   (xxxiii) Work at hotel and commercial  
6                   lodging facilities that are used for COVID-  
7                   19 mitigation and containment measures.

8                   (xxxiv) Work installing or repairing a  
9                   telecommunications line or equipment.

10               (6) ESSENTIAL WORKER.—

11               (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “essential  
12               worker” means an individual, whose work and  
13               duties include essential work, and who is—

14                   (i) an employee of an employer; or

15                   (ii) an individual performing any serv-  
16               ices or labor for remuneration for an em-  
17               ployer, regardless of whether the individual  
18               is classified as an independent contractor  
19               by the employer.

20               (B) IMMIGRATION STATUS.—Such term in-  
21               cludes an individual regardless of the individ-  
22               ual’s immigration status.

23               (7) ESSENTIAL WORK EMPLOYER.—The term  
24               “essential work employer” means an employer who

1 employs, or provides remuneration for services or  
2 labor to, an essential worker.

3 (8) FLSA TERMS.—The terms “employ”, “per-  
4 son”, “regular rate”, and “State” have the mean-  
5 ings given the terms in section 3 of the Fair Labor  
6 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

7 (9) HIGHLY-COMPENSATED ESSENTIAL WORK-  
8 ER.—The term “highly-compensated essential work-  
9 er” means an essential worker who is paid the equiv-  
10 alent of \$200,000 or more per year by an essential  
11 work employer.

12 (10) LARGE ESSENTIAL WORK EMPLOYER.—  
13 The term “large essential work employer” means an  
14 essential work employer who has more than 500 in-  
15 dividuals who are employed by the employer or are  
16 otherwise providing services or labor for remunera-  
17 tion for the employer.

18 (11) SELF-DIRECTED CARE WORKER.—The  
19 term “self-directed care worker” means an indi-  
20 vidual employed to provide care (which may include  
21 items and services) to an individual client—

22 (A) under a self-directed service delivery  
23 model through a program established or admin-  
24 istered by a State, locality, Tribal government,  
25 or the Federal Government; or

1 (B) on the individual client's own accord  
2 and using the individual client's own finances.

3 (12) TRIBAL EMPLOYER.—The term “Tribal  
4 employer” means—

5 (A) any Tribal government, a subdivision  
6 of a Tribal government (determined in accord-  
7 ance with section 7871(d) of the Internal Rev-  
8 enue Code), or an agency or instrumentality of  
9 a Tribal government or subdivision thereof;

10 (B) any Tribal organization (as the term  
11 “tribal organization” is defined in section 4(l)  
12 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
13 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(l));

14 (C) any corporation if more than 50 per-  
15 cent (determined by vote and value) of the out-  
16 standing stock of such corporation is owned, di-  
17 rectly or indirectly, by any entity described in  
18 subparagraph (A) or (B); or

19 (D) any partnership if more than 50 per-  
20 cent of the value of the capital and profits in-  
21 terests of such partnership is owned, directly or  
22 indirectly, by any entity described in subpara-  
23 graph (A) or (B).

24 (13) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “Tribal  
25 government” means the recognized governing body

1 of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation,  
2 pueblo, village, community, component band, or com-  
3 ponent reservation individually identified (including  
4 parenthetically) in the list published most recently as  
5 of the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to sec-  
6 tion 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe  
7 List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

8 (14) WORK.—The term “work” means employ-  
9 ment by, or engagement in providing labor or serv-  
10 ices for, an employer.

11 **SEC. 170102. PANDEMIC PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL**  
12 **WORKERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.— Beginning 3 days after an essen-  
14 tial work employer receives a grant under section 170104  
15 from the Secretary of the Treasury, the essential work em-  
16 ployer shall—

17 (1) be required to comply with subsections (b)  
18 through (h); and

19 (2) be subject to the enforcement requirements  
20 of section 170105.

21 (b) PANDEMIC PREMIUM PAY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—An essential work employer  
23 receiving a grant under section 170104 shall, in ac-  
24 cordance with this subsection, provide each essential  
25 worker of the essential work employer with premium

1 pay at a rate equal to \$13 for each hour of work  
2 performed by the essential worker for the employer  
3 from January 27, 2020, until the date that is 60  
4 days after the last day of the COVID–19 Public  
5 Health Emergency.

6 (2) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—The total amount of  
7 all premium pay under this subsection that an essen-  
8 tial work employer is required to provide to an es-  
9 sential worker, including through any retroactive  
10 payment under paragraph (3), shall not exceed—

11 (A) for an essential worker who is not a  
12 highly-compensated essential worker, \$10,000  
13 reduced by employer payroll taxes with respect  
14 to such premium pay; or

15 (B) for a highly-compensated essential  
16 worker, \$5,000 reduced by employer payroll  
17 taxes with respect to such premium pay.

18 (3) RETROACTIVE PAYMENT.—For all work  
19 performed by an essential worker during the period  
20 from January 27, 2020, through the date on which  
21 the essential work employer of the worker receives a  
22 grant under this title, the essential work employer  
23 shall use a portion of the amount of such grant to  
24 provide such worker with premium pay under this  
25 subsection for such work at the rate provided under

1 paragraph (1). Such amount shall be provided to the  
2 essential worker as a lump sum in the next paycheck  
3 (or other payment form) that immediately follows  
4 the receipt of the grant by the essential work em-  
5 ployer. In any case where it is impossible for the em-  
6 ployer to arrange for payment of the amount due in  
7 such paycheck (or other payment form), such  
8 amounts shall be paid as soon as practicable, but in  
9 no event later than the second paycheck (or other  
10 payment form) following the receipt of the grant by  
11 the essential work employer.

12 (4) NO EMPLOYER DISCRETION.—An essential  
13 work employer receiving a grant under section  
14 170104 shall not have any discretion to determine  
15 which portions of work performed by an essential  
16 worker qualify for premium pay under this sub-  
17 section, but shall pay such premium pay for any in-  
18 crement of time worked by the essential worker for  
19 the essential work employer up to the maximum  
20 amount applicable to the essential worker under  
21 paragraph (2).

22 (c) PROHIBITION ON REDUCING COMPENSATION AND  
23 DISPLACEMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any payments made to an  
25 essential worker as premium pay under subsection

1 (b) shall be in addition to all other compensation, in-  
2 cluding all wages, remuneration, or other pay and  
3 benefits, that the essential worker otherwise receives  
4 from the essential work employer.

5 (2) REDUCTION OF COMPENSATION.—An essen-  
6 tial work employer receiving a grant under section  
7 170104 shall not, during the period beginning on the  
8 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the  
9 date that is 60 days after the last day of the  
10 COVID–19 Public Health Emergency, reduce or in  
11 any other way diminish, any other compensation, in-  
12 cluding the wages, remuneration, or other pay or  
13 benefits, that the essential work employer provided  
14 to the essential worker on the day before the date  
15 of enactment of this Act.

16 (3) DISPLACEMENT.—An essential work em-  
17 ployer shall not take any action to displace an essen-  
18 tial worker (including partial displacement such as a  
19 reduction in hours, wages, or employment benefits)  
20 for purposes of hiring an individual for an equivalent  
21 position at a rate of compensation that is less than  
22 is required to be provided to an essential worker  
23 under paragraph (2).

24 (d) DEMARCATION FROM OTHER COMPENSATION.—  
25 The amount of any premium pay paid under subsection

1 (b) shall be clearly demarcated as a separate line item in  
2 each paystub or other document provided to an essential  
3 worker that details the remuneration the essential worker  
4 received from the essential work employer for a particular  
5 period of time. If any essential worker does not otherwise  
6 regularly receive any such paystub or other document from  
7 the employer, the essential work employer shall provide  
8 such paystub or other document to the essential worker  
9 for the duration of the period in which the essential work  
10 employer provides premium pay under subsection (b).

11 (e) EXCLUSION FROM WAGE-BASED CALCULA-  
12 TIONS.—Any premium pay under subsection (b) paid to  
13 an essential worker under this section by an essential work  
14 employer receiving a grant under section 170104 shall be  
15 excluded from the amount of remuneration for work paid  
16 to the essential worker for purposes of—

17 (1) calculating the essential worker’s eligibility  
18 for any wage-based benefits offered by the essential  
19 work employer;

20 (2) computing the regular rate at which such  
21 essential worker is employed under section 7 of the  
22 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207);  
23 and



1           (3) determining whether such essential worker  
2 is exempt from application of such section 7 under  
3 section 13(a)(1) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1)).

4 (f) ESSENTIAL WORKER DEATH.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an es-  
6 sential worker of an essential work employer receiv-  
7 ing a grant under section 170104 exhibits symptoms  
8 of COVID–19 and dies, the essential work employer  
9 shall pay as a lump sum to the next of kin of the  
10 essential worker for premium pay under subsection  
11 (b)—

12           (A) for an essential worker who is not a  
13 highly-compensated essential worker, the  
14 amount determined under subsection (b)(2)(A)  
15 minus the total amount of any premium pay the  
16 worker received under subsection (b) prior to  
17 the death; or

18           (B) for a highly-compensated essential  
19 worker, the amount determined under sub-  
20 section (b)(2)(B) minus the amount of any pre-  
21 mium pay the worker received under subsection  
22 (b) prior to the death.

23 (2) TREATMENT OF LUMP SUM PAYMENTS.—

24           (A) TREATMENT AS PREMIUM PAY.—For  
25 purposes of this title, any payment made under

1           this subsection shall be treated as a premium  
2           pay under subsection (b).

3                   (B) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF IN-  
4           TERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—For pur-  
5           poses of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
6           any payment made under this subsection shall  
7           be treated as a payment for work performed by  
8           the essential worker.

9           (g) APPLICATION TO SELF-DIRECTED CARE WORK-  
10          ERS FUNDED THROUGH MEDICAID OR THE VETERAN-DI-  
11          RECTED CARE PROGRAM.—

12                   (1) MEDICAID.—In the case of an essential  
13          work employer receiving a grant under section  
14          170104 that is a covered employer described in sec-  
15          tion 170101(3)(C)(i)(V) who, under a State Med-  
16          icaid plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
17          (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or under a waiver of such  
18          plan, has opted to receive items or services using a  
19          self-directed service delivery model, the preceding re-  
20          quirements of this section, including the require-  
21          ments to provide premium pay under subsection (b)  
22          (including a lump sum payment in the event of an  
23          essential worker death under subsection (f)) and the  
24          requirements of sections 170104 and 170105, shall  
25          apply to the State Medicaid agency responsible for

1 the administration of such plan or waiver with re-  
2 spect to self-directed care workers employed by that  
3 employer. In administering payments made under  
4 this title to such self-directed care workers on behalf  
5 of such employers, a State Medicaid agency shall—

6 (A) exclude and disregard any payments  
7 made under this title to such self-directed work-  
8 ers from the individualized budget that applies  
9 to the items or services furnished to the indi-  
10 vidual client employer under the State Medicaid  
11 plan or waiver;

12 (B) to the extent practicable, administer  
13 and provide payments under this title directly  
14 to such self-directed workers through arrange-  
15 ments with entities that provide financial man-  
16 agement services in connection with the self-di-  
17 rected service delivery models used under the  
18 State Medicaid plan or waiver; and

19 (C) ensure that individual client employers  
20 of such self-directed workers are provided notice  
21 of, and comply with, the prohibition under sec-  
22 tion 170105(b)(1)(B).

23 (2) VETERAN-DIRECTED CARE PROGRAM.—In  
24 the case of an essential work employer that is a cov-  
25 ered employer described in section

1 170101(3)(C)(i)(V) who is a veteran participating in  
2 the Veteran Directed Care program administered by  
3 the VA Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care of the  
4 Veterans Health Administration, the preceding re-  
5 quirements of this section and sections 170104 and  
6 170105, shall apply to such VA Office of Geriatrics  
7 & Extended Care with respect to self-directed care  
8 workers employed by that employer. Paragraph (1)  
9 of this subsection shall apply to the administration  
10 by the VA Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care of  
11 payments made under this title to such self-directed  
12 care workers on behalf of such employers in the  
13 same manner as such requirements apply to State  
14 Medicaid agencies.

15 (3) PENALTY ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary  
16 of Labor shall consult with the Secretary of Health  
17 and Human Services and the Secretary of Veterans  
18 Affairs regarding the enforcement of penalties im-  
19 posed under section 170105(b)(2) with respect to  
20 violations of subparagraph (A) or (B) of section  
21 170105(b)(1) that involve self-directed workers for  
22 which the requirements of this section and sections  
23 170104 and 170105 are applied to a State Medicaid  
24 agency under paragraph (1) or the VA Office of  
25 Geriatrics & Extended Care under paragraph (2).

1 (h) INTERACTION WITH STAFFORD ACT.—Nothing  
2 in this section shall nullify, supersede, or otherwise change  
3 a State’s ability to seek reimbursement under section 403  
4 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
5 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b) for the costs of pre-  
6 mium pay based on pre-disaster labor policies for eligible  
7 employees.

8 (i) CALCULATION OF PAID LEAVE UNDER FFCRA  
9 AND FMLA.—

10 (1) FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE  
11 ACT.—Section 5110(5)(B) of the Families First  
12 Coronavirus Response Act (29 U.S.C. 2601 note) is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(iii) PANDEMIC PREMIUM PAY.—  
15 Compensation received by an employee  
16 under section 170102(b) of the COVID–19  
17 Heroes Fund Act of 2020 shall be included  
18 as remuneration for employment paid to  
19 the employee for purposes of computing  
20 the regular rate at which such employee is  
21 employed.”.

22 (2) FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF  
23 1993.—Section 110(b)(2)(B) of the Family and Med-  
24 ical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2620(b)(2)(B)) is  
25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(iii) PANDEMIC PREMIUM PAY.—  
2                   Compensation received by an employee  
3                   under section 170102(b) of the COVID–19  
4                   Heroes Fund Act of 2020 shall be included  
5                   as remuneration for employment paid to  
6                   the employee for purposes of computing  
7                   the regular rate at which such employee is  
8                   employed.”.

9 **SEC. 170103. COVID–19 HEROES FUND.**

10           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
11 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the  
12 “COVID–19 Heroes Fund” (referred to in this section as  
13 the “Fund”), consisting of amounts appropriated to the  
14 fund under section 170107.

15           (b) FUND ADMINISTRATION.—The Fund shall be ad-  
16 ministered by the Secretary of the Treasury.

17           (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Fund shall be  
18 available to the Secretary of the Treasury for carrying out  
19 section 170104.

20 **SEC. 170104. COVID–19 HEROES FUND GRANTS.**

21           (a) GRANTS.—

22                   (1) FOR PANDEMIC PREMIUM PAY.—The Sec-  
23 retary of the Treasury shall, subject to the avail-  
24 ability of amounts provided in this title, award a  
25 grant to each essential work employer that applies

1 for a grant, in accordance with this section, for the  
2 purpose of providing premium pay to essential work-  
3 ers under section 170102(b), including amounts paid  
4 under section 170102(f).

5 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—

6 (A) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS GENERALLY.—

7 Any essential work employer shall be eligible for  
8 a grant under paragraph (1).

9 (B) SELF-DIRECTED CARE WORKERS.—A

10 self-directed care worker employed by an essen-  
11 tial work employer other than an essential work  
12 employer described in section 170102(g), shall  
13 be eligible to apply for a grant under paragraph  
14 (1) in the same manner as an essential work  
15 employer. Such a worker shall provide premium  
16 pay to himself or herself in accordance with this  
17 section, including the recordkeeping and refund  
18 requirements of this section.

19 (b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The maximum amount avail-  
21 able for making a grant under subsection (a)(1) to  
22 an essential work employer shall be equal to the sum  
23 of—

24 (A) the amount obtained by multiplying

25 \$10,000 by the number of essential workers the

1 employer certifies, in the application submitted  
2 under subsection (c)(1), as employing, or pro-  
3 viding remuneration to for services or labor,  
4 who are paid wages or remuneration by the em-  
5 ployer at a rate that is less than the equivalent  
6 of \$200,000 per year; and

7 (B) the amount obtained by multiplying  
8 \$5,000 by the number of highly-compensated  
9 essential workers the employer certifies, in the  
10 application submitted under subsection (c)(1),  
11 as employing, or providing remuneration to for  
12 services or labor, who are paid wages or remu-  
13 nation by the employer at a rate that is equal  
14 to or greater than the equivalent of \$200,000  
15 per year.

16 (2) NO PARTIAL GRANTS.—The Secretary of  
17 the Treasury shall not award a grant under this sec-  
18 tion in an amount less than the maximum described  
19 in paragraph (1).

20 (c) GRANT APPLICATION AND DISBURSAL.—

21 (1) APPLICATION.—Any essential work em-  
22 ployer seeking a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall  
23 submit an application to the Secretary of the Treas-  
24 ury at such time, in such manner, and complete with  
25 such information as the Secretary may require.



1 (2) NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
3 Treasury shall, within 15 days after receiving a  
4 complete application from an essential work em-  
5 ployer eligible for a grant under this section—

6 (i) notify the employer of the Sec-  
7 retary's findings with respect to the re-  
8 quirements for the grant; and

9 (ii)(I) if the Secretary finds that the  
10 essential work employer meets the require-  
11 ments under this section for a grant under  
12 subsection (a), provide a certification to  
13 the employer—

14 (aa) that the employer has met  
15 such requirements;

16 (bb) of the amount of the grant  
17 payment that the Secretary has deter-  
18 mined the employer shall receive  
19 based on the requirements under this  
20 section; or

21 (II) if the Secretary finds that the es-  
22 sential work employer does not meet the  
23 requirements under this section for a grant  
24 under subsection (a), provide a notice of  
25 denial stating the reasons for the denial

1           and provide an opportunity for administra-  
2           tive review by not later than 10 days after  
3           the denial.

4           (B) TRANSFER.—Not later than 7 days  
5           after making a certification under subpara-  
6           graph (A)(ii) with respect to an essential work  
7           employer, the Secretary of the Treasury shall  
8           make the appropriate transfer to the employer  
9           of the amount of the grant.

10       (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—An essential work employer  
12           receiving a grant under this section shall use the  
13           amount of the grant solely for the following pur-  
14           poses:

15           (A) Providing premium pay under section  
16           170102(b) to essential workers in accordance  
17           with the requirements for such payments under  
18           such section, including providing payments de-  
19           scribed in section 170102(f) to the next of kin  
20           of essential workers in accordance with the re-  
21           quirements for such payments under such sec-  
22           tion.

23           (B) Paying employer payroll taxes with re-  
24           spect to premium pay amounts described in

1           subparagraph (A), including such payments de-  
2           scribed in section 170102(f).

3           Each dollar of a grant received by an essential work  
4           employer under this title shall be used as provided  
5           in subparagraph (A) or (B) or returned to the Sec-  
6           retary of the Treasury.

7           (2) NO OTHER USES AUTHORIZED.—An essen-  
8           tial work employer who uses any amount of a grant  
9           for a purpose not required under paragraph (1) shall  
10          be—

11                 (A) considered to have misused funds in  
12                 violation of section 170102; and

13                 (B) subject to the enforcement and rem-  
14                 edies provided under section 170105.

15          (3) REFUND.—

16                 (A) IN GENERAL.—If an essential work  
17                 employer receives a grant under this section  
18                 and, for any reason, does not provide every dol-  
19                 lar of such grant to essential workers in accord-  
20                 ance with the requirements of this title, then  
21                 the employer shall refund any such dollars to  
22                 the Secretary of the Treasury not later than  
23                 June 30, 2021. Any amounts returned to the  
24                 Secretary shall be deposited into the Fund and

1 be available for any additional grants under this  
2 section.

3 (B) REQUIREMENT FOR NOT REDUCING  
4 COMPENSATION.—An essential work employer  
5 who is required to refund any amount under  
6 this paragraph shall not reduce or otherwise di-  
7 minish an eligible worker’s compensation or  
8 benefits in response to or otherwise due to such  
9 refund.

10 (e) RECORDKEEPING.—An essential work employer  
11 that receives a grant under this section shall—

12 (1) maintain records, including payroll records,  
13 demonstrating how each dollar of funds received  
14 through the grant were provided to essential work-  
15 ers; and

16 (2) provide such records to the Secretary of the  
17 Treasury or the Secretary of Labor upon the request  
18 of either such Secretary.

19 (f) RECOUPMENT.—In addition to all other enforce-  
20 ment and remedies available under this title or any other  
21 law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a process  
22 under which the Secretary shall recoup the amount of any  
23 grant awarded under subsection (a)(1) if the Secretary de-  
24 termines that the essential work employer receiving the  
25 grant—

1           (1) did not provide all of the dollars of such  
2 grant to the essential workers of the employer;

3           (2) did not, in fact, have the number of essen-  
4 tial workers certified by the employer in accordance  
5 with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection  
6 (b)(1);

7           (3) did not pay the essential workers for the  
8 number of hours the employer claimed to have paid;  
9 or

10           (4) otherwise misused funds or violated this  
11 title.

12           (g) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF  
13 TRIBAL EMPLOYERS.—Essential workers of Tribal em-  
14 ployers who receive funds under title II shall not be eligi-  
15 ble to receive funds from grants under this section.

16           (h) TAX TREATMENT.—

17           (1) EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.—For purposes  
18 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any grant re-  
19 ceived by an essential work employer under this sec-  
20 tion shall not be included in the gross income of  
21 such essential work employer.

22           (2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—

23           (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an essen-  
24 tial work employer that receives a grant under  
25 this section—

1 (i) amounts paid under subsections  
2 (b) or (f) of section 170102 shall not be  
3 taken into account as wages for purposes  
4 of sections 41, 45A, 51, or 1396 of the In-  
5 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 or section  
6 2301 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-  
7 136); and

8 (ii) any deduction otherwise allowable  
9 under such Code for applicable payments  
10 during any taxable year shall be reduced  
11 (but not below zero) by the excess (if any)  
12 of—

13 (I) the aggregate amounts of  
14 grants received under this section;  
15 over

16 (II) the sum of any amount re-  
17 funded under subsection (d) plus the  
18 aggregate amount of applicable pay-  
19 ments made for all preceding taxable  
20 years.

21 (B) APPLICABLE PAYMENTS.—For pur-  
22 poses of this paragraph, the term “applicable  
23 payments” means amounts paid as premium  
24 pay under subsections (b) or (f) of section

1           170102 and amounts paid for employer payroll  
2           taxes with respect to such amounts.

3           (C) AGGREGATION RULE.—Rules similar  
4           to the rules of subsections (a) and (b) of section  
5           52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall  
6           apply for purposes of this section.

7           (3) INFORMATION REPORTING.—The Secretary  
8           of the Treasury shall submit to the Commissioner of  
9           Internal Revenue statements containing—

10           (A) the name and tax identification num-  
11           ber of each essential work employer receiving a  
12           grant under this section;

13           (B) the amount of such grant; and

14           (C) any amounts refunded under section  
15           (d)(3).

16           (i) REPORTS.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
18           obligating the last dollar of the funds appropriated  
19           under this title, the Secretary of the Treasury shall  
20           submit a report, to the Committees of Congress de-  
21           scribed in paragraph (2), that—

22           (A) certifies that all funds appropriated  
23           under this title have been obligated; and

1 (B) indicates the number of pending appli-  
2 cations for grants under this section that will  
3 be rejected due to the lack of funds.

4 (2) COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The Commit-  
5 tees of Congress described in this paragraph are—

6 (A) the Committee on Ways and Means of  
7 the House of Representatives;

8 (B) the Committee on Education and  
9 Labor of the House of Representatives;

10 (C) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-  
11 ate; and

12 (D) the Committee on Health, Education,  
13 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

14 **SEC. 170105. ENFORCEMENT AND OUTREACH.**

15 (a) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF LABOR.—The Sec-  
16 retary of Labor shall—

17 (1) have authority to enforce the requirements  
18 of section 170102, in accordance with subsections  
19 (b) through (e);

20 (2) conduct outreach as described in subsection  
21 (f); and

22 (3) coordinate with the Secretary of the Treas-  
23 ury as needed to carry out the Secretary of Labor's  
24 responsibilities under this section.



1 (b) PROHIBITED ACTS, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCE-  
2 MENT.—

3 (1) PROHIBITED ACTS.—It shall be unlawful for  
4 a person to—

5 (A) violate any provision of section 170102  
6 applicable to such person; or

7 (B) discharge or in any other manner dis-  
8 criminate against any essential worker because  
9 such essential worker has filed any complaint or  
10 instituted or caused to be instituted any pro-  
11 ceeding under or related to this title, or has tes-  
12 tified or is about to testify in any such pro-  
13 ceeding.

14 (2) ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.—

15 (A) PREMIUM PAY VIOLATIONS.—A viola-  
16 tion described in paragraph (1)(A) shall be  
17 deemed a violation of section 7 of the Fair  
18 Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207)  
19 and unpaid amounts required under this section  
20 shall be treated as unpaid overtime compensa-  
21 tion under such section 7 for the purposes of  
22 sections 15 and 16 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 215  
23 and 216).

24 (B) DISCHARGE OR DISCRIMINATION.—A  
25 violation of paragraph (1)(B) shall be deemed a

1 violation of section 15(a)(3) of the Fair Labor  
2 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 215(a)(3)).

3 (c) INVESTIGATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure compliance with  
5 the provisions of section 170102, including any regu-  
6 lation or order issued under that section, the Sec-  
7 retary of Labor shall have the investigative authority  
8 provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor  
9 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)). For the  
10 purposes of any investigation provided for in this  
11 subsection, the Secretary of Labor shall have the  
12 subpoena authority provided for under section 9 of  
13 such Act (29 U.S.C. 209).

14 (2) STATE AGENCIES.—The Secretary of Labor  
15 may, for the purpose of carrying out the functions  
16 and duties under this section, utilize the services of  
17 State and local agencies in accordance with section  
18 11(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29  
19 U.S.C. 211(b)).

20 (d) ESSENTIAL WORKER ENFORCEMENT.—

21 (1) RIGHT OF ACTION.—An action alleging a  
22 violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b)  
23 may be maintained against an essential work em-  
24 ployer receiving a grant under section 170104 in any  
25 Federal or State court of competent jurisdiction by

1 one or more essential workers or their representative  
2 for and on behalf of the essential workers, or the es-  
3 sential workers and others similarly situated, in the  
4 same manner, and subject to the same remedies (in-  
5 cluding attorney's fees and costs of the action), as  
6 an action brought by an employee alleging a viola-  
7 tion of section 7 or 15(a)(3), respectively, of the  
8 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207,  
9 215(a)(3)).

10 (2) NO WAIVER.—In an action alleging a viola-  
11 tion of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b)  
12 brought by one or more essential workers or their  
13 representative for and on behalf of the persons as  
14 described in paragraph (1), to enforce the rights in  
15 section 170102, no court of competent jurisdiction  
16 may grant the motion of an essential work employer  
17 receiving a grant under section 170104 to compel  
18 arbitration, under chapter 1 of title 9, United States  
19 Code, or any analogous State arbitration statute, of  
20 the claims involved. An essential worker's right to  
21 bring an action described in paragraph (1) or sub-  
22 section (b)(2)(A) on behalf of similarly situated es-  
23 sential workers to enforce such rights may not be  
24 subject to any private agreement that purports to

1       require the essential workers to pursue claims on an  
2       individual basis.

3       (e) RECORDKEEPING.—An essential work employer  
4       receiving a grant under section 170104 shall make, keep,  
5       and preserve records pertaining to compliance with section  
6       170102 in accordance with section 11(c) of the Fair Labor  
7       Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(c)) and in accord-  
8       ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of  
9       Labor.

10       (f) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.—Out of amounts  
11       appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury under sec-  
12       tion 170107 for a fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-  
13       ury shall transfer to the Secretary of Labor, \$3,000,000,  
14       of which the Secretary of Labor shall use—

15               (1) \$2,500,000 for outreach to essential work  
16       employers and essential workers regarding the pre-  
17       mium pay under section 170102; and

18               (2) \$500,000 to implement an advertising cam-  
19       paign encouraging large essential work employers to  
20       provide the same premium pay provided for by sec-  
21       tion 170102 using the large essential work employ-  
22       ers' own funds and without utilizing grants under  
23       this title.

24       (g) CLARIFICATION OF ENFORCING OFFICIAL.—  
25       Nothing in the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991

1 (42 U.S.C. 2000e–16a et seq.) or section 3(e)(2)(C) of the  
2 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
3 203(e)(2)(C)) shall be construed to prevent the Secretary  
4 of Labor from carrying out the authority of the Secretary  
5 under this section in the case of State employees described  
6 in section 304(a) of the Government Employee Rights Act  
7 of 1991 (42 U.S.C. 2000e–16c(a)).

8 **SEC. 170106. FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE**  
9 **TREASURY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

10 There is appropriated, out of money in the Treasury  
11 not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of the Inspector  
12 General of the Department of the Treasury, \$1,000,000  
13 to carry out audits, investigations, and other oversight ac-  
14 tivities authorized under the Inspector General Act of  
15 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) that are related to the provisions  
16 of, and amendments made by, this title, to remain avail-  
17 able until December 31, 2022.

18 **SEC. 170107. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There is authorized to be appropriated, and there is  
20 hereby appropriated, \$180,000,000,000 to carry out this  
21 title, to remain available until expended.

1 **TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELAT-**  
2 **ING TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**  
3 **AND COVID-19**

4 **SEC. 170201. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title—

6 (1) the term “agency”—

7 (A) means—

8 (i) each agency, office, or other estab-  
9 lishment in the executive, legislative, or ju-  
10 dicial branch of the Federal Government,  
11 including—

12 (I) an Executive agency, as that  
13 term is defined in section 105 of title  
14 5, United States Code;

15 (II) a military department, as  
16 that term is defined in section 102 of  
17 title 5, United States Code;

18 (III) the Federal Aviation Ad-  
19 ministration;

20 (IV) the Transportation Security  
21 Administration;

22 (V) the Department of Veterans  
23 Affairs; and

24 (VI) the Government Account-  
25 ability Office;

1 (ii) the District of Columbia courts  
2 and the District of Columbia Public De-  
3 fender Service; and

4 (iii)(I) an Indian tribe or tribal orga-  
5 nization carrying out a contract or com-  
6 pact under the Indian Self-Determination  
7 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
8 5301 et seq.);

9 (II) an Indian tribe or tribal organiza-  
10 tion that receives a grant under the Trib-  
11 ally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 (25  
12 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.); and

13 (III) an urban Indian organization  
14 that receives a grant or carries out a con-  
15 tract under title V of the Indian Health  
16 Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1651 et  
17 seq.); and

18 (B) does not include—

19 (i) the United States Postal Service or  
20 the Postal Regulatory Commission; or

21 (ii) a nonappropriated fund instru-  
22 mentality under the jurisdiction of the  
23 Armed Forces;

24 (2) the term “covered duty”—

25 (A) means duty that requires—

1 (i) an employee to have regular or  
2 routine contact with the public; or

3 (ii) the reporting of an employee to a  
4 worksite at which—

5 (I) social distancing is not pos-  
6 sible, consistent with the regularly as-  
7 signed duties of the position of the  
8 employee; and

9 (II) other preventative measures  
10 with respect to COVID–19 are not  
11 available; and

12 (B) does not include duty that an employee  
13 performs while teleworking from a residence;

14 (3) the term “covered period” means the period  
15 beginning on the date on which the Secretary of  
16 Health and Human Services declared a public health  
17 emergency under section 319 of the Public Health  
18 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
19 COVID–19 and ending on the date that is 60 days  
20 after the date on which that public health emergency  
21 terminates; and

22 (4) the term “employee”—

23 (A) means an employee of an agency;

24 (B) includes—



1 (i) any employee of an agency who oc-  
2 cupies a position within the General Sched-  
3 ule under subchapter III of chapter 53 of  
4 title 5, United States Code;

5 (ii) any employee of an agency whose  
6 pay is fixed and adjusted from time to  
7 time in accordance with prevailing rates  
8 under subchapter IV of chapter 53 of title  
9 5, United States Code, or by a wage board  
10 or similar administrative authority serving  
11 the same purpose;

12 (iii) an official or employee of an In-  
13 dian tribe, tribal organization, or urban In-  
14 dian organization described in paragraph  
15 (1)(A)(iii);

16 (iv) each employee of the Department  
17 of Veterans Affairs, including an employee  
18 appointed under chapter 74 of title 38,  
19 United States Code, without regard to  
20 whether section 7421(a) of that title, sec-  
21 tion 7425(b) of that title, or any other pro-  
22 vision of chapter 74 of that title is incon-  
23 sistent with that inclusion; and

24 (v) any other individual occupying a  
25 position in the civil service, as that term is

1 defined in section 2101 of title 5, United  
2 States Code; and

3 (C) does not include—

4 (i) a member of the uniformed serv-  
5 ices, as that term is defined in section  
6 2101 of title 5, United States Code;

7 (ii) an employee of an agency who oc-  
8 cupies a position within the Executive  
9 Schedule under any of sections 5312  
10 through 5316 of title 5, United States  
11 Code;

12 (iii) an individual in a Senior Execu-  
13 tive Service position, unless the individual  
14 is a career appointee, as those terms are  
15 defined in section 3132(a) of title 5,  
16 United States Code;

17 (iv) an individual serving in a position  
18 of a confidential or policy-determining  
19 character under Schedule C of subpart C  
20 of part 213 of title 5, Code of Federal  
21 Regulations, or any successor regulations;

22 (v) a member of the Senate or House  
23 of Representatives, a Delegate to the  
24 House of Representatives, or the Resident  
25 Commissioner from Puerto Rico; or

1                   (vi) an employee of the personal office  
2                   of an individual described in clause (v), of  
3                   a leadership office of the Senate or the  
4                   House of Representatives, of a committee  
5                   of the Senate or the House of Representa-  
6                   tives, or of a joint committee of Congress.

7 **SEC. 170202. PANDEMIC DUTY DIFFERENTIAL.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a schedule of  
9 pay differentials for covered duty as follows:

10           (1) Subject to the availability of amounts pro-  
11           vided in this title, and the conditions of subsection  
12           (b)(3), an employee is entitled to pay for that cov-  
13           ered duty at the rate of basic pay, which includes  
14           any differential or other premium pay paid for regu-  
15           larly scheduled work of the employee other than the  
16           differential established under this section, of the em-  
17           ployee plus premium pay of \$13 per hour.

18           (2) The total amount of premium pay paid to  
19           an employee under paragraph (1) shall be—

20           (A) with respect to an employee whose an-  
21           nual rate of basic pay is less than \$200,000,  
22           not more than \$10,000 reduced by employer  
23           payroll taxes (as defined in section 170101(4))  
24           with respect to such premium pay; and

1 (B) with respect to an employee whose an-  
2 nual rate of basic pay is not less than  
3 \$200,000, not more than \$5,000 reduced by  
4 employer payroll taxes (as so defined) with re-  
5 spect to such premium pay.

6 (b) PAY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the covered  
8 period, an employee is entitled to be paid the appli-  
9 cable differential established under subsection (a) for  
10 any period, including any period during the covered  
11 period that precedes the date of enactment of this  
12 Act, in which the employee is carrying out covered  
13 duty, subject to the applicable limitations under that  
14 subsection.

15 (2) RETROACTIVE PAYMENT.—With respect to  
16 a payment earned by an employee under this section  
17 for a period during the covered period that precedes  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the employee shall  
19 be paid that payment in a lump sum payment as  
20 soon as is practicable after that date of enactment.

21 (3) LIMITATION ON ENTITLEMENT.—An em-  
22 ployee shall be entitled to be paid the applicable dif-  
23 ferential established under subsection (a) only to the  
24 extent that amounts provided in this title will be  
25 made available to such employee's agency pursuant

1 to section 170204(c)(1) in an amount sufficient to  
2 provide such applicable differential to all such eligi-  
3 ble employees.

4 (c) GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS.—

5 (1) EXECUTIVE BRANCH.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Personnel  
7 Management shall develop criteria for agencies  
8 in the executive branch of the Federal Govern-  
9 ment regarding the means by which to deter-  
10 mine the eligibility of an employee in such an  
11 agency for the pay differential established  
12 under this section, which shall—

13 (i) be based on—

14 (I) the duties performed by the  
15 employee;

16 (II) the setting in which the em-  
17 ployee performs the duties described  
18 in subclause (I); and

19 (III) the interactions with the  
20 public required in order for the em-  
21 ployee to perform the duties described  
22 in subclause (I); and

23 (ii) apply equally to all such agencies.

24 (B) REGULATIONS.—The Office of Per-  
25 sonnel Management may prescribe regulations

1 implementing the pay differential under this  
2 section with respect to employees in the execu-  
3 tive branch of the Federal Government.

4 (2) OTHER BRANCHES, CERTAIN DC EMPLOY-  
5 EES, AND CERTAIN TRIBAL OFFICIALS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The employing author-  
7 ity for each agency that is not in the executive  
8 branch of the Federal Government—

9 (i) shall develop criteria regarding the  
10 means by which to determine the eligibility  
11 of an employee in such an agency for the  
12 pay differential established under this sec-  
13 tion; and

14 (ii) may prescribe regulations imple-  
15 menting the pay differential under this sec-  
16 tion with respect to employees in the appli-  
17 cable agency.

18 (B) CONSISTENCY WITH OPM GUIDANCE  
19 AND REGULATIONS.—Any criteria developed,  
20 and regulations prescribed, by an agency under  
21 subparagraph (A) shall, to the extent prac-  
22 ticable, be comparable to any criteria developed  
23 and regulations prescribed by the Office of Per-  
24 sonnel Management under paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 170203. LIMITATION ON PREMIUM PAY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
3 and (b) of section 5547 of title 5, United States Code,  
4 or a provision of any other Federal, State, or Tribal law  
5 that imposes a limitation on the amount of premium pay  
6 (including any premium pay paid under section 202 and  
7 any overtime pay paid for covered duty) that may be pay-  
8 able to an employee, an employee may be paid such pre-  
9 mium pay to the extent that the payment does not cause  
10 the aggregate of basic pay and such premium pay for serv-  
11 ice performed in that calendar year by that employee to  
12 exceed the annual rate of basic pay payable for level II  
13 of the Executive Schedule, as of the end of the calendar  
14 year.

15 (b) APPLICABILITY OF AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON  
16 PAY.—In determining whether a payment to an employee  
17 is subject to the limitation under section 5307(a) of title  
18 5, United States Code, a payment described in subsection  
19 (a) shall not apply.

20 (c) APPLICABILITY OF CARES ACT.—The authority  
21 provided under this section shall be considered to be in  
22 addition to, and not a replacement for, the authority pro-  
23 vided under section 18110 of title VIII of the CARES Act  
24 (Public Law 116–136).

1 (d) RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—This section shall take  
2 effect as if enacted on the date on which the covered pe-  
3 riod began.

4 **SEC. 170204. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
6 priated, and there is hereby appropriated, out of any  
7 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
8 \$10,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for  
9 the offices and agencies described in subsection (b) of this  
10 section to carry out section 170202 and section 170203  
11 of this title and to make transfers authorized under sub-  
12 section (c) of this section.

13 (b) OFFICES AND AGENCIES.—The offices and agen-  
14 cies described in this subsection are—

15 (1) the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and  
16 Doorkeeper of the Senate;

17 (2) the Office of the Clerk of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives;

19 (3) the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the  
20 House of Representatives;

21 (4) the Office of the Chief Administrative Offi-  
22 cer of the House of Representatives;

23 (5) the Office of the Attending Physician;

24 (6) the Capitol Police;

25 (7) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol;



- 1 (8) the Library of Congress;
- 2 (9) the Government Publishing Office;
- 3 (10) the Government Accountability Office;
- 4 (11) the Office of Personnel Management;
- 5 (12) the Administrative Office of the United
- 6 States Courts;
- 7 (13) the District of Columbia Courts; and
- 8 (14) the District of Columbia Public Defender
- 9 Service.

10 (c) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—

11 (1) OPM.—The Office of Personnel Manage-  
12 ment may transfer funds made available under this  
13 section to other Federal agencies within the execu-  
14 tive branch to reimburse such agencies for costs in-  
15 curred to implement this title.

16 (2) AOUSC.—The Administrative Office of the  
17 United States Courts may transfer funds made  
18 available under this section to other entities within  
19 the judicial branch to reimburse the entities for  
20 costs incurred to implement this title.

1 **TITLE III—COORDINATION OF**  
2 **BENEFITS WITH OTHER PRO-**  
3 **GRAMS AND LAWS**

4 **SEC. 170301. COORDINATION WITH OTHER BENEFITS.**

5 (a) DISREGARD FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL AND  
6 STATE PROGRAMS.—Any payment provided under this  
7 Act shall not be regarded as income and shall not be re-  
8 garded as a resource for the month of receipt and the fol-  
9 lowing 12 months, for purposes of determining the eligi-  
10 bility of the recipient (or the recipient's spouse or family)  
11 for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of bene-  
12 fits or assistance, under any Federal program or under  
13 any State or local program financed in whole or in part  
14 with Federal funds.

15 (b) AMOUNTS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PUR-  
16 POSES OF PREMIUM TAX CREDIT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of determining  
18 modified adjusted gross income under section  
19 36B(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
20 adjusted gross income shall be reduced by any  
21 amounts received under subsection (b), including  
22 pursuant to subsection (f), of section 170102 or by  
23 reason of section 170202.

24 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
25 apply to the extent such reduction results in an

1 amount of household income (as defined in section  
2 36B(d)(2)(A) of such Code) of a taxpayer that is  
3 less than 100 percent of the poverty line (as defined  
4 in section 36B(d)(3) of such Code) for a family of  
5 the size involved (as determined under the rules of  
6 section 36B(d)(1) of such Code).

7 (3) REPORTING.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any employer that  
9 makes an applicable payment during a calendar  
10 year shall include as a separately stated item on  
11 any written statement required under section  
12 6051 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or  
13 any return or statement required by the Sec-  
14 retary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s dele-  
15 gate) with respect to nonemployee compensation  
16 the aggregate amount of each type of applicable  
17 payments so made.

18 (B) APPLICABLE PAYMENTS.—For pur-  
19 poses of this paragraph, the term “applicable  
20 payments” means—

21 (i) amounts paid as premium pay  
22 under section 170102(b), including  
23 amounts paid pursuant to section  
24 170102(f); and

1 (ii) amounts paid by reason of section  
2 170202.

3 (c) EMPLOYMENT TAX TREATMENT FOR AMOUNTS  
4 PAID THROUGH GRANTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
6 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any  
7 amounts required to be paid by reason of this Act  
8 shall not be considered wages.

9 (2) RAILROAD RETIREMENT TAXES.—For pur-  
10 poses of section 3221(a) of the Internal Revenue  
11 Code of 1986, the amount of tax imposed under  
12 such section for any calendar year in which an em-  
13 ployer is required to pay amounts under this Act  
14 shall be equal to the sum of—

15 (A) the product of the rate in effect under  
16 section 3111(a) of such Code and the com-  
17 pensation (reduced by any amounts required to  
18 be paid by reason of this Act) paid during any  
19 calendar year by such employer for services ren-  
20 dered to such employer; and

21 (B) the product of the rate in effect under  
22 section 3111(b) of such Code and the com-  
23 pensation paid during any calendar year by  
24 such employer for services rendered to such em-  
25 ployer.

1 (3) SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of the tax  
3 imposed by section 1401(a) of the Internal Rev-  
4 enue Code of 1986, the self-employment income  
5 for any taxable year in which the individual re-  
6 ceived a payment required to be made under  
7 this Act shall be reduced by 50 percent of the  
8 amount of payments so made.

9 (B) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
10 retary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's dele-  
11 gate) shall prescribe regulations or other guid-  
12 ance for the application of sections 164(f) and  
13 1402(a)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
14 1986 with respect to amounts to which sub-  
15 paragraph (A) applies.

16 (4) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUNDS.—There are  
17 hereby appropriated to the Federal Old Age and  
18 Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal  
19 Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under  
20 section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 401) and the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Ac-  
22 count established under section 15A(a) of the Rail-  
23 road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n-1(a))  
24 amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the  
25 Treasury by reason of this subsection (without re-

1       gard to this paragraph). Amounts appropriated by  
2       the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the  
3       general fund at such times and in such manner as  
4       to replicate to the extent possible the transfers  
5       which would have occurred to such Trust Fund or  
6       Account had this section not been enacted.

7       **SEC. 170302. CLARIFICATION OF COORDINATION WITH**  
8                                   **OTHER LAWS.**

9       (a) **ESSENTIAL WORKERS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.**—  
10       Nothing in this Act shall be construed to allow noncompli-  
11       ance with or in any way to diminish, and shall instead  
12       be construed to be in addition to, the rights or benefits  
13       that an essential worker is entitled to under any—

14                   (1) Federal, State, or local law, including regu-  
15       lation;

16                   (2) collective bargaining agreement; or

17                   (3) employer policy.

18       (b) **TITLE 5.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed  
19       to affect the application of the provisions of sections 5343  
20       or 5545 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to  
21       pay differentials for duty involving unusual physical hard-  
22       ship or hazard, or environmental differentials.

1 **SEC. 170303. APPLICABILITY OF FAIR LABOR STANDARDS**  
2 **ACT OF 1938 TO SOVEREIGN TRIBAL EMPLOY-**  
3 **ERS.**

4 The receipt of any funds through a grant under sec-  
5 tion 170104, or any funds under title II, by a sovereign  
6 Tribal employer, as defined in section 170101(12), shall  
7 not expand, constrict, or alter the application of the Fair  
8 Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) to  
9 such sovereign Tribal employer.

10 **DIVISION R—CHILD NUTRITION**  
11 **AND RELATED PROGRAMS**

12 **SEC. 180001. SHORT TITLE.**

13 This division may be cited as the “Child Nutrition  
14 and Related Programs Recovery Act”.

15 **SEC. 180002. EMERGENCY COSTS FOR CHILD NUTRITION**  
16 **PROGRAMS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

17 (a) USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER  
18 EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL COSTS UNDER SCHOOL MEAL  
19 PROGRAMS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—

21 (A) REQUIRED ALLOTMENTS.—Notwith-  
22 standing any other provision of law, the Sec-  
23 retary shall allocate to each State that partici-  
24 pates in the reimbursement program under  
25 paragraph (3) such amounts as may be nec-  
26 essary to carry out reimbursements under such

1 paragraph for each reimbursement month, in-  
2 cluding, subject to paragraph (4)(B), adminis-  
3 trative expenses necessary to make such reim-  
4 bursements.

5 (B) GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO PRO-  
6 GRAM.—Not later than 10 days after the date  
7 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
8 shall issue guidance with respect to the reim-  
9 bursement program under paragraph (3).

10 (2) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM APPLICA-  
11 TION.—To participate in the reimbursement pro-  
12 gram under paragraph (3), not later than 30 days  
13 after the date described in paragraph (1), a State  
14 shall submit an application to the Secretary that in-  
15 cludes a plan to calculate and disburse reimburse-  
16 ments under the reimbursement program under  
17 paragraph (3).

18 (3) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.—Using the  
19 amounts allocated under paragraph (1)(A), a State  
20 participating in the reimbursement program under  
21 this paragraph shall make reimbursements for emer-  
22 gency operational costs for each reimbursement  
23 month as follows:

24 (A) For each new school food authority in  
25 the State for the reimbursement month, an



1 amount equal to 55 percent of the amount  
2 equal to—

3 (i) the average monthly amount such  
4 new school food authority was reimbursed  
5 under the reimbursement sections for  
6 meals and supplements served by such new  
7 school food authority during the alternate  
8 period; minus

9 (ii) the amount such new school food  
10 authority was reimbursed under the reim-  
11 bursement sections for meals and supple-  
12 ments served by such new school food au-  
13 thority during such reimbursement month.

14 (B) For each school food authority not de-  
15 scribed in subparagraph (A) in the State for  
16 the reimbursement month, an amount equal to  
17 55 percent of—

18 (i) the amount such school food au-  
19 thority was reimbursed under the reim-  
20 bursement sections for meals and supple-  
21 ments served by such school food authority  
22 for the month beginning one year before  
23 such reimbursement month; minus

24 (ii) the amount such school food au-  
25 thority was reimbursed under the reim-

1           bursement sections for meals and supple-  
2           ments served by such school food authority  
3           during such reimbursement month.

4           (4) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—

5           (A) AVAILABILITY.—Funds allocated to a  
6           State under paragraph (1)(A) shall remain  
7           available until March 30, 2021.

8           (B) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A State  
9           may reserve not more than 1 percent of the  
10          funds allocated under paragraph (1)(A) for ad-  
11          ministrative expenses to carry out this sub-  
12          section.

13          (C) UNEXPENDED BALANCE.—On Sep-  
14          tember 30, 2021, any amounts allocated to a  
15          State under paragraph (1)(A) or reimbursed to  
16          a school food authority or new school food au-  
17          thority under paragraph (3) that are unex-  
18          pended by such State, school food authority, or  
19          new school food authority shall revert to the  
20          Secretary.

21          (5) REPORTS.—Each State that carries out a  
22          reimbursement program under paragraph (3) shall,  
23          not later than September 30, 2021, submit a report  
24          to the Secretary that includes a summary of the use

1 of such funds by the State and each school food au-  
2 thority and new school food authority in such State.

3 (b) USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER  
4 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM CHILD CARE  
5 OPERATIONAL EMERGENCY COSTS DURING COVID-19  
6 PANDEMIC.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—

8 (A) REQUIRED ALLOTMENTS.—Notwith-  
9 standing any other provision of law, the Sec-  
10 retary shall allocate to each State that partici-  
11 pates in the reimbursement program under  
12 paragraph (3) such amounts as may be nec-  
13 essary to carry out reimbursements under such  
14 paragraph for each reimbursement month, in-  
15 cluding, subject to paragraph (4)(C), adminis-  
16 trative expenses necessary to make such reim-  
17 bursements.

18 (B) GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO PRO-  
19 GRAM.—Not later than 10 days after the date  
20 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
21 shall issue guidance with respect to the reim-  
22 bursement program under paragraph (3).

23 (2) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM APPLICA-  
24 TION.—To participate in the reimbursement pro-  
25 gram under paragraph (3), not later than 30 days

1 after the date described in paragraph (1), a State  
2 shall submit an application to the Secretary that in-  
3 cludes a plan to calculate and disburse reimburse-  
4 ments under the reimbursement program under  
5 paragraph (3).

6 (3) REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.—Using the  
7 amounts allocated under paragraph (1)(A), a State  
8 participating in the reimbursement program under  
9 this paragraph shall make reimbursements for child  
10 care operational emergency costs for each reimburse-  
11 ment month as follows:

12 (A) For each new covered institution in the  
13 State for the reimbursement month, an amount  
14 equal to 55 percent of—

15 (i) the average monthly amount such  
16 covered institution was reimbursed under  
17 subsection (c) and subsection (f) of section  
18 17 of the Richard B. Russell National  
19 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) for  
20 meals and supplements served by such new  
21 covered institution during the alternate pe-  
22 riod; minus

23 (ii) the amount such covered institu-  
24 tion was reimbursed under such section for  
25 meals and supplements served by such new

1 covered institution during such reimburse-  
2 ment month.

3 (B) For each covered institution not de-  
4 scribed in subparagraph (A) in the State for  
5 the reimbursement month, an amount equal to  
6 55 percent of—

7 (i) the amount such covered institu-  
8 tion was reimbursed under subsection (e)  
9 and subsection (f) of section 17 of the  
10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) for meals and sup-  
12 plements served by such covered institution  
13 during the month beginning one year be-  
14 fore such reimbursement month; minus

15 (ii) the amount such covered institu-  
16 tion was reimbursed under such section for  
17 meals and supplements served by such cov-  
18 ered institution during such reimbursement  
19 month.

20 (C) For each new sponsoring organization  
21 of a family or group day care home in the State  
22 for the reimbursement month, an amount equal  
23 to 55 percent of—

24 (i) the average monthly amount such  
25 new sponsoring organization of a family or

1 group day care home was reimbursed  
2 under section 17(f)(3)(B) of the Richard  
3 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1766(f)(3)(B)) for administrative  
5 funds for the alternate period; minus

6 (ii) the amount such new sponsoring  
7 organization of a family or group day care  
8 home was reimbursed under such section  
9 for administrative funds for the reimburse-  
10 ment month.

11 (D) For each sponsoring organization of a  
12 family or group day care home not described in  
13 subparagraph (C) in the State for the reim-  
14 bursement month, an amount equal to 55 per-  
15 cent of—

16 (i) the amount such sponsoring orga-  
17 nization of a family or group day care  
18 home was reimbursed under section  
19 17(f)(3)(B) of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
20 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 1766(f)(3)(B)) for administrative funds for  
22 the month beginning one year before such  
23 reimbursement month; minus

24 (ii) the amount such sponsoring orga-  
25 nization of a family or group day care

1           home was reimbursed under such section  
2           for administrative funds for such reim-  
3           bursement month.

4           (4) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—

5           (A) AVAILABILITY.—Funds allocated to a  
6           State under paragraph (1)(A) shall remain  
7           available until March 30, 2021.

8           (B) UNAFFILIATED CENTER.—In the case  
9           of a covered institution or a new covered insti-  
10          tution that is an unaffiliated center that is  
11          sponsored by a sponsoring organization and re-  
12          ceives funds for a reimbursement month under  
13          subparagraph (A) or (B), such unaffiliated cen-  
14          ter shall provide to such sponsoring organiza-  
15          tion an amount of such funds as agreed to by  
16          the sponsoring organization and the unaffiliated  
17          center, except such amount may not be greater  
18          be than 15 percent of such funds.

19          (C) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A State  
20          may reserve not more than 1 percent of the  
21          funds allocated under paragraph (1)(A) for ad-  
22          ministrative expenses to carry out this sub-  
23          section.

24          (D) UNEXPENDED BALANCE.—On Sep-  
25          tember 30, 2021, any amounts allocated to a

1 State under paragraph (1)(A) or reimbursed to  
2 a new covered institution, covered institution,  
3 new sponsoring organization of a family or  
4 group day care home, or sponsoring organiza-  
5 tion of a family or group day care home that  
6 are unexpended by such State, new covered in-  
7 stitution, covered institution, new sponsoring  
8 organization of a family or group day care  
9 home, or sponsoring organization of a family or  
10 group day care home, shall revert to the Sec-  
11 retary.

12 (5) REPORTS.—Each State that carries out a  
13 reimbursement program under paragraph (3) shall,  
14 not later than September 30, 2021, submit a report  
15 to the Secretary that includes a summary of the use  
16 of such funds by the State and each new covered in-  
17 stitution, covered institution, new sponsoring organi-  
18 zation of a family or group day care home, or spon-  
19 soring organization of a family or group day care  
20 home.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
23 such sums as may be necessary.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:



1           (1) ALTERNATE PERIOD.—The term “alternate  
2           period” means the period beginning January 1,  
3           2020 and ending February 29, 2020.

4           (2) EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL COSTS.—The  
5           term “emergency operational costs” means the costs  
6           incurred by a school food authority or new school  
7           food authority—

8                     (A) during a public health emergency;

9                     (B) that are related to the ongoing oper-  
10           ation, modified operation, or temporary suspen-  
11           sion of operation (including administrative  
12           costs) of such school food authority or new  
13           school food authority; and

14                    (C) except as provided under subsection  
15           (a), that are not reimbursed under a Federal  
16           grant.

17           (3) CHILD CARE OPERATIONAL EMERGENCY  
18           COSTS.—The term “child care operational emergency  
19           costs” means the costs under the child and adult  
20           care food program under section 17 of the Richard  
21           B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
22           1766) incurred by a new covered institution, covered  
23           institution, new sponsoring organization of a family  
24           or group day care home, or sponsoring organization  
25           of a family or group day care home—

1 (A) during a public health emergency;

2 (B) that are related to the ongoing oper-  
3 ation, modified operation, or temporary suspen-  
4 sion of operation (including administrative  
5 costs) of such new covered institution, covered  
6 institution, new sponsoring organization of a  
7 family or group day care home, sponsoring or-  
8 ganization of a family or group day care home,  
9 or sponsoring organization of an unaffiliated  
10 center; and

11 (C) except as provided under subsection  
12 (b), that are not reimbursed under a Federal  
13 grant.

14 (4) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
15 ered institution” means—

16 (A) an institution (as defined in section  
17 17(a)(2) of the Richard B. Russell National  
18 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(a)(2))); and

19 (B) a family or group day care home.

20 (5) NEW COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term  
21 “new covered institution” means a covered institu-  
22 tion for which no reimbursements were made for  
23 meals and supplements under section 17(e) or (f) of  
24 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 1766) with respect to the previous reim-  
2 bursement period.

3 (6) NEW SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY.—The term  
4 “new school food authority” means a school food au-  
5 thority for which no reimbursements were made  
6 under the reimbursement sections with respect to  
7 the previous reimbursement period.

8 (7) NEW SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OF A  
9 FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE.—The term “new  
10 sponsoring organization of a family or group day  
11 care” means a sponsoring organization of a family  
12 or group day care home for which no reimburse-  
13 ments for administrative funds were made under  
14 section 17(f)(3)(B) of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
15 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(f)(3)(B))  
16 for the previous reimbursement period.

17 (8) PREVIOUS REIMBURSEMENT PERIOD.—The  
18 term “previous reimbursement period” means the  
19 period beginning March 1, 2019 and ending June  
20 30, 2019.

21 (9) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term  
22 “public health emergency” means a public health  
23 emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the  
24 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) result-  
25 ing from the COVID–19 pandemic.

1           (10) REIMBURSEMENT MONTH.—The term “re-  
2        imbursement month” means March 2020, April  
3        2020, May 2020, and June 2020.

4           (11) REIMBURSEMENT SECTIONS.—The term  
5        “reimbursement sections” means—

6                   (A) section 4(b), section 11(a)(2), section  
7        13, and section 17A(c) of the Richard B. Rus-  
8        sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
9        1753(b); 42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(2); 42 U.S.C.  
10       1761; 42 U.S.C. 1766a(c)); and

11                   (B) section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act  
12        (42 U.S.C. 1773).

13           (12) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
14        means the Secretary of Agriculture.

15           (13) STATE.— The term “State” has the mean-  
16        ing given such term in section 12(d)(8) of the Rich-  
17        ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
18        U.S.C. 1760(d)(8)).

19 **SEC. 180003. AMENDMENTS TO THE PANDEMIC EBT ACT.**

20        Section 1101 of the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
21        sponse Act (Public Law 116–127) is amended—

22           (1) in subsection (a)—

23                   (A) by striking “fiscal year 2020” and in-  
24        serting “fiscal years 2020 and 2021”;

1 (B) by striking “during which the school  
2 would otherwise be in session”; and

3 (C) by inserting “until the school reopens”  
4 after “assistance”;

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by inserting “and State agency plans  
7 for child care covered children in accordance  
8 with subsection (i)” after “with eligible chil-  
9 dren”;

10 (B) by inserting “, a plan to enroll chil-  
11 dren who become eligible children during a pub-  
12 lic health emergency designation” before “, and  
13 issuances”;

14 (C) by striking “in an amount not less  
15 than the value of meals at the free rate over the  
16 course of 5 school days” and inserting “in ac-  
17 cordance with subsection (h)(1)”;

18 (D) by inserting “and for each child care  
19 covered child in the household” before the pe-  
20 riod at the end;

21 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “or child care  
22 center” after “school”;

23 (4) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
24 lows:

1       “(e) RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding  
2 any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture  
3 may authorize—

4           “(1) State educational agencies and school food  
5 authorities administering a school lunch program  
6 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) to release to appro-  
8 priate officials administering the supplemental nutri-  
9 tion assistance program such information as may be  
10 necessary to carry out this section with respect to el-  
11 igible children; and

12           “(2) State agencies administering a child and  
13 adult care food program under section 17 of the  
14 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 1766) to release to appropriate officials ad-  
16 ministering the supplemental nutrition assistance  
17 program such information as may be necessary to  
18 carry out this section with respect to child care cov-  
19 ered children.”;

20           (5) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
21 lows:

22       “(g) AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES.—

23           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
24 during fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture  
25 may purchase commodities for emergency distribu-

1           tion in any area of the United States during a public  
2           health emergency designation.

3           “(2) PURCHASES.—Funds made available to  
4           carry out this subsection on or after the date of the  
5           enactment of the Child Nutrition and Related Pro-  
6           grams Recovery Act may only be used to purchase  
7           commodities for emergency distribution—

8                   “(A) under commodity distribution pro-  
9                   grams and child nutrition programs that were  
10                  established and administered by the Food and  
11                  Nutrition Service on or before the day before  
12                  the date of the enactment of the Families First  
13                  Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–  
14                  127);

15                  “(B) to Tribal organizations (as defined in  
16                  section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
17                  2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)), that are not admin-  
18                  istering the food distribution program estab-  
19                  lished under section 4(b) of the Food and Nu-  
20                  trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)); or

21                  “(C) to emergency feeding organizations  
22                  that are eligible recipient agencies (as such  
23                  terms are defined in section 201A of the Emer-  
24                  gency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C.  
25                  7501)).”.

1           (6) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as  
2 subsections (l) and (m);

3           (7) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
4 lowing:

5           “(h) AMOUNT OF BENEFITS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A household shall receive  
7 benefits under this section in an amount equal to 1  
8 breakfast and 1 lunch at the free rate for each eligi-  
9 ble child or child care covered child in such house-  
10 hold for each day.

11           “(2) TREATMENT OF NEWLY ELIGIBLE CHIL-  
12 DREN.—In the case of a child who becomes an eligi-  
13 ble child during a public health emergency designa-  
14 tion, the Secretary and State agency shall—

15           “(A) if such child becomes an eligible child  
16 during school year 2019–2020, treat such child  
17 as if such child was an eligible child as of the  
18 date the school in which the child is enrolled  
19 closed; and

20           “(B) if such child becomes an eligible child  
21 after school year 2019–2020, treat such child  
22 as an eligible child as of the first day of the  
23 month in which such child becomes so eligible.

24           “(i) CHILD CARE COVERED CHILD ASSISTANCE.—



1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2020  
2           and 2021, in any case in which a child care center  
3           is closed for at least 5 consecutive days during a  
4           public health emergency designation, each household  
5           containing at least 1 member who is a child care  
6           covered child attending the child care center shall be  
7           eligible until the schools in the State in which such  
8           child care center is located reopen, as determined by  
9           the Secretary, to receive assistance pursuant to—

10                   “(A) a State agency plan approved under  
11                   subsection (b) that includes—

12                           “(i) an application by the State agen-  
13                           cy seeking to participate in the program  
14                           under this subsection; and

15                           “(ii) a State agency plan for tem-  
16                           porary emergency standards of eligibility  
17                           and levels of benefits under the Food and  
18                           Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
19                           seq.) for households with child care covered  
20                           children; or

21                           “(B) an addendum application described in  
22                           paragraph (2).

23           “(2) ADDENDUM APPLICATION.—In the case of  
24           a State agency that submits a plan to the Secretary  
25           of Agriculture under subsection (b) that does not in-

1       clude an application or plan described in clauses (i)  
2       and (ii) of paragraph (1)(A), such State agency may  
3       apply to participate in the program under this sub-  
4       section by submitting to the Secretary of Agriculture  
5       an addendum application for approval that includes  
6       a State agency plan described in such clause (ii).

7               “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—A  
8       State agency may not participate in the program  
9       under this subsection if—

10               “(A) the State agency plan submitted by  
11               such State agency under subsection (b) with re-  
12               spect to eligible children is not approved by the  
13               Secretary under such subsection; or

14               “(B) the State agency plan submitted by  
15               such State agency under subsection (b) or this  
16               subsection with respect to child care covered  
17               children is not approved by the Secretary under  
18               either such subsection.

19               “(4) AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT.—

20               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
21               graph (B), the Secretary shall deem a child who  
22               is less than 6 years of age to be a child care  
23               covered child eligible to receive assistance under  
24               this subsection if—

1           “(i) the household with such child at-  
2 tests that such child is a child care covered  
3 child;

4           “(ii) such child resides in a household  
5 that includes an eligible child;

6           “(iii) such child receives cash assist-  
7 ance benefits under the temporary assist-  
8 ance for needy families program under  
9 part A of title IV of the Social Security  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

11           “(iv) such child receives assistance  
12 under the Child Care and Development  
13 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857  
14 et seq.);

15           “(v) such child is—

16           “(I) enrolled as a participant in a  
17 Head Start program authorized under  
18 the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831  
19 et seq.);

20           “(II) a foster child whose care  
21 and placement is the responsibility of  
22 an agency that administers a State  
23 plan under part B or E of title IV of  
24 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 621 et seq.);

1                   “(III) a foster child who a court  
2                   has placed with a caretaker house-  
3                   hold; or

4                   “(IV) a homeless child or youth  
5                   (as defined in section 725(2) of the  
6                   McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
7                   Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)));

8                   “(vi) such child participates in the  
9                   special supplemental nutrition program for  
10                  women, infants, and children under section  
11                  17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
12                  U.S.C. 1786);

13                  “(vii) through the use of information  
14                  obtained by the State agency for the pur-  
15                  pose of participating in the supplemental  
16                  nutrition assistance program under the  
17                  Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
18                  2011 et seq.), the State agency elects to  
19                  treat as a child care covered child each  
20                  child less than 6 years of age who is a  
21                  member of a household that receives sup-  
22                  plemental nutrition assistance program  
23                  benefits under such Act; or

24                  “(viii) the State in which such child  
25                  resides determines that such child is a

1 child care covered child, using State data  
2 approved by the Secretary.

3 “(B) ACCEPTANCE OF ANY FORM OF  
4 AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT.—

5 “(i) ONE CATEGORY.—For purposes  
6 of deeming a child to be a child care cov-  
7 ered child under subparagraph (A), a State  
8 agency may not be required to show that  
9 a child meets more than one requirement  
10 specified in clauses (i) through (viii) of  
11 such subparagraph.

12 “(ii) DEEMING REQUIREMENT.—If a  
13 State agency submits to the Secretary in-  
14 formation that a child meets any one of  
15 the requirements specified in clauses (i)  
16 through (viii) of subparagraph (A), the  
17 Secretary shall deem such child a child  
18 care covered child under such subpara-  
19 graph.

20 “(j) EXCLUSIONS.—The provisions of section 16 of  
21 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025) re-  
22 lating to quality control shall not apply with respect to  
23 assistance provided under this section.

24 “(k) FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of the Child Nutri-  
3 tion and Related Programs Recovery Act, the Sec-  
4 retary shall submit to the Education and Labor  
5 Committee and the Agriculture Committee of the  
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on Ag-  
7 riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a  
8 report on—

9           “(A) the feasibility of implementing the  
10 program for eligible children under this section  
11 using an EBT system in Puerto Rico, the Com-  
12 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
13 and American Samoa similar to the manner in  
14 which the supplemental nutrition assistance  
15 program under the Food and Nutrition Act of  
16 2008 is operated in the States, including an  
17 analysis of—

18           “(i) the current nutrition assistance  
19 program issuance infrastructure;

20           “(ii) the availability of—

21           “(I) an EBT system, including  
22 the ability for authorized retailers to  
23 accept EBT cards; and

24           “(II) EBT cards;

1           “(iii) the ability to limit purchases  
2           using nutrition assistance program benefits  
3           to food for home consumption; and

4           “(iv) the availability of reliable data  
5           necessary for the implementation of such  
6           program under this section for eligible chil-  
7           dren and child care covered children, in-  
8           cluding the names of such children and the  
9           mailing addresses of their households; and

10          “(B) the feasibility of implementing the  
11          program for child care covered children under  
12          subsection (i) in Puerto Rico, the Common-  
13          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and  
14          American Samoa, including with respect to such  
15          program each analysis specified in clauses (i)  
16          through (iv) of subparagraph (A).

17          “(2) CONTINGENT AVAILABILITY OF PARTICIPA-  
18          TION.—Beginning 30 days after the date of the en-  
19          actment of the Child Nutrition and Related Pro-  
20          grams Recovery Act, Puerto Rico, the Common-  
21          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Amer-  
22          ican Samoa may each—

23                 “(A) submit a plan under subsection (b),  
24                 unless the Secretary makes a finding, based on  
25                 the analysis provided under paragraph (1)(A),

1           that the implementation of the program for eli-  
2           gible children under this section is not feasible  
3           in such territories; and

4           “(B) submit a plan under subsection (i),  
5           unless the Secretary makes a finding, based on  
6           the analysis provided under paragraph (1)(B),  
7           that the implementation of the program for  
8           child care covered children under subsection (i)  
9           is not feasible in such territories.

10          “(3) TREATMENT OF PLANS SUBMITTED BY  
11          TERRITORIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
12          of law, with respect to a plan submitted pursuant to  
13          this subsection by Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth  
14          of the Northern Mariana Islands, or American  
15          Samoa under subsection (b) or subsection (i), the  
16          Secretary shall treat such plan in the same manner  
17          as a plan submitted by a State agency under such  
18          subsection, including with respect to the terms of  
19          funding provided under subsection (m).”;

20          (8) in subsection (1), as redesigned by para-  
21          graph (7)—

22                  (A) by redesignating paragraph (1) as  
23                  paragraph (3);

24                  (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
25                  (3) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;



1 (C) by inserting before paragraph (3) (as  
2 so redesignated) the following:

3 “(1) The term ‘child care center’ means an or-  
4 ganization described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
5 section 17(a)(2) of the Richard B. Russell National  
6 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(a)(2)) and a  
7 family or group day care home.

8 “(2) The term ‘child care covered child’ means  
9 a child served under section 17 of the Richard B.  
10 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1766) who, if not for the closure of the child care  
12 center attended by the child during a public health  
13 emergency designation and due to concerns about a  
14 COVID–19 outbreak, would receive meals under  
15 such section at the child care center.”; and

16 (D) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as so  
17 redesignated) the following:

18 “(4) The term ‘free rate’ means—

19 “(A) with respect to a breakfast, the rate  
20 of a free breakfast under the school breakfast  
21 program under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
22 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

23 “(B) with respect to a lunch, the rate of  
24 a free lunch under the school lunch program

1 under the Richard B. Russell National School  
2 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)”; and  
3 (9) in subsection (m), as redesignated by para-  
4 graph (7), by inserting “(including all administrative  
5 expenses)” after “this section”.

6 **SEC. 180004. FRESH PRODUCE FOR KIDS IN NEED.**

7 Section 2202(f)(1) of the Families First Coronavirus  
8 Response Act (Public Law 116–127) is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following:

10 “(E) The fresh fruit and vegetable pro-  
11 gram under section 19 of the Richard B. Rus-  
12 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 1769a).”.

14 **SEC. 180005. WIC BENEFIT FLEXIBILITY DURING COVID-19**  
15 **ACT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—

17 (1) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF  
18 CASH-VALUE VOUCHER.—During the COVID–19  
19 public health emergency declared under section 319  
20 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d)  
21 and in response to challenges related to such public  
22 health emergency, the Secretary may increase the  
23 amount of a cash-value voucher under a qualified  
24 food package to an amount less than or equal to  
25 \$35.

1           (2) APPLICATION OF INCREASED AMOUNT OF  
2 CASH-VALUE VOUCHER TO STATE AGENCIES.—

3           (A) NOTIFICATION.—An increase to the  
4 amount of a cash-value voucher under para-  
5 graph (1) shall apply to any State agency that  
6 notifies the Secretary of the intent to use such  
7 an increased amount, without further applica-  
8 tion.

9           (B) USE OF INCREASED AMOUNT.—A  
10 State agency that notifies the Secretary under  
11 subparagraph (A) may use or not use the in-  
12 creased amount described in such subparagraph  
13 during the period beginning on the date of the  
14 notification by the State agency under such  
15 subparagraph and ending September 30, 2020.

16           (3) APPLICATION PERIOD.—An increase to the  
17 amount of a cash-value voucher under paragraph (1)  
18 may only apply during the period beginning on the  
19 date of the enactment of this section and ending on  
20 September 30, 2020.

21           (4) SUNSET.—The authority to make an in-  
22 crease to the amount of a cash-value voucher under  
23 paragraph (1) or to use such an increased amount  
24 under paragraph (2)(B) shall terminate on Sep-  
25 tember 30, 2020.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

2 (1) CASH-VALUE VOUCHER.—The term “cash-  
3 value voucher” has the meaning given the term in  
4 section 246.2 of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-  
5 tions.

6 (2) QUALIFIED FOOD PACKAGE.—The term  
7 “qualified food package” means the following food  
8 packages under section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of  
9 Federal Regulations:

10 (A) Food Package IV—Children 1 through  
11 4 years.

12 (B) Food Package V—Pregnant and par-  
13 tially (mostly) breastfeeding women.

14 (C) Food Package VI—Postpartum women.

15 (D) Food Package VII—Fully  
16 breastfeeding.

17 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (4) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agency”  
20 has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of  
21 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
22 1786(b)).

1 **SEC. 180006. CALCULATION OF PAYMENTS AND REIM-**  
2 **BURSEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CHILD NUTRI-**  
3 **TION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL  
5 LUNCH ACT.—

6 (1) NUTRITION PROMOTION.—Notwithstanding  
7 any other provision of law, for purposes of making  
8 a payment to a State under section 5 of the Richard  
9 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1754), the Secretary shall deem the number of  
11 lunches served by school food authorities in such  
12 State during the 2020 period to be equal to the  
13 greater of the following:

14 (A) The number of lunches served by such  
15 school food authorities in such State during the  
16 2019 period.

17 (B) The number of lunches served by such  
18 school food authorities in such State during the  
19 2020 period.

20 (2) COMMODITY ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding  
21 any other provision of law, for purposes of providing  
22 commodity assistance to a State under section  
23 6(c)(1)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National School  
24 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(C)) or cash assist-  
25 ance in lieu of such commodity assistance under sec-  
26 tion 16 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1765) the Secretary

1 shall deem the number of lunches served by school  
2 food authorities in such State during the 2020 pe-  
3 riod to be equal to the greater of the following:

4 (A) The number of lunches served by such  
5 school food authorities in such State during the  
6 2019 period.

7 (B) The number of lunches served by such  
8 school food authorities in such State during the  
9 2020 period.

10 (3) SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—Notwith-  
11 standing any other provision of law, in determining  
12 the number of meals served by a school for purposes  
13 of making special assistance payments to a State  
14 with respect to a school under subparagraph (B),  
15 clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (C), or subpara-  
16 graph (E)(i)(II) of section 11(a)(1) of the Richard  
17 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 1759a(a)(1)), the Secretary shall deem the number  
19 of meals served by such school during the 2020 pe-  
20 riod to be equal to the greater of the following:

21 (A) The number of meals served by such  
22 school during the 2019 period.

23 (B) The number of meals served by such  
24 school during the 2020 period.

25 (b) CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966.—

1           (1) STATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not-  
2     withstanding any other provision of law, for pur-  
3     poses of making payments to a State under section  
4     7(a) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
5     1776(a)), the Secretary shall deem the number of  
6     meals and supplements served by such school food  
7     authorities in such State during the 2020 period to  
8     be equal to the greater of the following:

9           (A) The number of meals and supplements  
10           served by such school food authorities in such  
11           State during the 2019 period.

12           (B) The number of meals and supplements  
13           served by such school food authorities in such  
14           State during the 2020 period.

15           (2) TEAM NUTRITION NETWORK.—Notwith-  
16     standing any other provision of law, for purposes of  
17     making allocations to a State under section 19(d) of  
18     the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
19     1788(d)), the Secretary shall deem the number of  
20     lunches served by school food authorities in such  
21     State during the 2020 period to be equal to the  
22     greater of the following:

23           (A) The number of lunches served by such  
24           school food authorities in such State during the  
25           2019 period.

1           (B) The number of lunches served by such  
2           school food authorities in such State during the  
3           2020 period.

4           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6           the Secretary of Agriculture.

7           (2) 2019 PERIOD.—The term “2019 period”  
8           means the period beginning March 1, 2019 and end-  
9           ing June 30, 2019.

10          (3) 2020 PERIOD.—The term “2020 period”  
11          means the period beginning March 1, 2020 and end-  
12          ing June 30, 2020.

13   **SEC. 180007. REPORTING ON WAIVER AUTHORITY.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after the  
15          date of the receipt or issuance of each document listed  
16          in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection, the Sec-  
17          retary of Agriculture shall make publicly available on the  
18          website of the Department of Agriculture the following  
19          documents:

20               (1) Any request submitted by State agencies for  
21               a qualified waiver.

22               (2) The Secretary’s approval or denial of each  
23               such request.

24               (3) Any guidance issued by the Secretary with  
25               respect to a qualified waiver.



1 (b) INCLUSION OF DATE WITH GUIDANCE.—With re-  
2 spect to the guidance described in subsection (a)(3), the  
3 Secretary of Agriculture shall include the date on which  
4 such guidance was issued on the publicly available website  
5 of the Department of Agriculture on such guidance.

6 (c) QUALIFIED WAIVER DEFINED.—In this section,  
7 the term “qualified waiver” means a waiver under section  
8 2102, 2202, 2203, or 2204 of the Families First  
9 Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

10 **DIVISION S—OTHER MATTERS**  
11 **TITLE I—HEALTH CARE ACCESS**  
12 **FOR URBAN NATIVE VET-**  
13 **ERANS ACT**

14 **SEC. 190101. SHORT TITLE.**

15 This title may be cited as the “Health Care Access  
16 for Urban Native Veterans Act”.

17 **SEC. 190102. SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WITH FEDERAL**  
18 **AGENCIES.**

19 Section 405 of the Indian Health Care Improvement  
20 Act (25 U.S.C. 1645) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “urban In-  
22 dian organizations,” before “and tribal organiza-  
23 tions”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by inserting “urban Indian organiza-  
2 tion,” before “or tribal organization”; and

3 (B) by inserting “an urban Indian organi-  
4 zation,” before “or a tribal organization”.

5 **TITLE II—TRIBAL SCHOOL**  
6 **FEDERAL INSURANCE PARITY**

7 **SEC. 190201. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Tribal School Federal  
9 Insurance Parity Act”.

10 **SEC. 190202. AMENDMENT TO THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE**  
11 **IMPROVEMENT ACT.**

12 Section 409 of the Indian Health Care Improvement  
13 Act (25 U.S.C. 1647b) is amended by inserting “or the  
14 Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2501  
15 et seq.)” after “(25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)”.

16 **TITLE III—PRC FOR NATIVE**  
17 **VETERANS ACT**

18 **SEC. 190301. SHORT TITLE.**

19 This title may be cited as the “Proper and Reim-  
20 bursed Care for Native Veterans Act” or the “PRC for  
21 Native Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 190302. CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT OF DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO REIMBURSE IN-**  
4 **DIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR CERTAIN**  
5 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

6 Section 405(c) of the Indian Health Care Improve-  
7 ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1645) is amended by inserting before  
8 the period at the end the following: “, regardless of wheth-  
9 er such services are provided directly by the Service, an  
10 Indian tribe, or tribal organization, through contract  
11 health services, or through a contract for travel described  
12 in section 213(b)”.

13 **TITLE IV—WILDLIFE-BORNE**  
14 **DISEASE PREVENTION**

15 **SEC. 190401. SHORT TITLE.**

16 This title may be cited as the “Wildlife-Borne Disease  
17 Prevention Act of 2020”.

18 **SEC. 190402. MEASURES TO ADDRESS SPECIES THAT POSE**  
19 **A RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH.**

20 (a) SPECIES THAT POSE A RISK TO HUMAN  
21 HEALTH.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall, in  
23 consultation with the Director of the Centers for  
24 Disease Control, the United States Geological Sur-  
25 vey, and other relevant Federal agencies, identify  
26 wildlife species (or larger taxonomic groups, if ap-

1       appropriate) that could pose a biohazard risk to  
2       human health, and perform a risk analysis with re-  
3       spect to each such species for the purposes of deter-  
4       mining whether such species is injurious within the  
5       meaning of section 42 of title 18, United States  
6       Code.

7               (2) DRAFT LIST.—The Secretaries shall, not  
8       later than 90 days after the date of enactment of  
9       this Act, publish a draft of the list required by para-  
10      graph (1).

11              (3) FINAL LIST.—The Secretaries shall, not  
12      later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
13      Act, publish a final list required by paragraph (1).

14              (b) INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretaries  
15      shall, in consultation with the Secretary of State, provide  
16      assistance to foreign countries to end the trade of wildlife  
17      that poses a risk to humans because of transmission of  
18      pathogens that cause disease.

19              (c) INSPECTIONS AND INTERDICTION.—The Sec-  
20      retary of the Interior shall complete development on the  
21      electronic permitting system of the United States Fish and  
22      Wildlife Service and provide for law enforcement inspec-  
23      tion and interdiction of any injurious wildlife species.

24              (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is  
25      authorized to be appropriated \$21,000,000 to remain

1 available until expended for fiscal year 2020 to carry out  
2 this section.

3 (e) SECRETARIES.—In this section the term “Secre-  
4 taries” means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through  
5 the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, and the Sec-  
6 retary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the  
7 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

8 **SEC. 190403. TRADE OF INJURIOUS SPECIES AND SPECIES**  
9 **THAT POSE A RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH.**

10 Section 42 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-  
11 ed—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by inserting “or any interstate  
15 transport between States within the conti-  
16 nental United States,” after “shipment be-  
17 tween the continental United States, the  
18 District of Columbia, Hawaii, the Com-  
19 monwealth of Puerto Rico, or any posses-  
20 sion of the United States,”; and

21 (ii) by striking “to be injurious to  
22 human beings, to the interests of agri-  
23 culture” and inserting “to be injurious to  
24 or to transmit a pathogen that can cause

1 disease in humans, to be injurious to the  
2 interests of agriculture”; and

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

4 “(6) In the case of an emergency posing a sig-  
5 nificant risk to the health of humans, the Secretary  
6 of the Interior may designate a species by interim  
7 final rule. At the time of publication of the regula-  
8 tion in the Federal Register, the Secretary shall  
9 publish therein detailed reasons why such regulation  
10 is necessary, and in the case that such regulation  
11 applies to a native species, the Secretary shall give  
12 actual notice of such regulation to the State agency  
13 in each State in which such species is believed to  
14 occur. Any regulation promulgated under the au-  
15 thority of this paragraph shall cease to have force  
16 and effect at the close of the 365-day period fol-  
17 lowing the date of publication unless, during such  
18 365-day period, the rulemaking procedures which  
19 would apply to such regulation without regard to  
20 this paragraph are complied with. If at any time  
21 after issuing an emergency regulation the Secretary  
22 determines, on the basis of the best appropriate data  
23 available to the Secretary, that substantial evidence  
24 does not exist to warrant such regulation, the Sec-  
25 retary shall withdraw it.

1           “(7) Not more than 90 days after receiving a  
2           petition of an interested person under section 553(e)  
3           of title 5, United States Code, to determine that a  
4           species is injurious under this section, the Secretary  
5           of the Interior shall determine whether such petition  
6           has scientific merit. If the Secretary determines a  
7           petition has scientific merit, such Secretary shall  
8           make a determination regarding such petition not  
9           more than 12 months after the date such Secretary  
10          received such petition.”; and

11           (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
12          lows:

13          “(b) Any person who knowingly imports, ships, or  
14          transports any species in violation of subsection (a) of this  
15          section and who reasonably should have known that the  
16          species at issue in such violation is a species listed in sub-  
17          section (a) of this section, or in any regulation issued pur-  
18          suant thereto, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned  
19          not more than six months, or both.”.

20          **SEC. 190404. NATIONAL WILDLIFE HEALTH CENTER.**

21           (a) WILDLIFE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE.—The Direc-  
22          tor shall establish and maintain a national database of  
23          wildlife disease, including diseases that cause a human  
24          health risk, at the National Wildlife Health Center. The

1 Director, acting through such Center, shall, with respect  
2 to wildlife disease—

3 (1) develop, validate, and deploy diagnostic  
4 tests;

5 (2) provide diagnostic services to Federal,  
6 State, and Tribal natural resource management  
7 agencies; and

8 (3) provide confirmatory testing of diagnostic  
9 results.

10 (b) STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATION.—The Director  
11 shall—

12 (1) develop a framework for wildlife disease ex-  
13 perts in the United States to conduct risk assess-  
14 ments of wildlife diseases;

15 (2) communicate risk factors associated with  
16 wildlife diseases to the public;

17 (3) develop strategies to mitigate the threat  
18 posed by wildlife disease; and

19 (4) in coordination with the Director of the  
20 United States Fish and Wildlife Service—

21 (A) monitor wildlife disease threats to  
22 evaluate the risk posed by and impact of such  
23 diseases on the United States, conduct research  
24 and development to create statistically sup-



1 ported sampling frameworks for broad-scale  
2 surveillance of wildlife disease threats;

3 (B) conduct research on human dimensions  
4 of wildlife disease transmission and on effective  
5 outreach to stakeholders to help manage wildlife  
6 disease;

7 (C) conduct statistical modeling to under-  
8 stand and predict wildlife disease movement;  
9 and

10 (D) make recommendations to the Sec-  
11 retary of the Interior on wildlife species to be  
12 listed as injurious under section 42 of title 18,  
13 United States Code.

14 (c) INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE.—The Director,  
15 in coordination with the Administrator for the United  
16 States Agency for International Development, may  
17 strengthen global capacity for wildlife health monitoring  
18 to enhance early detection of diseases that have the capac-  
19 ity to jump the species barrier and pose a risk to the  
20 United States, including by providing funding for—

21 (1) academic, governmental, and nongovern-  
22 mental partner entities working to prevent wildlife  
23 disease outbreaks, emerging pathogens of wildlife or-  
24 igin, and epidemics or pandemics;

1 (2) building wildlife disease diagnostic capacity  
2 and monitoring systems in countries with areas that  
3 pose a high risk for animal-to-human transmission  
4 of disease; and

5 (3) providing technical assistance through train-  
6 ing, data sharing, and performing testing in coun-  
7 tries with areas that pose a high risk for animal-to-  
8 human transmission of disease.

9 (d) DIRECTOR.—In this section, the term “Director”  
10 means the Director of the United States Geological Sur-  
11 vey.

12 (e) WILDLIFE DISEASE.—In this section, the term  
13 “wildlife disease” means a disease-causing agent in wild-  
14 life that potentially poses a threat to human health.

15 **SEC. 190405. SURVEILLANCE BY STATES, TRIBES, TERRI-  
16 TORIES, AND INSULAR AREAS.**

17 The Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
18 Service, under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act  
19 of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and the Fish and Wild-  
20 life Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), shall dis-  
21 tribute funding to the States, insular territories, the Dis-  
22 trict of Columbia, and Indian Tribes through a onetime  
23 grant program to conduct epidemiological surveillance, re-  
24 search, management, and education relating to emerging  
25 wildlife disease. Funding shall be determined by the Direc-

1 tor of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service based  
2 upon the existing and potential threats to human health  
3 posed by wildlife-borne disease. Not less than 5 percent  
4 shall be provided to Indian Tribes and no State shall re-  
5 ceive more than 5 percent of the available funding. There  
6 is no non-Federal matching requirement for this onetime  
7 grant program. The Director of the United States Fish  
8 and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Director of  
9 the United States Geological Survey, acting through the  
10 National Wildlife Health Center, shall coordinate such  
11 surveillance among the States, insular territories, the Dis-  
12 trict of Columbia, and Indian Tribes.

13 **TITLE V—PANDEMIC RELIEF**  
14 **FOR AVIATION WORKERS AND**  
15 **PASSENGERS**

16 **SEC. 190501. PANDEMIC RELIEF FOR AVIATION WORKERS.**

17 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF ASSURANCE REGARDING FUR-**  
18 **LOUGHS.**—Section 4114(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Re-  
19 lief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136) is  
20 amended by striking “September 30, 2020” and inserting  
21 “September 30, 2020, or the date on which such financial  
22 assistance is fully exhausted by the air carrier or con-  
23 tractor, whichever date occurs later”.

24 (b) **PROTECTION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**  
25 **AGREEMENT.**—Section 4115 of such Act is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a) by striking “(a) IN GEN-  
2           ERAL.—”; and

3           (2) by striking subsection (b).

4 **SEC. 190502. TRANSPARENCY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

5           (a) **DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**—Not  
6 later than 72 hours after issuance of financial assistance  
7 by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section  
8 4112(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Se-  
9 curity Act (Public Law 116–136), the Secretary shall pub-  
10 lish on the website of the Department of the Treasury and  
11 shall submit to the congressional committees of jurisdic-  
12 tion—

13           (1) a plain-language description of the financial  
14 assistance, including the date of application, date of  
15 application approval, and identity of the recipient of  
16 financial assistance;

17           (2) the amount of the financial assistance; and

18           (3) a copy of any contract or assurances, if ap-  
19 plicable, and other relevant documentation regarding  
20 the financial assistance.

21           (b) **TRADE SECRETS.**—Notwithstanding any other  
22 provision of law, the Secretary may redact, from a disclo-  
23 sure under subsection (a), any trade secret other than the  
24 amount of or conditions attached to the issuance of finan-  
25 cial assistance.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF JURISDIC-  
3 TION.—The term “congressional committees of juris-  
4 diction” means the Committee on Transportation  
5 and Infrastructure and the Committee on Financial  
6 Services of the House of Representatives and the  
7 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
8 tation and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
9 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

10 (2) TRADE SECRET DEFINED.—The term  
11 “trade secret” means any financial or business infor-  
12 mation provided by the recipient of financial assist-  
13 ance under section 4112(a) of the Coronavirus Aid,  
14 Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law  
15 116–136), if—

16 (A) such recipient has taken reasonable  
17 measures to keep such information secret; and

18 (B) the information derives independent  
19 economic value, actual or potential, from not  
20 being generally known to, and not being readily  
21 ascertainable through proper means by, another  
22 person who can obtain economic value from the  
23 disclosure or use of the information.

24 (d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section  
25 shall be construed as eliminating or abridging any report-

1 ing requirement under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
2 Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

3 **SEC. 190503. AIR CARRIER MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—A passenger air carrier receiving  
5 a loan, loan guarantee, or other investment under section  
6 4003 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Secu-  
7 rity Act (Public Law 116–136) may not apply the pro-  
8 ceeds of such assistance toward a contract for heavy main-  
9 tenance work at a facility located outside of the United  
10 States if such contract would increase the ratio of mainte-  
11 nance work performed outside of the United States to all  
12 maintenance work performed by or on behalf of such air  
13 carrier at all locations.

14 (b) DEFINITION OF HEAVY MAINTENANCE WORK.—  
15 In this section, the term “heavy maintenance work” has  
16 the meaning given the term in section 44733(g) of title  
17 49, United States Code.

18 **SEC. 190504. NATIONAL AVIATION PREPAREDNESS PLAN.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation,  
20 in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human  
21 Services, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the  
22 heads of such other Federal departments or agencies as  
23 the Secretary considers appropriate, shall develop a na-  
24 tional aviation preparedness plan for communicable dis-  
25 ease outbreaks.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—A plan developed under  
2 subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

3 (1) provide airports and air carriers with an  
4 adaptable and scalable framework with which to  
5 align the individual plans of such airports and air  
6 carriers and provide appropriate guidance as to each  
7 individual plan;

8 (2) improve coordination among airports, air  
9 carriers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the  
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other  
11 appropriate Federal entities, and State and local  
12 governments or health agencies on developing poli-  
13 cies that increase the effectiveness of screening,  
14 quarantining, and contact-tracing with respect to in-  
15 bound international passengers;

16 (3) ensure that at-risk employees are equipped  
17 with appropriate personal protective equipment to  
18 reduce the likelihood of exposure to pathogens in the  
19 event of a pandemic;

20 (4) ensure aircraft and enclosed facilities  
21 owned, operated, or used by an air carrier or airport  
22 are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in  
23 accordance with Centers for Disease Control and  
24 Prevention guidance; and

1           (5) incorporate all elements referenced in the  
2 recommendation of the Comptroller General of the  
3 United States to the Secretary of Transportation  
4 contained in the report titled “Air Travel and Com-  
5 municable Diseases: Comprehensive Federal Plan  
6 Needed for U.S. Aviation System’s Preparedness”  
7 issued in December 2015 (GAO–16–127).

8           (c) CONSULTATION.—When developing a plan under  
9 subsection (a), the Secretary of Transportation shall con-  
10 sult with aviation industry and labor stakeholders, includ-  
11 ing representatives of—

12           (1) air carriers;

13           (2) small, medium, and large hub airports;

14           (3) labor organizations that represent airline pi-  
15 lots, flight attendants, air carrier airport customer  
16 service representatives, and air carrier maintenance,  
17 repair, and overhaul workers;

18           (4) the labor organization certified under sec-  
19 tion 7111 of title 5, United States Code, as the ex-  
20 clusive bargaining representative of air traffic con-  
21 trollers of the Federal Aviation Administration;

22           (5) the labor organization certified under such  
23 section as the exclusive bargaining representative of  
24 airway transportation systems specialists and avia-



1       tion safety inspectors of the Federal Aviation Ad-  
2       ministration; and

3               (6) such other stakeholders as the Secretary  
4       considers appropriate.

5       (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the plan  
6       is developed under subsection (a), the Secretary shall sub-  
7       mit to the appropriate committees of Congress such plan.

8       (e) DEFINITION OF AT-RISK EMPLOYEES.—In this  
9       section, the term “at-risk employees” means—

10               (1) individuals whose job duties require inter-  
11       action with air carrier passengers on a regular and  
12       continuing basis that are employees of—

13                       (A) air carriers;

14                       (B) air carrier contractors;

15                       (C) airports; and

16                       (D) Federal departments or agencies; and

17               (2) air traffic controllers and systems safety  
18       specialists of the Federal Aviation Administration.

19       **SEC. 190505. WORKING AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS.**

20       For the duration of the national emergency declared  
21       by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50  
22       U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the pandemic of SARS-  
23       CoV-2 or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), an air  
24       carrier operating under part 121 of title 14, Code of Fed-  
25       eral Regulations, shall—

1           (1) require each passenger and cabin crew-  
2 member to wear a mask or protective face covering  
3 while on board an aircraft of the air carrier;

4           (2) require each flight crewmember to wear a  
5 mask or protective face covering while on board an  
6 aircraft but outside the flight deck;

7           (3) submit to the Administrator of the Federal  
8 Aviation Administration a proposal to permit flight  
9 crew members of the air carrier to wear a mask or  
10 protective face covering while at their stations in the  
11 flight deck, including a safety risk assessment with  
12 respect to such proposal;

13           (4) provide flight and cabin crewmembers, air-  
14 port customer service agents, and other employees  
15 whose job responsibilities involve interaction with  
16 passengers with masks or protective face coverings,  
17 gloves, and hand sanitizer and wipes with sufficient  
18 alcohol content;

19           (5) ensure aircraft, including the cockpit and  
20 cabin, operated by such carrier are cleaned, dis-  
21 infected, and sanitized after each use in accordance  
22 with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
23 guidance;

24           (6) ensure enclosed facilities owned, operated,  
25 or used by such air carrier, including facilities used

1 for flight or cabin crewmember training or perform-  
2 ance of indoor maintenance, repair, or overhaul  
3 work, are cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized fre-  
4 quently in accordance with Centers for Disease Con-  
5 trol and Prevention guidance;

6 (7) provide air carrier employees whose job re-  
7 sponsibilities involve cleaning, disinfecting, and sani-  
8 tizing aircraft or enclosed facilities described in  
9 paragraphs (5) and (6) with masks or protective  
10 face coverings and gloves, and ensure that each con-  
11 tractor of the air carrier provides employees of such  
12 contractor with such materials; and

13 (8) establish guidelines, or adhere to applicable  
14 guidelines, for notifying employees of a confirmed  
15 COVID–19 diagnosis of an employee of such air car-  
16 rier and for identifying other air carrier employees  
17 whom such employee contacted in the 48-hour period  
18 before the employee developed symptoms.

19 **SEC. 190506. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL AVIATION**  
20 **ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of the national  
22 emergency declared by the President under the National  
23 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the  
24 pandemic of SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease 2019  
25 (COVID–19), in order to maintain the safe and efficient

1 operation of the air traffic control system, the Adminis-  
2 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

3           (1) provide air traffic controllers and airway  
4 transportation systems specialists of the Administra-  
5 tion with masks or protective face coverings, gloves,  
6 and hand sanitizer and wipes with sufficient alcohol  
7 content;

8           (2) ensure air traffic control facilities are  
9 cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in ac-  
10 cordance with Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
11 vention guidance; and

12           (3) provide employees of the Administration  
13 whose job responsibilities involve cleaning, dis-  
14 infecting, and sanitizing facilities described in para-  
15 graph (2) with masks or protective face coverings  
16 and gloves, and ensure that each contractor of the  
17 Administration provides employees of such con-  
18 tractor with such materials.

19           (b) SOURCE OF EQUIPMENT.—The items described  
20 in subsection (a)(1) may be procured or provided under  
21 such subsection through any sources available to the Ad-  
22 ministrator.

1       **TITLE VI—AMTRAK AND RAIL**  
2                               **WORKERS**

3       **SEC. 190601. AMTRAK COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of the national  
5 emergency declared by the President under the National  
6 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the  
7 pandemic of SARS-CoV-2 or coronavirus disease  
8 (COVID-19), Amtrak shall—

9                   (1) require each passenger and employee of  
10 Amtrak, including engineers, conductors, and on-  
11 board service workers, to wear a mask or other pro-  
12 tective face covering while onboard an Amtrak train;

13                   (2) take such actions as are reasonable to en-  
14 sure passenger compliance with the requirement  
15 under paragraph (1);

16                   (3) provide masks or protective face coverings,  
17 gloves, and hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes with  
18 sufficient alcohol content to—

19                           (A) conductors, engineers, and onboard  
20 service workers;

21                           (B) ticket agents, station agents, and red  
22 cap agents; and

23                           (C) any other employees whose job respon-  
24 sibilities include interaction with passengers;

1           (4) ensure Amtrak trains, including the loco-  
2           motive cab and passenger cars, are cleaned, dis-  
3           infected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with  
4           guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control  
5           and Prevention and ensure that employees whose job  
6           responsibilities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or  
7           sanitizing are provided masks or protective face cov-  
8           erings and gloves;

9           (5) ensure stations and enclosed facilities that  
10          Amtrak owns and operates including facilities used  
11          for training or the performance of indoor mainte-  
12          nance, repair, or overhaul work, are cleaned, dis-  
13          infected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with  
14          guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control  
15          and Prevention and ensure that employees whose job  
16          responsibilities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or  
17          sanitizing are provided masks or protective face cov-  
18          erings and gloves;

19          (6) take such actions as are reasonable to en-  
20          sure that stations or facilities served or used by Am-  
21          trak that Amtrak does not own are cleaned, dis-  
22          infected, and sanitized frequently in accordance with  
23          Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guid-  
24          ance;

1           (7) ensure that each contractor of Amtrak pro-  
2       vides masks or protective face coverings and gloves  
3       to employees of such contractor whose job respon-  
4       sibilities include those described in paragraphs (4)  
5       and (5); and

6           (8) establish guidelines, or adhere to existing  
7       applicable guidelines, for notifying employees of a  
8       confirmed diagnosis of COVID–19 of an employee of  
9       Amtrak.

10       (b) AVAILABILITY.—If Amtrak is unable to acquire  
11     any of the items necessary to comply with paragraphs (3),  
12     (4), and (5) of subsection (a) due to market unavailability,  
13     Amtrak shall—

14           (1) prepare and make public documentation  
15       demonstrating what actions have been taken to ac-  
16       quire such items; and

17           (2) continue efforts to acquire such items until  
18       such items become available.

19     **SEC. 190602. ADDITIONAL ENHANCED BENEFITS UNDER**  
20                     **THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**  
21                     **ACT.**

22       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(5)(A) of the Railroad  
23     Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)(A) is  
24     amended—

1           (1) by striking “July 31, 2020” and inserting  
2           “January 31, 2021, and for any registration periods  
3           during a period of continuing unemployment which  
4           began on or before January 31, 2021”; and

5           (2) by adding at the end “No recovery benefit  
6           under this section shall be payable for any registra-  
7           tion period beginning on or after April 1, 2021. For  
8           registration periods beginning on or after August 1,  
9           2020, but before February 1, 2021, a recovery ben-  
10          efit under this section shall only be payable to a  
11          qualified employee with respect to any registration  
12          period in which the employee received normal unem-  
13          ployment benefits as defined in paragraph (c)(1) or  
14          up to the 65th day of extended benefits as defined  
15          in paragraph (c)(2), but shall not be payable to a  
16          qualified employee who did not receive unemploy-  
17          ment benefits or who received benefits for the 66th  
18          or greater day of extended benefits for such registra-  
19          tion period. For registration periods beginning on or  
20          after February 1, 2021, a recovery benefit under  
21          this section shall only be payable to a qualified em-  
22          ployee with respect to any registration period in  
23          which the employee received normal unemployment  
24          benefits as defined in paragraph (c)(1), but shall not  
25          be payable to a qualified employee who did not re-



1       ceive unemployment benefits or who received ex-  
2       tended benefits as defined in paragraph (e)(2) for  
3       such registration period.”.

4       (b)       ADDITIONAL       APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
5       2(a)(5)(B) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act  
6       (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)(B)) is amended by adding at the end  
7       the following:

8               “In addition to the amount appropriated by the pre-  
9       ceding sentence, out of any funds in the Treasury not oth-  
10       erwise appropriated, there are appropriated \$750,000,000  
11       to cover the cost of recovery benefits provided under sub-  
12       paragraph (A), to remain available until expended.”.

13       (c)       DISREGARD OF RECOVERY BENEFITS FOR PUR-  
14       POSES OF ALL FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED  
15       PROGRAMS.—Section 2(a)(5) of the Railroad Unemploy-  
16       ment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)) is amended by  
17       adding at the end the following:

18               “(C) A recovery benefit payable under sub-  
19       paragraph (A) shall not be regarded as income  
20       and shall not be regarded as a resource for the  
21       month of receipt and the following 9 months,  
22       for purposes of determining the eligibility of the  
23       recipient (or the recipient’s spouse or family)  
24       for benefits or assistance, or the amount or ex-  
25       tent of benefits or assistance, under any Fed-

1           eral program or under any State or local pro-  
2           gram financed in whole or in part with Federal  
3           funds.”.

4           (d) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE  
5 FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under either the first or  
6 second sentence of subparagraph (B) of section 2(a)(5)  
7 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act shall be  
8 available to cover the cost of recovery benefits provided  
9 under such section 2(a)(5) by reason of the amendments  
10 made by subsection (a) as well as to cover the cost of such  
11 benefits provided under such section 2(a)(5) as in effect  
12 on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 190603. TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE RAIL-**  
14                           **ROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AC-**  
15                           **COUNT.**

16           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 256(i)(1) of the Balanced  
17 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2  
18 U.S.C. 906(i)(1)) is amended—

19                   (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
20           the end;

21                   (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “and” at  
22           the end; and

23                   (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
24           lowing new subparagraph:

1           “(D) any payment made from the Railroad Un-  
2           employment Insurance Account (established by sec-  
3           tion 10 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance  
4           Act) for the purpose of carrying out the Railroad  
5           Unemployment Insurance Act, and funds appro-  
6           priated or transferred to or otherwise deposited in  
7           such Account,”.

8           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The treatment of payments  
9           made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Ac-  
10          count pursuant to the amendment made by subsection (a)  
11          shall take effect 7 days after the date of enactment of this  
12          Act and shall apply only to obligations incurred on or after  
13          such effective date for such payments.

14          **SEC. 190604. TECHNICAL CORRECTION FOR EXTENDED UN-**  
15                               **EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE RAIL-**  
16                               **ROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.**

17          Section 2(c)(2)(D)(iii) of the Railroad Unemployment  
18          Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(c)(2)(D)(iii)) is amended  
19          by striking “July 1, 2019” and inserting “July 15, 2019”.

20          **SEC. 190605. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

21          Section 22002 of Public Law 116–136 is amended  
22          by striking “Railway Retirement Act of 1974” and insert-  
23          ing “Railroad Retirement Act of 1974”.

1 **SEC. 190606. CLARIFICATION OF OVERSIGHT AND IMPLE-**  
2 **MENTATION OF RELIEF FOR WORKERS AF-**  
3 **FECTED BY CORONAVIRUS ACT.**

4 (a) AUDITS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND OVERSIGHT.—  
5 Notwithstanding section 2115 of the Relief for Workers  
6 Affected by Coronavirus Act (subtitle A of title II of divi-  
7 sion A of Public Law 116–136), the authority of the In-  
8 spector General of the Department of Labor to carry out  
9 audits, investigations, and other oversight activities that  
10 are related to the provisions of such Act shall not extend  
11 to any activities related to sections 2112, 2113, or 2114  
12 of such Act. Such authority with respect to such sections  
13 shall belong to the Inspector General of the Railroad Re-  
14 tirement Board.

15 (b) OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS OR OTHER GUID-  
16 ANCE.—Notwithstanding section 2116(b) of the Relief for  
17 Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (subtitle A of title  
18 II of division A of Public Law 116–136), the authority  
19 of the Secretary of Labor to issue any operating instruc-  
20 tions or other guidance necessary to carry out the provi-  
21 sions of such Act shall not extend to any activities related  
22 to sections 2112, 2113, or 2114 of such Act. Such author-  
23 ity with respect to such sections shall belong to the Rail-  
24 road Retirement Board.

1 **SEC. 190607. EXTENSION OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT**  
2 **BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEM-**  
3 **PLYMENT INSURANCE ACT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(c)(2)(D)(iii) of the  
5 Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C.  
6 352(c)(2)(D)(iii) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “June 30, 2020” and inserting  
8 “June 30, 2021”; and

9 (2) by striking “no extended benefit period  
10 under this paragraph shall begin after December 31,  
11 2020” and inserting “the provisions of clauses (i)  
12 and (ii) shall not apply to any employee whose ex-  
13 tended benefit period under subparagraph (B) be-  
14 gins on or after February 1, 2021, and shall not  
15 apply to any employee with respect to any registra-  
16 tion period beginning on or after April 1, 2021”.

17 (b) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE  
18 FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under either the first or  
19 second sentence of clause (iv) of section 2(c)(2)(D) of the  
20 Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act shall be available  
21 to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment  
22 benefits provided under such section 2(c)(2)(D) by reason  
23 of the amendments made by subsection (a) as well as to  
24 cover the cost of such benefits provided under such section  
25 2(c)(2)(D) as in effect on the day before the date of enact-  
26 ment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 190608. EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF THE 7-DAY WAIT-**  
2 **ING PERIOD FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE**  
3 **RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2112(a) of the Relief for  
5 Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (subtitle A of title  
6 II of division A of Public Law 116–136), is amended by  
7 striking “December 31, 2020” and inserting “January 31,  
8 2021”.

9 (b) OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULA-  
10 TIONS.—The Railroad Retirement Board may prescribe  
11 any operating instructions or regulations necessary to  
12 carry out this section.

13 **TITLE VII—ENERGY AND**  
14 **ENVIRONMENT PROVISIONS**

15 **SEC. 190701. HOME ENERGY AND WATER SERVICE CON-**  
16 **TINUITY.**

17 Any entity receiving financial assistance pursuant to  
18 any division of this Act shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
19 ticable, establish or maintain in effect policies to ensure  
20 that no home energy service or public water system service  
21 to a residential customer, which is provided or regulated  
22 by such entity, is or remains disconnected or interrupted  
23 during the emergency period described in section  
24 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act because of non-  
25 payment, and all reconnections of such public water sys-  
26 tem service are conducted in a manner that minimizes risk

1 to the health of individuals receiving such service. For pur-  
2 poses of this section, the term “home energy service”  
3 means a service to provide home energy, as such term is  
4 defined in section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy  
5 Assistance Act of 1981, or service provided by an electric  
6 utility, as such term is defined in section 3 of the Public  
7 Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and the term  
8 “public water system” has the meaning given that term  
9 in section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Nothing  
10 in this section shall be construed to require forgiveness  
11 of any debt incurred or owed to an entity or to absolve  
12 an individual of any obligation to an entity for service,  
13 nor to preempt any State or local law or regulation gov-  
14 erning entities that provide such services to residential  
15 customers.

16 **SEC. 190702. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS.—The Ad-  
18 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall  
19 continue to carry out—

20 (1) the Environmental Justice Small Grants  
21 Program and the Environmental Justice Collabo-  
22 rative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Pro-  
23 gram, as those programs are in existence on the date  
24 of enactment of this Act; and

1           (2) the Community Action for a Renewed Envi-  
2           ronment grant programs I and II, as in existence on  
3           January 1, 2012.

4           (b) USE OF FUNDS FOR GRANTS IN RESPONSE TO  
5           COVID–19 PANDEMIC.—With respect to amounts appro-  
6           priated by division A of this Act that are available to carry  
7           out the programs described in subsection (a), the Adminis-  
8           trator of the Environmental Protection Agency may only  
9           award grants under such programs for projects that will  
10          investigate or address the disproportionate impacts of the  
11          COVID–19 pandemic in environmental justice commu-  
12          nities.

13          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
14          authorized to be appropriated to carry out the programs  
15          described in subsection (a) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year  
16          2020, and such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal  
17          year thereafter.

18          (d) DISTRIBUTION.—Not later than 30 days after  
19          amounts are made available pursuant to subsection (c),  
20          the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-  
21          cy shall make awards of grants under each of the pro-  
22          grams described in subsection (a).



1 **SEC. 190703. LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD DRINKING WATER**  
2 **AND WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000,000 to the Sec-  
5 retary to carry out this section.

6 (b) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD DRINKING WATER  
7 AND WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
8 make grants to States and Indian Tribes to assist low-  
9 income households, particularly those with the lowest in-  
10 comes, that pay a high proportion of household income  
11 for drinking water and wastewater services, by providing  
12 funds to owners or operators of public water systems or  
13 treatment works to reduce rates charged to such house-  
14 holds for such services.

15 (c) NONDUPLICATION OF EFFORT.—In carrying out  
16 this section, the Secretary, States, and Indian Tribes, as  
17 applicable, shall, as appropriate and to the extent prac-  
18 ticable, use existing processes, procedures, policies, and  
19 systems in place to provide assistance to low-income  
20 households, including by using existing application and ap-  
21 proval processes.

22 (d) ALLOTMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
24 graph (2), the Secretary shall allot amounts appro-  
25 priated pursuant to this section to a State or Indian  
26 Tribe based on the following:

1           (A) The percentage of households in the  
2 State, or under the jurisdiction of the Indian  
3 Tribe, with income equal to or less than 150  
4 percent of the Federal poverty line.

5           (B) The percentage of such households in  
6 the State, or under the jurisdiction of the In-  
7 dian Tribe, that spend more than 30 percent of  
8 monthly income on housing.

9           (C) The extent to which the State or In-  
10 dian Tribe has been affected by the public  
11 health emergency, including the rate of trans-  
12 mission of COVID–19 in the State or area over  
13 which the Indian Tribe has jurisdiction, the  
14 number of COVID–19 cases compared to the  
15 national average, and economic disruptions re-  
16 sulting from the public health emergency.

17           (2) RESERVED FUNDS.—The Secretary shall re-  
18 serve not more than 10 percent of the amounts ap-  
19 propriated pursuant to this section for allotment to  
20 States and Indian Tribes based on the economic dis-  
21 ruptions to the States and Indian Tribes resulting  
22 from the emergency described in the emergency dec-  
23 laration issued by the President on March 13, 2020,  
24 pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford  
25 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42

1 U.S.C. 5191(b)), during the period covered by such  
2 emergency declaration and any subsequent major  
3 disaster declaration under section 401 of such Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 5170) that supersedes such emergency  
5 declaration.

6 (e) DETERMINATION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSE-  
7 HOLDS.—

8 (1) MINIMUM DEFINITION OF LOW-INCOME.—In  
9 determining whether a household is considered low-  
10 income for the purposes of this section, a State or  
11 Indian Tribe—

12 (A) shall ensure that, at a minimum—

13 (i) all households with income equal to  
14 or less than 150 percent of the Federal  
15 poverty line are included as low-income  
16 households; and

17 (ii) all households with income equal  
18 to or less than 60 percent of the State me-  
19 dian income are included as low-income  
20 households;

21 (B) may include households that have been  
22 adversely economically affected by job loss or  
23 severe income loss related to the public health  
24 emergency; and

1 (C) may include other households, includ-  
2 ing households in which 1 or more individuals  
3 are receiving—

4 (i) assistance under the State pro-  
5 gram funded under part A of title IV of  
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et  
7 seq.);

8 (ii) supplemental security income pay-  
9 ments under title XVI of the Social Secu-  
10 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

11 (iii) supplemental nutrition assistance  
12 program benefits under the Food and Nu-  
13 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
14 seq.); or

15 (iv) payments under section 1315,  
16 1521, 1541, or 1542 of title 38, United  
17 States Code, or under section 306 of the  
18 Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improve-  
19 ment Act of 1978.

20 (2) HOUSEHOLD DOCUMENTATION REQUIRE-  
21 MENTS.—States and Indian Tribes shall—

22 (A) to the maximum extent practicable,  
23 seek to limit the income history documentation  
24 requirements for determining whether a house-

1 hold is considered low-income for the purposes  
2 of this section; and

3 (B) for the purposes of income eligibility,  
4 accept proof of job loss or severe income loss  
5 dated after February 29, 2020, such as a layoff  
6 or furlough notice or verification of application  
7 of unemployment benefits, as sufficient to dem-  
8 onstrate lack of income for an individual or  
9 household.

10 (f) APPLICATIONS.—Each State or Indian Tribe de-  
11 siring to receive a grant under this section shall submit  
12 an application to the Secretary, in such form as the Sec-  
13 retary shall require.

14 (g) UTILITY RESPONSIBILITIES.—Owners or opera-  
15 tors of public water systems or treatment works receiving  
16 funds pursuant to this section for the purposes of reducing  
17 rates charged to low-income households for service shall—

18 (1) conduct outreach activities designed to en-  
19 sure that such households are made aware of the  
20 rate assistance available pursuant to this section;

21 (2) charge such households, in the normal bill-  
22 ing process, not more than the difference between  
23 the actual cost of the service provided and the  
24 amount of the payment made by the State or Indian  
25 Tribe pursuant to this section; and

1           (3) within 45 days of providing assistance to a  
2 household pursuant to this section, notify in writing  
3 such household of the amount of such assistance.

4           (h) STATE AGREEMENTS WITH DRINKING WATER  
5 AND WASTEWATER PROVIDERS.—To the maximum extent  
6 practicable, a State that receives a grant under this sec-  
7 tion shall enter into agreements with owners and operators  
8 of public water systems, owners and operators of treat-  
9 ment works, municipalities, nonprofit organizations asso-  
10 ciated with providing drinking water, wastewater, and  
11 other social services to rural and small communities, and  
12 Indian Tribes, to assist in identifying low-income house-  
13 holds and to carry out this section.

14           (i) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A State or Indian  
15 Tribe that receives a grant under this section may use up  
16 to 8 percent of the granted amounts for administrative  
17 costs.

18           (j) FEDERAL AGENCY COORDINATION.—In carrying  
19 out this section, the Secretary shall coordinate with the  
20 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
21 and consult with other Federal agencies with authority  
22 over the provision of drinking water and wastewater serv-  
23 ices.

24           (k) AUDITS.—The Secretary shall require each State  
25 and Indian Tribe receiving a grant under this section to

1 undertake periodic audits and evaluations of expenditures  
2 made by such State or Indian Tribe pursuant to this sec-  
3 tion.

4 (l) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall  
5 submit to Congress a report on the results of activities  
6 carried out pursuant to this section—

7 (1) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
8 actment of this section; and

9 (2) upon disbursement of all funds appropriated  
10 pursuant to this section.

11 (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
13 means any Indian Tribe, band, group, or community  
14 recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and exer-  
15 cising governmental authority over a Federal Indian  
16 reservation.

17 (2) MUNICIPALITY.—The term “municipality”  
18 has the meaning given such term in section 502 of  
19 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.  
20 1362).

21 (3) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term  
22 “public health emergency” means the public health  
23 emergency described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the  
24 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5).

1           (4) PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.—The term “public  
2           water system” has the meaning given such term in  
3           section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
4           U.S.C. 300f).

5           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6           the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

7           (6) STATE.—The term “State” means a State,  
8           the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
9           Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States,  
10          Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of  
11          the Northern Mariana Islands.

12          (7) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term “treatment  
13          works” has the meaning given that term in section  
14          212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
15          U.S.C. 1292).

16 **SEC. 190704. HOME WATER SERVICE CONTINUITY.**

17          (a) CONTINUITY OF SERVICE.—Any entity receiving  
18          financial assistance under division A of this Act shall, to  
19          the maximum extent practicable, establish or maintain in  
20          effect policies to ensure that, with respect to any service  
21          provided by a public water system or treatment works to  
22          an occupied residence, which service is provided or regu-  
23          lated by such entity—



1           (1) no such service is or remains disconnected  
2 or interrupted during the emergency period because  
3 of nonpayment;

4           (2) all reconnections of such service are con-  
5 ducted in a manner that minimizes risk to the health  
6 of individuals receiving such service; and

7           (3) no fees for late payment of bills for such  
8 service are charged or accrue during the emergency  
9 period.

10       (b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall be con-  
11 strued to require forgiveness of outstanding debt owed to  
12 an entity or to absolve an individual of any obligation to  
13 an entity for service.

14       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15           (1) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term “emer-  
16 gency period” means the emergency period described  
17 in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5).

19           (2) PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.—The term “public  
20 water system” has the meaning given such term in  
21 section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
22 U.S.C. 300f).

23           (3) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term “treatment  
24 works” has the meaning given that term in section

1 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
2 U.S.C. 1292).

3 **TITLE VIII—DEATH AND DIS-**  
4 **ABILITY BENEFITS FOR PUB-**  
5 **LIC SAFETY OFFICERS IM-**  
6 **PACTED BY COVID-19**

7 **SEC. 190801. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Public Safety Officer  
9 Pandemic Response Act of 2020”.

10 **SEC. 190802. DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR PUB-**  
11 **LIC SAFETY OFFICERS IMPACTED BY COVID-**  
12 **19.**

13 Section 1201 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
14 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281) is amended by  
15 adding at the end the following new subsection:

16 “(o) For purposes of this part:

17 “(1) COVID–19 shall be presumed to constitute  
18 a personal injury within the meaning of subsection  
19 (a), sustained in the line of duty by a public safety  
20 officer and directly and proximately resulting in  
21 death, unless such officer is shown to have per-  
22 formed no line of duty activity or action within the  
23 45 days immediately preceding a diagnosis of, or  
24 positive test for COVID–19.

1           “(2) The Attorney General shall accept claims,  
2 including supplemental claims, under this section  
3 from an individual who—

4                   “(A) was serving as a public safety officer  
5 and was injured or disabled in the line of duty  
6 as a result of the terrorist attacks on the  
7 United States that occurred on September 11,  
8 2001, or in the aftermath of such attacks devel-  
9 oped a condition described in section 3312(a) of  
10 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 300mm–22(a)); and

12                   “(B) was diagnosed with COVID–19 dur-  
13 ing the period described in paragraph (3),  
14 which, in combination with the injury or dis-  
15 ability described in subparagraph (A), perma-  
16 nently and totally disabled or directly and  
17 proximately resulted in the death of the indi-  
18 vidual.

19 In assessing a claim under this paragraph, the pre-  
20 sumption of causation described in paragraph (1)  
21 shall apply.

22           “(3) The presumption described in paragraph  
23 (1) shall apply with respect to a diagnosis of  
24 COVID–19 beginning on January 20, 2020, and  
25 ending on the date that is one year after the emer-

1 agency period (as such term is defined in section  
2 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 1320b-5(g))) based on the COVID-19 public health  
4 emergency ends.

5 “(4) The term ‘COVID-19’ means a disease  
6 caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome  
7 coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

8 “(p) In determining whether the personal injury re-  
9 sulting from COVID-19 was a catastrophic injury, the At-  
10 torney General’s inquiry shall be limited to whether the  
11 individual is permanently prevented from performing any  
12 gainful work as a public safety officer.”

## 13 **TITLE IX—VICTIMS OF CRIME** 14 **ACT AMENDMENTS**

### 15 **SEC. 190901. SHORT TITLE.**

16 This title may be cited as the “Victims of Crime Act  
17 Fix Act of 2020”.

### 18 **SEC. 190902. DEPOSITS OF FUNDING INTO THE CRIME VIC-** 19 **TIMS FUND.**

20 Section 1402(b) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984  
21 (34 U.S.C. 20101(b)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the  
23 end;

24 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at  
25 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

2 “(6) any funds that would otherwise be depos-  
3 ited in the general fund of the Treasury collected as  
4 pursuant to—

5 “(A) a deferred prosecution agreement; or

6 “(B) a non-prosecution agreement.”.

7 **SEC. 190903. WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of VOCA, during the COVID–19 emergency period  
10 and for the period ending one year after the date on which  
11 such period expires or is terminated, the Attorney General,  
12 acting through the Director of the Office for Victims of  
13 Crime, may not impose any matching requirement as a  
14 condition of receipt of funds under any program to provide  
15 assistance to victims of crimes authorized under the Vic-  
16 tims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.).

17 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term  
18 “COVID–19 emergency period” means the period begin-  
19 ning on the date on which the President declared a na-  
20 tional emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50  
21 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the Coronavirus Dis-  
22 ease 2019 (COVID–19) and ending on the date that is  
23 30 days after the date on which the national emergency  
24 declaration is terminated.

1 (c) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply with re-  
2 spect to—

3 (1) applications submitted during the period de-  
4 scribed under subsection (a), including applications  
5 for which funds will be distributed after such period;  
6 and

7 (2) distributions of funds made during the pe-  
8 riod described under subsection (a), including dis-  
9 tributions made pursuant to applications submitted  
10 before such period.

11 **TITLE X—JABARA-HEYER NO**  
12 **HATE ACT**

13 **SEC. 191001. SHORT TITLE.**

14 This title may be cited as the “Jabara-Heyer Na-  
15 tional Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equal-  
16 ity Act of 2020” or the “Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act”.

17 **SEC. 191002. FINDINGS.**

18 Congress finds the following:

19 (1) The incidence of violence known as hate  
20 crimes or crimes motivated by bias poses a serious  
21 national problem.

22 (2) According to data obtained by the Federal  
23 Bureau of Investigation, the incidence of such vio-  
24 lence increased in 2017, the most recent year for  
25 which data is available.

1           (3) In 1990, Congress enacted the Hate Crime  
2           Statistics Act (Public Law 101–275; 28 U.S.C. 534  
3           note) to provide the Federal Government, law en-  
4           forcement agencies, and the public with data regard-  
5           ing the incidence of hate crime. The Hate Crimes  
6           Statistics Act and the Matthew Shepard and James  
7           Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (division E of  
8           Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2835) have enabled  
9           Federal authorities to understand and, where appro-  
10          prium, investigate and prosecute hate crimes.

11          (4) A more complete understanding of the na-  
12          tional problem posed by hate crime is in the public  
13          interest and supports the Federal interest in eradi-  
14          cating bias-motivated violence referenced in section  
15          249(b)(1)(C) of title 18, United States Code.

16          (5) However, a complete understanding of the  
17          national problem posed by hate crimes is hindered  
18          by incomplete data from Federal, State, and local  
19          jurisdictions through the Uniform Crime Reports  
20          program authorized under section 534 of title 28,  
21          United States Code, and administered by the Fed-  
22          eral Bureau of Investigation.

23          (6) Multiple factors contribute to the provision  
24          of inaccurate and incomplete data regarding the in-  
25          cidence of hate crime through the Uniform Crime

1 Reports program. A significant contributing factor is  
2 the quality and quantity of training that State and  
3 local law enforcement agencies receive on the identi-  
4 fication and reporting of suspected bias-motivated  
5 crimes.

6 (7) The problem of crimes motivated by bias is  
7 sufficiently serious, widespread, and interstate in na-  
8 ture as to warrant Federal financial assistance to  
9 States and local jurisdictions.

10 (8) Federal financial assistance with regard to  
11 certain violent crimes motivated by bias enables Fed-  
12 eral, State, and local authorities to work together as  
13 partners in the investigation and prosecution of such  
14 crimes.

15 **SEC. 191003. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this title:

17 (1) HATE CRIME.—The term “hate crime”  
18 means an act described in section 245, 247, or 249  
19 of title 18, United States Code, or in section 901 of  
20 the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631).

21 (2) PRIORITY AGENCY.—The term “priority  
22 agency” means—

23 (A) a law enforcement agency of a unit of  
24 local government that serves a population of not



1 less than 100,000, as computed by the Federal  
2 Bureau of Investigation; or

3 (B) a law enforcement agency of a unit of  
4 local government that—

5 (i) serves a population of not less than  
6 50,000 and less than 100,000, as com-  
7 puted by the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
8 tion; and

9 (ii) has reported no hate crimes  
10 through the Uniform Crime Reports pro-  
11 gram in each of the 3 most recent calendar  
12 years for which such data is available.

13 (3) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
14 ing given the term in section 901 of title I of the  
15 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
16 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

17 (4) UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS.—The term  
18 “Uniform Crime Reports” means the reports author-  
19 ized under section 534 of title 28, United States  
20 Code, and administered by the Federal Bureau of  
21 Investigation that compile nationwide criminal sta-  
22 tistics for use—

23 (A) in law enforcement administration, op-  
24 eration, and management; and

1 (B) to assess the nature and type of crime  
2 in the United States.

3 (5) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term  
4 “unit of local government” has the meaning given  
5 the term in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus  
6 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34  
7 U.S.C. 10251).

8 **SEC. 191004. REPORTING OF HATE CRIMES.**

9 (a) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may  
11 make grants to States and units of local government  
12 to assist the State or unit of local government in im-  
13 plementing the National Incident-Based Reporting  
14 System, including to train employees in identifying  
15 and classifying hate crimes in the National Incident-  
16 Based Reporting System.

17 (2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under para-  
18 graph (1), the Attorney General shall give priority to  
19 States and units of local government with larger  
20 populations.

21 (b) REPORTING.—

22 (1) COMPLIANCE.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
24 subparagraph (B), in each fiscal year beginning  
25 after the date that is 3 years after the date on

1           which a State or unit of local government first  
2           receives a grant under subsection (a), the State  
3           or unit of local government shall provide to the  
4           Attorney General, through the Uniform Crime  
5           Reporting system, information pertaining to  
6           hate crimes committed in that jurisdiction dur-  
7           ing the preceding fiscal year.

8           (B) EXTENSIONS; WAIVER.—The Attorney  
9           General—

10           (i) may provide a 120-day extension  
11           to a State or unit of local government that  
12           is making good faith efforts to comply with  
13           subparagraph (A); and

14           (ii) shall waive the requirements of  
15           subparagraph (A) if compliance with that  
16           subparagraph by a State or unit of local  
17           government would be unconstitutional  
18           under the constitution of the State or of  
19           the State in which the unit of local govern-  
20           ment is located, respectively.

21           (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If a State or unit of  
22           local government that receives a grant under sub-  
23           section (a) fails to substantially comply with para-  
24           graph (1) of this subsection, the State or unit of  
25           local government shall repay the grant in full, plus

1 reasonable interest and penalty charges allowable by  
2 law or established by the Attorney General.

3 **SEC. 191005. GRANTS FOR STATE-RUN HATE CRIME HOT-**  
4 **LINES.**

5 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
7 make grants to States to create State-run hate  
8 crime reporting hotlines.

9 (2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant made under  
10 paragraph (1) shall be for a period of not more than  
11 5 years.

12 (b) HOTLINE REQUIREMENTS.—A State shall ensure,  
13 with respect to a hotline funded by a grant under sub-  
14 section (a), that—

15 (1) the hotline directs individuals to—

16 (A) law enforcement if appropriate; and

17 (B) local support services;

18 (2) any personally identifiable information that  
19 an individual provides to an agency of the State  
20 through the hotline is not directly or indirectly dis-  
21 closed, without the consent of the individual, to—

22 (A) any other agency of that State;

23 (B) any other State;

24 (C) the Federal Government; or

25 (D) any other person or entity;

1           (3) the staff members who operate the hotline  
2           are trained to be knowledgeable about—

3                   (A) applicable Federal, State, and local  
4                   hate crime laws; and

5                   (B) local law enforcement resources and  
6                   applicable local support services; and

7           (4) the hotline is accessible to—

8                   (A) individuals with limited English pro-  
9                   ficiency, where appropriate; and

10                   (B) individuals with disabilities.

11           (c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Attorney General shall  
12           issue guidance to States on best practices for imple-  
13           menting the requirements of subsection (b).

14   **SEC. 191006. INFORMATION COLLECTION BY STATES AND**  
15                   **UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

16           (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17                   (1) APPLICABLE AGENCY.—The term “applica-  
18                   ble agency”, with respect to an eligible entity that  
19                   is—

20                           (A) a State, means—

21                                   (i) a law enforcement agency of the  
22                                   State; and

23                                   (ii) a law enforcement agency of a  
24                                   unit of local government within the State  
25                                   that—

1 (I) is a priority agency; and

2 (II) receives a subgrant from the  
3 State under this section; and

4 (B) a unit of local government, means a  
5 law enforcement agency of the unit of local gov-  
6 ernment that is a priority agency.

7 (2) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered  
8 agency” means—

9 (A) a State law enforcement agency; or

10 (B) a priority agency.

11 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a State; or

14 (B) a unit of local government that has a  
15 priority agency.

16 (b) GRANTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may  
18 make grants to eligible entities to assist covered  
19 agencies within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity  
20 in conducting law enforcement activities or crime re-  
21 duction programs to prevent, address, or otherwise  
22 respond to hate crime, particularly as those activities  
23 or programs relate to reporting hate crimes through  
24 the Uniform Crime Reports program, including—

1 (A) adopting a policy on identifying, inves-  
2 tigating, and reporting hate crimes;

3 (B) developing a standardized system of  
4 collecting, analyzing, and reporting the inci-  
5 dence of hate crime;

6 (C) establishing a unit specialized in iden-  
7 tifying, investigating, and reporting hate  
8 crimes;

9 (D) engaging in community relations func-  
10 tions related to hate crime prevention and edu-  
11 cation such as—

12 (i) establishing a liaison with formal  
13 community-based organizations or leaders;  
14 and

15 (ii) conducting public meetings or  
16 educational forums on the impact of hate  
17 crimes, services available to hate crime vic-  
18 tims, and the relevant Federal, State, and  
19 local laws pertaining to hate crimes; and

20 (E) providing hate crime trainings for  
21 agency personnel.

22 (2) SUBGRANTS.—A State that receives a grant  
23 under paragraph (1) may award a subgrant to a pri-  
24 ority agency of a unit of local government within the  
25 State for the purposes under that paragraph.

1 (c) INFORMATION REQUIRED OF STATES AND UNITS  
2 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year in  
4 which an eligible entity receives a grant under sub-  
5 section (b), the eligible entity shall—

6 (A) collect information from each applica-  
7 ble agency summarizing the law enforcement  
8 activities or crime reduction programs con-  
9 ducted by the agency to prevent, address, or  
10 otherwise respond to hate crime, particularly as  
11 those activities or programs relate to reporting  
12 hate crimes through the Uniform Crime Re-  
13 ports program; and

14 (B) submit to the Attorney General a re-  
15 port containing the information collected under  
16 subparagraph (A).

17 (2) SEMIANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
18 REPORT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—In collecting the infor-  
20 mation required under paragraph (1)(A), an eli-  
21 gible entity shall require each applicable agency  
22 to submit a semiannual report to the eligible  
23 entity that includes a summary of the law en-  
24 forcement activities or crime reduction pro-  
25 grams conducted by the agency during the re-



1           porting period to prevent, address, or otherwise  
2           respond to hate crime, particularly as those ac-  
3           tivities or programs relate to reporting hate  
4           crimes through the Uniform Crime Reports pro-  
5           gram.

6           (B) CONTENTS.—In a report submitted  
7           under subparagraph (A), a law enforcement  
8           agency shall, at a minimum, disclose—

9                   (i) whether the agency has adopted a  
10                  policy on identifying, investigating, and re-  
11                  porting hate crimes;

12                  (ii) whether the agency has developed  
13                  a standardized system of collecting, ana-  
14                  lyzing, and reporting the incidence of hate  
15                  crime;

16                  (iii) whether the agency has estab-  
17                  lished a unit specialized in identifying, in-  
18                  vestigating, and reporting hate crimes;

19                  (iv) whether the agency engages in  
20                  community relations functions related to  
21                  hate crime, such as—

22                           (I) establishing a liaison with for-  
23                           mal community-based organizations or  
24                           leaders; and

1 (II) conducting public meetings  
2 or educational forums on the impact  
3 of hate crime, services available to  
4 hate crime victims, and the relevant  
5 Federal, State, and local laws per-  
6 taining to hate crime; and

7 (v) the number of hate crime  
8 trainings for agency personnel, including  
9 the duration of the trainings, conducted by  
10 the agency during the reporting period.

11 (d) COMPLIANCE AND REDIRECTION OF FUNDS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
13 graph (2), beginning not later than 1 year after the  
14 date of enactment of this title, an eligible entity re-  
15 ceiving a grant under subsection (b) shall comply  
16 with subsection (c).

17 (2) EXTENSIONS; WAIVER.—The Attorney Gen-  
18 eral—

19 (A) may provide a 120-day extension to an  
20 eligible entity that is making good faith efforts  
21 to collect the information required under sub-  
22 section (c); and

23 (B) shall waive the requirements of sub-  
24 section (c) for a State or unit of local govern-  
25 ment if compliance with that subsection by the

1 State or unit of local government would be un-  
2 constitutional under the constitution of the  
3 State or of the State in which the unit of local  
4 government is located, respectively.

5 **SEC. 191007. REQUIREMENTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

6 (a) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS; RE-  
7 PORT.—In order to improve the accuracy of data regard-  
8 ing the incidence of hate crime provided through the Uni-  
9 form Crime Reports program, and promote a more com-  
10 plete understanding of the national problem posed by hate  
11 crime, the Attorney General shall—

12 (1) collect and analyze the information provided  
13 by States and units of local government under sec-  
14 tion 191006 for the purpose of developing policies  
15 related to the provision of accurate data obtained  
16 under the Hate Crime Statistics Act (Public Law  
17 101–275; 28 U.S.C. 534 note) by the Federal Bu-  
18 reau of Investigation; and

19 (2) for each calendar year beginning after the  
20 date of enactment of this title, publish and submit  
21 to Congress a report based on the information col-  
22 lected and analyzed under paragraph (1).

23 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—A report submitted  
24 under subsection (a) shall include—

1           (1) a qualitative analysis of the relationship be-  
2       tween—

3                   (A) the number of hate crimes reported by  
4       State law enforcement agencies or priority  
5       agencies through the Uniform Crime Reports  
6       program; and

7                   (B) the nature and extent of law enforce-  
8       ment activities or crime reduction programs  
9       conducted by those agencies to prevent, ad-  
10      dress, or otherwise respond to hate crime; and

11           (2) a quantitative analysis of the number of  
12      State law enforcement agencies and priority agencies  
13      that have—

14                   (A) adopted a policy on identifying, inves-  
15      tigating, and reporting hate crimes;

16                   (B) developed a standardized system of  
17      collecting, analyzing, and reporting the inci-  
18      dence of hate crime;

19                   (C) established a unit specialized in identi-  
20      fying, investigating, and reporting hate crimes;

21                   (D) engaged in community relations func-  
22      tions related to hate crime, such as—

23                           (i) establishing a liaison with formal  
24                           community-based organizations or leaders;  
25                           and

1                   (ii) conducting public meetings or  
2                   educational forums on the impact of hate  
3                   crime, services available to hate crime vic-  
4                   tims, and the relevant Federal, State, and  
5                   local laws pertaining to hate crime; and

6                   (E) conducted hate crime trainings for  
7                   agency personnel during the reporting period,  
8                   including—

9                   (i) the total number of trainings con-  
10                  ducted by each agency; and

11                  (ii) the duration of the trainings de-  
12                  scribed in clause (i).

13 **SEC. 191008. ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING.**

14           Section 249 of title 18, United States Code, is  
15           amended by adding at the end the following:

16           “(e) SUPERVISED RELEASE.—If a court includes, as  
17           a part of a sentence of imprisonment imposed for a viola-  
18           tion of subsection (a), a requirement that the defendant  
19           be placed on a term of supervised release after imprison-  
20           ment under section 3583, the court may order, as an ex-  
21           plicit condition of supervised release, that the defendant  
22           undertake educational classes or community service di-  
23           rectly related to the community harmed by the defendant’s  
24           offense.”.

# 1   **TITLE XI—PRISONS AND JAILS**

## 2   **SEC. 191101. SHORT TITLE.**

3       This title may be cited as the “Pandemic Justice Re-  
4   sponse Act”.

## 5   **SEC. 191102. EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION ACT.**

6       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7           (1) As of the date of introduction of this Act,  
8       the novel coronavirus has spread to all 50 States,  
9       the District of Columbia, and 3 territories.

10          (2) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
11       vention have projected that between 160,000,000  
12       and 214,000,000 people could be infected by the  
13       novel coronavirus in the United States over the  
14       course of the pandemic.

15          (3) Although the United States has less than 5  
16       percent of the world’s population, the United States  
17       holds approximately 21 percent of the world’s pris-  
18       oners and leads the world in the number of individ-  
19       uals incarcerated, with nearly 2,200,000 people in-  
20       carcerated in State and Federal prisons and local  
21       jails.

22          (4) Studies have shown that individuals age out  
23       of crime starting around 25 years of age, and re-  
24       leased individuals over the age of 50 have a very low  
25       recidivism rate.

1           (5) According to public health experts, incarcerated  
2           ated individuals are particularly vulnerable to being  
3           gravely impacted by the novel corona virus pandemic  
4           because—

5                   (A) they have higher rates of underlying  
6           health issues than members of the general public,  
7           including higher rates of respiratory disease,  
8           heart disease, diabetes, obesity, HIV/AIDS,  
9           substance abuse, hepatitis, and other conditions  
10          that suppress immune response; and

11                   (B) the close conditions and lack of access  
12          to hygiene products in prisons make these institutions  
13          unusually susceptible to viral  
14          pandemics.

15          (6) The spread of communicable disease in the  
16          United States generally constitutes a serious, heightened  
17          threat to the safety of incarcerated individuals,  
18          and there is a serious threat to the general public  
19          that prisons may become incubators of community  
20          spread of communicable viral disease.

21          (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22                   (1) COVERED HEALTH CONDITION.—The term  
23          “covered health condition” with respect to an individual,  
24          means the individual—

25                           (A) is pregnant;

1 (B) has chronic lung disease or asthma;

2 (C) has congestive heart failure or coro-  
3 nary artery disease;

4 (D) has diabetes;

5 (E) has a neurological condition that weak-  
6 ens the ability to cough or breathe;

7 (F) has HIV;

8 (G) has sickle cell anemia;

9 (H) has cancer; or

10 (I) has a weakened immune system.

11 (2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered  
12 individual”—

13 (A) means an individual who—

14 (i) is a juvenile (as defined in section  
15 5031 of title 18, United States Code);

16 (ii) is 50 years of age or older;

17 (iii) has a covered health condition; or

18 (iv) is within 12 months of release  
19 from incarceration; and

20 (B) includes an individual described in  
21 subparagraph (A) who is serving a term of im-  
22 prisonment for an offense committed before No-  
23 vember 1, 1987, or who is serving a term of im-  
24 prisonment in the custody of the Bureau of  
25 Prisons for a sentence imposed pursuant to a



1 conviction for a criminal offense under the laws  
2 of the District of Columbia.

3 (3) NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO A  
4 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.—The term “national  
5 emergency relating to a communicable disease”  
6 means—

7 (A) an emergency involving Federal pri-  
8 mary responsibility determined to exist by the  
9 President under the section 501(b) of the Rob-  
10 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
11 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)) with re-  
12 spect to a communicable disease; or

13 (B) a national emergency declared by the  
14 President under the National Emergencies Act  
15 (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to a com-  
16 municable disease.

17 (c) PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN COM-  
18 MUNITY SUPERVISION.—

19 (1) AUTHORITY.—Except as provided in para-  
20 graph (2), beginning on the date on which a national  
21 emergency relating to a communicable disease is de-  
22 clared and ending on the date that is 60 days after  
23 such national emergency expires or is terminated—

24 (A) notwithstanding any other provision of  
25 law, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall

1 place in community supervision all covered indi-  
2 viduals who are in the custody of the Bureau of  
3 Prisons; and

4 (B) the district court of the United States  
5 for each judicial district shall place in commu-  
6 nity supervision all covered individuals who are  
7 in the custody and care of the United States  
8 Marshals Service.

9 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 (A) BUREAU OF PRISONS.—In carrying out  
11 paragraph (1)(A), the Director—

12 (i) may not place in community super-  
13 vision any individual determined, by clear  
14 and convincing evidence, to be likely to  
15 pose a specific and substantial risk of  
16 causing bodily injury to or using violent  
17 force against the person of another;

18 (ii) shall place in the file of each indi-  
19 vidual described in clause (i) documenta-  
20 tion of such determination, including the  
21 evidence used to make the determination;  
22 and

23 (iii) not later than 180 days after the  
24 date on which the national emergency re-  
25 lating to a communicable disease expires,

1 shall provide a report to Congress docu-  
2 menting—

3 (I) the demographic data (includ-  
4 ing race, gender, age, offense of con-  
5 viction, and criminal history level) of  
6 the individuals denied placement in  
7 community supervision under clause  
8 (i); and

9 (II) the justification for the deni-  
10 als described in subclause (I).

11 (B) DISTRICT COURTS.—In carrying out  
12 paragraph (1)(B), each district court of the  
13 United States—

14 (i) shall conduct an immediate and ex-  
15 pedited review of the detention orders of  
16 all covered individuals in the custody and  
17 care of the United States Marshals Serv-  
18 ice, which may be conducted sua sponte  
19 and ex parte, without—

20 (I) appearance by the defendant  
21 or any party; or

22 (II) requiring a petition, motion,  
23 or other similar document to be filed;

24 (ii) may not place in community su-  
25 pervision any individual if the court deter-

1 mines, after a hearing and the attorney for  
2 the Government shows by clear and con-  
3 vincing evidence based on individualized  
4 facts, that detention is necessary because  
5 the individual's release will pose a specific  
6 and substantial risk that the individual will  
7 cause bodily injury or use violent force  
8 against the person of another and that no  
9 conditions of release will reasonably miti-  
10 gate that risk;

11 (iii) in carrying out clauses (i) and  
12 (ii), may—

13 (I) rely on evidence presented in  
14 prior court proceedings; and

15 (II) if the court determines it  
16 necessary, request additional informa-  
17 tion from the parties to make the de-  
18 termination.

19 (3) LIMITATION ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
20 PLACEMENT.—In placing covered individuals into  
21 community supervision under this section, the Direc-  
22 tor of the Bureau of Prisons and the district court  
23 of the United States for each judicial district shall  
24 take into account and prioritize placements that en-  
25 able adequate social distancing, which include home

1 confinement or other forms of low in-person-contact  
2 supervised release.

3 (d) LIMITATION ON PRE-TRIAL DETENTION.—

4 (1) NO BOND CONDITIONS ON RELEASE.—Not-  
5 withstanding section 3142 of title 18, United States  
6 Code, beginning on the date on which a national  
7 emergency relating to a communicable disease is de-  
8 clared and ending on the date that is 60 days after  
9 such national emergency expires or is terminated, in  
10 imposing conditions of release, the judicial officer  
11 may not require payment of cash bail, proof of abil-  
12 ity to pay an unsecured bond, execution of a bail  
13 bond, a solvent surety to co-sign a secured or unse-  
14 cured bond, or posting of real property.

15 (2) LIMITATION.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date  
17 on which a national emergency relating to a  
18 communicable disease is declared and ending on  
19 the date that is 60 days after such national  
20 emergency expires or is terminated, at any ini-  
21 tial appearance hearing, detention hearing,  
22 hearing on a motion for pretrial release, or any  
23 other hearing where the attorney for the Gov-  
24 ernment is seeking the detention or continued  
25 detention of any individual, the judicial officer

1 shall order the pretrial release of the individual  
2 on personal recognizance or on a condition or  
3 combination of conditions under section 3142(c)  
4 of title 18, United States Code, unless the at-  
5 torney for the Government shows by clear and  
6 convincing evidence based on individualized  
7 facts that detention is necessary because the in-  
8 dividual's release will pose a specific and sub-  
9 stantial risk that the individual will cause bodily  
10 injury or use violent force against the person of  
11 another and that no conditions of release will  
12 reasonably mitigate that risk.

13 (B) REQUIRED CONSIDERATION OF CER-  
14 TAIN FACTORS.—If the judicial officer finds  
15 that the attorney for the Government has made  
16 the requisite showing under subparagraph (A),  
17 the judicial officer shall take into consideration,  
18 in determining whether detention is necessary—

19 (i) whether the individual's age or  
20 medical condition renders them especially  
21 vulnerable; and

22 (ii) whether detention will compromise  
23 the individual's access to adequate medical  
24 treatment, access to medications, or ability

1 to privately consult with counsel and  
2 meaningfully prepare a defense.

3 (C) JUVENILES.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the  
5 date on which a national emergency relat-  
6 ing to a communicable disease is declared  
7 and ending on the date that is 60 days  
8 after such national emergency expires or is  
9 terminated, notwithstanding sections 5031  
10 through 5035 of title 18, United States  
11 Code, and except as provided under clause  
12 (ii), in the case of a juvenile alleged to  
13 have committed an act of juvenile delin-  
14 quency, the judicial officer shall release the  
15 juvenile to their parent, guardian, custo-  
16 dian, or other responsible party (including  
17 the director of a shelter-care facility) upon  
18 their promise to bring such juvenile before  
19 the appropriate court when requested by  
20 the judicial officer.

21 (ii) EXCEPTION.—A juvenile alleged  
22 to have committed an act of juvenile delin-  
23 quency may be detained pending trial only  
24 if, at a hearing at which the juvenile is  
25 represented by counsel, the attorney for

1 the Government shows by clear and con-  
2 vincing evidence based on individualized  
3 facts that detention is necessary because  
4 the juvenile's release will pose a specific  
5 and substantial risk that the juvenile will  
6 use violent force against a reasonably iden-  
7 tifiable person and that no conditions of  
8 release will reasonably mitigate that risk,  
9 except that in no case may a judicial offi-  
10 cer order the detention of a juvenile if it  
11 will compromise the juvenile's access to  
12 adequate medical treatment, access to  
13 medications, or ability to privately consult  
14 with counsel and meaningfully prepare a  
15 defense.

16 (iii) LEAST RESTRICTIVE DETEN-  
17 TION.—In the case that the judicial officer  
18 orders the detention of a juvenile under  
19 clause (ii), the judicial officer shall order  
20 the detention of the juvenile in the least  
21 restrictive and safest environment possible,  
22 taking the national emergency relating to a  
23 communicable disease into consideration.

24 (iv) CONTENTS OF DETENTION  
25 ORDER.—In the case that the judicial offi-



1 cer orders the detention of a juvenile under  
2 clause (ii), the judicial officer shall issue a  
3 written detention order that includes—

4 (I) findings of fact;

5 (II) the reasons for the deten-  
6 tion;

7 (III) a description of the risk  
8 identified under clause (ii);

9 (IV) an explanation of why no  
10 conditions will reasonably mitigate the  
11 risk identified under clause (ii);

12 (V) a statement that detention  
13 will not compromise the juvenile's ac-  
14 cess to adequate medical treatment,  
15 access to medications, or ability to  
16 privately consult with counsel and  
17 meaningfully prepare a defense; and

18 (VI) a statement establishing  
19 that the detention environment is the  
20 least restrictive and safest possible in  
21 accordance with the requirement  
22 under clause (iii).

23 (e) LIMITATION ON SUPERVISED RELEASE.—Begin-  
24 ning on the date on which a national emergency relating  
25 to a communicable disease is declared and ending on the

1 date that is 60 days after such national emergency expires,  
2 the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services of the Ad-  
3 ministrative Office of the United States Courts shall take  
4 measures to prevent the spread of the communicable dis-  
5 ease among individuals under supervision by—

6 (1) suspending the requirement that individuals  
7 determined to be a lower risk of reoffending, or any  
8 other individuals determined to be appropriate by  
9 the supervising probation officer, report in person to  
10 their probation or parole officer;

11 (2) identifying individuals who have successfully  
12 completed not less than 18 months of supervision  
13 and transferring such individuals to administrative  
14 supervision or petitioning the court to terminate su-  
15 pervision, as appropriate; and

16 (3) suspending the request for detention and  
17 imprisonment as a sanction for violations of proba-  
18 tion, supervised release, or parole.

19 (f) PROHIBITION.—No individual who is granted  
20 placement in community supervision, termination of su-  
21 pervision, placement on administrative supervision, or pre-  
22 trial release shall be re-incarcerated, placed on supervision  
23 or active supervision, or ordered detained pre-trial only as  
24 a result of the expiration of the national emergency relat-  
25 ing to a communicable disease.

1 (g) PROHIBITION ON TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS AND  
2 CERTAIN MANDATORY REVOCATIONS OF PROBATION OR  
3 SUPERVISED RELEASE.—

4 (1) RESENTENCING IN CASES OF PROBATION  
5 AND SUPERVISED RELEASE.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date  
7 on which a national emergency relating to a  
8 communicable disease is declared and ending on  
9 the date that is 60 days after such national  
10 emergency expires, and notwithstanding section  
11 3582(b) of title 18, United States Code, a court  
12 shall order the resentencing of a defendant who  
13 is serving a term of imprisonment resulting  
14 from a revocation of probation, or supervised  
15 release for a Grade C violation for conduct  
16 under section 7B1.1(c)(3)(B) of the United  
17 States Sentencing Guidelines, upon motion of  
18 the defendant.

19 (B) RESENTENCING.—The court shall  
20 order the resentencing of a defendant described  
21 in subparagraph (A) as follows:

22 (i) In the case of a revoked sentence  
23 of probation, the court shall resentence the  
24 defendant to probation, the duration of  
25 which shall be equal to the period of time

1 remaining on the term of probation origi-  
2 nally imposed at the time the defendant  
3 was most recently placed in custody, unless  
4 the court determines that decreasing the  
5 length of the term of probation is in the  
6 interest of justice.

7 (ii) In the case of a revoked term of  
8 supervised release, the court shall continue  
9 the defendant on supervised release, the  
10 duration of which shall be equal to the pe-  
11 riod of time the defendant had remaining  
12 on supervised release when the defendant  
13 was most recently placed in custody, unless  
14 the court determines that decreasing the  
15 term of supervised release is in the interest  
16 of justice.

17 (2) RESENTENCING IN CASES OF PAROLE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date  
19 on which a national emergency relating to a  
20 communicable disease is declared and ending on  
21 the date that is 60 days after such national  
22 emergency expires, the court shall order the re-  
23 sentencing of a defendant who is serving a term  
24 of imprisonment resulting from a technical vio-  
25 lation of the defendant's parole.

1           (B) RESENTENCING.—The court shall re-  
2 sentence the defendant to parole, the duration  
3 of which shall be equal to the period of time re-  
4 maining on the defendant’s term of parole at  
5 the time the defendant was most recently  
6 placed in custody, unless the court determines  
7 that decreasing the length of the term of parole  
8 is in the interest of justice.

9           (3) HEARING.—The court may grant, but not  
10 deny, a motion without a hearing under this section.

11           (4) NO MANDATORY REVOCATION.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date  
13 on which a national emergency relating to a  
14 communicable disease is declared and ending on  
15 the date that is 60 days after such national  
16 emergency expires, a court is not required to re-  
17 voke a defendant’s probation or supervised re-  
18 lease under sections 3565(b) and 3583(g) of  
19 title 18, United States Code, based on a finding  
20 that the defendant refused to comply with drug  
21 treatment.

22           (B) DISSEMINATION OF POLICY  
23 CHANGE.—Not later than 10 days after the  
24 date of enactment of this title, the Judicial  
25 Conference of the United States shall issue and

1 disseminate to all district courts of the United  
2 States a temporary policy change suspending  
3 mandatory revocation of probation or super-  
4 vised release for refusal to comply with drug  
5 testing.

6 (5) PROMPT DETERMINATION.—Any motion  
7 under this subsection shall be determined promptly.

8 (6) COUNSEL.—To effectuate the purposes of  
9 this subsection, counsel shall be appointed as early  
10 as possible to represent any indigent defendant.

11 (7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the term  
12 “defendant” includes individuals adjudicated delin-  
13 quent under the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act  
14 and applies to persons serving time in official deten-  
15 tion for a revocation of juvenile probation or super-  
16 vised release.

17 **SEC. 191103. COURT AUTHORITY TO REDUCE SENTENCES**  
18 **AND TEMPORARY RELEASE DURING COVID-**  
19 **19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

20 (a) COURT AUTHORITY TO REDUCE SENTENCES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
22 3582 of title 18, United States Code, the court shall,  
23 during the covered emergency period, upon motion  
24 of a covered individual (as such term is defined in  
25 section 191102(b)) or on the court’s own motion, re-

1       duce a term of imposed imprisonment on that indi-  
2       vidual, unless the government shows, by clear and  
3       convincing evidence, that the individual poses a risk  
4       of serious, imminent injury to a reasonably identifi-  
5       able person.

6               (2) SENTENCE REDUCTION DEEMED AUTHOR-  
7       IZED.—Any sentence that is reduced under this sub-  
8       section is deemed to be authorized under section  
9       3582(c)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code.

10              (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—In addition to  
11       the reduction of sentences authorized under this  
12       subsection, the court may continue to reduce and  
13       modify sentences under section 3582 of title 18,  
14       United States Code, during the covered emergency  
15       period.

16              (4) SPECIAL RULE.—During the covered emer-  
17       gency period, a covered individual who is serving a  
18       term of imprisonment for an offense committed be-  
19       fore November 1, 1987, who would not otherwise be  
20       eligible to file a motion under section 3582(c)(1)(A)  
21       of title 18, United States Code, is eligible to file  
22       such a motion and for relief under such section. Any  
23       motion for relief filed in accordance with this para-  
24       graph before the expiration or termination of the  
25       covered emergency period shall not disqualify such

1 motion based solely on such expiration or termi-  
2 nation.

3 (b) COURT AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY  
4 RELEASE OF PERSONS AWAITING DESIGNATION OR  
5 TRANSPORTATION TO A BUREAU OF PRISONS FACIL-  
6 ITY.—Notwithstanding sections 3582 and 3621 of title 18,  
7 United States Code, during the covered emergency period,  
8 the court, upon motion of an individual (including individ-  
9 uals adjudicated delinquent under the Federal Juvenile  
10 Delinquency Act) awaiting designation or transportation  
11 to a Bureau of Prisons or other facility for service of sen-  
12 tence or official detention, or on the court’s own motion,  
13 may order the temporary release of the individual, for a  
14 limited period ending not later than the expiration or ter-  
15 mination of the COVID–19 emergency, if such release is  
16 for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating the risks associ-  
17 ated with imprisonment during the covered emergency pe-  
18 riod, either generally with respect to the individual’s place  
19 of imprisonment or specifically with respect to the indi-  
20 vidual.

21 (c) HEARING REQUIREMENT.—The court may grant,  
22 but not deny, a motion without a hearing under this sec-  
23 tion. Any motion under this section shall be determined  
24 promptly.



1 (d) EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION DURING NA-  
2 TIONAL EMERGENCY.—

3 (1) ACCESS TO COURT.—During the covered  
4 emergency period, any procedural requirement under  
5 section 3582(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States  
6 Code, that would delay a defendant from directly pe-  
7 titioning the court shall not apply, and the defend-  
8 ant may petition the court directly for relief.

9 (2) APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL.—The court  
10 shall appoint counsel for indigent defendants or pris-  
11 oners, at no cost to the defendant or prisoner, as  
12 early as possible to effectuate the purposes of this  
13 section and the purposes of section 3582(c)(1)(A) of  
14 title 18, United States Code.

15 (3) ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—In order to expedite  
17 proceedings under this section and proceedings  
18 under 3582(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States  
19 Code, during the covered emergency period, the  
20 Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall prompt-  
21 ly release all medical records in the possession  
22 of the Bureau of Prisons to a prisoner who re-  
23 quests them on their own behalf, or to the  
24 counsel of record for a prisoner upon submis-  
25 sion to the court of an affidavit, signed by such

1 counsel under penalty of perjury, that such  
2 counsel has reason to believe that the prisoner  
3 has a covered health condition (as such term is  
4 defined in section 191102(b)) or a condition  
5 that would entitle them to relief under section  
6 3582(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code.

7 (B) INDIVIDUALS IN THE CUSTODY OF  
8 THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE.—In order to ex-  
9 pedite proceedings under this section, in the  
10 case of an individual who is in the custody or  
11 care of the U.S. Marshals Service, the Director  
12 of the U.S. Marshals Service shall facilitate the  
13 provision of any medical records of the indi-  
14 vidual to the individual or the counsel of record  
15 of the individual, upon request of the individual  
16 or counsel.

17 **SEC. 191104. EXEMPTION FROM EXHAUSTING ADMINISTRA-**  
18 **TIVE REMEDIES DURING COVERED EMER-**  
19 **GENCY PERIOD.**

20 Section 7 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Per-  
21 sons Act (42 U.S.C. 1997e) is amended by adding at the  
22 end the following:

23 “(i) COVERED EMERGENCY PERIOD.—

24 “(1) RELIEF WITHOUT EXHAUSTING ADMINIS-  
25 TRATIVE REMEDIES.—Notwithstanding the other

1 provisions of this section, during the covered emer-  
2 gency period, a prisoner may commence, without ex-  
3 hausting all administrative remedies, an action relat-  
4 ing to conditions of imprisonment under which the  
5 prisoner is at significant risk of harm or under  
6 which the prisoner’s access to counsel has been im-  
7 paired. If the court determines the prisoner is rea-  
8 sonably likely to prevail, the court may order such  
9 appropriate relief, limited in time and scope, as may  
10 be necessary to prevent or remedy the significant  
11 risk of harm or provide access to counsel.

12 “(2) RETALIATION PROHIBITED.—Section 6  
13 shall apply in the case of retaliation against a pris-  
14 oner who files an administrative claim or lawsuit  
15 during the covered emergency period or attempts to  
16 so file.

17 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
18 section, the term ‘covered emergency period’ has the  
19 meaning given the term in section 12003 of the  
20 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).”.

21 **SEC. 191105. INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF HOME DETEN-**  
22 **TION FOR ELDERLY OFFENDERS.**

23 (a) GOOD CONDUCT TIME CREDITS FOR CERTAIN  
24 ELDERLY NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS.—Section  
25 231(g)(5)(A)(ii) of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34

1 U.S.C. 60541(g)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “to  
2 which the offender was sentenced” and inserting “reduced  
3 by any credit toward the service of the prisoner’s sentence  
4 awarded under section 3624(b) of title 18, United States  
5 Code”.

6 (b) INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME DETENTION  
7 FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS.—  
8 During the covered emergency period an offender who is  
9 in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, including pursu-  
10 ant to a conviction for a criminal offense under the laws  
11 of the District of Columbia, shall be considered an eligible  
12 elderly offender under section 231(g) of the Second  
13 Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C. 60541(g)) if the of-  
14 fender—

15 (1) is not less than 50 years of age;

16 (2) has served 1/2 of the term of imprisonment  
17 reduced by any credit toward the service of the pris-  
18 oner’s sentence awarded under section 3624(b) of  
19 title 18, United States Code; and

20 (3) is otherwise described in such section  
21 231(g)(5)(A).

22 **SEC. 191106. EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IN THE**  
23 **DIGITAL ERA ACT.**

24 (a) PROHIBITION ON MONITORING.—Not later than  
25 180 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the

1 Attorney General shall create a program or system, or  
2 modify any program or system that exists on the date of  
3 enactment of this title, through which an incarcerated per-  
4 son sends or receives an electronic communication, to ex-  
5 clude from monitoring the contents of any privileged elec-  
6 tronic communication. In the case that the Attorney Gen-  
7 eral creates a program or system in accordance with this  
8 subsection, the Attorney General shall, upon implementing  
9 such system, discontinue using any program or system  
10 that exists on the date of enactment of this title through  
11 which an incarcerated person sends or receives a privileged  
12 electronic communication, except that any program or sys-  
13 tem that exists on such date may continue to be used for  
14 any other electronic communication.

15 (b) RETENTION OF CONTENTS.—A program or sys-  
16 tem or a modification to a program or system under sub-  
17 section (a) may allow for retention by the Bureau of Pris-  
18 ons of, and access by an incarcerated person to, the con-  
19 tents of electronic communications, including the contents  
20 of privileged electronic communications, of the person  
21 until the date on which the person is released from prison.

22 (c) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.—Attorney-client  
23 privilege, and the protections and limitations associated  
24 with such privilege (including the crime fraud exception),  
25 applies to electronic communications sent or received

1 through the program or system established or modified  
2 under subsection (a).

3 (d) ACCESSING RETAINED CONTENTS.—Contents re-  
4 tained under subsection (b) may only be accessed by a per-  
5 son other than the incarcerated person for whom such con-  
6 tents are retained under the following circumstances:

7 (1) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney Gen-  
8 eral may only access retained contents if necessary  
9 for the purpose of creating and maintaining the pro-  
10 gram or system, or any modification to the program  
11 or system, through which an incarcerated person  
12 sends or receives electronic communications. The At-  
13 torney General may not review retained contents  
14 that are accessed pursuant to this paragraph.

15 (2) INVESTIGATIVE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 OFFICERS.—

17 (A) WARRANT.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Retained contents  
19 may only be accessed by an investigative or  
20 law enforcement officer pursuant to a war-  
21 rant issued by a court pursuant to the pro-  
22 cedures described in the Federal Rules of  
23 Criminal Procedure.

24 (ii) APPROVAL.—No application for a  
25 warrant may be made to a court without

1 the express approval of a United States  
2 Attorney or an Assistant Attorney General.

3 (B) PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.—

4 (i) REVIEW.—Before retained con-  
5 tents may be accessed pursuant to a war-  
6 rant obtained under subparagraph (A),  
7 such contents shall be reviewed by a  
8 United States Attorney to ensure that  
9 privileged electronic communications are  
10 not accessible.

11 (ii) BARRING PARTICIPATION.—A  
12 United States Attorney who reviews re-  
13 tained contents pursuant to clause (i) shall  
14 be barred from—

15 (I) participating in a legal pro-  
16 ceeding in which an individual who  
17 sent or received an electronic commu-  
18 nication from which such contents are  
19 retained under subsection (b) is a de-  
20 fendant; or

21 (II) sharing the retained contents  
22 with an attorney who is participating  
23 in such a legal proceeding.

24 (3) MOTION TO SUPPRESS.—In a case in which  
25 retained contents have been accessed in violation of

1 this subsection, a court may suppress evidence ob-  
2 tained or derived from access to such contents upon  
3 motion of the defendant.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “agent of an attorney or legal rep-  
6 resentative” means any person employed by or con-  
7 tracting with an attorney or legal representative, in-  
8 cluding law clerks, interns, investigators, paraprofes-  
9 sionals, and administrative staff;

10 (2) the term “contents” has the meaning given  
11 such term in 2510 of title 18, United States Code;

12 (3) the term “electronic communication” has  
13 the meaning given such term in section 2510 of title  
14 18, United States Code, and includes the Trust  
15 Fund Limited Inmate Computer System;

16 (4) the term “monitoring” means accessing the  
17 contents of an electronic communication at any time  
18 after such communication is sent;

19 (5) the term “incarcerated person” means any  
20 individual in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons  
21 or the United States Marshals Service who has been  
22 charged with or convicted of an offense against the  
23 United States, including such an individual who is  
24 imprisoned in a State institution; and



1           (6) the term “privileged electronic communica-  
2           tion” means—

3                   (A) any electronic communication between  
4                   an incarcerated person and a potential, current,  
5                   or former attorney or legal representative of  
6                   such a person; and

7                   (B) any electronic communication between  
8                   an incarcerated person and the agent of an at-  
9                   torney or legal representative described in sub-  
10                  paragraph (A).

11 **SEC. 191107. COVID-19 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMER-**  
12 **GENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2020.**

13           Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
14 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended  
15 by adding at the end the following:

16 **“PART OO—PANDEMIC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**  
17 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

18 **“SEC. 3061. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.**

19           “(a) IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF VULNERABLE AND  
20 LOW-RISK INDIVIDUALS.—The purpose of the grant pro-  
21 gram under section 3062 is to provide for the testing, ini-  
22 tiation and transfer to treatment in the community, and  
23 provision of services in the community, by States and units  
24 of local government as they relate to preventing, detecting,

1 and stopping the spread of COVID–19 in correctional fa-  
2 cilities.

3 “(b) PRETRIAL CITATION AND RELEASE.—

4 “(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

5 “(A) With the dramatic growth in pretrial  
6 detention resulting in county and city correc-  
7 tional facilities regularly exceeding capacity,  
8 such correctional facilities may serve to rapidly  
9 increase the spread of COVID–19, as facilities  
10 that hold large numbers of individuals in  
11 congregant living situations may promote the  
12 spread of COVID–19.

13 “(B) While individuals arrested and proc-  
14 essed at local correctional facilities may only be  
15 held for hours or days, exposure to large num-  
16 ber of individuals in holding cells and court-  
17 rooms promotes the spread of COVID–19.

18 “(C) Pretrial detainees and individuals in  
19 correctional facilities are then later released  
20 into the community having being exposed to  
21 COVID–19.

22 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the grant pro-  
23 gram under section 3065 is to substantially increase  
24 the use of risk-based citation release for all individ-  
25 uals who do not present a public safety risk.

1 **“SEC. 3062. IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF VULNERABLE AND**  
2 **LOW-RISK INDIVIDUALS.**

3 “(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Attorney General shall  
4 carry out a grant program to make grants to States and  
5 units of local government that operate correctional facili-  
6 ties, to establish and implement policies and procedures  
7 to prevent, detect, and stop the presence and spread of  
8 COVID–19 among arrestees, detainees, inmates, correc-  
9 tional facility staff, and visitors to the facilities.

10 “(b) **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.**—

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Eligible applicants under  
12 this section are States and units of local government  
13 that release or have a plan to release the persons de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (2) from custody in order to  
15 ensure that, not later than 90 days after enactment  
16 of this section, the total population of arrestees, de-  
17 tainees, and inmates at a correctional facility does  
18 not exceed the number established under subsection  
19 (c).

20 “(2) **PERSONS DESCRIBED.**—A person de-  
21 scribed in this paragraph is a person who—

22 “(A) does not pose a risk of serious, immi-  
23 nent injury to a reasonably identifiable person;

24 or

25 “(B) is—

26 “(i) 50 years of age or older;

1 “(ii) a juvenile;

2 “(iii) an individual with serious chron-  
3 ic medical conditions, including heart dis-  
4 ease, cancer, diabetes, HIV, sickle cell ane-  
5 mia, a neurological disease that interferes  
6 with the ability to cough or breathe, chron-  
7 ic lung disease, asthma, or respiratory ill-  
8 ness;

9 “(iv) a pregnant woman;

10 “(v) an individual who is  
11 immunocompromised or has a weakened  
12 immune system; or

13 “(vi) an individual who has a health  
14 condition or disability that makes them  
15 vulnerable to COVID–19.

16 “(c) TARGET CORRECTIONAL POPULATION.—

17 “(1) TARGET POPULATION.—An eligible appli-  
18 cant shall establish individualized, facility-specific  
19 target capacities at each correction facility that will  
20 receive funds under this section that reflect the max-  
21 imum number of individuals who may be incarcer-  
22 ated safely in accordance with the Centers for Dis-  
23 ease Control and Prevention guidelines for correc-  
24 tional facilities pertaining to COVID–19, with con-  
25 sideration given to Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention guidelines pertaining to community-based  
2 physical distancing, hygiene, and sanitation. A cor-  
3 rectional facility receiving funds under this section  
4 may not use isolation in a punitive or non-medical  
5 manner as a way of achieving specific target capaci-  
6 ties established under this paragraph.

7 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—An eligible applicant  
8 shall include in its application for a grant under this  
9 section a certification by a public health professional  
10 who is certified in epidemiology or infectious dis-  
11 eases that each correctional facility that will receive  
12 funds under this section in its jurisdiction meets the  
13 appropriate target capacity standard established  
14 under paragraph (1).

15 “(d) AUTHORIZED USES.—Funds awarded pursuant  
16 to this section shall be used by grantees (including acting  
17 through nonprofit entities) to—

18 “(1) test all arrestees, detainees, and inmates,  
19 and initiate treatment for COVID–19, and transfer  
20 such an individual for an appropriate treatment at  
21 external medical facility, as needed;

22 “(2) test for COVID–19—

23 “(A) correctional facility staff;

24 “(B) volunteers;

1           “(C) visitors, including family members  
2           and attorneys;

3           “(D) court personnel that have regular  
4           contact with arrestees, detainees, and inmates;

5           “(E) law enforcement officers who trans-  
6           port arrestees, detainees, and inmates; and

7           “(F) personnel outside the correctional fa-  
8           cility who provide medical treatment to  
9           arrestees, detainees, and inmates;

10          “(3) curtail booking and in-facility processing  
11          for individuals who have committed technical parole  
12          or probation violations; and

13          “(4) provide transition and reentry support  
14          services to individuals released pursuant to this sec-  
15          tion, including programs that—

16               “(A) increase access to and participation  
17               in reentry services;

18               “(B) promote a reduction in recidivism  
19               rates;

20               “(C) facilitate engagement in educational  
21               programs, job training, or employment;

22               “(D) place reentering individuals in safe  
23               and sanitary temporary transitional housing;

24               “(E) facilitate the enrollment of reentering  
25               individuals with a history of substance use dis-

1 order in medication-assisted treatment and a  
2 referral to overdose prevention services, mental  
3 health services, or other medical services; and

4 “(F) facilitate family reunification or sup-  
5 port services, as needed.

6 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 to carry  
8 out this section and section 3065 for each of fiscal years  
9 2020 and 2021.

10 **“SEC. 3063. JUVENILE SPECIFIC SERVICES.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, acting  
12 through the Administrator of the Office Juvenile Justice  
13 and Delinquency Prevention, consistent with section 261  
14 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act  
15 of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11171), is authorized to make grants  
16 to States and units of local government or combinations  
17 thereof to assist them in planning, establishing, operating,  
18 coordinating, and evaluating projects directly, or through  
19 grants and contracts with public and private agencies and  
20 nonprofit entities (as such term is defined under section  
21 408(5)(A) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Pre-  
22 vention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11296(5)(A))), for the de-  
23 velopment of more effective education, training, research,  
24 prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation pro-  
25 grams in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs

1 to improve the juvenile justice system, consistent with sub-  
2 section (b).

3 “(b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants under this sec-  
4 tion shall be used for the exclusive purpose of providing  
5 juvenile specific services that—

6 “(1) provide rapid mass testing for COVID–19  
7 in juvenile facilities, notification of the results of  
8 such tests to juveniles and authorized family mem-  
9 bers or legal guardians, and include policies and pro-  
10 cedures for non-punitive quarantine that does not in-  
11 volve solitary confinement, and provide for examina-  
12 tion by a doctor for any juvenile who tests positive  
13 for COVID–19;

14 “(2) examine all pre- and post-adjudication re-  
15 lease processes and mechanisms applicable to juve-  
16 niles and begin employing these as quickly as pos-  
17 sible;

18 “(3) provide juveniles in out of home place-  
19 ments with continued access to appropriate edu-  
20 cation;

21 “(4) provide juveniles with access to legal coun-  
22 sel through confidential visits or teleconferencing;

23 “(5) provide staff and juveniles with appro-  
24 priate personal protective equipment, hand washing



1 facilities, toiletries, and medical care to reduce the  
2 spread of the virus;

3 “(6) provide juveniles with frequent and no cost  
4 calls home to parents, legal guardians, and other  
5 family members;

6 “(7) advance policies and procedures for juve-  
7 nile delinquency program proceedings (including  
8 court proceedings) and probation conditions so that  
9 in-person reporting requirements for juveniles are  
10 replaced with virtual or telephonic appearances with-  
11 out penalty;

12 “(8) expand opportunities for juveniles to par-  
13 ticipate in community based services and social serv-  
14 ices through videoconferencing or teleconferencing;  
15 or

16 “(9) place a moratorium on all requirements for  
17 juveniles to attend and pay for court and probation-  
18 ordered programs, community service, and labor,  
19 that violate any applicable social distancing or stay  
20 at home order.

21 Each element described in paragraph (1) through (9) shall  
22 be trauma-informed, reflect the science of adolescent de-  
23 velopment, and be designed to meet the needs of at-risk  
24 juveniles and juveniles who come into contact with the jus-  
25 tice system.

1       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this section have  
2 the meanings given such terms in the Juvenile Justice and  
3 Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The term ‘juvenile’  
4 has the meaning given such term in section 1809 of this  
5 Act.

6       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
8 \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

9       **“SEC. 3064. RAPID COVID-19 TESTING.**

10       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
11 make grants to grantees under section 3062 for the exclu-  
12 sive purpose of providing for rapid COVID-19 testing of  
13 arrestees, detainees, and inmates who are exiting the cus-  
14 tody of a correctional facility prior to returning to the  
15 community.

16       “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants provided under this  
17 section may be used for any of the following:

18               “(1) Purchasing or leasing medical devices au-  
19 thorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
20 to detect COVID-19 that produce results in less  
21 than one hour.

22               “(2) Purchasing or securing COVID-19 testing  
23 supplies and personal protective equipment used by  
24 the correctional facility to perform such tests.

1           “(3) Contracting with medical providers to ad-  
2           minister such tests.

3           “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

6 **“SEC. 3065. PRETRIAL CITATION AND RELEASE.**

7           “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General shall  
8 make grants under this section to eligible applicants for  
9 the purposes set forth in section 3061(b)(2).

10          “(b) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—Eligible applicants  
11 under this section are States and units of local government  
12 that implement or continue operation of a program de-  
13 scribed in subsection (c)(1) and not fewer than 2 of the  
14 other programs enumerated in such subsection.

15          “(c) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grantee shall use  
16 amounts provided as a grant under this section for pro-  
17 grams that provide for the following:

18           “(1) Adopting and operating a cite-and-release  
19 process for individuals who are suspected of commit-  
20 ting misdemeanor and felony offenses and who do  
21 not pose a risk of serious, imminent injury to a rea-  
22 sonably identifiable person.

23           “(2) Curtailing booking and in-facility proc-  
24 essing for individuals who have committed technical  
25 parole or probation violations.

1           “(3) Ensuring that defense counsel is appointed  
2           at the earliest hearing that could result in pretrial  
3           detention so that low-risk defendants are not unnec-  
4           essarily further exposed to COVID–19.

5           “(4) Establishing early review of charges by an  
6           experienced prosecutor, so only arrestees and detain-  
7           ees who will be charged are detained.

8           “(5) Providing appropriate victims’ services  
9           supports and safety-focused residential accommoda-  
10          tions for victims and community members who have  
11          questions or concerns about releases described in  
12          this subsection.

13   **“SEC. 3066. REPORT.**

14          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after  
15          the date on which grants are initially made under this  
16          part, and biannually thereafter during the grant period,  
17          the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report  
18          on the program, which shall include—

19                 “(1) the number of grants made, the number of  
20                 grantees, and the amount of funding distributed to  
21                 each grantee pursuant to this part;

22                 “(2) the location of each correctional facility  
23                 where activities are carried out using grant amounts;

24                 “(3) the number of persons in the custody of  
25                 correctional facilities where activities are carried out

1 using grant amounts, including incarcerated persons  
2 released on parole, community supervision, good  
3 time or early release, clemency or commutation, as  
4 a result of the national emergency under the Na-  
5 tional Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) de-  
6 clared by the President with respect to the  
7 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (‘COVID-19’),  
8 disaggregated by type of offense, age, race, sex, and  
9 ethnicity; and

10 “(4) for each facility receiving funds under sec-  
11 tion 3062—

12 “(A) the total number of tests for COVID-  
13 19 performed;

14 “(B) the results of such COVID-19 tests  
15 (confirmed positive or negative);

16 “(C) the total number of probable  
17 COVID-19 infections;

18 “(D) the total number of COVID-19-re-  
19 lated hospitalizations, the total number of in-  
20 tensive care unit admissions, and the duration  
21 of each such hospitalization;

22 “(E) recoveries from COVID-19; and

23 “(F) COVID-19 deaths,

1 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, disability, sex,  
2 pregnancy status, and whether the individual is a  
3 staff member of or incarcerated at the facility.

4 “(b) PRIVACY.—Data reported under this section  
5 shall be reported in accordance with applicable privacy  
6 laws and regulations.

7 **“SEC. 3067. NO MATCHING REQUIRED.**

8 “The Attorney General shall not require grantees to  
9 provide any matching funds with respect to the use of  
10 funds under this part.

11 **“SEC. 3068. DEFINITION.**

12 “For purposes of this part:

13 “(1) CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.—The term ‘cor-  
14 rectional facility’ includes a juvenile facility.

15 “(2) COVERED EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term  
16 ‘covered emergency period’ has the meaning given  
17 the term in section 12003 of the CARES Act (Pub-  
18 lic Law 116–136).

19 “(3) COVID–19.—The term ‘COVID–19’  
20 means a disease caused by severe acute respiratory  
21 syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS–CoV–2).

22 “(4) DETAINEE; ARRESTEE; INMATE.—The  
23 terms ‘detainee’, ‘arrestee’, and ‘inmate’ each in-  
24 clude juveniles.”.

1 **SEC. 191108. MORATORIUM ON FEES AND FINES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the covered emergency pe-  
3 riod, and for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, the Attor-  
4 ney General is authorized make grants to State and local  
5 courts that comply with the requirement under subsection  
6 (b) to ensure that such recipients are able to continue op-  
7 erations.

8 (b) REQUIREMENT TO IMPOSE MORATORIUM ON IM-  
9 POSITION AND COLLECTION OF FEES AND FINES.—To be  
10 eligible for a grant under this section, a court shall imple-  
11 ment a moratorium on the imposition and collection (in-  
12 cluding by a unit of local government or a State) of fees  
13 and fines imposed by that court—

14 (1) not later than 120 day after the date of the  
15 enactment of this section;

16 (2) retroactive to a period beginning 30 days  
17 prior the covered emergency period; and

18 (3) continuing for an additional 90 days after  
19 the date the covered emergency period terminates.

20 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—In making grants under this  
21 section, the Attorney General shall—

22 (1) give preference to applicants that implement  
23 a moratorium on the imposition and collection of  
24 fines and fees related to juvenile delinquency pro-  
25 ceedings for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2022;  
26 and

1           (2) make such grants in amounts that are pro-  
2           portionate to the number of individuals in the juris-  
3           diction of the court.

4           (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under  
5 this section may be used to ensure that the recipient is  
6 able to continue court operations during the covered emer-  
7 gency period.

8           (e) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—There is no  
9 matching requirement for grants under this section.

10          (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) The term “fees”—

12                   (A) means monetary fees that are imposed  
13                   for the costs of fine surcharges or court admin-  
14                   istrative fees; and

15                   (B) includes additional late fees, payment-  
16                   plan fees, interest added if an individual is un-  
17                   able to pay a fine in its entirety, collection fees,  
18                   and any additional amounts that do not include  
19                   the fine.

20           (2) The term “fines” means monetary fines im-  
21           posed as punishment.

22           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2022.



1 **SEC. 191109. DEFINITION.**

2 In this title, the term “covered emergency period”  
3 has the meaning given the term in section 12003 of the  
4 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

5 **SEC. 191110. SEVERABILITY.**

6 If any provision of this title or any amendment made  
7 by this title, or the application of a provision or amend-  
8 ment to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid,  
9 the remainder of this title and the amendments made by  
10 this title, and the application of the provisions and amend-  
11 ments to any other person not similarly situated or to  
12 other circumstances, shall not be affected by the holding.

13 **TITLE XII—IMMIGRATION**  
14 **MATTERS**

15 **SEC. 191201. EXTENSION OF FILING AND OTHER DEAD-**  
16 **LINES.**

17 (a) **NEW DEADLINES FOR EXTENSION OR CHANGE**  
18 **OF STATUS OR OTHER BENEFITS.—**

19 (1) **FILING DELAYS.—**In the case of an alien  
20 who was lawfully present in the United States on  
21 January 26, 2020, the alien’s application for an ex-  
22 tension or change of nonimmigrant status, applica-  
23 tion for renewal of employment authorization, or any  
24 other application for extension or renewal of a pe-  
25 riod of authorized stay, shall be considered timely  
26 filed if the due date of the application is within the

1 period described in subsection (d) and the applica-  
2 tion is filed not later than 60 days after it otherwise  
3 would have been due.

4 (2) DEPARTURE DELAYS.—In the case of an  
5 alien who was lawfully present in the United States  
6 on January 26, 2020, the alien shall not be consid-  
7 ered to be unlawfully present in the United States  
8 during the period described in subsection (d).

9 (3) SPECIFIC AUTHORITY.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any  
11 alien whose immigration status, employment  
12 authorization, or other authorized period of stay  
13 has expired or will expire during the period de-  
14 scribed in subsection (d), during the one-year  
15 period beginning on the date of the enactment  
16 of this title, or during both such periods, the  
17 Secretary of Homeland Security shall automati-  
18 cally extend such status, authorization, or pe-  
19 riod of stay until the date that is 90 days after  
20 the last day of whichever of such periods ends  
21 later.

22 (B) EXCEPTION.—If the status, authoriza-  
23 tion, or period of stay referred to in subpara-  
24 graph (A) is based on a grant of deferred ac-  
25 tion, or a grant of temporary protected status

1 under section 244 of the Immigration and Na-  
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a), the extension  
3 under such subparagraph shall be for a period  
4 not less than the period for which deferred ac-  
5 tion or temporary protected status originally  
6 was granted by the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
7 curity.

8 (b) IMMIGRANT VISAS.—

9 (1) EXTENSION OF VISA EXPIRATION.—Not-  
10 withstanding the limitations under section 221(c) of  
11 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
12 1201(c)), in the case of any immigrant visa issued  
13 to an alien that expires or expired during the period  
14 described in subsection (d), the period of validity of  
15 the visa is extended until the date that is 90 days  
16 after the end of such period.

17 (2) ROLLOVER OF UNUSED VISAS.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal years 2021  
19 and 2022, the worldwide level of family-spon-  
20 sored immigrants under subsection (e) of sec-  
21 tion 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
22 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), the worldwide level of em-  
23 ployment-based immigrants under subsection  
24 (d) of such section, and the worldwide level of  
25 diversity immigrants under subsection (e) of

1 such section shall each be increased by the  
2 number computed under subparagraph (B) with  
3 respect to each of such worldwide levels.

4 (B) COMPUTATION OF INCREASE.—For  
5 each of the worldwide levels described in sub-  
6 paragraph (A), the number computed under  
7 this subparagraph is the difference (if any) be-  
8 tween the worldwide level established for the  
9 previous fiscal year under the applicable sub-  
10 section of section 201 of the Immigration and  
11 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151) and the num-  
12 ber of visas that were, during the previous fiscal  
13 year, issued and used as the basis for an appli-  
14 cation for admission into the United States as  
15 an immigrant described in the applicable sub-  
16 section.

17 (C) CLARIFICATIONS.—

18 (i) ALLOCATION AMONG PREFERENCE  
19 CATEGORIES.—The additional visas made  
20 available for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 as  
21 a result of the computations made under  
22 subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall be pro-  
23 portionally allocated as set forth in sub-  
24 sections (a), (b), and (c) of section 203 of

1 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
2 U.S.C. 1153).

3 (ii) ELIMINATION OF FALL ACROSS.—  
4 For fiscal years 2021 and 2022, the num-  
5 ber computed under subsection (c)(3)(C) of  
6 section 201 of the Immigration and Na-  
7 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), and the  
8 number computed under subsection  
9 (d)(2)(C) of such section, are deemed to  
10 equal zero.

11 (c) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—Notwithstanding sec-  
12 tion 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
13 U.S.C. 1229c), if a period for voluntary departure under  
14 such section expires or expired during the period described  
15 in subsection (d), such voluntary departure period is ex-  
16 tended until the date that is 90 days after the end of such  
17 period.

18 (d) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in  
19 this subsection—

20 (1) begins on the first day of the public health  
21 emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
22 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
24 COVID-19; and

1           (2) ends 90 days after the date on which such  
2           public health emergency terminates.

3 **SEC. 191202. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NATU-**  
4 **RALIZATION OATH CEREMONIES DUE TO**  
5 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

6           (a) REMOTE OATH CEREMONIES.—Not later than 30  
7           days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Sec-  
8           retary of Homeland Security shall establish procedures for  
9           the administration of the oath of renunciation and alle-  
10          giance under section 337 of the Immigration and Nation-  
11          ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448) using remote videoconferencing,  
12          or other remote means for individuals who cannot reason-  
13          ably access remote videoconferencing, as an alternative to  
14          an in-person oath ceremony.

15          (b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Notwithstanding sec-  
16          tion 310(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
17          U.S.C. 1421(b)), an individual may complete the natu-  
18          ralization process by participating in a remote oath cere-  
19          mony conducted pursuant to subsection (a) if such indi-  
20          vidual—

21                 (1) has an approved application for naturaliza-  
22                 tion;

23                 (2) is unable otherwise to complete the natu-  
24                 ralization process due to the cancellation or suspen-  
25                 sion of in-person oath ceremonies during the public

1 health emergency declared by the Secretary of  
2 Health and Human Services under section 319 of  
3 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with  
4 respect to COVID–19; and

5 (3) elects to participate in a remote oath cere-  
6 mony in lieu of waiting for in-person ceremonies to  
7 resume.

8 (c) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—Upon estab-  
9 lishing the procedures described in subsection (a), the Sec-  
10 retary of Homeland Security shall—

11 (1) without undue delay, provide written notice  
12 to individuals described in subsection (b)(1) of the  
13 option of participating in a remote oath ceremony in  
14 lieu of a participating in an in-person ceremony;

15 (2) to the greatest extent practicable, ensure  
16 that remote oath ceremonies are administered to in-  
17 dividuals who elect to participate in such a ceremony  
18 not later than 30 days after the individual so noti-  
19 fies the Secretary; and

20 (3) administer oath ceremonies to all other eli-  
21 gible individuals as expeditiously as possible after  
22 the end of the public health emergency referred to  
23 in subsection (b)(2).

24 (d) **AVAILABILITY OF REMOTE OPTION.**—The Sec-  
25 retary of Homeland Security shall begin administering re-

1 mote oath ceremonies on the date that is 60 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this title and shall continue  
3 administering such ceremonies until a date that is not ear-  
4 lier than 90 days after the end of the public health emer-  
5 gency referred to in subsection (b)(2).

6 (e) CLARIFICATION.—Failure to appear for a remote  
7 oath ceremony shall not create a presumption that the in-  
8 dividual has abandoned his or her intent to be naturalized.

9 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days  
10 after the end of the public health emergency referred to  
11 in subsection (b)(2), the Secretary of Homeland Security  
12 shall submit a report to Congress that identifies, for each  
13 State and political subdivision of a State, the number of—

14 (1) individuals who were scheduled for an in-  
15 person oath ceremony that was cancelled due to such  
16 public health emergency;

17 (2) individuals who were provided written notice  
18 pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of the option of par-  
19 ticipating in a remote oath ceremony;

20 (3) individuals who elected to participate in a  
21 remote oath ceremony in lieu of an in-person public  
22 ceremony;

23 (4) individuals who completed the naturaliza-  
24 tion process by participating in a remote oath cere-  
25 mony; and



1           (5) remote oath ceremonies that were conducted  
2           within the period described in subsection (d).

3 **SEC. 191203. TEMPORARY PROTECTIONS FOR ESSENTIAL**  
4 **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS.**

5           (a) PROTECTIONS FOR ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRA-  
6 STRUCTURE WORKERS.—During the period described in  
7 subsection (e), an alien described in subsection (d) shall  
8 be deemed to be in a period of deferred action and author-  
9 ized for employment for purposes of section 274A of the  
10 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a).

11          (b) EMPLOYER PROTECTIONS.—During the period  
12 described in subsection (e), the hiring, employment, or  
13 continued employment of an alien described in subsection  
14 (d) is not a violation of section 274A(a) of the Immigra-  
15 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)).

16          (c) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
17 deemed to require an alien described in subsection (d), or  
18 such alien’s employer—

19           (1) to submit an application for employment  
20 authorization or deferred action, or register with, or  
21 pay a fee to, the Secretary of Homeland Security or  
22 the head of any other Federal agency; or

23           (2) to appear before an agent of the Depart-  
24 ment of Homeland Security or any other Federal

1 agency for an interview, examination, or any other  
2 purpose.

3 (d) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in  
4 this subsection if the alien—

5 (1) on the date of the enactment of this title—

6 (A) is physically present in the United  
7 States; and

8 (B) is inadmissible to, or deportable from,  
9 the United States; and

10 (2) engaged in essential critical infrastructure  
11 labor or services in the United States prior to the  
12 period described in subsection (e) and continues to  
13 engage in such labor or services during such period.

14 (e) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in  
15 this subsection—

16 (1) begins on the first day of the public health  
17 emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
18 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
19 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
20 COVID–19; and

21 (2) ends 90 days after the date on which such  
22 public health emergency terminates.

23 (f) ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE LABOR  
24 OR SERVICES.—For purposes of this section, the term “es-  
25 sential critical infrastructure labor or services” means

1 labor or services performed in an essential critical infra-  
2 structure sector, as described in the “Advisory Memo-  
3 randum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastruc-  
4 ture Workers During COVID–19 Response”, revised by  
5 the Department of Homeland Security on April 17, 2020.

6 **SEC. 191204. SUPPLEMENTING THE COVID RESPONSE**  
7 **WORKFORCE.**

8 (a) **EXPEDITED GREEN CARDS FOR CERTAIN PHYSI-**  
9 **CIAN IN THE UNITED STATES.—**

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**During the period described  
11 in paragraph (3), an alien described in paragraph  
12 (2) may apply to acquire the status of an alien law-  
13 fully admitted to the United States for permanent  
14 residence consistent with section 201(b)(1) of the  
15 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
16 1151(b)(1)).

17 (2) **ALIEN DESCRIBED.—**An alien described in  
18 this paragraph is an alien physician (and the spouse  
19 and children of such alien) who—

20 (A) has an approved immigrant visa peti-  
21 tion under section 203(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Immi-  
22 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
23 1153(b)(2)(B)(ii)) and has completed the serv-  
24 ice requirements for a waiver under such sec-

1           tion on or before the date of the enactment of  
2           this title; and

3                   (B) provides a statement to the Secretary  
4           of Homeland Security attesting that the alien is  
5           engaged in or will engage in the practice of  
6           medicine or medical research involving the diag-  
7           nosis, treatment, or prevention of COVID–19.

8           (3) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described  
9           in this paragraph is the period beginning on the date  
10          of the enactment of this title and ending 180 days  
11          after the termination of the public health emergency  
12          declared by the Secretary of Health and Human  
13          Services under section 319 of the Public Health  
14          Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), with respect to  
15          COVID–19.

16          (b) EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF NONIMMIGRANT PE-  
17          TITIONS AND APPLICATIONS.—

18                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the pro-  
19          cedures described in paragraph (2), the Secretary of  
20          Homeland Security shall expedite the processing of  
21          applications and petitions seeking employment or  
22          classification of an alien as a nonimmigrant to prac-  
23          tice medicine, provide healthcare, engage in medical  
24          research, or participate in a graduate medical edu-

1 cation or training program involving the diagnosis,  
2 treatment, or prevention of COVID-19.

3 (2) APPLICATIONS OR PETITIONS FOR NEW EM-  
4 PLOYMENT OR CHANGE OF STATUS.—

5 (A) INITIAL REVIEW.—Not later than 15  
6 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security  
7 receives an application or petition for new em-  
8 ployment or change of status described in para-  
9 graph (1), the Secretary shall conduct an initial  
10 review of such application or petition and, if ad-  
11 ditional evidence is required, shall issue a re-  
12 quest for evidence.

13 (B) DECISION.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
15 Homeland Security shall issue a final deci-  
16 sion on an application or petition described  
17 in paragraph (1) not later than 30 days  
18 after receipt of such application or peti-  
19 tion, or, if a request for evidence is issued,  
20 not later than 15 days after the Secretary  
21 receives the applicant or petitioner's re-  
22 sponse to such request.

23 (ii) E-MAIL.—In addition to delivery  
24 through regular mail services, decisions de-  
25 scribed in clause (i) shall be transmitted to

1           the applicant or petitioner via electronic  
2           mail, if the applicant or petitioner provides  
3           the Secretary of Homeland Security with  
4           an electronic mail address.

5           (3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall take  
6           effect on the date of the enactment of this title and  
7           shall cease to be effective on the date that is 180  
8           days after the termination of the public health emer-  
9           gency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
10          Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
11          Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), with respect  
12          to COVID-19.

13          (c) EMERGENCY VISA PROCESSING.—

14           (1) VISA PROCESSING.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State  
16           shall prioritize the processing of applications  
17           submitted by aliens who are seeking a visa  
18           based on an approved nonimmigrant petition to  
19           practice medicine, provide healthcare, engage in  
20           medical research, or participate in a graduate  
21           medical education or training program involving  
22           the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of  
23           COVID-19.

24           (B) INTERVIEW.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
2 State shall ensure that visa appointments  
3 are scheduled for aliens described in sub-  
4 paragraph (A) not later than 7 business  
5 days after the alien requests such an ap-  
6 pointment.

7 (ii) SUSPENSION OF ROUTINE VISA  
8 SERVICES.—If routine visa services are un-  
9 available in the alien’s home country—

10 (I) the U.S. embassy or consulate  
11 in the alien’s home country shall—

12 (aa) conduct the visa inter-  
13 view with the alien via video-tele-  
14 conferencing technology; or

15 (bb) grant an emergency  
16 visa appointment to the alien not  
17 later than 10 business days after  
18 the alien requests such an ap-  
19 pointment; or

20 (II) the alien may seek a visa ap-  
21 pointment at any other U.S. embassy  
22 or consulate where routine visa serv-  
23 ices are available, and such embassy  
24 or consulate shall make every reason-  
25 able effort to provide the alien with an

1                    appointment within 10 business days  
2                    after the alien requests such an ap-  
3                    pointment.

4                    (2) INTERVIEW WAIVERS.—Except as provided  
5                    in section 222(h)(2) of the Immigration and Nation-  
6                    ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1202(h)(2)), the Secretary of  
7                    State shall waive the interview of any alien seeking  
8                    a nonimmigrant visa based on an approved petition  
9                    described in paragraph (1)(A), if—

10                    (A) such alien is applying for a visa—

11                                       (i) not more than 3 years after the  
12                                       date on which such alien’s prior visa ex-  
13                                       pired;

14                                       (ii) in the visa classification for which  
15                                       such prior visa was issued; and

16                                       (iii) at a consular post located in the  
17                                       alien’s country of residence or, if otherwise  
18                                       required by regulation, country of nation-  
19                                       ality; and

20                    (B) the consular officer has no indication  
21                    that such alien has failed to comply with the  
22                    immigration laws and regulations of the United  
23                    States.

24                    (3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall take  
25                    effect on the date of the enactment of this title and



1 shall cease to be effective on the date that is 180  
2 days after the termination of the public health emer-  
3 gency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274d), with respect  
6 to COVID-19.

7 (d) IMPROVING MOBILITY OF NONIMMIGRANT  
8 COVID-19 WORKERS.—

9 (1) LICENSURE.—Notwithstanding section  
10 212(j)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
11 U.S.C. 1182(j)(2)), for the period described in para-  
12 graph (6), the Secretary of Homeland Security may  
13 approve a petition for classification as a non-  
14 immigrant described under section  
15 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of such Act, filed on behalf of a  
16 physician for purposes of performing direct patient  
17 care if such physician possesses a license or other  
18 authorization required by the State of intended em-  
19 ployment to practice medicine, or is eligible for a  
20 waiver of such requirement pursuant to an executive  
21 order, emergency rule, or other action taken by the  
22 State to modify or suspend regular licensing require-  
23 ments in response to the COVID-19 public health  
24 emergency.

1           (2) TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS ON AMENDED H-  
2           1B PETITIONS.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
4           other provision of law, the Secretary of Home-  
5           land Security shall not require an employer of  
6           a nonimmigrant alien described in section  
7           101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and  
8           Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
9           1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)) to file an amended or  
10          new petition under section 214(a) of such Act  
11          (8 U.S.C. 1184(a)) if upon transferring such  
12          alien to a new area of employment, the alien  
13          will practice medicine, provide healthcare, or  
14          engage in medical research involving the diag-  
15          nosis, treatment, or prevention of COVID-19.

16          (B) CLARIFICATION ON TELEMEDICINE.—  
17          Nothing in the Immigration and Nationality  
18          Act or any other provision of law shall be con-  
19          strued to require an employer of a non-  
20          immigrant alien described in section  
21          101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and  
22          Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
23          1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)) to file an amended or  
24          new petition under section 214(a) of such Act  
25          (8 U.S.C. 1184(a)) if the alien is a physician or

1 other healthcare worker who will provide remote  
2 patient care through the use of real-time audio-  
3 video communication tools to consult with pa-  
4 tients and other technologies to collect, analyze,  
5 and transmit medical data and images.

6 (3) PERMISSIBLE WORK ACTIVITIES FOR J-1  
7 PHYSICIANS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
9 other provision of law, the diagnosis, treatment,  
10 or prevention of COVID-19 shall be considered  
11 an integral part of a graduate medical edu-  
12 cation or training program and a nonimmigrant  
13 described in section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Immi-  
14 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1101(a)(15)(J)) who is participating in such a  
16 program—

17 (i) may be redeployed to a new rota-  
18 tion within the host training institution as  
19 needed to engage in COVID-19 work; and

20 (ii) may receive compensation for such  
21 work.

22 (B) OTHER PERMISSIBLE EMPLOYMENT  
23 ACTIVITIES.—A nonimmigrant described in sec-  
24 tion 101(a)(15)(J) of the Immigration and Na-  
25 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J)) who is

1 participating in a graduate medical education  
2 or training program may engage in work out-  
3 side the scope of the approved program, if—

4 (i) the work involves the diagnosis,  
5 treatment, or prevention of COVID–19;

6 (ii) the alien has maintained lawful  
7 nonimmigrant status and has otherwise  
8 complied with the terms of the education  
9 or training program; and

10 (iii) the program sponsor approves the  
11 additional work by annotating the non-  
12 immigrant’s Certificate of Eligibility for  
13 Exchange Visitor (J–1) Status (Form DS–  
14 2019) and notifying the Immigration and  
15 Customs Enforcement Student and Ex-  
16 change Visitor Program of the approval of  
17 such work.

18 (C) CLARIFICATION ON TELEMEDICINE.—

19 Section 214(l)(1)(D) of the Immigration and  
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(1)(D)) may  
21 be satisfied through the provision of care to pa-  
22 tients located in areas designated by the Sec-  
23 retary of Health and Human Services as having  
24 a shortage of health care professionals, through  
25 the physician’s use of real-time audio-video

1 communication tools to consult with patients  
2 and other technologies to collect, analyze, and  
3 transmit medical data and images.

4 (4) PORTABILITY OF O-1 NONIMMIGRANTS.—A  
5 nonimmigrant who was previously issued a visa or  
6 otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under sec-  
7 tion 101(a)(15)(O)(i) of the Immigration and Na-  
8 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(O)(i)), and is  
9 seeking an extension of such status, is authorized to  
10 accept new employment under the terms and condi-  
11 tions described in section 214(n) of such Act (8  
12 U.S.C. 1184(n)).

13 (5) INCREASING THE ABILITY OF PHYSICIANS  
14 TO CHANGE NONIMMIGRANT STATUS.—

15 (A) CHANGE OF NONIMMIGRANT CLASSI-  
16 FICATION.—Section 248(a) of the Immigration  
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)), is  
18 amended—

19 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting  
20 “and” after the comma at the end;

21 (ii) by striking paragraphs (2) and  
22 (3); and

23 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
24 paragraph (2).

1 (B) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—  
2 Section 214(l)(2)(A) of the Immigration and  
3 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(2)(A)) is  
4 amended by striking “Notwithstanding section  
5 248(a)(2), the” and inserting “The”.

6 (6) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall take  
7 effect on the date of the enactment of this title and  
8 except as provided in paragraphs (2)(B), (3)(C), (4),  
9 and (5), shall cease to be effective on that date that  
10 is 180 days after the termination of the public  
11 health emergency declared by the Secretary of  
12 Health and Human Services under section 319 of  
13 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d),  
14 with respect to COVID–19.

15 (e) CONRAD 30 PROGRAM.—

16 (1) PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION.—Section  
17 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical  
18 Corrections Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–416; 8  
19 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and be-  
20 fore September 30, 2015”.

21 (2) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section  
22 214(l) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
23 U.S.C. 1184(l)), is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

1 (i) by striking “30” and inserting  
2 “35”; and

3 (ii) by inserting “, except as provided  
4 in paragraph (4)” before the semicolon at  
5 the end; and

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

7 “(4) ADJUSTMENT IN WAIVER NUMBERS.—

8 “(A) INCREASES.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
10 vided in clause (ii), if in any fiscal year,  
11 not less than 90 percent of the waivers  
12 provided under paragraph (1)(B) are uti-  
13 lized by States receiving at least 5 such  
14 waivers, the number of such waivers allot-  
15 ted to each State shall increase by 5 for  
16 each subsequent fiscal year.

17 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—If 45 or more  
18 waivers are allotted to States in any fiscal  
19 year, an increase of 5 waivers in subse-  
20 quent fiscal years shall be provided only in  
21 the case that not less than 95 percent of  
22 such waivers are utilized by States receiv-  
23 ing at least 1 waiver.

24 “(B) DECREASES.—If in any fiscal year in  
25 which there was an increase in waivers, the

1 total number of waivers utilized is 5 percent  
2 lower than in the previous fiscal year, the num-  
3 ber of such waivers allotted to each State shall  
4 decrease by 5 for each subsequent fiscal year,  
5 except that in no case shall the number of waiv-  
6 ers allotted to each State drop below 35.”.

7 (f) TEMPORARY PORTABILITY FOR PHYSICIANS AND  
8 CRITICAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN RESPONSE TO  
9 COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
11 the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary  
12 of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Sec-  
13 retary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and  
14 Human Services, shall establish emergency proce-  
15 dures to provide employment authorization to aliens  
16 described in paragraph (2), for purposes of facili-  
17 tating the temporary deployment of such aliens to  
18 practice medicine, provide healthcare, or engage in  
19 medical research involving the diagnosis, treatment,  
20 or prevention of COVID–19.

21 (2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien described in  
22 this paragraph is an alien who is—

23 (A) physically present in the United  
24 States;



1 (B) maintaining lawful nonimmigrant sta-  
2 tus that authorizes employment with a specific  
3 employer incident to such status; and

4 (C) working in the United States in a  
5 healthcare occupation essential to COVID-19  
6 response, as determined by the Secretary of  
7 Health and Human Services.

8 (3) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—

9 (A) APPLICATION.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
11 Homeland Security may grant employment  
12 authorization to an alien described in para-  
13 graph (2) if such alien submits an Applica-  
14 tion for Employment Authorization (Form  
15 I-765 or any successor form), which shall  
16 include—

17 (I) evidence of the alien's current  
18 nonimmigrant status;

19 (II) copies of the alien's academic  
20 degrees and any licenses, credentials,  
21 or other documentation confirming  
22 authorization to practice in the alien's  
23 occupation; and

24 (III) any other evidence deter-  
25 mined necessary by the Secretary of

1 Homeland Security to establish by a  
2 preponderance of the evidence that  
3 the alien meets the requirements of  
4 paragraph (2).

5 (ii) CONVERSION OF PENDING APPLI-  
6 CATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
7 curity shall establish procedures for the ad-  
8 judication of any employment authoriza-  
9 tion applications for aliens described in  
10 paragraph (2) that are pending on the date  
11 of the enactment of this title, and the  
12 issuance of employment authorization doc-  
13 uments in connection with such applica-  
14 tions in accordance with the terms and  
15 conditions of this subsection, upon request  
16 by the applicant.

17 (B) FEES.—The Secretary of Homeland  
18 Security shall collect a fee for the processing of  
19 applications for employment authorization as  
20 provided under this paragraph.

21 (C) REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE.—If all re-  
22 quired initial evidence has been submitted  
23 under this subsection but such evidence does  
24 not establish eligibility, the Secretary of Home-  
25 land Security shall issue a request for evidence

1 not later than 15 days after receipt of the ap-  
2 plication for employment authorization.

3 (D) DECISION.—The Secretary of Home-  
4 land Security shall issue a final decision on an  
5 application for employment authorization under  
6 this subsection not later than 30 days after re-  
7 ceipt of such application, or, if a request for  
8 evidence is issued, not later than 15 days after  
9 the Secretary receives the alien’s response to  
10 such request.

11 (E) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION  
12 CARD.—An employment authorization document  
13 issued under this subsection shall—

14 (i) be valid for a period of not less  
15 than 1 year;

16 (ii) include the annotation “COVID-  
17 19”; and

18 (iii) notwithstanding any other provi-  
19 sion of law, allow the bearer of such docu-  
20 ment to engage in employment during its  
21 validity period, with any United States em-  
22 ployer to perform services described in  
23 paragraph (1).

24 (F) RENEWAL.—Subject to paragraph (5),  
25 the Secretary of Homeland Security may renew

1 an employment authorization document issued  
2 under this subsection in accordance with proce-  
3 dures established by the Secretary.

4 (G) CLARIFICATIONS.—

5 (i) MAINTENANCE OF STATUS.—Not-  
6 withstanding a reduction in hours or ces-  
7 sation of work with the employer that peti-  
8 tioned for the alien's underlying non-  
9 immigrant status, an alien granted employ-  
10 ment authorization under this subsection,  
11 and the spouse and children of such alien  
12 shall, for the period of such authorization,  
13 be deemed—

14 (I) to be lawfully present in the  
15 United States; and

16 (II) to have continuously main-  
17 tained the alien's underlying non-  
18 immigrant status for purposes of an  
19 extension of such status, a change of  
20 nonimmigrant status under section  
21 248 of the Immigration and Nation-  
22 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1258), or adjust-  
23 ment of status under section 245 of  
24 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255).

1 (ii) LIMITATIONS.—An employment  
2 authorization document described in sub-  
3 paragraph (E) may not be—

4 (I) utilized by the alien to engage  
5 in any employment other than that  
6 which is described in paragraph (1);  
7 or

8 (II) accepted by an employer as  
9 evidence of authorization under sec-  
10 tion 274A(b)(1)(C) of the Immigra-  
11 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
12 1324a(b)(1)(C)), to engage in employ-  
13 ment other than that which is de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (1).

15 (4) TREATMENT OF TIME SPENT ENGAGING IN  
16 COVID-19-RELATED WORK.—Notwithstanding any  
17 other provision of law, time spent by an alien physi-  
18 cian engaged in direct patient care involving the di-  
19 agnosis, treatment, or prevention of COVID-19  
20 shall count towards—

21 (A) the 5 years that an alien is required to  
22 work as a full-time physician for purposes of a  
23 national interest waiver under section  
24 203(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-  
25 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(2)(B)(ii)); and

1 (B) the 3 years that an alien is required  
2 to work as a full-time physician for purposes of  
3 a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence require-  
4 ment under section 212(e) of the Immigration  
5 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)), as pro-  
6 vided in section 214(l) of such Act (8 U.S.C.  
7 1184(l)).

8 (5) EXTENSION OR TERMINATION.—The proce-  
9 dures described in paragraph (1) shall take effect on  
10 the date that is 30 days after the date of the enact-  
11 ment of this title and shall remain in effect until  
12 180 days after the termination of the public health  
13 emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
14 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), with respect  
16 to COVID–19.

17 (g) SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR NON-  
18 IMMIGRANT COVID–19 WORKERS AND THEIR FAMI-  
19 LIES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
21 Security may grant a petition for special immigrant  
22 classification to an alien described in paragraph (2)  
23 (and the spouse and children of such alien) if the  
24 alien files a petition for special immigrant status  
25 under section 204 of the Immigration and Nation-

1 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) for classification under  
2 section 203(b)(4) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)).

3 (2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described  
4 in this paragraph if, during the period beginning on  
5 the date that the COVID–19 public health emer-  
6 gency was declared by the Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) and ending  
9 180 days after the termination of such emergency,  
10 the alien was—

11 (A) authorized for employment in the  
12 United States and maintaining a nonimmigrant  
13 status; and

14 (B) engaged in the practice of medicine,  
15 provision of healthcare services, or medical re-  
16 search involving the diagnosis, treatment, or  
17 prevention of COVID–19 disease.

18 (3) PRIORITY DATE.—Subject to paragraph (5),  
19 immigrant visas under paragraph (1) shall be made  
20 available to aliens in the order in which a petition  
21 on behalf of each such alien is filed with the Sec-  
22 retary of Homeland Security, except that an alien  
23 shall maintain any priority date that was assigned  
24 with respect to an immigrant visa petition or appli-

1 cation for labor certification that was previously filed  
2 on behalf of such alien.

3 (4) PROTECTIONS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES  
4 AND CHILDREN.—

5 (A) SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHIL-  
6 DREN.—Notwithstanding the death of an alien  
7 described in paragraph (2), the Secretary of  
8 State may approve an application for an immi-  
9 grant visa, and the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
10 curity may approve an application for adjust-  
11 ment of status to lawful permanent resident,  
12 filed by or on behalf of a spouse or child of  
13 such alien.

14 (B) AGE-OUT PROTECTION.—For purposes  
15 of an application for an immigrant visa or ad-  
16 justment of status filed by or on behalf of a  
17 child of an alien described in paragraph (2), the  
18 determination of whether the child satisfies the  
19 age requirement under section 101(b)(1) of the  
20 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
21 1101(b)(1)) shall be made using the age of the  
22 child on the date the immigrant visa petition  
23 under paragraph (1) was approved.

24 (C) CONTINUATION OF NONIMMIGRANT  
25 STATUS.—A spouse or child of an alien de-



1           scribed in paragraph (2) shall be considered to  
2           have maintained lawful nonimmigrant status  
3           until the earlier of the date—

4                   (i) on which the Secretary of Home-  
5                   land Security accepts for filing, an applica-  
6                   tion for adjustment of status based on a  
7                   petition described in paragraph (1); or

8                   (ii) that is 2 years after the date of  
9                   the principal nonimmigrant's death.

10           (5) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—

11                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The total number of  
12                   principal aliens who may be provided special  
13                   immigrant status under this subsection may not  
14                   exceed 4,000 per year for each of the 3 fiscal  
15                   years beginning after the date of the enactment  
16                   of this title.

17                   (B) EXCLUSION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITA-  
18                   TIONS.—Aliens provided special immigrant sta-  
19                   tus under this subsection shall not be counted  
20                   against any numerical limitations under section  
21                   201(d), 202(a), or 203(b)(4) of the Immigra-  
22                   tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d),  
23                   1152(a), or 1153(b)(4)).

24                   (C) CARRY FORWARD.—If the numerical  
25                   limitation specified in subparagraph (A) is not

1           reached during a given fiscal year referred to in  
2           such subparagraph, the numerical limitation  
3           specified in such subparagraph for the following  
4           fiscal year shall be increased by a number equal  
5           to the difference between—

6                       (i) the numerical limitation specified  
7                       in subparagraph (A) for the given fiscal  
8                       year; and

9                       (ii) the number of principal aliens pro-  
10                      vided special immigrant status under this  
11                      subsection during the given fiscal year.

12 **SEC. 191205. ICE DETENTION.**

13           (a) REVIEWING ICE DETENTION.—During the public  
14 health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
15 Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health  
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to COVID–19,  
17 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall review the immi-  
18 gration files of all individuals in the custody of U.S. Immi-  
19 gration and Customs Enforcement to assess the need for  
20 continued detention. The Secretary of Homeland Security  
21 shall prioritize for release on recognizance or alternatives  
22 to detention individuals who are not subject to mandatory  
23 detention laws, unless the individual is a threat to public  
24 safety or national security.

1 (b) ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND  
2 HYGIENE PRODUCTS.—During the period described in  
3 subsection (c), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
4 ensure that—

5 (1) all individuals in the custody of U.S. Immi-  
6 gration and Customs Enforcement—

7 (A) have access to telephonic or video com-  
8 munication at no cost to the detained indi-  
9 vidual;

10 (B) have access to free, unmonitored tele-  
11 phone calls, at any time, to contact attorneys or  
12 legal service providers in a sufficiently private  
13 space to protect confidentiality;

14 (C) are permitted to receive legal cor-  
15 respondence by fax or email rather than postal  
16 mail; and

17 (D) are provided sufficient soap, hand san-  
18 itizer, and other hygiene products; and

19 (2) nonprofit organizations providing legal ori-  
20 entation programming or know-your-rights program-  
21 ming to individuals in the custody of U.S. Immigra-  
22 tion and Customs Enforcement are permitted broad  
23 and flexible access to such individuals—

24 (A) to provide group presentations using  
25 remote videoconferencing; and

1 (B) to schedule and provide individual ori-  
2 entations using free telephone calls or remote  
3 videoconferencing.

4 (c) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in  
5 this subsection—

6 (1) begins on the first day of the public health  
7 emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
8 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
10 COVID-19; and

11 (2) ends 90 days after the date on which such  
12 public health emergency terminates.

13 **TITLE XIII—CORONAVIRUS**  
14 **RELIEF FUND AMENDMENTS**

15 **SEC. 191301. CONGRESSIONAL INTENT RELATING TO TRIB-**  
16 **AL GOVERNMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR**  
17 **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENTS.**

18 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section and the  
19 amendments made by subsection (b) is to affirm the April  
20 27, 2020, memorandum and decision of the United States  
21 District Court for the District of Columbia in *Confederated*  
22 *Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation et al v. Mnuchin* (Case  
23 No. 1:20-cv-01002) and clarify the intent of Congress  
24 that only Federally recognized Tribal Governments are eli-  
25 gible for payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund es-

1 tablished in section 601 of the Social Security Act, as  
2 added by section 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
3 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

4 (b) ELIGIBLE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—Effective as  
5 if included in the enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Re-  
6 lief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136),  
7 section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section  
8 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Se-  
9 curity Act, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(7), by striking “Indian  
11 Tribes” and inserting “Tribal Governments”; and

12 (2) in subsection (g)—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
15 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), re-  
16 spectively; and

17 (C) by striking paragraph (4) (as redesign-  
18 nated by subparagraph (B)) and inserting the  
19 following:

20 “(4) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘Tribal  
21 Government’ means the recognized governing body  
22 of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation,  
23 pueblo, village, community, component band, or com-  
24 ponent reservation, individually identified (including  
25 parenthetically) in the list published most recently as

1 of the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to sec-  
2 tion 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe  
3 List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).”.

4 (c) RULES RELATING TO PAYMENTS MADE BEFORE  
5 THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT.—

6 (1) PAYMENTS MADE TO INELIGIBLE ENTI-  
7 TIES.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall require  
8 any entity that was not eligible to receive a payment  
9 from the amount set aside for fiscal year 2020  
10 under subsection (a)(2)(B) of section 601 of the So-  
11 cial Security Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the  
12 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
13 (Public Law 116–136) and after the application of  
14 the amendments made by subsection (a) clarifying  
15 congressional intent relating to eligibility for such a  
16 payment, to return the full payment to the Depart-  
17 ment.

18 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS RETURNED  
19 BY INELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary of the  
20 Treasury shall distribute payments returned under  
21 paragraph (1), without further appropriation or fis-  
22 cal year limitation and not later than 7 days after  
23 receiving any returned funds as required under  
24 paragraph (1) to Tribal Governments eligible for  
25 payments under such section 601 of the Social Secu-

1 rity Act, as amended by subsection (a), in accord-  
2 ance with subsection (c)(7) of such Act.

3 (3) LIMITATION ON SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-  
4 ITY.—The Secretary of the Treasury is prohibited  
5 from requiring an entity that is eligible for a pay-  
6 ment from the amount set aside for fiscal year 2020  
7 under subsection (a)(2)(B) of section 601 of the So-  
8 cial Security Act, as amended by subsection(a), and  
9 that received a payment before the date of enact-  
10 ment of this Act, from requiring the entity to return  
11 all or part of the payment except to the extent au-  
12 thorized under section 601(f) of such Act in the case  
13 of a determination by the Inspector General of the  
14 Department of the Treasury that the Tribal govern-  
15 ment failed to comply with the use of funds require-  
16 ments of section 601(d) of such Act.

17 **SEC. 191302. REDISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS RECOVERED**  
18 **OR RECOUPED FROM PAYMENTS FOR TRIBAL**  
19 **GOVERNMENTS; REPORTING REQUIRE-**  
20 **MENTS.**

21 Effective as if included in the enactment of the  
22 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-  
23 lic Law 116–136), section 601(c)(7) of the Social Security  
24 Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the Coronavirus Aid,  
25 Relief, and Economic Security Act, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “From the amount” and insert-  
2           ing the following:

3                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount”;

4           and

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

6                   “(B) REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

7                           “(i) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out  
8                           the requirement under subparagraph (A)  
9                           to ensure that all amounts available under  
10                          subsection (a)(2)(B) for fiscal year 2020  
11                          are distributed to Tribal governments, the  
12                          Secretary shall redistribute any amounts  
13                          from payments for Tribal Governments  
14                          that are recovered through recoupment ac-  
15                          tivities carried out by the Inspector Gen-  
16                          eral of the Department of the Treasury  
17                          under subsection (f), without further ap-  
18                          propriation, using a procedure and meth-  
19                          odology determined by the Secretary in  
20                          consultation with Tribal Governments, to  
21                          Tribal Governments that apply for pay-  
22                          ments from such amounts.

23                          “(ii) REPAYMENT.—In carrying out  
24                          the recoupment activities by the Inspector  
25                          General of the Department of the Treasury



1 under subsection (f), Treasury shall not  
2 impose any additional fees, penalties, or in-  
3 terest payments on Tribal Governments as-  
4 sociated with any amounts that are recov-  
5 ered.

6 “(C) DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING RE-  
7 QUIREMENTS.—

8 “(i) DISCLOSURE OF FUNDING FOR-  
9 MULA AND METHODOLOGY.—Not later  
10 than 24 hours before any payments for  
11 Tribal Governments are distributed by the  
12 Secretary pursuant to the requirements  
13 under subparagraph (A) and subparagraph  
14 (B), the Secretary shall publish on the  
15 website of the Department of the Treas-  
16 ury—

17 “(I) a detailed description of the  
18 funding allocation formula; and

19 “(II) a detailed description of the  
20 procedure and methodology used to  
21 determine the funding allocation for-  
22 mula.

23 “(ii) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—No  
24 later than 7 days after payments for Tribal  
25 Governments are distributed by the Sec-

1           retary pursuant to the requirements under  
2           subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B),  
3           the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-  
4           tees on Appropriations of the House of  
5           Representatives and the Senate, the Chair  
6           and Ranking Members of the House Com-  
7           mittee on Natural Resources and the Chair  
8           and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee  
9           on Indian Affairs a report summarizing—

10                   “(I) an overview of actions taken  
11                   by the Secretary in carrying out the  
12                   requirements under subparagraph (A)  
13                   and subparagraph (B); and

14                   “(II) the date and amount of all  
15                   fund disbursements, broken down by  
16                   individual Tribal Government recipi-  
17                   ents.”.

18 **SEC. 191303. USE OF RELIEF FUNDS.**

19           Effective as if included in the Coronavirus, Aid, Re-  
20           lief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136),  
21           section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section  
22           5001(a) of such Act, is amended by striking subsection  
23           (d) and inserting the following:

1 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government,  
2 and unit of local government shall use the funds provided  
3 under a payment made under this section to

4 “(1) cover only those costs of the State, Tribal  
5 government, or unit of local government that—

6 “(A) Are necessary expenditures incurred  
7 due to the public health emergency with respect  
8 to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19);

9 “(B) were not accounted for in the budget  
10 most recently approved as of the date of enact-  
11 ment of this section for the State or govern-  
12 ment; and

13 “(C) were incurred during the period that  
14 begins on January 31, 2020, and ends on De-  
15 cember 31, 2020; or

16 “(2) Replace lost, delayed, or decreased reve-  
17 nues, stemming from the public health emergency  
18 with respect to the coronavirus disease (COVID–  
19 19).”.

20 **TITLE XIV—RURAL DIGITAL**  
21 **OPPORTUNITY**

22 **SEC. 191401. ACCELERATION OF RURAL DIGITAL OPPOR-**  
23 **TUNITY FUND PHASE I AUCTION.**

24 With respect to the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund  
25 Phase I auction (in this section referred to as the “auc-

1 tion”) provided for in the Report and Order in the matter  
2 of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and Connect America  
3 Fund adopted by the Federal Communications Commis-  
4 sion (in this section referred to as the “Commission”) on  
5 January 30, 2020 (FCC 20–5), the Commission shall  
6 modify the framework for the auction adopted in such Re-  
7 port and Order as follows:

8           (1) The Commission shall begin accepting long-  
9 form applications before the auction, not later than  
10 the earlier of the date that is 30 days after the date  
11 on which the Commission begins accepting short-  
12 form applications or July 31, 2020, from such appli-  
13 cants as are willing to commit to the schedule de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (3)(B) for deployment of net-  
15 works capable of providing symmetrical Gigabit per-  
16 formance service.

17           (2) If the long-form applications accepted pur-  
18 suant to paragraph (1) indicate that, for any census  
19 block or census block group identified in the Prelimi-  
20 nary List of Eligible Areas released by the Commis-  
21 sion on March 17, 2020, there is only 1 qualified ap-  
22 plicant willing to commit to provide symmetrical  
23 Gigabit performance service pursuant to the sched-  
24 ule described in paragraph (3)(B), the Commission

1 shall, not later than the earlier of September 30,  
2 2020, or 30 days before the start of the auction—

3 (A) award to such applicant Rural Digital  
4 Opportunity Fund Phase I support for such  
5 census block or census block group, at 100 per-  
6 cent of the reserve price (in this paragraph re-  
7 ferred to as the “award”);

8 (B) remove such census block or census  
9 block group from the auction; and

10 (C) reduce the budget for the auction by  
11 75 percent of the amount of the award and re-  
12 duce the budget for the Rural Digital Oppor-  
13 tunity Fund Phase II auction provided for in  
14 such Report and Order by 25 percent of the  
15 amount of the award.

16 (3) The Commission shall require an applicant  
17 submitting a long-form application pursuant to para-  
18 graph (1) to—

19 (A) not later than 30 days after the date  
20 on which such applicant submits such long-form  
21 application, provide a letter of commitment  
22 from a bank meeting the Commission’s eligi-  
23 bility requirements stating that the bank would  
24 provide a letter of credit to such applicant if

1           such applicant becomes a winning bidder and is  
2           awarded support; and

3           (B) commit to—

4                   (i) begin construction not later than 6  
5           months following funding authorization;  
6           and

7                   (ii) begin to make service available not  
8           later than 1 year following funding author-  
9           ization.

10           (4) If an applicant to which an award of sup-  
11           port has been made under paragraph (2)(A) for a  
12           census block or census block group fails to meet the  
13           requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to such  
14           award of support, the Commission shall revoke such  
15           award of support and include such census block or  
16           census block group for competitive bidding in the  
17           Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase II auction  
18           provided for in such Report and Order.

19           (5) The Commission shall require an applicant  
20           to which an award of support has been made under  
21           paragraph (2)(A) to meet the deployment schedule  
22           to which the applicant committed under paragraph  
23           (3)(B).

1 **SEC. 191402. ENSURING THE FCC CREATES ACCURATE**  
2 **SERVICE MAPS.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Title  
4 VIII of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 641  
5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 807. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com-  
8 mission to carry out this title—

9 “(1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

10 “(2) \$9,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
11 2021 through 2027.”.

12 (b) DEADLINE FOR CREATION OF MAPS.—Section  
13 802(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.  
14 642(c)(1)) is amended by striking “create” and inserting  
15 “create, not later than October 1, 2020”.

16 **TITLE XV—FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
17 **PROVISIONS**

18 **Subtitle A—Matters Relating to the**  
19 **Department of State**

20 **SEC. 191501. MITIGATION PLAN TO ASSIST FEDERAL VOT-**  
21 **ERS OVERSEAS IMPACTED BY COVID-19.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
24 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit  
25 to the appropriate congressional committees a plan to  
26 mitigate the effects of limited or curtailed diplomatic

1 pouch capacities or other operations constraints at United  
2 States diplomatic and consular posts, due to coronavirus,  
3 on overseas voters (as such term is defined in section  
4 107(5) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
5 Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(5))) seeking to return ab-  
6 sentee ballots and other balloting materials under such  
7 Act with respect to elections for Federal office held in  
8 2020. Such plan shall include steps to—

9           (1) restore or augment diplomatic pouch capac-  
10       ities;

11           (2) facilitate using the Army Post Office, Fleet  
12       Post Office, the United States mails, or private  
13       couriers, if available;

14           (3) mitigate other operations constraints affect-  
15       ing eligible overseas voters; and

16           (4) develop specific outreach plans to educate  
17       eligible overseas voters about accessing all available  
18       forms of voter assistance prior to the date of the  
19       regularly scheduled general election for Federal of-  
20       fice.

21       (b) REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ASSIST AND INFORM  
22       FEDERAL VOTERS OVERSEAS.—Not later than 90 days  
23       before the date of the regularly scheduled general election  
24       for Federal office held in November 2020, the Secretary  
25       of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,



1 shall report to the appropriate congressional committees  
2 on the implementation of efforts to carry out the plan sub-  
3 mitted pursuant to subsection (a).

4 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-  
6 sional committees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
8 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives; and

10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
11 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

12 **SEC. 191502. REPORT ON EFFORTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS**  
13 **REPATRIATION TASK FORCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date specified  
15 in subsection (b), the Secretary of State shall submit to  
16 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
18 the Senate a report evaluating the efforts of the  
19 Coronavirus Repatriation Task Force of the Department  
20 of State to repatriate United States citizens and legal per-  
21 manent residents in response to the 2020 coronavirus out-  
22 break. The report shall identify—

23 (1) the most significant impediments to repa-  
24 triating such persons;

1           (2) the lessons learned from such repatriations;  
2           and

3           (3) any changes planned to future repatriation  
4           efforts of the Department of State to incorporate  
5           such lessons learned.

6           (b) DEADLINE.—The date specified in this subsection  
7           is the earlier of—

8           (1) the date that is 90 days after the date on  
9           which the Coronavirus Repatriation Task Force of  
10          the Department of State is disbanded; or

11          (2) September 30, 2020.

12           **Subtitle B—Global Health Security**  
13                                   **Act of 2020**

14           **SEC. 191503. SHORT TITLE.**

15           This subtitle may be cited as the “Global Health Se-  
16           curity Act of 2020”.

17           **SEC. 191504. FINDINGS.**

18           Congress finds the following:

19           (1) In December 2009, President Obama re-  
20           leased the National Strategy for Countering Biologi-  
21           cal Threats, which listed as one of seven objectives  
22           “Promote global health security: Increase the avail-  
23           ability of and access to knowledge and products of  
24           the life sciences that can help reduce the impact

1 from outbreaks of infectious disease whether of nat-  
2 ural, accidental, or deliberate origin”.

3 (2) In February 2014, the United States and  
4 nearly 30 other nations launched the Global Health  
5 Security Agenda (GHSA) to address several high-  
6 priority, global infectious disease threats. The  
7 GHSA is a multi-faceted, multi-country initiative in-  
8 tended to accelerate partner countries’ measurable  
9 capabilities to achieve specific targets to prevent, de-  
10 tect, and respond to infectious disease threats,  
11 whether naturally occurring, deliberate, or acci-  
12 dental.

13 (3) In 2015, the United Nations adopted the  
14 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which in-  
15 clude specific reference to the importance of global  
16 health security as part of SDG 3 “ensure healthy  
17 lives and promote well-being for all at all ages” as  
18 follows: “strengthen the capacity of all countries, in  
19 particular developing countries, for early warning,  
20 risk reduction and management of national and  
21 global health risks”.

22 (4) On November 4, 2016, President Obama  
23 signed Executive Order 13747, “Advancing the  
24 Global Health Security Agenda to Achieve a World  
25 Safe and Secure from Infectious Disease Threats”.

1           (5) In October 2017 at the GHSA Ministerial  
2 Meeting in Uganda, the United States and more  
3 than 40 GHSA member countries supported the  
4 “Kampala Declaration” to extend the GHSA for an  
5 additional 5 years to 2024.

6           (6) In December 2017, President Trump re-  
7 leased the National Security Strategy, which in-  
8 cludes the priority action: “Detect and contain bio-  
9 threats at their source: We will work with other  
10 countries to detect and mitigate outbreaks early to  
11 prevent the spread of disease. We will encourage  
12 other countries to invest in basic health care systems  
13 and to strengthen global health security across the  
14 intersection of human and animal health to prevent  
15 infectious disease outbreaks”.

16           (7) In September 2018, President Trump re-  
17 leased the National Biodefense Strategy, which in-  
18 cludes objectives to “strengthen global health secu-  
19 rity capacities to prevent local bioincidents from be-  
20 coming epidemics”, and “strengthen international  
21 preparedness to support international response and  
22 recovery capabilities”.

23 **SEC. 191505. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

24 It is the policy of the United States to—

1           (1) promote global health security as a core na-  
2           tional security interest;

3           (2) advance the aims of the Global Health Se-  
4           curity Agenda;

5           (3) collaborate with other countries to detect  
6           and mitigate outbreaks early to prevent the spread  
7           of disease;

8           (4) encourage other countries to invest in basic  
9           resilient and sustainable health care systems; and

10          (5) strengthen global health security across the  
11          intersection of human and animal health to prevent  
12          infectious disease outbreaks and combat the growing  
13          threat of antimicrobial resistance.

14 **SEC. 191506. GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA INTER-**  
15 **AGENCY REVIEW COUNCIL.**

16          (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The President shall establish  
17 a Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review  
18 Council (in this section referred to as the “Council”) to  
19 perform the general responsibilities described in sub-  
20 section (c) and the specific roles and responsibilities de-  
21 scribed in subsection (e).

22          (b) **MEETINGS.**—The Council shall meet not less than  
23 four times per year to advance its mission and fulfill its  
24 responsibilities.

1           (c) GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council shall  
2 be responsible for the following activities:

3           (1) Provide policy-level recommendations to  
4 participating agencies on Global Health Security  
5 Agenda (GHSA) goals, objectives, and implementa-  
6 tion.

7           (2) Facilitate interagency, multi-sectoral en-  
8 gagement to carry out GHSA implementation.

9           (3) Provide a forum for raising and working to  
10 resolve interagency disagreements concerning the  
11 GHSA.

12           (4)(A) Review the progress toward and work to  
13 resolve challenges in achieving United States com-  
14 mitments under the GHSA, including commitments  
15 to assist other countries in achieving the GHSA tar-  
16 gets.

17           (B) The Council shall consider, among other  
18 issues, the following:

19           (i) The status of United States financial  
20 commitments to the GHSA in the context of  
21 commitments by other donors, and the con-  
22 tributions of partner countries to achieve the  
23 GHSA targets.

24           (ii) The progress toward the milestones  
25 outlined in GHSA national plans for those

1 countries where the United States Government  
2 has committed to assist in implementing the  
3 GHSA and in annual work-plans outlining  
4 agency priorities for implementing the GHSA.

5 (iii) The external evaluations of United  
6 States and partner country capabilities to ad-  
7 dress infectious disease threats, including the  
8 ability to achieve the targets outlined within the  
9 WHO Joint External Evaluation (JEE) tool, as  
10 well as gaps identified by such external evalua-  
11 tions.

12 (d) PARTICIPATION.—The Council shall consist of  
13 representatives, serving at the Assistant Secretary level or  
14 higher, from the following agencies:

15 (1) The Department of State.

16 (2) The Department of Defense.

17 (3) The Department of Justice.

18 (4) The Department of Agriculture.

19 (5) The Department of Health and Human  
20 Services.

21 (6) The Department of Labor.

22 (7) The Department of Homeland Security.

23 (8) The Office of Management and Budget.

24 (9) The United States Agency for International  
25 Development.

1 (10) The Environmental Protection Agency.

2 (11) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
3 vention.

4 (12) The Office of Science and Technology Pol-  
5 icy.

6 (13) The National Institutes of Health.

7 (14) The National Institute of Allergy and In-  
8 fectious Diseases.

9 (15) Such other agencies as the Council deter-  
10 mines to be appropriate.

11 (e) SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The heads of agencies de-  
13 scribed in subsection (d) shall—

14 (A) make the GHSA and its implementa-  
15 tion a high priority within their respective agen-  
16 cies, and include GHSA-related activities within  
17 their respective agencies' strategic planning and  
18 budget processes;

19 (B) designate a senior-level official to be  
20 responsible for the implementation of this Act;

21 (C) designate, in accordance with sub-  
22 section (d), an appropriate representative at the  
23 Assistant Secretary level or higher to partici-  
24 pate on the Council;



1 (D) keep the Council apprised of GHSA-  
2 related activities undertaken within their re-  
3 spective agencies;

4 (E) maintain responsibility for agency-re-  
5 lated programmatic functions in coordination  
6 with host governments, country teams, and  
7 GHSA in-country teams, and in conjunction  
8 with other relevant agencies;

9 (F) coordinate with other agencies that are  
10 identified in this section to satisfy pro-  
11 grammatic goals, and further facilitate coordi-  
12 nation of country teams, implementers, and do-  
13 nors in host countries; and

14 (G) coordinate across GHSA national  
15 plans and with GHSA partners to which the  
16 United States is providing assistance.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBIL-  
18 ITIES.—In addition to the roles and responsibilities  
19 described in paragraph (1), the heads of agencies de-  
20 scribed in subsection (d) shall carry out their respec-  
21 tive roles and responsibilities described in sub-  
22 sections (b) through (i) of section 3 of Executive  
23 Order 13747 (81 Fed. Reg. 78701; relating to Ad-  
24 vancing the Global Health Security Agenda to  
25 Achieve a World Safe and Secure from Infectious

1 Disease Threats), as in effect on the day before the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 191507. UNITED STATES COORDINATOR FOR GLOBAL**  
4 **HEALTH SECURITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint an in-  
6 dividual to the position of United States Coordinator for  
7 Global Health Security, who shall be responsible for the  
8 coordination of the interagency process for responding to  
9 global health security emergencies. As appropriate, the  
10 designee shall coordinate with the President’s Special Co-  
11 ordinator for International Disaster Assistance.

12 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not less frequently  
13 than twice each year, the employee designated under this  
14 section shall provide to the appropriate congressional com-  
15 mittees a briefing on the responsibilities and activities of  
16 the individual under this section.

17 **SEC. 191508. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of the Congress that, given the complex  
19 and multisectoral nature of global health threats to the  
20 United States, the President—

21 (1) should consider appointing an individual  
22 with significant background and expertise in public  
23 health or emergency response management to the  
24 position of United States Coordinator for Global  
25 Health Security, as required by section 191507(a),

1 who is an employee of the National Security Council  
2 at the level of Deputy Assistant to the President or  
3 higher; and

4 (2) in providing assistance to implement the  
5 strategy required under section 191509(a), should—

6 (A) coordinate, through a whole-of-govern-  
7 ment approach, the efforts of relevant Federal  
8 departments and agencies to implement the  
9 strategy;

10 (B) seek to fully utilize the unique capa-  
11 bilities of each relevant Federal department and  
12 agency while collaborating with and leveraging  
13 the contributions of other key stakeholders; and

14 (C) utilize open and streamlined solicita-  
15 tions to allow for the participation of a wide  
16 range of implementing partners through the  
17 most appropriate procurement mechanisms,  
18 which may include grants, contracts, coopera-  
19 tive agreements, and other instruments as nec-  
20 essary and appropriate.

21 **SEC. 191509. STRATEGY AND REPORTS.**

22 (a) STRATEGY.—The United States Coordinator for  
23 Global Health Security (appointed under section  
24 191507(a)) shall coordinate the development and imple-

1 mentation of a strategy to implement the policy aims de-  
2 scribed in section 191505, which shall—

3           (1) set specific and measurable goals, bench-  
4 marks, timetables, performance metrics, and moni-  
5 toring and evaluation plans that reflect international  
6 best practices relating to transparency, account-  
7 ability, and global health security;

8           (2) support and be aligned with country-owned  
9 global health security policy and investment plans  
10 developed with input from key stakeholders, as ap-  
11 propriate;

12           (3) facilitate communication and collaboration,  
13 as appropriate, among local stakeholders in support  
14 of a multi-sectoral approach to global health secu-  
15 rity;

16           (4) support the long-term success of programs  
17 by building the capacity of local organizations and  
18 institutions in target countries and communities;

19           (5) develop community resilience to infectious  
20 disease threats and emergencies;

21           (6) leverage resources and expertise through  
22 partnerships with the private sector, health organi-  
23 zations, civil society, nongovernmental organizations,  
24 and health research and academic institutions; and

1           (7) support collaboration, as appropriate, be-  
2           tween United States universities, and public and pri-  
3           vate institutions in target countries and communities  
4           to promote health security and innovation.

5           (b) COORDINATION.—The President, acting through  
6           the United States Coordinator for Global Health Security,  
7           shall coordinate, through a whole-of-government approach,  
8           the efforts of relevant Federal departments and agencies  
9           in the implementation of the strategy required under sub-  
10          section (a) by—

11           (1) establishing monitoring and evaluation sys-  
12           tems, coherence, and coordination across relevant  
13           Federal departments and agencies; and

14           (2) establishing platforms for regular consulta-  
15           tion and collaboration with key stakeholders and the  
16           appropriate congressional committees.

17          (c) STRATEGY SUBMISSION.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
20           President, in consultation with the head of each rel-  
21           evant Federal department and agency, shall submit  
22           to the appropriate congressional committees the  
23           strategy required under subsection (a) that provides  
24           a detailed description of how the United States in-  
25           tends to advance the policy set forth in section

1 191505 and the agency-specific plans described in  
2 paragraph (2).

3 (2) AGENCY-SPECIFIC PLANS.—The strategy re-  
4 quired under subsection (a) shall include specific im-  
5 plementation plans from each relevant Federal de-  
6 partment and agency that describes—

7 (A) the anticipated contributions of the de-  
8 partment or agency, including technical, finan-  
9 cial, and in-kind contributions, to implement  
10 the strategy; and

11 (B) the efforts of the department or agen-  
12 cy to ensure that the activities and programs  
13 carried out pursuant to the strategy are de-  
14 signed to achieve maximum impact and long-  
15 term sustainability.

16 (d) REPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date on which the strategy required under sub-  
19 section (a) is submitted to the appropriate congres-  
20 sional committees under subsection (c), and not later  
21 than October 1 of each year thereafter, the Presi-  
22 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
23 committees a report that describes the status of the  
24 implementation of the strategy.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under  
2 paragraph (1) shall—

3           (A) identify any substantial changes made  
4 in the strategy during the preceding calendar  
5 year;

6           (B) describe the progress made in imple-  
7 menting the strategy;

8           (C) identify the indicators used to establish  
9 benchmarks and measure results over time, as  
10 well as the mechanisms for reporting such re-  
11 sults in an open and transparent manner;

12           (D) contain a transparent, open, and de-  
13 tailed accounting of expenditures by relevant  
14 Federal departments and agencies to implement  
15 the strategy, including, to the extent prac-  
16 ticable, for each Federal department and agen-  
17 cy, the statutory source of expenditures,  
18 amounts expended, partners, targeted popu-  
19 lations, and types of activities supported;

20           (E) describe how the strategy leverages  
21 other United States global health and develop-  
22 ment assistance programs;

23           (F) assess efforts to coordinate United  
24 States global health security programs, activi-  
25 ties, and initiatives with key stakeholders;

1 (G) incorporate a plan for regularly review-  
2 ing and updating strategies, partnerships, and  
3 programs and sharing lessons learned with a  
4 wide range of stakeholders, including key stake-  
5 holders, in an open, transparent manner; and

6 (H) describe the progress achieved and  
7 challenges concerning the United States Gov-  
8 ernment's ability to advance the Global Health  
9 Security Agenda across priority countries, in-  
10 cluding data disaggregated by priority country  
11 using indicators that are consistent on a year-  
12 to-year basis and recommendations to resolve,  
13 mitigate, or otherwise address the challenges  
14 identified therein.

15 (e) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection  
16 (a) and the report required under subsection (d) shall be  
17 submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classi-  
18 fied annex.

19 **SEC. 191510. COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN AID TRANS-**  
20 **PARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF**  
21 **2016.**

22 Section 2(3) of the Foreign Aid Transparency and  
23 Accountability Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–191; 22  
24 U.S.C. 2394c note) is amended—



1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period  
4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

6 “(E) the Global Health Security Act of  
7 2020.”.

8 **SEC. 191511. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this subtitle:

10 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
11 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
14 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
15 of Representatives; and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
17 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
18 Senate.

19 (2) GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY.—The term  
20 “global health security” means activities supporting  
21 epidemic and pandemic preparedness and capabili-  
22 ties at the country and global levels in order to mini-  
23 mize vulnerability to acute public health events that  
24 can endanger the health of populations across geo-  
25 graphical regions and international boundaries.

1 **SEC. 191512. SUNSET.**

2 This subtitle (other than section 191507), and the  
3 amendments made by this subtitle, shall cease to be effec-  
4 tive on December 31, 2024.

5 **Subtitle C—Securing America**  
6 **From Epidemics Act**

7 **SEC. 191513. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Due to increasing population and popu-  
10 lation density, human mobility, and ecological  
11 change, emerging infectious diseases pose a real and  
12 growing threat to global health security.

13 (2) While vaccines can be the most effective  
14 tools to protect against infectious disease, the ab-  
15 sence of vaccines for a new or emerging infectious  
16 disease with epidemic potential is a major health se-  
17 curity threat globally, posing catastrophic potential  
18 human and economic costs.

19 (3) The 1918 influenza pandemic infected  
20 500,000,000 people, or about one-third of the  
21 world's population at the time, and killed  
22 50,000,000 people—more than died in the First  
23 World War.

24 (4) The economic cost of an outbreak can be  
25 devastating. The estimated global cost today, should  
26 an outbreak of the scale of the 1918 influenza pan-

1       demic strike, is 5 percent of global gross domestic  
2       product.

3           (5) Even regional outbreaks can have enormous  
4       human costs and substantially disrupt the global  
5       economy and cripple regional economies. The 2014  
6       Ebola outbreak in West Africa killed more than  
7       11,000 and cost \$2,800,000,000 in losses in the af-  
8       fected countries alone.

9           (6) The ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak re-  
10       flects the pressing need for quick and effective vac-  
11       cine and countermeasure development.

12           (7) While the need for vaccines to address  
13       emerging epidemic threats is acute, markets to drive  
14       the necessary development of vaccines to address  
15       them—a complex and expensive undertaking—are  
16       very often critically absent. Also absent are mecha-  
17       nisms to ensure access to those vaccines by those  
18       who need them when they need them.

19           (8) To address this global vulnerability and the  
20       deficit of political commitment, institutional capac-  
21       ity, and funding, in 2017, several countries and pri-  
22       vate partners launched the Coalition for Epidemic  
23       Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). CEPI's mission  
24       is to stimulate, finance, and coordinate development  
25       of vaccines for high-priority, epidemic-potential

1 threats in cases where traditional markets do not  
2 exist or cannot create sufficient demand.

3 (9) Through funding of partnerships, CEPI  
4 seeks to bring priority vaccines candidates through  
5 the end of phase II clinical trials, as well as support  
6 vaccine platforms that can be rapidly deployed  
7 against emerging pathogens.

8 (10) CEPI has funded multiple partners to de-  
9 velop vaccine candidates against the novel  
10 coronavirus, responding to this urgent, global re-  
11 quirement.

12 (11) Support for and participation in CEPI is  
13 an important part of the United States own health  
14 security and biodefense and is in the national inter-  
15 est, complementing the work of many Federal agen-  
16 cies and providing significant value through global  
17 partnership and burden-sharing.

18 **SEC. 191514. AUTHORIZATION FOR UNITED STATES PAR-**  
19 **TICIPATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States is hereby au-  
21 thorized to participate in the Coalition for Epidemic Pre-  
22 paredness Innovations.

23 (b) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—The Coalition  
24 for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations shall be consid-  
25 ered a public international organization for purposes of

1 section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities  
2 Act (22 U.S.C. 288).

3 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180  
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-  
5 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
6 mittees a report that includes the following:

7 (1) The United States planned contributions to  
8 the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations  
9 and the mechanisms for United States participation  
10 in such Coalition.

11 (2) The manner and extent to which the United  
12 States shall participate in the governance of the Co-  
13 alition.

14 (3) How participation in the Coalition supports  
15 relevant United States Government strategies and  
16 programs in health security and biodefense, to in-  
17 clude—

18 (A) the Global Health Security Strategy  
19 required by section 7058(c)(3) of division K of  
20 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018  
21 (Public Law 115–141);

22 (B) the applicable revision of the National  
23 Biodefense Strategy required by section 1086 of  
24 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
25 cal Year 2017 (6 U.S.C. 104); and

1 (C) any other relevant decision-making  
2 process for policy, planning, and spending in  
3 global health security, biodefense, or vaccine  
4 and medical countermeasures research and de-  
5 velopment.

6 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
7 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
8 mittees” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
10 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
11 resentatives; and

12 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

## 14 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

### 15 **SEC. 191515. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND MILLENNIUM** 16 **CHALLENGE COMPACTS.**

17 Notwithstanding the limitation in section 609(j) the  
18 Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7708), the  
19 Millennium Challenge Corporation may extend any com-  
20 pact in effect as of January 29, 2020, for up to one addi-  
21 tional year to account for delays related to the spread of  
22 coronavirus, if the Corporation provides to the Committee  
23 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
24 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a jus-  
25 tification prior to providing any such extension.

1                   **TITLE XVI—SCIENTIFIC**  
2                   **INTEGRITY ACT**

3 **SEC. 191601. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This title may be cited as the “Scientific Integrity  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 191602. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7           It is the sense of Congress that—

8                   (1) science and the scientific process should  
9                   help inform and guide public policy decisions on a  
10                   wide range of issues, including improvement of pub-  
11                   lic health, protection of the environment, and protec-  
12                   tion of national security;

13                   (2) the public must be able to trust the science  
14                   and scientific process informing public policy deci-  
15                   sions;

16                   (3) science, the scientific process, and the com-  
17                   munication of science should be free from politics,  
18                   ideology, and financial conflicts of interest;

19                   (4) policies and procedures that ensure the in-  
20                   tegrity of the conduct and communication of publicly  
21                   funded science are critical to ensuring public trust;

22                   (5) a Federal agency that funds, conducts, or  
23                   oversees research should not suppress, alter, inter-  
24                   fere with, or otherwise impede the timely commu-  
25                   nication and open exchange of data and findings to

1 other agencies, policymakers, and the public of re-  
2 search conducted by a scientist or engineer employed  
3 or contracted by a Federal agency that funds, con-  
4 ducts, or oversees scientific research;

5 (6) Federal agencies that fund, conduct, or  
6 oversee research should work to prevent the suppres-  
7 sion or distortion of the data and findings;

8 (7) under the First Amendment to the Con-  
9 stitution, citizens of the United States have the right  
10 to “petition the government for a redress of griev-  
11 ances”; and

12 (8) Congress has further protected those rights  
13 under section 7211 of title 5, United States Code,  
14 which states, “the right of employees, individually or  
15 collectively, to petition Congress or a member of  
16 Congress . . . may not be interfered with or denied”.

17 **SEC. 191603. AMENDMENT TO AMERICA COMPETES ACT.**

18 Section 1009 of the America COMPETES Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 6620) is amended by striking subsections (a) and  
20 (b) and inserting the following:

21 “(a) SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY POLICIES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
23 after the date of enactment of the Scientific Integ-  
24 rity Act, the head of each covered agency shall—



1           “(A) adopt and enforce a scientific integ-  
2           rity policy in accordance with subsections (b)  
3           and (c); and

4           “(B) submit such policy to the Director of  
5           the Office of Science and Technology Policy for  
6           approval.

7           “(2) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days  
8           after the Director of the Office of Science and Tech-  
9           nology Policy approves the scientific integrity policy  
10          under paragraph (1), the head of each covered agen-  
11          cy shall—

12           “(A) make such policy available to the  
13           public on the website of the agency; and

14           “(B) submit such policy to the relevant  
15           Committees of Congress.

16          “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A scientific integrity policy  
17          under subsection (a)—

18           “(1) shall prohibit any covered individual  
19           from—

20           “(A) engaging in dishonesty, fraud, deceit,  
21           misrepresentation, coercive manipulation, or  
22           other scientific or research misconduct;

23           “(B) suppressing, altering, interfering  
24           with, delaying without scientific merit, or other-

1 wise impeding the release and communication  
2 of, scientific or technical findings;

3 “(C) intimidating or coercing an individual  
4 to alter or censor, attempting to intimidate or  
5 coerce an individual to alter or censor, or retali-  
6 ating against an individual for failure to alter  
7 or censor, scientific or technical findings; or

8 “(D) implementing an institutional barrier  
9 to cooperation with scientists outside the cov-  
10 ered agency and the timely communication of  
11 scientific or technical findings;

12 “(2) shall allow a covered individual to—

13 “(A) disseminate scientific or technical  
14 findings, subject to existing law, by—

15 “(i) participating in scientific con-  
16 ferences; and

17 “(ii) seeking publication in online and  
18 print publications through peer-reviewed,  
19 professional, or scholarly journals;

20 “(B) sit on scientific advisory or governing  
21 boards;

22 “(C) join or hold leadership positions on  
23 scientific councils, societies, unions, and other  
24 professional organizations;

1           “(D) contribute to the academic peer-re-  
2 view process as reviewers or editors; and

3           “(E) participate and engage with the sci-  
4 entific community;

5           “(3) may require a covered individual to, before  
6 disseminating scientific or technical findings as de-  
7 scribed in paragraph (2)(A), submit such findings to  
8 the agency for the purpose of review by the agency  
9 of the data and findings for technical accuracy if the  
10 scientific integrity policy outlines a clear and con-  
11 sistent process for such review; and

12           “(4) shall require that—

13           “(A) scientific conclusions are not made  
14 based on political considerations;

15           “(B) the selection and retention of can-  
16 didates for science and technology positions in  
17 the covered agency are based primarily on the  
18 candidate’s expertise, scientific credentials, ex-  
19 perience, and integrity;

20           “(C) personnel actions regarding covered  
21 individuals, except for political appointees, are  
22 not taken on the basis of political consideration  
23 or ideology;

24           “(D) covered individuals adhere to the  
25 highest ethical and professional standards in

1 conducting their research and disseminating  
2 their findings;

3 “(E) the appropriate rules, procedures,  
4 and safeguards are in place to ensure the integ-  
5 rity of the scientific process within the covered  
6 agency;

7 “(F) scientific or technological information  
8 considered in policy decisions is subject to well-  
9 established scientific processes, including peer  
10 review where appropriate;

11 “(G) procedures, including procedures with  
12 respect to applicable whistleblower protections,  
13 are in place as are necessary to ensure the in-  
14 tegrity of scientific and technological informa-  
15 tion and processes on which the covered agency  
16 relies in its decision making or otherwise uses;  
17 and

18 “(H) enforcement of such policy is con-  
19 sistent with the processes for an administrative  
20 hearing and an administrative appeal.

21 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out subsection  
22 (a), the head of each covered agency shall—

23 “(1) design the scientific integrity policy to  
24 apply with respect to the covered agency;

1           “(2) ensure that such policy is clear with re-  
2           spect to what activities are permitted and what ac-  
3           tivities are not permitted;

4           “(3) ensure that there is a process for individ-  
5           uals not employed or contracted by the agency, in-  
6           cluding grantees, collaborators, partners, and volun-  
7           teers, to report violations of the scientific integrity  
8           policy;

9           “(4) enforce such policy uniformly throughout  
10          the covered agency; and

11          “(5) make such policy available to the public,  
12          employees, private contractors, and grantees of the  
13          covered agency.

14          “(d) SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY OFFICER.—Not later  
15          than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each  
16          covered agency shall appoint a Scientific Integrity Officer,  
17          who shall—

18                 “(1) be a career employee at the covered agency  
19                 in a professional position;

20                 “(2) have technical knowledge and expertise in  
21                 conducting and overseeing scientific research;

22                 “(3) direct the activities and duties described in  
23                 subsections (e), (f), and (g); and

24                 “(4) work closely with the inspector general of  
25                 the covered agency, as appropriate.

1 “(e) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS AND TRAINING.—

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
3 this Act, the head of each covered agency shall establish—

4 “(1) an administrative process and administra-  
5 tive appeal process for dispute resolution consistent  
6 with the scientific integrity policy of the covered  
7 agency adopted under subsection (a); and

8 “(2) a training program to provide—

9 “(A) regular scientific integrity and ethics  
10 training to employees and contractors of the  
11 covered agency;

12 “(B) new covered employees with training  
13 within one month of commencing employment;

14 “(C) information to ensure that covered in-  
15 dividuals are fully aware of their rights and re-  
16 sponsibilities regarding the conduct of scientific  
17 research, publication of scientific research, and  
18 communication with the media and the public  
19 regarding scientific research; and

20 “(D) information to ensure that covered  
21 individuals are fully aware of their rights and  
22 responsibilities for administrative hearings and  
23 appeals established in the covered agency’s sci-  
24 entific integrity policy.

25 “(f) REPORTING.—

1           “(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year, each Sci-  
2           entific Integrity Officer appointed by a covered agen-  
3           cy under subsection (d) shall post an annual report  
4           on the public website of the covered agency that in-  
5           cludes, for the year covered by the report—

6                   “(A) the number of complaints of mis-  
7                   conduct with respect to the scientific integrity  
8                   policy adopted under subsection (a)—

9                           “(i) filed for administrative redress;

10                           “(ii) petitioned for administrative ap-  
11                           peal; and

12                           “(iii) still pending from years prior to  
13                           the year covered by the report, if any;

14                   “(B) an anonymized summary of each such  
15                   complaint and the results of each such com-  
16                   plaint; and

17                   “(C) any changes made to the scientific in-  
18                   tegrity policy.

19           “(2) INCIDENT REPORT.—

20                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30  
21                   days after the date on which an incident de-  
22                   scribed in subparagraph (B) occurs, the head of  
23                   a covered agency shall submit a report describ-  
24                   ing the incident to the Office of Science and

1 Technology Policy and the relevant Committees  
2 of Congress.

3 “(B) INCIDENT.—An incident described  
4 under this paragraph is an incident in which an  
5 individual, acting outside the channels estab-  
6 lished under subsection (e), overrules the deci-  
7 sion of the Scientific Integrity Officer with re-  
8 spect to a dispute regarding a violation of the  
9 scientific integrity policy.

10 “(g) OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POL-  
11 ICY.—The Director of the Office of Science and Tech-  
12 nology Policy shall—

13 “(1) collate, organize, and publicly share all in-  
14 formation it receives under subsection (g) in one  
15 place on its own website; and

16 “(2) on an annual basis, convene the Scientific  
17 Integrity Officer of each covered agency appointed  
18 under subsection (d) to discuss best practices for im-  
19 plementing the requirements of this section.

20 “(h) PERIODIC REVIEW AND APPROVAL.—

21 “(1) INTERNAL REVIEW.—The head of each  
22 covered agency shall periodically conduct a review of  
23 the scientific integrity policy and change such policy  
24 as appropriate.



1           “(2) REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND  
2 TECHNOLOGY POLICY.—

3           “(A) REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL UP-  
4 DATES.—The head of each covered agency shall  
5 submit to the Office of Science and Technology  
6 Policy for approval any substantial changes to  
7 the scientific integrity policy.

8           “(B) QUINQUENNIAL REVIEW.—Not later  
9 than 5 years after the date of the enactment of  
10 the Scientific Integrity Act, and quinquennially  
11 thereafter, the head of each covered agency  
12 shall submit the scientific integrity policy to the  
13 Office of Science and Technology Policy for re-  
14 view and approval.

15          “(i) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later  
16 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Sci-  
17 entific Integrity Act, the Comptroller General shall con-  
18 duct a review of the implementation of the scientific integ-  
19 rity policy by each covered agency.

20          “(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21           “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
22 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,  
23 United States Code.

1           “(2) COVERED AGENCY.—The term ‘covered  
2 agency’ means an agency that funds, conducts, or  
3 oversees scientific research.

4           “(3) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-  
5 ered individual’ means a Federal employee or con-  
6 tractor who—

7                   “(A) is engaged in, supervises, or manages  
8 scientific activities;

9                   “(B) analyzes or publicly communicates in-  
10 formation resulting from scientific activities; or

11                   “(C) uses scientific information or analyses  
12 in making bureau, office, or agency policy, man-  
13 agement, or regulatory decisions.

14           “(4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—  
15 The term ‘relevant Committees of Congress’  
16 means—

17                   “(A) the Committee on Commerce,  
18 Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

19                   “(B) the Committee on Science, Space,  
20 and Technology of the House of Representa-  
21 tives.”.

22 **SEC. 191604. EXISTING POLICIES; CLARIFICATION.**

23           (a) EXISTING SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY POLICIES.—  
24 Notwithstanding the amendments made by this title, a  
25 covered agency’s scientific integrity policy that was in ef-

1   fect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act  
2   may satisfy the requirements under the amendments made  
3   by this title if the head of the covered agency—

4           (1) makes a written determination that the pol-  
5   icy satisfies such requirements; and

6           (2) submits the written determination and the  
7   policy to the Director of the Office of Science and  
8   Technology Policy for review and approval.

9           (b) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this title shall af-  
10   fect the application of United States copyright law.

11          (c) COVERED AGENCY DEFINED.—The term “cov-  
12   ered agency” has the meaning given the term in section  
13   1009 of the America COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 6620).

## 14                   **DIVISION T—ADDITIONAL** 15                   **OTHER MATTERS**

### 16   **SEC. 200001. APPLICATION OF LAW.**

17           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the pro-  
18   hibition under section 213 of the Public Works and Eco-  
19   nomic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3153) shall  
20   not apply with respect to applications for grants made  
21   under this Act or Public Law 116–136.

### 22   **SEC. 200002. DISASTER RECOVERY OFFICE.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(d)(2) of the Public  
24   Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
25   U.S.C. 3211(d)(2)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “(2) RELEASE.—” and inserting  
2 the following:

3           “(2) RELEASE.—

4                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—”; and

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

6                   “(B) REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM.—

7           The Secretary may release, subject to terms  
8           and conditions the Secretary determines appro-  
9           priate, the Federal Government’s interest in  
10          connection with a grant under section 209(d)  
11          not less than 7 years after final disbursement  
12          of the grant, if—

13                   “(i) the recipient has carried out the  
14                   terms of the award in a satisfactory man-  
15                   ner;

16                   “(ii) any proceeds realized from the  
17                   release of the Federal Government’s inter-  
18                   est will be used for one or more activities  
19                   that continue to carry out the economic de-  
20                   velopment purposes of this Act; and

21                   “(iii) the recipient shall provide ade-  
22                   quate assurance to the Secretary that at  
23                   all times after release of the Federal Gov-  
24                   ernment’s interest in connection with the  
25                   grant, the recipient will be responsible for

1 continued compliance with the require-  
2 ments of section 602 in the same manner  
3 it was responsible prior to release of the  
4 Federal Government's interest and that  
5 the recipient's failure to comply shall result  
6 in the Secretary taking appropriate action,  
7 including, but not limited to, rescission of  
8 the release and recovery of the Federal  
9 share of the grant.”.

10 (b) OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY.—Title V of the  
11 Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
12 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
13 the following:

14 **“SEC. 508. OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall create an  
16 Office of Disaster Recovery to direct and implement the  
17 Agency's post-disaster economic recovery responsibilities  
18 pursuant to sections 209(c)(2) and 703.

19 “(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized  
20 to appoint and fix the compensation of such temporary  
21 personnel as may be necessary to implement disaster re-  
22 covery measures, without regard to the provisions of title  
23 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the  
24 competitive service.”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
2 for the Public Works and Economic Development Act of  
3 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
4 section 507 the following new item:

“Sec. 508. Office of Disaster Recovery.”.

5 **SEC. 200003. APPLICATION OF BUY AMERICAN.**

6 Chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code, shall not  
7 apply with respect to purchases made in response to the  
8 emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020,  
9 under section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
10 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191) and  
11 under any subsequent major disaster declaration under  
12 section 401 of such Act that supersedes such emergency  
13 declaration.

14 **SEC. 200004. PREMIUM PAY AUTHORITY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—If services performed during cal-  
16 endar year 2020 or 2021 are determined by the head of  
17 the agency to be primarily related to response or recovery  
18 operations arising out of an emergency or major disaster  
19 declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
20 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et  
21 seq.), any premium pay that is funded, either directly or  
22 through reimbursement, by the Federal Emergency Man-  
23 agement Agency shall be exempted from the aggregate of  
24 basic pay and premium pay calculated under section  
25 5547(a) of title 5, United States Code, and any other pro-

1 vision of law limiting the aggregate amount of premium  
2 pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year basis.

3 (b) OVERTIME AUTHORITY.—Any overtime that is  
4 funded for such services described in subsection (a), either  
5 directly or through reimbursement, by the Federal Emer-  
6 gency Management Agency shall be exempted from any  
7 annual limit on the amount of overtime payable in a cal-  
8 endar or fiscal year.

9 (c) APPLICABILITY OF AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON  
10 PAY.—In determining whether an employee’s pay exceeds  
11 the applicable annual rate of basic pay payable under sec-  
12 tion 5307 of title 5, United States Code, the head of an  
13 Executive agency shall not include pay exempted under  
14 this section.

15 (d) LIMITATION OF PAY AUTHORITY.—Pay exempted  
16 from otherwise applicable limits under subsection (a) shall  
17 not cause the aggregate pay earned for the calendar year  
18 in which the exempted pay is earned to exceed the rate  
19 of basic pay payable for a position at level II of the Execu-  
20 tive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United States  
21 Code.

22 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
23 as if enacted on January 1, 2020.

1 **SEC. 200005. COST SHARE.**

2 Assistance provided under the emergency declaration  
3 issued by the President on March 13, 2020, pursuant to  
4 section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
5 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)), and  
6 under any subsequent major disaster declaration under  
7 section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) that supersedes  
8 such emergency declaration, shall be at a 100 percent  
9 Federal cost share.

10 **SEC. 200006. CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the emergency declared on  
12 March 13, 2020 by the President under section 501 of  
13 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-  
14 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191), the President may provide  
15 assistance for activities, costs, and purchases of States or  
16 local governments or the owners or operators of eligible  
17 private nonprofit organizations, including—

18 (1) activities eligible for assistance under sec-  
19 tions 301, 415, 416, and 426 of the Robert T. Staf-  
20 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
21 (42 U.S.C. 5141, 5182, 5183, 5189d);

22 (2) backfill costs for first responders and other  
23 essential employees who are ill or quarantined;

24 (3) increased operating costs for essential gov-  
25 ernment services due to such emergency, including  
26 costs for implementing continuity plans, and shel-



1 tering or housing for first responders, emergency  
2 managers, health providers and other essential em-  
3 ployees;

4 (4) costs of providing guidance and information  
5 to the public and for call centers to disseminate such  
6 guidance and information;

7 (5) costs associated with establishing and oper-  
8 ating virtual services;

9 (6) costs for establishing and operating remote  
10 test sites;

11 (7) training provided specifically in anticipation  
12 of or in response to the event on which such emer-  
13 gency declaration is predicated;

14 (8) personal protective equipment and other  
15 critical supplies for first responders and other essen-  
16 tial employees;

17 (9) medical equipment, regardless of whether  
18 such equipment is used for emergency or inpatient  
19 care;

20 (10) public health costs, including provision and  
21 distribution of medicine and medical supplies;

22 (11) costs associated with maintaining alternate  
23 care facilities or related facilities currently inactive  
24 but related to future needs tied to the ongoing pan-  
25 demic event;

1           (12) costs of establishing and operating shelters  
2           and providing services, including transportation, that  
3           help alleviate the need of individuals for shelter, in-  
4           cluding individuals transitioning out of detention;  
5           and

6           (13) costs of procuring and distributing food to  
7           individuals affected by the pandemic through net-  
8           works established by State, local, or Tribal govern-  
9           ments or other organizations, including restaurants  
10          and farms, and for the purchase of food directly  
11          from food producers and farmers.

12          (b) APPLICATION TO SUBSEQUENT MAJOR DIS-  
13          ASTER.—The activities described in subsection (a) may  
14          also be eligible for assistance under any major disaster de-  
15          clared by the President under section 401 of such Act (42  
16          U.S.C. 5170) that supersedes the emergency declaration  
17          described in such subsection.

18          (c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FUNERAL EX-  
19          PENSES.—For any emergency or major disaster described  
20          in subsection (a) or subsection (b), the President shall pro-  
21          vide financial assistance to an individual or household to  
22          meet disaster-related funeral expenses under section  
23          408(e)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(e)).

24          (d) ADVANCED ASSISTANCE.—In order to facilitate  
25          activities under this section, the Administrator of the Fed-

1 eral Emergency Management Agency may provide assist-  
2 ance in advance to an eligible applicant if a failure to do  
3 so would prevent the applicant from carrying out such ac-  
4 tivities.

5 (e) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
6 tion shall be construed to make ineligible any assistance  
7 that would otherwise be eligible under section 403, 408,  
8 or 502 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b, 5174, 5192).

9 **SEC. 200007. SAFETY UPGRADES IN GSA FACILITIES.**

10 (a) **FACILITY SAFETY UPGRADES.**—Not later than  
11 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-  
12 ministrator of the General Services Administration shall  
13 take such actions as are necessary to prevent airborne  
14 transmission of COVID–19 through air conditioning,  
15 heating, ventilating, and water systems in facilities owned  
16 or leased by the General Services Administration to ensure  
17 safe and healthy indoor environments for Federal employ-  
18 ees.

19 (b) **PRIORITIES.**—Any projects carried out by the Ad-  
20 ministrator to carry out this section shall prioritize indoor  
21 air and water environmental quality in facilities and en-  
22 ergy-saving building technologies and products.

23 **SEC. 200008. NON-FEDERAL TENANTS IN GSA FACILITIES.**

24 (a) **PROHIBITION ON REFERRAL TO DEBT COLLEC-**  
25 **TION AGENCIES.**—Administrator of the General Services

1 Administration may not refer any non-Federal tenants of  
2 facilities owned by the Administration to a debt collection  
3 agency during the national emergency declared by the  
4 President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.  
5 1601 et seq.) relating to COVID–19.

6 (b) REPORT ON RENT DEFERRAL REQUESTS.—Not  
7 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
8 the Administrator of the General Services Administration  
9 shall submit to Congress a report containing all requests  
10 for rent deferrals related to COVID–19 from non-Federal  
11 tenants of facilities owned by the Administration.

12 **SEC. 200009. TRANSIT COVID–19 REQUIREMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the duration of the national  
14 emergency declared by the President under the National  
15 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) related to the  
16 pandemic of SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease 2019  
17 (COVID–19), recipients of funds under section 5307 of  
18 title 49, United States Code, that serve an urbanized area  
19 with a population of at least 500,000 individuals and that  
20 provided a minimum of 20,000,000 unlinked passenger  
21 trips in the most recent year for which data is available  
22 shall—

23 (1) require each passenger to wear a mask or  
24 protective face covering while on board a public  
25 transportation vehicle;

1           (2) provide masks or protective face coverings,  
2           gloves, and hand sanitizer and wipes with sufficient  
3           alcohol content to operators, station managers, and  
4           other employees or contractors whose job respon-  
5           sibilities include interaction with passengers;

6           (3) ensure public transportation vehicles oper-  
7           ated by such public transportation provider are  
8           cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently in ac-  
9           cordance with Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
10          vention guidance and ensure that employees or con-  
11          tractors whose job responsibilities involve such clean-  
12          ing, disinfecting, or sanitizing are provided masks or  
13          protective face coverings and gloves;

14          (4) ensure stations and enclosed facilities  
15          owned, operated, or used by such public transpor-  
16          tation provider, including facilities used for training  
17          or performance of indoor maintenance, repair, or  
18          overhaul work, are cleaned, disinfected, and sani-  
19          tized frequently in accordance with Centers for Dis-  
20          ease Control and Prevention guidance and ensure  
21          that employees or contractors whose job responsibil-  
22          ities include such cleaning, disinfecting, or sanitizing  
23          are provided masks or other protective face cov-  
24          erings and gloves; and

1           (5) establish guidelines, or adhere to applicable  
2           guidelines, for notifying employees of a confirmed  
3           COVID–19 diagnosis of an employee of such public  
4           transportation provider.

5           (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The implementation of the  
6           requirement under subsection (a)(1) shall be carried out  
7           in a manner determined by the provider of public trans-  
8           portation.

9           (c) AVAILABILITY.—If a provider of public transpor-  
10          tation is unable to acquire any of the items needed to com-  
11          ply with paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) due  
12          to market unavailability, such provider shall—

13           (1) prepare and make public documentation  
14           demonstrating what actions have been taken to ac-  
15           quire such items; and

16           (2) continue efforts to acquire such items until  
17           they become available.

18   **SEC. 200010. REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT**  
19                           **OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

20          Section 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is  
21          amended—

22           (1) in the section heading by inserting “**or**  
23           **public health emergency**” after “**national**  
24           **emergency**”;

1           (2) by inserting “or whenever the Secretary of  
2           Health and Human Services determines a public  
3           health emergency exists,” after “international rela-  
4           tions of the United States”;

5           (3) by inserting “or to ensure the safety of ves-  
6           sels and persons in any port and navigable water-  
7           way,” after “harbor or waters of the United States”;

8           (4) by inserting “or public health emergency,”  
9           after “subversive activity”; and

10          (5) by inserting “or to ensure the safety of ves-  
11          sels and persons in any port and navigable water-  
12          way,” after “injury to any harbor or waters of the  
13          United States,”.

14 **SEC. 200011. MSP OPERATING VESSELS.**

15          Notwithstanding part 296 of title 46, Code of Federal  
16          Regulations, until December 31, 2020, or upon the written  
17          determination of the Secretary of Transportation until  
18          June 31, 2021, the operator of a vessel operating such  
19          vessel under an MSP Operating Agreement (as such term  
20          is defined in section 296.2 of title 46, Code of Federal  
21          Regulations)—

22               (1) shall not be required to comply with any re-  
23               quirement with respect to operating days (as such  
24               term is defined in such section) contained in such  
25               agreement; and

1           (2) shall maintain such vessel in a state of  
2           operational readiness, including through the employ-  
3           ment of the vessel's crew complement, until the ap-  
4           plicable date.

5 **SEC. 200012. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**  
6                           **FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SEVERABLE**  
7                           **SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

8           (a) **EXTENSION.**—Notwithstanding sections 3902(a)  
9           and 3904(b) of title 41, United States Code, if the per-  
10          formance or delivery of services procured under a sever-  
11          able service contract of the Library of Congress is delayed  
12          or otherwise affected by the COVID–19 Pandemic—

13                   (1) the period for the performance or delivery  
14                   of services under the contract may be extended for  
15                   an additional period not exceeding 12 months; and

16                   (2) funds shall remain available for obligation  
17                   and expenditure under the contract until the per-  
18                   formance or delivery of the services is completed.

19           (b) **CONTRACTS COVERED.**—This section applies with  
20          respect to contracts for services procured for a period be-  
21          ginning in fiscal year 2019 or fiscal year 2020.



1 **SEC. 200013. COVERAGE OF COMMUTING EXPENSES UNDER**  
2 **AUTHORITY OF ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL**  
3 **TO MAKE EXPENDITURES IN RESPONSE TO**  
4 **EMERGENCIES.**

5 (a) **COVERAGE OF COMMUTING EXPENSES.**—Section  
6 1305(a)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,  
7 2010 (2 U.S.C. 1827(a)(2)) is amended by inserting after  
8 “refreshments,” the following: “transportation and other  
9 related expenses incurred by employees in commuting be-  
10 tween their residence and their place of employment,”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2020  
13 and each succeeding fiscal year.

14 **SEC. 200014. REPORTS ON SUICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF**  
15 **THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE COVID-19**  
16 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

17 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and monthly  
19 thereafter through December 31, 2021, the Secretary of  
20 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
21 tees a report on suicide among members of the Armed  
22 Forces during the covered public health emergency.

23 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report under subsection (a)  
24 shall include, with respect to the months covered by the  
25 report, the following:

1           (1) Incidents of suicide, attempted suicide, and  
2           suicidal ideation by a member of the Armed Forces,  
3           including the reserve components, listed by Armed  
4           Force.

5           (2) The incidents identified under paragraph  
6           (1) that occurred during a period of active service by  
7           a member in support of—

8                   (A) a contingency operation; or

9                   (B) an operation in response to a covered  
10           public health emergency.

11           (3) With respect to the member involved in  
12           each incident identified under paragraph (2):

13                   (A) Gender.

14                   (B) Age.

15                   (C) Rank.

16                   (D) Method of suicide or attempted sui-  
17           cide.

18           (4) Elements of a research agenda for the De-  
19           partment of Defense to establish suicide prevention  
20           treatment and risk communication for members of  
21           the Armed Forces that is—

22                   (A) evidence-based;

23                   (B) effective; and

24                   (C) designed to apply to a covered public  
25           health emergency.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The terms “active service”, “congressional  
3 defense committees”, and “contingency operation”  
4 have the meanings given those terms in section 101  
5 of title 10, United States Code.

6 (2) The term “covered public health emer-  
7 gency” means the declaration—

8 (A) of a public health emergency, based on  
9 an outbreak of COVID–19, by the Secretary of  
10 Health and Human Services under section 319  
11 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
12 247d); or

13 (B) of a domestic emergency, based on an  
14 outbreak of COVID–19, by the President or the  
15 Secretary of Homeland Security.

16 **SEC. 200015. MODIFICATION TO MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**  
17 **REQUIREMENT FOR TEMPORARY INCREASE**  
18 **IN MEDICAID FMAP.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6008(b)(1) of the Fami-  
20 lies First Coronavirus Response Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d  
21 note) is amended by inserting “, or as signed into State  
22 law on April 15, 2020, and taking effect in State law on  
23 April 3, 2020” after “January 1, 2020”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
3 ment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 15, 2020.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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**H. R. 6800**

**AN ACT**

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.