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To reauthorize funding for programs to prevent, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NEAL (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Elder Justice Reau-
5 thorization and Modernization Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS**
2 **TO PREVENT, AND INVESTIGATE ELDER**
3 **ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION.**

4 (a) NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.—
5 Section 2041 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1397m) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 2041. NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

9 “(1) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall be
11 entitled to receive from the Secretary for each
12 fiscal year specified in subsection (e)(1) a grant
13 in an amount equal to the amount allotted to
14 the State under subparagraph (B).

15 “(B) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses
17 (ii) and (iii), the amount allotted to a
18 State under this subparagraph for a fiscal
19 year shall be—

20 “(I) the number of State resi-
21 dents who have attained 65 years of
22 age or are under a disability (as de-
23 fined in section 216(i)(1)), as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary using the
25 most recent version of the American
26 Community Survey published by the

1 Bureau of the Census or a successor
2 data set; divided by

3 “(II) the total number of such
4 residents of all States.

5 “(ii) LIMITATION.—The amount allot-
6 ted to a State under this subparagraph for
7 a fiscal year shall be not less than 0.25
8 percent of the available amount for the fis-
9 cal year.

10 “(iii) ADJUSTMENT OF STATE ALLOT-
11 MENTS.—Subject to clause (ii), the Sec-
12 retary shall proportionately increase or de-
13 crease the amounts allotted under this sub-
14 paragraph for a fiscal year as necessary to
15 ensure that the available amount for the
16 fiscal year is allotted among the States.

17 “(iv) REDETERMINATIONS.—

18 “(I) FREQUENCY.—The Sec-
19 retary shall make the determination
20 referred to in clause (i)(I) every 5
21 years.

22 “(II) LIMITATION.—Subject to
23 clause (ii), the amount allotted to a
24 State under this subparagraph, on the
25 basis of such a determination, for a

1 fiscal year after fiscal year 2026 shall
2 be—

3 “(aa) not less than 90 per-
4 cent of the amount of the grant
5 made to the State under this
6 subparagraph for the then pre-
7 ceding fiscal year; and

8 “(bb) not more than 110
9 percent of the amount referred to
10 in item (aa).

11 “(2) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL
12 ORGANIZATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
14 sultation with the Secretary of the Interior,
15 shall make grants in accordance with this sec-
16 tion to Indian tribes and tribal organizations
17 who operate at least 1 eligible setting.

18 “(B) GRANT FORMULA.—The Secretary, in
19 consultation with the Secretary of the Interior,
20 shall devise a formula for distributing among
21 Indian tribes and tribal organizations the
22 amount required to be reserved by subsection
23 (e)(1) for each fiscal year.

24 “(3) SUB-GRANTS.—A State, Indian tribe, or
25 tribal organization to which an amount is paid under

1 this section may use the amount to make sub-grants
2 to local organizations, including community organi-
3 zations, local non-profits, elder rights and justice
4 groups, and workforce development boards for any
5 purpose described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
6 section (b).

7 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 “(1) REQUIRED USES.—A State to which an
9 amount is paid under this section shall use the
10 amount to—

11 “(A) provide wage subsidies to eligible in-
12 dividuals;

13 “(B) provide student loan repayment or
14 tuition assistance to eligible individuals for a
15 degree or certification in a field relevant to
16 their position referred to in subsection
17 (f)(1)(A);

18 “(C) guarantee affordable and accessible
19 child care for eligible individuals, including help
20 with referrals, co-pays, or other direct assist-
21 ance; and

22 “(D) provide assistance where necessary
23 with obtaining appropriate transportation, in-
24 cluding public transportation if available, or gas

1 money if public transportation is unavailable or
2 impractical based on work hours or location.

3 “(2) AUTHORIZED USES.—A State to which an
4 amount is paid under this section may use the
5 amount to—

6 “(A) establish a reserve fund for financial
7 assistance to eligible individuals in emergency
8 situations;

9 “(B) provide in-kind resource donations,
10 such as interview clothing and conference at-
11 tendance fees;

12 “(C) provide assistance with programs and
13 activities, including legal assistance, deemed
14 necessary to address arrest or conviction
15 records that are an employment barrier;

16 “(D) support employers operating an eligi-
17 ble setting in the State in providing employees
18 with not less than 2 weeks of paid leave per
19 year; or

20 “(E) provide other support services the
21 Secretary deems necessary to allow for success-
22 ful recruitment and retention of workers.

23 “(3) PROVISION OF FUNDS ONLY FOR THE
24 BENEFIT OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN ELIGIBLE
25 SETTINGS.—A State to which an amount is paid

1 under this section may provide the amount to only
2 an eligible individual or a partner organization serv-
3 ing an eligible individual.

4 “(4) NONSUPPLANTATION.—A State to which
5 an amount is paid under this section shall not use
6 the amount to supplant the expenditure of any State
7 funds for recruiting or retaining employees in an eli-
8 gible setting.

9 “(5) OBLIGATION DEADLINE.—A State, Indian
10 tribe, or tribal organization shall remit to the Sec-
11 retary for reallocation under this section any amount
12 paid under this section for a fiscal year that is not
13 obligated within 2 years after the end of the fiscal
14 year.

15 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—A State to which a grant is
16 made under this section shall reserve not more than 10
17 percent of the grant to—

18 “(1) administer subgrants in accordance with
19 this section;

20 “(2) provide technical assistance and support
21 for applying for and accessing such a subgrant op-
22 portunity;

23 “(3) publicize the availability of the subgrants;

24 “(4) carry out activities to increase the supply
25 of eligible individuals; and

1 “(5) provide technical assistance to help sub-
2 grantees find and train individuals to provide the
3 services for which they are contracted.

4 “(d) REPORTS.—

5 “(1) STATE REPORTS.—Not less frequently
6 than annually, each State to which a grant has been
7 made under this section shall transmit to the Sec-
8 retary a written report describing the activities un-
9 dertaken by the State pursuant to this section dur-
10 ing the period covered by the report, which shall in-
11 clude—

12 “(A) the total amount expended in the
13 State for each type of use described in para-
14 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

15 “(B) the total number of non-State organi-
16 zations in the State to which grant funds were
17 provided, and the amount so provided to each
18 such organization;

19 “(C) the change in the number of individ-
20 uals working in each job category described in
21 subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting in the
22 State;

23 “(D) the average duration of employment
24 for each such job category;

1 “(E) the average annual wage of workers
2 in each job category described in subsection
3 (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting in the State;

4 “(F) the average amount of paid time off
5 to which a worker in each job category de-
6 scribed in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible set-
7 ting in the State is entitled by their contract;
8 and

9 “(G) such other data elements as the Sec-
10 retary deems relevant.

11 “(2) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Not later
12 than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this
13 section, and every 4 years thereafter, the Secretary
14 shall submit to the Congress a written report out-
15 lining how the States have used the grants made
16 under this section during the period covered by the
17 report, which shall include—

18 “(A) the total amount expended in each
19 State for each type of use described in para-
20 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

21 “(B) the total number of non-State organi-
22 zations in each State to which grant funds were
23 provided, and the amount so provided to each
24 such organization;

1 “(C) the change in the number of individ-
2 uals working in each job category described in
3 subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting;

4 “(D) the average duration of employment
5 for each such job category, by State;

6 “(E) the average annual wage of workers
7 in each job category described in subsection
8 (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting;

9 “(F) the average amount of paid time off
10 to which a worker in each job category de-
11 scribed in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible set-
12 ting is entitled by their contract; and

13 “(G) such other data elements as the Sec-
14 retary deems relevant.

15 “(e) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the
16 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
17 priated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal
18 years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this section, of
19 which 2 percent shall be reserved for grants to Indian
20 tribes and tribal organizations.

21 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) AVAILABLE AMOUNT.—The term ‘available
23 amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, the
24 amount specified in subsection (e) that remains after
25 the reservation required by such subsection for the

1 fiscal year, plus all amounts remitted to the Sec-
2 retary under subsection (b)(5) that have not been
3 reallocated under subsection (a)(1)(B)(iii).

4 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
5 individual’ means an individual who—

6 “(A)(i) is a qualified home health aide, as
7 defined in section 484.80(a) of title 42, Code of
8 Federal Regulations;

9 “(ii) is a nurse aide approved by the State
10 as meeting the requirements of sections
11 483.150 through 483.154 of such title, and is
12 listed in good standing on the State nurse aide
13 registry;

14 “(iii) is a personal care aide approved by
15 the State, and furnishes personal care services,
16 as defined in section 440.167 of such title;

17 “(iv) is a qualified hospice aide, as defined
18 in section 418.76 of such title;

19 “(v) is a licensed practical nurse or a li-
20 censed or certified social worker; or

21 “(vi) is receiving training to be certified or
22 licensed as such an aide, nurse, or social work-
23 er; and

1 “(B) provides (or, in the case of a trainee,
2 intends to provide) services as such an aide,
3 nurse, or social worker in an eligible setting.

4 “(3) ELIGIBLE SETTING.—The term ‘eligible
5 setting’ means—

6 “(A) a skilled nursing facility, as defined
7 in section 1819;

8 “(B) a nursing facility, as defined in sec-
9 tion 1919;

10 “(C) a home health agency, as defined in
11 section 1891;

12 “(D) a facility approved to deliver home or
13 community-based services authorized under
14 State options described in subsection (c) or (i)
15 of section 1915 or, as relevant, demonstration
16 projects authorized under section 1115;

17 “(E) a hospice, as defined in section 1814;
18 or

19 “(F) a tribal assisted living facility.

20 “(4) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘tribal
21 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
22 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
23 cation Assistance Act.”.

24 (b) ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNCTIONS AND
25 GRANT PROGRAMS.—

1 (1) DIRECT FUNDING; STATE ENTITLEMENT.—
2 Section 2042 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1397m–1) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-
5 graph (2) and inserting the following:

6 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
7 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
8 appropriated to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of
9 fiscal years 2023 through 2025 to carry out this sec-
10 tion.”;

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
13 availability of appropriations and”; and

14 (ii) by striking paragraph (5) and in-
15 serting the following:

16 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
17 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
18 appropriated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each
19 of fiscal years 2023 through 2025 to carry out this
20 section.”; and

21 (C) in subsection (c), by striking para-
22 graph (6) and inserting the following:

23 “(6) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
24 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
25 appropriated to the Secretary \$75,000,000 for each

1 of fiscal years 2023 through 2025 to carry out this
2 section.”.

3 (2) STATE ENTITLEMENT; GRANTS TO INDIAN
4 TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 2042
5 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–1) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking
7 “State and local” and inserting “State, local,
8 and tribal”;

9 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “the
10 Secretary shall annually award grants to States
11 in the amounts calculated under paragraph (2)”
12 and inserting “each State shall be entitled to
13 annually receive from the Secretary in the
14 amounts calculated under paragraph (2), and
15 the Secretary may annually award to each In-
16 dian tribe and tribal organization in accordance
17 with paragraph (3), grants”;

18 (C) in subsection (b)(2)—

19 (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
20 sserting “FOR A STATE” after “PAYMENT”;

21 (ii) by inserting “that remains after
22 the reservation under paragraph (3)(B)”
23 before “multiplied”; and

24 (iii) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

1 (I) by inserting “that so re-
2 mains” after “such year”; and

3 (II) by inserting “amount so ap-
4 propriated” and inserting “remaining
5 amount”; and

6 (D) in subsection (b), by redesignating
7 paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4)
8 through (6), respectively, and inserting after
9 paragraph (2) the following:

10 “(3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT TO INDIAN TRIBE
11 OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
13 sultation with Indian tribes and tribal organiza-
14 tions, shall determine the amount of any grant
15 to be made to each Indian tribe and tribal orga-
16 nization from the amount reserved under sub-
17 paragraph (B) of this paragraph. Paragraphs
18 (4) and (5) shall apply to grantees under this
19 paragraph in the same manner in which the
20 paragraphs apply to States.

21 “(B) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall reserve 2 percent of the amount
23 made available by subsection (b)(6) for each fis-
24 cal year for grants under this paragraph.”;

25 (3) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to
2 States” and inserting “to States, Indian tribes,
3 and tribal organizations”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
6 graph (A), by inserting “and Indian tribes
7 and tribal organizations” after “govern-
8 ment”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
10 “or Indian tribe or tribal organization, as
11 the case may be” after “government”;

12 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or In-
13 dian tribe or tribal organization” after “a
14 State” the first place it appears; and

15 (D) in paragraph (5)—

16 (i) by inserting “or Indian tribe or
17 tribal organization” after “Each State”;
18 and

19 (ii) by inserting “or Indian tribe or
20 tribal organization, as the case may be”
21 after “the State”; and

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

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS OF INDIAN TRIBE AND TRIBAL
24 ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the terms ‘Indian tribe’

1 and ‘tribal organization’ have the meanings given the
2 terms in section 419.”.

3 (c) LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
4 GRANTS AND TRAINING.—Section 2043 of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–2) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
9 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
10 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sub-
11 section—

12 “(A) \$22,500,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

13 “(B) \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years
14 2024 and 2025.”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2)
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
18 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
19 appropriated to the Secretary \$30,000,000 for each
20 of fiscal years 2023 through 2025 to carry out this
21 subsection.”.

22 (d) INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING
23 STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PROVIDING HEALTH AND
24 HUMAN SERVICES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part II of subtitle B of title
2 XX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 397m–5)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 2047. INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUS-**
5 **TAINING STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PRO-**
6 **VIDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

7 “(a) GRANTS TO STATES TO SUPPORT LINKAGES TO
8 LEGAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNER-
9 SHIPS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Within ____ years after
11 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
12 retary shall establish and administer a program of
13 grants to States to support the adoption of evidence-
14 based approaches to establishing or improving and
15 maintaining real-time linkages between health and
16 social services and supports for vulnerable elders or
17 in conjunction with authorized representatives of
18 vulnerable elders, including through the following:

19 “(A) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

20 The establishment and support of medical-legal
21 partnerships, the incorporation of the partner-
22 ships in the elder justice framework and health
23 and human services safety net, and the imple-
24 mentation and operation of such a partnership
25 by an eligible grantee—

1 “(i) at the option of a State, in con-
2 junction with an area agency on aging;

3 “(ii) in a solo provider practice in a
4 health professional shortage area (as de-
5 fined in section 332(a) of the Public
6 Health Service Act), a medically under-
7 served community (as defined in section
8 399V of such Act), or a rural area (as de-
9 fined in section 330J of such Act);

10 “(iii) in a minority-serving institution
11 of higher learning with health, law, and so-
12 cial services professional programs;

13 “(iv) in a federally qualified health
14 center, as described in section 330 of the
15 Public Health Service Act, or look-alike, as
16 described in section 1905(l)(2)(B) of this
17 Act; or

18 “(v) in certain hospitals that are crit-
19 ical access hospitals, Medicare-dependent
20 hospitals, sole community hospitals, rural
21 emergency hospitals, or that serve a high
22 proportion of Medicare or Medicaid pa-
23 tients.

24 “(B) LEGAL HOTLINES DEVELOPMENT OR
25 EXPANSION.—The provision of incentives to de-

1 velop, enhance, and integrate platforms, such as
2 legal assistance hotlines, that help to facilitate
3 the identification of older adults who could ben-
4 efit from linkages to available legal services
5 such as those described in subparagraph (A).

6 “(2) STATE REPORTS.—Each State to which a
7 grant is made under this subsection shall submit to
8 the Secretary biannual reports on the activities car-
9 ried out by the State pursuant to this subsection,
10 which shall include assessments of the effectiveness
11 of the activities with respect to—

12 “(A) the number of unique individuals
13 identified through the mechanism outlined in
14 paragraph (1)(B) who are referred to services
15 described in paragraph (1)(A), and the average
16 time period associated with resolving issues;

17 “(B) the success rate for referrals to com-
18 munity-based resources; and

19 “(C) other factors determined relevant by
20 the Secretary.

21 “(3) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall, by
22 grant, contract, or interagency agreement, evaluate
23 the activities conducted pursuant to this subsection,
24 which shall include a comparison among the States.

1 “(4) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Every 4
2 years, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a
3 written report on the activities conducted under this
4 subsection.

5 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
6 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
7 appropriated to the Secretary \$125,000,000 for each
8 of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this
9 subsection.

10 “(6) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Support
11 provided to area agencies on aging, State units on
12 aging, eligible entities, or other community-based or-
13 ganizations pursuant to this subsection shall be used
14 to supplement and not supplant any other Federal,
15 State, or local funds expended to provide the same
16 or comparable services described in this subsection.

17 “(b) GRANTS AND TRAINING TO SUPPORT AREA
18 AGENCIES ON AGING OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED OR-
19 GANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL ISOLATION AMONG
20 VULNERABLE ALDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DIS-
21 ABILITIES.—

22 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make
23 grants to eligible area agencies on aging or other
24 community-based organizations for the purpose of—

1 “(A) conducting outreach to individuals at
2 risk for, or already experiencing, social isolation
3 or loneliness, through established screening
4 tools or other methods identified by the Sec-
5 retary;

6 “(B) developing community-based interven-
7 tions for the purposes of mitigating loneliness
8 or social isolation (including evidence-based pro-
9 grams, as defined by the Secretary, developed
10 with multi-stakeholder input for the purposes of
11 promoting social connection, mitigating social
12 isolation or loneliness, or preventing social iso-
13 lation or loneliness) among at-risk individuals;

14 “(C) connecting at-risk individuals with
15 community social and clinical supports; and

16 “(D) evaluating the effect of programs de-
17 veloped and implemented under subparagraphs
18 (B) and (C).

19 “(2) TRAINING.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
21 establish programs to provide and improve
22 training for area agencies on aging or commu-
23 nity-based organizations with respect to ad-
24 dressing and preventing social isolation and

1 loneliness among older adults and people with
2 disabilities.

3 “(B) PRIORITIZATION AUTHORITY.—For
4 purposes of connecting at-risk individuals with
5 existing community social and clinical supports,
6 the Secretary may, in carrying out subpara-
7 graph (A), prioritize models that incorporate
8 training and service delivery in coordination
9 with medical-legal partnerships.

10 “(3) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years
11 after the date of the enactment of this section and
12 every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit
13 to the Congress a written report which assesses the
14 extent to which the programs established under this
15 subsection address social isolation and loneliness
16 among older adults and people with disabilities.

17 “(4) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
18 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
19 appropriated to the Secretary \$62,500,000 for each
20 of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this
21 subsection.

22 “(5) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
23 ordinate with resource centers, grant programs, or
24 other funding mechanisms established under section
25 411(a)(18) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C.

1 3032(a)(18)), section 417(a)(1) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 3032F(a)(1)), or other programs as deter-
3 mined by the Secretary.

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) AREA AGENCY ON AGING.—The term ‘area
6 agency on aging’ means an area agency on aging
7 designated under section 305 of the Older Ameri-
8 cans Act of 1965.

9 “(2) SOCIAL ISOLATION.—The term ‘social iso-
10 lation’ means objectively being alone, or having few
11 relationships or infrequent social contact.

12 “(3) LONELINESS.—The term ‘loneliness’
13 means subjectively feeling alone, or the discrepancy
14 between one’s desired level of social connection and
15 one’s actual level of social connection.

16 “(4) SOCIAL CONNECTION.—The term ‘social
17 connection’ means the variety of ways one can con-
18 nect to others socially, through physical, behavioral,
19 social-cognitive, and emotional channels.

20 “(5) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
21 term ‘community-based organization’ includes, ex-
22 cept as otherwise provided by the Secretary, a non-
23 profit community-based organization, a consortium
24 of nonprofit community-based organizations, a na-
25 tional nonprofit organization acting as an inter-

1 mediary for a community-based organization, or a
2 community-based organization that has a fiscal
3 sponsor that allows the organization to function as
4 an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
6 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.”.

7 (2) CLARIFICATION THAT MEDICAL-LEGAL
8 PARTNERSHIPS ARE AUTHORIZED ADULT PROTEC-
9 TIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES.—Section 2011 of such
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j) is amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (2)(D), by inserting “,
12 including through a medical-legal partnership”
13 before the period; and

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (16)
15 through (22) as paragraphs (17) through (23),
16 respectively, and inserting after paragraph (15)
17 the following:

18 “(16) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP.—The
19 term ‘medical-legal partnership’ means an arrange-
20 ment in a health care or social services setting which
21 integrates lawyers and social workers to address the
22 needs of an individual patient related to social deter-
23 minants of health, and to help clinicians, case man-
24 agers, and social workers address structural prob-
25 lems at the root of many health inequities, including

1 a multidisciplinary team integrated into such a set-
2 ting to address the needs and establish and maintain
3 structural competence within clinicians, case man-
4 agers, and social workers to best address structural
5 problems at the root of many health inequities.”.

6 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2011(12)(A)
7 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j(12)(A)) is
8 amended by striking “450b” and inserting “5304”.

9 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT REPORTS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than
12 once every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services shall submit a report to the Committee
14 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and
15 the Committee on Finance of the Senate on the programs,
16 coordinating bodies, registries, and activities established
17 or authorized under subtitle B of title XX of the Social
18 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397l et seq.) or section 6703(b)
19 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42
20 U.S.C. 1395i–3a(b)). Each such report shall assess the ex-
21 tent to which such programs, coordinating bodies, reg-
22 istries, and activities have improved access to, and the
23 quality of, resources available to aging Americans and
24 their caregivers to ultimately prevent, detect, and treat
25 abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and shall include, as ap-

1 appropriate, recommendations to Congress on funding levels
2 and policy changes to help these programs, coordinating
3 bodies, registries, and activities better prevent, detect, and
4 treat abuse, neglect, and exploitation of aging Americans.

5 (b) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the
6 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-
7 priated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025
9 to carry out this section.

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