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S. 1671

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct resources that promote multigenerational collaboration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23 (legislative day, MAY 22), 2019

Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aging Together Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MULTIGENERATIONAL COL-**
6 **LABORATION.**

7 Section 417 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
8 U.S.C. 3032f) is amended—

1 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(a) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Assistant Sec-
4 retary shall award grants and enter into contracts with
5 eligible organizations to carry out projects to—

6 “(1) provide opportunities for older individuals
7 to participate in multigenerational activities and
8 civic engagement activities that contribute to the
9 health and wellness of older individuals and individ-
10 uals in younger generations by developing—

11 “(A) meaningful roles for participants;

12 “(B) reciprocity in relationship building;

13 “(C) reduced social isolation and improved
14 participant social connectedness;

15 “(D) improved economic well-being for
16 older individuals;

17 “(E) increased lifelong learning; or

18 “(F) support for family caregivers by—

19 “(i) providing support for older rel-
20 ative caregivers (as defined in section 372)
21 raising children (such as kinship navigator
22 programs); or

23 “(ii) involving volunteers who are
24 older individuals who provide support and
25 information to families who have a child

1 with a disability or chronic illness, or other
2 families in need of such family support;
3 and

4 “(2) coordinate multigenerational activities and
5 civic engagement activities, promote volunteerism,
6 and facilitate development of and participation in
7 multigenerational activities and civic engagement ac-
8 tivities.”;

9 (2) by striking subsection (g);

10 (3) by redesignating subsections (b) through (f)
11 as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;

12 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(b) GRANT PERIODS.—Each grant awarded under
15 subsection (a) shall be for a period of not less than 36
16 months.”;

17 (5) by amending subsection (c), as so redesign-
18 nated, to read as follows:

19 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible organization
21 shall use funds made available under a grant award-
22 ed, or a contract entered into, under this section to
23 carry out a project described in subsection (a).

24 “(2) PROVISION OF PROJECTS THROUGH
25 GRANTEES.—In making grants under this section,

1 the Assistant Secretary shall ensure that awards are
2 made for the activities and projects described in
3 each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).”;

4 (6) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
6 by inserting “that serves individuals in younger
7 generations and older individuals” after “to
8 carry out a project”;

9 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in-
10 tent to carry out, or intent to partner with local
11 organizations or multiservice organizations to
12 carry out,” after “record of carrying out”;

13 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”
14 and inserting a semicolon;

15 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
16 riod and inserting “; and”; and

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

18 “(5) eligible organizations proposing multigen-
19 erational activity projects that utilize shared site
20 programs, such as collocated child care and long-
21 term care facilities.”;

22 (7) by amending subsections (f) and (g), as so
23 redesignated, to read as follows:

1 “(f) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—Organizations eli-
2 gible to receive a grant or enter into a contract under sub-
3 section (a) shall—

4 “(1) be a State, an area agency on aging, or an
5 organization that provides opportunities for older in-
6 dividuals to participate in activities described in such
7 subsection; and

8 “(2) have the capacity to conduct the coordina-
9 tion, promotion, and facilitation described in such
10 subsection through the use of multigenerational co-
11 ordinators.

12 “(g) EVALUATION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
14 after the date of enactment of the Aging Together
15 Act, the Assistant Secretary shall, through data sub-
16 mitted by organizations receiving grants or contracts
17 under this section, evaluate the activities supported
18 through such grants and contracts to determine—

19 “(A) the effectiveness of such activities;

20 “(B) the impact of such activities on the
21 community being served and the organization
22 providing the activities; and

23 “(C) the impact of such activities on older
24 individuals participating in such project.

1 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
2 months after the Assistant Secretary completes the
3 evaluation under paragraph (1), the Assistant Sec-
4 retary shall prepare and submit to the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives and the President pro
6 tempore of the Senate a report that assesses such
7 evaluation and contains, at a minimum—

8 “(A) the names or descriptive titles of the
9 projects funded under subsection (a);

10 “(B) a description of the nature and oper-
11 ation of such projects;

12 “(C) the names and addresses of organiza-
13 tions that conducted such projects;

14 “(D) a description of the methods and suc-
15 cess of such projects in recruiting older individ-
16 uals as employees and as volunteers to partici-
17 pate in the projects;

18 “(E) a description of the success of the
19 projects in retaining older individuals partici-
20 pating in such projects as employees and as vol-
21 unteers;

22 “(F) the rate of turnover of older indi-
23 vidual employees and volunteers in such
24 projects;

1 “(G) a strategy for disseminating the find-
2 ings resulting from such projects; and

3 “(H) any policy change recommendations
4 relating to such projects.”; and

5 (8) in subsection (h)(2)(B)(i), by striking “indi-
6 viduals from the generations with older individuals”
7 and inserting “older individuals”.

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