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To modernize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was read twice  
and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 “Modernization of the  
5 Older Americans Act Amendments”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 206. Improvements to nutrition programs.
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- Sec. 208. Cost sharing and other practices.
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TITLE III—MODERNIZING ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH,  
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- Sec. 302. Technical assistance and innovation to improve transportation for older individuals.
- Sec. 303. Grant program for multigenerational collaboration.
- Sec. 304. Grants for health, independence, and longevity.

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- Sec. 401. Reauthorization.

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RIGHTS PROTECTION ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS

- Sec. 501. Reauthorization; vulnerable elder rights protection activities.
- Sec. 502. Minimum allotments for ombudsman and elder abuse programs.
- Sec. 503. Volunteer State long-term care ombudsman representatives.
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- Sec. 505. Best practices for home and community-based ombudsmen.
- Sec. 506. Senior home modification assistance initiative.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act,  
3 wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed  
4 in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section  
5 or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be  
6 made to that section or other provision of the Older Amer-  
7 icans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act, the terms “area agency on aging”, “As-  
10 sistant Secretary”, “greatest social need”, “older indi-  
11 vidual”, and “Secretary” have the meanings given such  
12 terms in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965  
13 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

14 **TITLE I—MODERNIZING DEFINI-**  
15 **TIONS AND PROGRAMS**  
16 **UNDER THE ADMINISTRA-**  
17 **TION ON AGING**

18 **SEC. 101. REAUTHORIZATION.**

19 Section 216 (42 U.S.C. 3020f) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$40,063,000  
21 for each of the fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019”  
22 and inserting “**【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for each of fiscal  
23 years **【2020 through 2024】**”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

25 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
26 “\$2,088,758” and all that follows through

1 “2019” and inserting “[~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fis-  
2 cal year [2020], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
3 [2021], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
4 [2022], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2023],  
5 and [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2024]”;

6 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking  
7 “\$1,904,275” and all that follows through  
8 “2019” and inserting “[~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fis-  
9 cal year [2020], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
10 [2021], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
11 [2022], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2023],  
12 and [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2024]”;

13 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking  
14 “\$1,312,904” and all that follows through  
15 “2019” and inserting “[~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fis-  
16 cal year [2020], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
17 [2021], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
18 [2022], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2023],  
19 and [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2024]”; and

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking  
21 “\$6,271,399” and all that follows through  
22 “2019” and inserting “[~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fis-  
23 cal year [2020], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
24 [2021], [~~\$~~\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year

1           【2022】, 【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2023】,  
2           and 【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2024】”.

3 **SEC. 102. AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.**

4           Section 102(4) (42 U.S.C. 3002(4)) is amended—

5           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
6           by inserting “, in collaboration with (as appropriate)  
7           area agencies on aging, centers for independent liv-  
8           ing (as described in part C of title VII of the Reha-  
9           bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796f et seq.)), and  
10          other aging or disability entities” after “provides”;

11          (2) in subparagraph (B)—

12           (A) by inserting “services, supports, and”  
13           after “plan for long-term”; and

14           (B) by inserting “and choices” after “de-  
15           sires”; and

16          (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “(29  
17          U.S.C. 796f et seq.), and other community-based en-  
18          tities,” and inserting “, and other community-based  
19          entities, including other aging or disability entities”.

20 **SEC. 103. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY.**

21          The Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001  
22          et seq.) is amended—

23          (1) in section 102(8) (42 U.S.C. 3002(8)), by  
24          adding at the end the following:

1       “(C) The term ‘State assistive technology entity’  
2 means the agency, office, or other entity designated under  
3 subsection (c)(1) of section 4 of the Assistive Technology  
4 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 3003) to carry out State activities  
5 under such section.”;

6               (2) in section 306 (42 U.S.C. 3026)—

7                       (A) in subsection (a)(6)—

8                               (i) in subparagraph (G), by striking “;  
9 and” and inserting “;”;

10                               (ii) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
11 “appropriate;” and inserting “appropriate;  
12 and”; and

13                               (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing:

15               “(I) coordinate with the State assistive tech-  
16 nology entity to ensure access to, and acquisition of,  
17 assistive technology in serving older individuals;”;  
18 and

19                       (B) in subsection (b)(3)—

20                               (i) in subparagraph (K)—

21                                       (I) by aligning the margins of the  
22 subparagraph with the margins of  
23 subparagraph (J); and

24                                       (II) by striking “; and” and in-  
25 serting “;”;

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
2 (L) as subparagraph (M); and

3 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
4 (K) the following:

5 “(L) assistive technology devices and services;  
6 and”; and

7 (3) in section 411(a) (42 U.S.C. 3032(a))—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “aligned  
9 with evidence-based practice” after “applied so-  
10 cial research”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (10), by inserting “con-  
12 sistent with section 508 of the Rehabilitation  
13 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d)” after “other  
14 technologies”.

15 **SEC. 104. NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND**  
16 **RETIREMENT.**

17 Section 202 (42 U.S.C. 3012) is amended by adding  
18 at the end the following:

19 “(h)(1) The Assistant Secretary shall, directly or by  
20 grant or contract, operate the [National Resource Center  
21 for Women and Retirement] (in this subsection referred  
22 to as the ‘Center’).

23 “(2) The Center shall—

24 “(A) provide basic financial management, re-  
25 tirement planning, and other educational tools that

1 promote financial literacy and help to identify and  
2 prevent fraud and elder exploitation;

3 “(B) integrate financial information and re-  
4 sources on retirement planning with information on  
5 health and long-term care;

6 “(C) annually compile, publish, and disseminate  
7 to relevant national, State, and local organizations a  
8 summary of outreach provided in that year;

9 “(D) develop, maintain, and disseminate to rel-  
10 evant national, State, and local organizations user-  
11 friendly consumer information and public education  
12 materials regarding financial literacy, retirement  
13 planning, and economic security for women;

14 “(E) develop outreach strategies that identify  
15 and address barriers to accessing appropriate pro-  
16 grams under this Act, including for groups such as  
17 racial or ethnic minorities, low-income women, rural  
18 and other underserved individuals, and caregivers;

19 “(F) provide technical assistance to State agen-  
20 cies and to other public and nonprofit private agen-  
21 cies and organizations to assist the agencies and or-  
22 ganizations in planning, improving, developing, and  
23 carrying out programs and activities relating to pro-  
24 viding women with appropriate financial manage-  
25 ment tools for secure retirement; and



1           “(G) develop formal partnerships, collabora-  
2           tions, and other arrangements as needed to effi-  
3           ciently address program objectives.

4           “(3) The Assistant Secretary shall make available to  
5           the Center such sums as are necessary for the Center to  
6           carry out effectively the functions of the Center.”.

7           **SEC. 105. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM ADAPTATION.**

8           (a) **FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**—  
9           Section 202 (42 U.S.C. 3012) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a)(28), by inserting before  
11           the semicolon “, including information and technical  
12           assistance on delivery of such services in different  
13           settings”; and

14           (2) in subsection (b)(9)(B), by inserting before  
15           the semicolon “, including delivery of such services  
16           in different settings”.

17           (b) **EVIDENCE-BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND**  
18           **HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES.**—Section 361(a) (42  
19           U.S.C. 3030m(a)) is amended in the second sentence by  
20           inserting “provide technical assistance on the delivery of  
21           evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion  
22           services in different settings and for different populations,  
23           and” before “consult”.

1 **SEC. 106. COORDINATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
2 **FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE**  
3 **AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTERS FOR DIS-**  
4 **EASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

5 The Assistant Secretary shall, in performing the  
6 functions of the Administration on Aging under section  
7 202(a)(5) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
8 3012(a)(5)) related to health (including mental and behav-  
9 ioral health) services, coordinate with the Assistant Sec-  
10 retary for Mental Health and Substance Use and the Di-  
11 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
12 tion—

13 (1) in the planning, development, implementa-  
14 tion, and evaluation of evidence-based policies, pro-  
15 grams, practices, and other activities pertaining to  
16 the prevention of suicide among older individuals, in-  
17 cluding the implementation of evidence-based suicide  
18 prevention programs and strategies identified by the  
19 National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
20 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
21 and other entities, as applicable; and

22 (2) in providing and incorporating technical as-  
23 sistance for the prevention of suicide among older  
24 individuals, including technical assistance related to  
25 the Suicide Prevention Technical Assistance Center

1 established under section 520C of the Public Health  
2 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–34).

3 **SEC. 107. MODERNIZING THE INTERAGENCY COORDI-**  
4 **NATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTHY AGING**  
5 **AND AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES.**

6 (a) FEDERAL AGENCY CONSULTATION.—Section  
7 203(c) (42 U.S.C. 3013(c)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by striking “the Federal officials” and  
10 inserting “other Federal officials”;

11 (B) by striking “Committee on Aging” and  
12 inserting “Committee on Healthy Aging and  
13 Age-Friendly Communities”; and

14 (C) by inserting “and the development of  
15 a national set of recommendations, in accord-  
16 ance with paragraph (6), to support the ability  
17 of older individuals to age in place and access  
18 preventive health care, promote age-friendly  
19 communities, and address the ability of older  
20 individuals to access long-term care supports,  
21 including access to caregivers and home- and  
22 community-based health services” before the pe-  
23 riod;

24 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the  
25 following: “The first term, after the date of enact-

1       ment of the Modernization of the Older Americans  
2       Act Amendments, shall start not later than 1 year  
3       after such date of enactment.”;

4               (3) in paragraph (6)—

5                       (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
6                       (A), by striking “The Committee shall” and in-  
7                       serting “The recommendations described in  
8                       paragraph (1) may include recommendations  
9                       for”;

10                      (B) in subparagraph (A)—

11                               (i) by striking “share information  
12                               with and establish an ongoing system to”  
13                               and inserting “ways to”; and

14                               (ii) by striking “for older individuals  
15                               and recommend improvements” and all  
16                               that follows through “accessibility of such  
17                               programs and services” and inserting  
18                               “that impact older individuals”;

19                      (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
20                      “identify, promote, and implement (as appro-  
21                      priate),”;

22                      (D) in subparagraph (C)—

23                               (i) by inserting “ways to” before “col-  
24                               lect”;

1 (ii) by striking “older individuals  
2 and”; and

3 (iii) by striking “the individuals” and  
4 all that follows through “information” and  
5 inserting “older individuals to ensure that  
6 such information is accessible”;

7 (E) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
8 “work with” and all that follows through  
9 “member agencies to ensure” and inserting  
10 “ways to ensure”;

11 (F) in subparagraph (E), by striking “seek  
12 input” and all that follows through “founda-  
13 tions” and inserting “seeking input from and  
14 consulting with nonprofit organizations, aca-  
15 demic or research institutions, community-based  
16 organizations, philanthropic organizations, or  
17 other entities supporting age-friendly commu-  
18 nities”;

19 (G) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
20 “identify” and inserting “identifying”; and

21 (H) by amending subparagraph (G) to  
22 read as follows:

23 “(G) ways to improve coordination to provide  
24 housing, health care, and other supportive services  
25 to older individuals.”;

1           (4) in paragraph (7)(A)(i), by striking “services  
2           for older individuals” and inserting “services that  
3           impact older individuals”; and

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

5           “(9) In this subsection, the term ‘age-friendly com-  
6           munity’ means a community that—

7           “(A) is taking measurable steps to—

8                   “(i) include adequate and accessible hous-  
9                   ing, public spaces and buildings, safe and se-  
10                   cure paths, variable route transportation serv-  
11                   ices, and programs and services designed to  
12                   support health and well-being;

13                   “(ii) respect and include older individuals  
14                   in social opportunities, civic participation, vol-  
15                   unteerism, and employment; and

16                   “(iii) facilitate access to supportive services  
17                   for older individuals;

18           “(B) is not an assisted living facility or long-  
19           term care facility; and

20           “(C) has a plan in place to meet local needs for  
21           housing, transportation, civic participation, social  
22           connectedness, and accessible public spaces.”.

23           (b) ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT.—Section  
24           205(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 3016(a)(2)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
2           paragraph (D); and

3           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(C) The Assistant Secretary may provide technical  
6           assistance, including through the regional offices of the  
7           Administration, to State agencies, area agencies on aging,  
8           local government agencies, or leaders in age-friendly com-  
9           munities (as defined, for purposes of this subparagraph,  
10          in section 203(c)(9)) regarding—

11           “(i) support for public and private entities in  
12          building partnerships to promote such age-friendly  
13          communities;

14           “(ii) dissemination of, or consideration of ways  
15          to implement, best practices and recommendations  
16          from the Interagency Coordinating Committee on  
17          Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly Communities es-  
18          tablished under section 203(c); and

19           “(iii) methods for managing and coordinating  
20          existing programs to meet the needs of growing age-  
21          friendly communities.”.

22   **SEC. 108. REPORT ON SOCIAL ISOLATION.**

23          (a) PREPARATION.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in car-  
25          rying out activities under section 206(a) of the Older

1 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3017(a)), pre-  
2 pare a report on programs authorized by such Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), and supported or funded  
4 by the Administration on Aging, that include a focus  
5 on addressing the negative impacts associated with  
6 social isolation through targeting older individuals  
7 identified as in greatest social need, as appropriate.

8 (2) IMPACT.—Such report shall identify—

9 (A) whether social isolation is being ade-  
10 quately addressed under such programs, includ-  
11 ing—

12 (i) the prevalence in rural areas and  
13 in urban areas;

14 (ii) the public health impacts associ-  
15 ated with social isolation; and

16 (iii) the role of preventive measures or  
17 of services, including nutrition services, in  
18 addressing the negative impacts associated  
19 with social isolation among older individ-  
20 uals; and

21 (B) public awareness of and efforts to ad-  
22 dress the public health impacts associated with  
23 social isolation.



1           (3) TYPES OF PROGRAMS.—Such report shall  
2 identify whether programs described in paragraph  
3 (1)—

4           (A) support projects in local communities  
5 and involve diverse sectors associated with such  
6 communities to decrease the negative impacts  
7 associated with social isolation among older in-  
8 dividuals and caregivers;

9           (B) support outreach activities to screen  
10 older individuals for negative impacts associated  
11 with social isolation; and

12           (C) include a focus on decreasing the nega-  
13 tive impacts associated with social isolation.

14           (4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Such report shall, as  
15 appropriate, include recommendations for reducing  
16 the negative impacts associated with social isolation  
17 and to address any impacts identified under clauses  
18 (i) through (iii) of subparagraph (A), and subpara-  
19 graph (B), of paragraph (2).

20           (b) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 2 years after the  
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
22 the report to the committees of the Senate and of the  
23 House of Representatives with jurisdiction over the Older  
24 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), and the  
25 Special Committee on Aging of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 109. BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS.**

2 Section 212 (42 U.S.C. 3020c) is amended—

3 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of  
4 subsection (a), by inserting “, including an area  
5 agency on aging,” after “(other than title V)”;

6 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
7 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—At the request of a  
11 recipient of a grant or contract under this Act, the Assist-  
12 ant Secretary shall provide technical assistance to the re-  
13 cipient regarding developing agreements under subsection  
14 (a), including information on how to establish these agree-  
15 ments for multi-year periods of 5 years or less.”.

16 **SEC. 110. NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF OR UPDATES**  
17 **TO POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES**  
18 **THROUGH A UNIFORM E-FORMAT.**

19 Section 202(a) (42 U.S.C. 3012(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (30), by striking “; and” and  
21 inserting “;”;

22 (2) in paragraph (31), by striking the period  
23 and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(32) provide (to the extent practicable) a  
26 standardized notification, to State agencies, area

1 agencies on aging, providers of services under this  
2 Act, and grantees or contract awardees under this  
3 Act, through an electronic format (e-mail or other  
4 electronic notification), of the availability of, or up-  
5 dates to, policies, practices, and procedures under  
6 this Act.”.

7 **SEC. 111. FAMILY CAREGIVERS.**

8 (a) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 202 (42 U.S.C.  
9 3012) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(i) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out the  
11 RAISE Family Caregivers Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s note).”.

12 (b) SUNSET.—Section 6 of the RAISE Family Care-  
13 givers Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s note) is amended by striking  
14 “3 years” and inserting “8 years”.

15 **SEC. 112. INNOVATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND EVALUA-**  
16 **TION WITHIN AGING PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 206 (42 U.S.C. 3017) is  
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-  
20 ing the following:

21 **“SEC. 206. EVALUATION.”;**

22 (2) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “(a) The Secretary” and  
24 inserting the following:

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—



1 the Medicaid program under title XIX  
2 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);

3 “(ii) disseminating the findings from  
4 evaluations of such programs throughout  
5 the aging network in electronic format and  
6 any other format determined appropriate  
7 by the Secretary;

8 “(iii) publicly posting the findings  
9 from evaluations of such programs in an  
10 electronic format, including webinar as ap-  
11 propriate;

12 “(iv) replicating successful demonstra-  
13 tion projects under title IV of this Act, in-  
14 cluding on a national scale as appropriate;  
15 and

16 “(v) providing, directly or through  
17 grant or contract, for research on and an  
18 evaluation of programs under this Act,  
19 which shall include an analysis of projected  
20 and actual impact of such programs, in-  
21 cluding demonstration projects under title  
22 IV of this Act, on health care expenditures  
23 under the Medicare program under title  
24 XVIII of the Social Security Act and Med-  
25 icaid program under title XIX of such Act.

1           “(C) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—The  
2 Secretary shall require all demonstration  
3 projects authorized by **【title IV】/【section 411】**  
4 after the date of enactment of the Moderniza-  
5 tion of the Older Americans Act Amendments  
6 to—

7           “(i) address the determinants of  
8 health for program participants;

9           **【“(ii) be expected to reduce health**  
10 **care expenditures, and preserve or enhance**  
11 **quality of care furnished to individuals,**  
12 **which may include under the Medicare pro-**  
13 **gram under title XVIII of the Social Secu-**  
14 **rity Act and the Medicaid program under**  
15 **title XIX of such Act;】**

16           “(iii) prioritize demonstration projects  
17 involving—

18           “(I) multigenerational engage-  
19 ment;

20           “(II) support for caregivers car-  
21 ing for individuals of any age;

22           “(III) community-based partner-  
23 ships; or

24           “(IV) any other activity described  
25 in title IV that the Secretary deter-

1 mines will achieve the objectives of  
2 this subsection; and

3 “(iv) contain performance standards  
4 and measures, developed by the Secretary,  
5 to evaluate whether such demonstration  
6 projects are achieving the objectives de-  
7 scribed in clauses (i) and (ii).

8 “(D) 5-YEAR PLANS.—Not later than De-  
9 cember 1, 2020, and every fifth December 1  
10 thereafter, the Secretary, shall prepare and  
11 publish in the Federal Register for public com-  
12 ment a draft of a 5-year plan that establishes  
13 a framework for evaluating programs author-  
14 ized by this Act (other than demonstration  
15 projects evaluated in accordance with subpara-  
16 graph (C)), including programs authorized by  
17 title III, V, VI, or VII, and explains the basis  
18 for such framework.”;

19 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “(b) The Sec-  
20 retary” and inserting the following:

21 “(b) STANDARDS FOR TITLE IV GRANTS OR CON-  
22 TRACTS.—The Secretary”;

23 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “(c) In car-  
24 rying out” and inserting the following:

25 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out”;

1           (5) in subsection (d), by striking “(d) The Sec-  
2           retary shall” and inserting the following:

3           “(d) SUMMARIES AND ANALYSES.—The Secretary  
4 shall”;

5           (6) in subsection (e), by striking “(e) The Sec-  
6           retary shall” and inserting the following:

7           “(e) PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES.—The Sec-  
8           retary shall”;

9           (7) in subsection (f), by striking “(f) Such in-  
10          formation” and inserting the following:

11          “(f) AVAILABILITY BY DEPARTMENTS AND AGEN-  
12          CIES.—Such information”; and

13          (8) in subsection (g), by striking “(g) From the  
14          total amount” and inserting the following:

15          “(g) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—From the total  
16          amount”.

17          (b) REPORTS.—Section 207 (42 U.S.C. 3018) is  
18          amended—

19                 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “section  
20                 202(a)(16)” and inserting “sections 202(a)(16) and  
21                 206(a)(2)”; and

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

23                 “(d) The Assistant Secretary shall, as part of the an-  
24                 nual report submitted under subsection (a), prepare and



1 submit a report on activities carried out under section  
2 206(a)(2) and title IV.”.

3 (c) INNOVATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND EVALUA-  
4 TION ACTIVITIES WITHIN AGING PROGRAMS.—

5 (1) HEADING.—Title IV (42 U.S.C. 3031 et  
6 seq.) is amended in the title heading by striking  
7 **“ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH, INDEPEND-**  
8 **ENCE, AND LONGEVITY”** and inserting **“IN-**  
9 **NOVATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND**  
10 **EVALUATION WITHIN AGING PRO-**  
11 **GRAMS”**.

12 (2) PURPOSES.—Section 401 (42 U.S.C. 3031)  
13 is amended—

14 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
15 follows:

16 “(1) to gain a better understanding and knowl-  
17 edge base for—

18 “(A) appraising services and facilities for  
19 older individuals; and

20 “(B) developing new and more effective  
21 and efficient ways of improving the lives of  
22 older individuals;”;

23 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the semi-  
24 colon at the end and inserting “; and”;

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”  
 2 and inserting a period; and

3 (D) by striking paragraph (4).

4 (3) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Section 411(a)(3)  
 5 (42 U.S.C. 3032(a)(3)) is amended by striking “this  
 6 section” and inserting “this Act”.

7 **TITLE II—IMPROVING GRANTS**  
 8 **FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY**  
 9 **PROGRAMS ON AGING**

10 **SEC. 201. REAUTHORIZATION.**

11 (a) GRANTS FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS  
 12 ON AGING.—Section 303 (42 U.S.C. 3023) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking  
 14 “\$356,717,276” and all that follows and inserting  
 15 “**[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2020]**,  
 16 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2021]**,  
 17 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year  
 18 **[2022,] [\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2023,]** and  
 19 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2024].”;**

20 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking  
 21 “\$459,937,586” and all that follows through  
 22 “2019” and inserting “**[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal  
 23 year **[2020]**, **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2021]**,  
 24 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year

1       **【2022,】【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2023,】** and  
2       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2024】**”;

3           (3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking  
4       “\$232,195,942” and all that follows through  
5       “2019” and inserting “**【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal  
6       year **【2020】**, **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2021】**,  
7       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year  
8       **【2022,】【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2023,】** and  
9       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2024】**”;

10          (4) in subsection (d), by striking  
11       “\$20,361,334” and all that follows through “2019”  
12       and inserting “**【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year  
13       **【2020】**, **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2021】**,  
14       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year  
15       **【2022,】【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2023,】** and  
16       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2024】**”; and

17          (5) in subsection (e), by striking  
18       “\$154,336,482” and all that follows through  
19       “2019” and inserting “**【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal  
20       year **【2020】**, **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2021】**,  
21       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year  
22       **【2022,】【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2023,】** and  
23       **【\$\_\_\_\_\_】** for fiscal year **【2024】**”.

24       (b) NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—  
25       Section 311(e) (42 U.S.C. 3030a(e)) is amended by strik-

1 ing “\$164,055,664” and all that follows through “2019”  
 2 and inserting “**[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2020]**,  
 3 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2021]**, **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for  
 4 fiscal year **[2022,]****[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2023,]**  
 5 and **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2024]**”.

6 **[SEC. 202. HOLD HARMLESS.**

7 To be provided.]

8 **SEC. 203. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FOR STATE LONG-**  
 9 **TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.**

10 (a) AREA AGENCY ON AGING.—Section 306(a)(9) (42  
 11 U.S.C. 3026(a)(9)) is amended by striking “Act and ex-  
 12 pended by the agency in fiscal year 2000” and inserting  
 13 “Act and expended by the agency in fiscal year 2019”.

14 (b) STATE AGENCY.—Section 307(a)(9) (42 U.S.C.  
 15 3027(a)(9)) is amended by striking “not less than” and  
 16 all that follows and inserting “not less than the total  
 17 amount expended by the State agency with funds received  
 18 under this title and title VII for fiscal year 2019.”.

19 **SEC. 204. SENIOR LEGAL HOTLINES.**

20 (a) STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON AGING.—  
 21 Section 307(a) (42 U.S.C. 3027(a)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (11)(C)—

23 (A) by striking “will provide” and insert-  
 24 ing the following “will—

25 “(i) provide”;

1           (B) by inserting “(which may include a  
2           statewide senior legal hotline that makes legal  
3           assistance available by telephone or another  
4           form of communication)” after “legal assist-  
5           ance” the first place it appears; and

6           (C) by striking “State, and provide” and  
7           inserting the following: “State; and  
8           “(ii) provide”; and

9           (2) in paragraph (13), by inserting “(which for  
10          purposes of this paragraph may include a statewide  
11          senior legal hotline that makes legal assistance avail-  
12          able by telephone or another form of communica-  
13          tion)” after “legal assistance programs”.

14          (b) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Section 321(a)(6) (42  
15          U.S.C. 3030d(a)(6)) is amended by inserting “(which for  
16          purposes of this paragraph may include a statewide senior  
17          legal hotline that makes legal assistance available by tele-  
18          phone or another form of communication)” after “legal  
19          assistance”.

20          (c) LEGAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT SYSTEM.—Section  
21          420(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 3032i(a)(1)) is amended by insert-  
22          ing “(which for purposes of this paragraph may include  
23          a statewide senior legal hotline that makes legal assistance  
24          available by telephone or another form of communica-  
25          tion)” after “legal assistance” the second place it appears.

1           (d) STATE LEGAL ASSISTANCE DEVELOPMENT PRO-  
2 GRAM.—Section 731(2) (42 U.S.C. 3058j(2)) is amended  
3 by inserting “(which for purposes of this paragraph may  
4 include a statewide senior legal hotline that makes legal  
5 assistance available by telephone or another form of com-  
6 munication)” after “legal assistance”.

7           (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 307 (42  
8 U.S.C. 3027) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10           “(g) The statement in paragraphs (11)(C) and (13)  
11 of subsection (a) and sections 321(a)(6), 420(a)(1), and  
12 731(2) that legal assistance may include a statewide sen-  
13 ior legal hotline shall not be construed to prohibit the pro-  
14 vision of such a hotline under another provision of this  
15 Act.”.

16           (f) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
17 of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall pre-  
18 pare and submit to Congress a report containing—

19           (1) information on which States or localities op-  
20 erate senior legal hotlines;

21           (2) information on how such hotlines operated  
22 by States or localities are funded;

23           (3) information of the usefulness of senior legal  
24 hotlines in the coordination and provision of legal  
25 assistance; and

1 (4) recommendations on additional actions that  
2 should be taken related to senior legal hotlines.

3 **SEC. 205. INCREASE IN LIMIT ON USE OF ALLOTTED FUNDS**  
4 **FOR STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

5 Section 308(b)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 3028(b)(2)(A)) is  
6 amended by striking “\$500,000” and inserting  
7 “\$750,000”.

8 **SEC. 206. IMPROVEMENTS TO NUTRITION PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS.—  
10 Section 308(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. 3028(b)(4)) is amended by  
11 adding at the end the following:

12 “(D) The State, in consultation with area agencies  
13 on aging, shall ensure the process used by the State in  
14 transferring funds under this paragraph (including re-  
15 quirements relating to the authority and timing of such  
16 transfers) is simplified and clarified to reduce administra-  
17 tive barriers and direct limited resources to the greatest  
18 nutrition service needs at the community level. Such proc-  
19 ess shall be modified to attempt to lessen the administra-  
20 tive barriers of such transfers, and help direct limited re-  
21 sources to where they are needed the most as the unmet  
22 need for nutrition services grows.”.

23 (b) DEFINITION OF NUTRITION SERVICE PRO-  
24 VIDERS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(a)(2) (42  
2 U.S.C. 3021(a)(2)) is amended in subparagraph (D)  
3 by striking “, nutrition services, and multipurpose  
4 senior centers” and inserting “and multipurpose  
5 senior centers, and nutrition service providers.”.

6           (2) DEFINITION.—Section 302 (42 U.S.C.  
7 3022) is amended—

8                   (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
9 paragraph (5); and

10                   (B) by inserting after paragraph (3), the  
11 following:

12           “(4)(A) The term ‘nutrition service provider’  
13 means—

14                   “(i) a public or private agency or organiza-  
15 tion, including a State agency, area agency on  
16 aging, local government, institution of higher  
17 education, Indian tribe, or service provider or  
18 volunteer organization, that individually meets  
19 the requirements described in subparagraph  
20 (B); or

21                   “(ii) a combination of entities described in  
22 clause (i) that collectively meet the require-  
23 ments.

24           “(B) The requirements described in this sub-  
25 paragraph are—



1           “(i) having a demonstrated record of serv-  
2           ing vulnerable and older adult populations; and

3           “(ii) supporting the health and well-being  
4           of, providing nutritious meals for, and pro-  
5           moting socialization of, those populations.”.

6           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7           (1) ADMINISTRATION ON AGING.—Section  
8           205(a)(2)(A)(ii) (42 U.S.C. 3016(a)(2)(A)(ii)) is  
9           amended by striking “nutrition providers” and in-  
10          serting “nutrition service providers (as defined in  
11          section 302)”.

12          (2) STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.—Sec-  
13          tion 339(2)(B) (42 U.S.C. 3030g–21(2)(B)) is  
14          amended by striking “nutrition providers” and in-  
15          serting “nutrition service providers”.

16   **SEC. 207. YOUNGER ONSET ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE.**

17          The Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001  
18          et seq.) is amended—

19          (1) in section 302(3) (42 U.S.C. 3022(3)), by  
20          striking “an individual with Alzheimer’s disease”  
21          and inserting “an individual of any age with Alz-  
22          heimer’s disease”; and

23          (2) in section 711(6) (42 U.S.C. 3058f(6)), by  
24          inserting “of any age” after “individual”.

1 **SEC. 208. COST SHARING AND OTHER PRACTICES.**

2 (a) EVALUATION.—Section 315(d) of the Older  
3 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030c–2(d)) is amend-  
4 ed by inserting “, by State,” after “a comprehensive eval-  
5 uation”.

6 (b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
8 of the United States shall conduct a study and issue a  
9 report that includes—

10 (1) information—

11 (A) about, and a list of, contracts (imple-  
12 mented by States or area agencies on aging)  
13 with health care organizations, and State-imple-  
14 mented cost-sharing policies by area agencies  
15 on aging, waiver use and waiver use policies,  
16 and voluntary contribution policies, by State,  
17 under title III of the Older Americans Act of  
18 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.); and

19 (B) about any negative impacts on low-in-  
20 come individuals resulting from the policies and  
21 uses described in subparagraph (A), and annual  
22 evaluation methods and corrective action that  
23 the Assistant Secretary is taking to rectify such  
24 an impact;

25 (2) information about the policies described in  
26 subparagraph (A), such as payment rates (including

1 sliding scales based solely on individual income and  
2 the cost of delivering services and whether low-in-  
3 come individuals or other populations are excluded  
4 from cost sharing or whether specific demographic  
5 groups are targeted with cost sharing), procedures  
6 to account for cost-sharing payments, written or  
7 other educational materials to inform recipients  
8 about cost sharing and voluntary contributions in a  
9 way that protects access to services, and the extent  
10 to which stakeholders' views are solicited regarding  
11 cost-sharing policies;

12 (3) information on the number of older individ-  
13 uals paying for services under the Older Americans  
14 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.);

15 (4) policies that ensure that—

16 (A) low-income individuals are not bur-  
17 dened by cost-sharing policies; and

18 (B) cost-sharing policies do not result in  
19 the denial of services due to the individual's in-  
20 come or the individual's failure to make a cost-  
21 sharing payment; and

22 (5) recommendations to Congress and various  
23 stakeholders about ways to clarify or improve cost  
24 sharing or voluntary contribution policies and imple-  
25 mentation.

1 **SEC. 209. NUTRITION SERVICES STUDY.**

2 Subpart 3 of part C of title III of the Older Ameri-  
3 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030g-21 et seq.) is amend-  
4 ed by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 339B. NUTRITION SERVICES IMPACT STUDY.**

6 “(a) STUDY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary  
8 shall perform a study to assess how to measure and  
9 evaluate the discrepancy between available services  
10 and the demand for such services in the home deliv-  
11 ered nutrition services program and the congregate  
12 nutrition services program under this part, which  
13 shall include assessing various methods (such as  
14 those that States use) to measure and evaluate the  
15 discrepancy (such as measurement through the  
16 length of waitlists).

17 “(2) CONTENTS.—In performing the study, the  
18 Assistant Secretary shall—

19 “(A) consider means of obtaining informa-  
20 tion in rural and underserved communities; and

21 “(B) consider using existing tools (existing  
22 as of the date the Assistant Secretary begins  
23 the study) such as the tools developed through  
24 the Performance Outcome Measurement  
25 Project.

1           “(3) ANALYSIS.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
2 analyze and determine which methods are the least  
3 burdensome and most effective for measuring and  
4 evaluating the discrepancy described in paragraph  
5 (1).

6           “(b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

7           “(1) PREPARATION.—Not later than 3 years  
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assist-  
9 ant Secretary shall prepare recommendations on how  
10 to measure and evaluate, with the least burden and  
11 the most effectiveness, the discrepancy described in  
12 subsection (a)(1) (such as measurement through the  
13 length of waitlists).

14           “(2) ISSUANCE.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
15 issue the recommendations, and make the rec-  
16 ommendations available as a notification pursuant to  
17 section 202(a)(32) and to the committees of the  
18 Senate and of the House of Representatives with ju-  
19 risdiction over this Act, and the Special Committee  
20 on Aging of the Senate.”.

21 **SEC. 210. NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PRO-**  
22 **GRAM.**

23           (a) DEFINITIONS FOR NATIONAL FAMILY CARE-  
24 GIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM.—Section 372(a) of the Older

1 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030s(a)) is amend-  
2 ed—

3 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
4 (3) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively; and  
5 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-  
6 designated, the following:

7 “(1) CAREGIVER ASSESSMENT.—The term  
8 ‘caregiver assessment’ means a defined process of  
9 gathering information to identify the specific needs,  
10 barriers, and existing supports of a family caregiver  
11 or older relative caregiver, as identified by the care-  
12 giver involved, to appropriately target recommenda-  
13 tions for support services described in section  
14 373(b). Such assessment shall be administered  
15 through direct contact with the caregiver, which may  
16 include contact through a home visit, the Internet,  
17 telephone or teleconference, or in-person inter-  
18 action.”.

19 (b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Section 373 of the Older  
20 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030s–1) is amend-  
21 ed—

22 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding  
23 paragraph (1), by inserting “which may be informed  
24 through the use of caregiver assessments,” after  
25 “provided,”;

1           (2) in subsection (e)(3), in the first sentence, by  
2           inserting “, including caregiver assessments used in  
3           the State,” after “mechanisms”;

4           (3) in subsection (g)(2), by striking subpara-  
5           graph (C);

6           (4) by redesignating subsections (e) through (g)  
7           as subsections (f) through (h), respectively;

8           (5) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
9           lowing:

10          “(e) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 1 year after  
11          the date of enactment of the Modernization of the Older  
12          Americans Act Amendments and every 5 years thereafter,  
13          the Assistant Secretary shall—

14                 “(1) identify best practices relating to the pro-  
15                 grams carried out under this section and section  
16                 631, regarding—

17                         “(A) the use of procedures and tools to  
18                         monitor and evaluate the performance of the  
19                         programs carried out under such sections;

20                         “(B) the use of evidence-based caregiver  
21                         support services; and

22                         “(C) any other issue determined relevant  
23                         by the Assistant Secretary; and

24                 “(2) make available, including on the website of  
25                 the Administration and pursuant to section

1       202(a)(32), best practices described in paragraph  
2       (1), to carry out the programs under this section  
3       and section 631.”; and

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

5       “(i) ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—The  
6 Assistant Secretary may award funds authorized under  
7 this section **【to whom?】** for conducting activities of na-  
8 tional significance that—

9               “(1) promote quality and continuous improve-  
10 ment in the support provided to family caregivers  
11 and older relative caregivers through programs car-  
12 ried out under this section and section 631; and

13              “(2) include, with respect to such programs,  
14 program evaluation, training, technical assistance,  
15 and research.

16       “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAREGIVING AS-  
17 SESSMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
18 actment of the Modernization of the Older Americans Act  
19 Amendments, the Assistant Secretary, in consultation  
20 with stakeholders with appropriate expertise and, as ap-  
21 propriate, informed by the strategy developed under the  
22 RAISE Family Caregivers Act, shall provide technical as-  
23 sistance to promote and implement the use of caregiver  
24 assessments. Such technical assistance may include shar-



1 ing available tools or templates, comprehensive assessment  
2 protocols, and best practices concerning—

3 “(1) conducting caregiver assessments (includ-  
4 ing reassessments) as needed;

5 “(2) implementing such assessments that are  
6 consistent across a planning and service area, as ap-  
7 propriate; and

8 “(3) implementing caregiver support service  
9 plans, including referrals to and coordination of ac-  
10 tivities with relevant State services.”.

11 (c) REPORT ON CAREGIVER ASSESSMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after  
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-  
14 retary shall issue a report on the use of caregiver as-  
15 sessments by area agencies on aging, entities con-  
16 tracting with such agencies, and tribal organizations.  
17 Such report shall include—

18 (A) an analysis of the current use of care-  
19 giver assessments, as of the date of the report;

20 (B) an analysis of the potential impact of  
21 caregiver assessments on—

22 (i) family caregivers and older relative  
23 caregivers; and

1                   (ii) the older individuals to whom the  
2                   caregivers described in clause (i) provide  
3                   care;

4                   (C) an analysis of the potential impact of  
5                   using caregiver assessments on the aging net-  
6                   work;

7                   (D) an analysis of how caregiver assess-  
8                   ments are being used to identify the specific  
9                   needs, barriers, and existing supports of family  
10                  caregivers and older relative caregivers, with  
11                  particular consideration to supporting—

12                   (i) a caregiver specified in this sub-  
13                   paragraph who is caring for individuals  
14                   with disabilities, or, if appropriate, with a  
15                   serious illness; and

16                   (ii) caregivers with disabilities;

17                   (E) recommendations for furthering the  
18                   use of caregiver assessments, as appropriate, in-  
19                   cluding in rural or underserved areas; and

20                   (F) recommendations for assisting State  
21                   agencies and area agencies on aging, particu-  
22                   larly in rural or underserved areas, in imple-  
23                   menting the use of caregiver assessments.

24                   (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 6 months  
25                   after the issuance of the report in subsection (c)(1),

1 the Assistant Secretary shall submit the report to  
 2 the committees of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
 3 resentatives with jurisdiction over this Act, and the  
 4 Special Committee on Aging of the Senate.

5 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
 6 terms “caregiver assessment” and “older relative  
 7 caregiver” have the meanings given such terms in  
 8 section 372(a) of the Older Americans Act of 1965  
 9 (42 U.S.C. 3030s(a)).

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 631(b) of  
 11 such Act (42 U.S.C. 3057k–11(b)) is amended by striking  
 12 “(c), (d), and (e)” and inserting “(c), (d), and (f)”.

13 **TITLE III—MODERNIZING AC-**  
 14 **TIVITIES FOR HEALTH, INDE-**  
 15 **PENDENCE, AND LONGEVITY**

16 **SEC. 301. REAUTHORIZATION.**

17 (a) TITLE IV.—Section 411(b) (42 U.S.C. 3032(b))  
 18 is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$6,216,054”  
 20 and all that follows through “2019” and inserting  
 21 “**[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2020]**,  
 22 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2021]**,  
 23 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2022]**,  
 24 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2023]**, and  
 25 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2024]**”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking  
2           “\$10,856,828” and all that follows through “2019”  
3           and inserting “[\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
4           [2020], [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2021],  
5           [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2022],  
6           [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2023], and  
7           [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2024]”.

8           (b) TITLE V.—Section 517(a) (42 U.S.C. 3056o(a))  
9           is amended by striking “\$445,189,405” and all that fol-  
10          lows “2019” and inserting “[\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal  
11          year [2020], [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2021],  
12          [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year 2022, [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for  
13          fiscal year [2023], and [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year  
14          [2024]”.

15   **SEC. 302. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INNOVATION TO IM-**  
16                           **PROVE TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER INDI-**  
17                           **VIDUALS.**

18          Section 416(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 3032e(b)(2)) is amend-  
19          ed—

20           (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before  
21           the semicolon “, call center, website or Internet  
22           based portal, mobile application, or other techno-  
23           logical tools”;

24           (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and”  
25           and inserting “;”;

1           (3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-  
2           paragraph (G); and

3           (4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5                   “(D)(i) improving the aggregation, avail-  
6                   ability, and accessibility of information on op-  
7                   tions for transportation services for older indi-  
8                   viduals, including information on public transit,  
9                   on-demand transportation services, volunteer-  
10                  based transportation services, and other private  
11                  transportation providers; and

12                   “(ii) providing older individuals with the  
13                   ability to schedule trips both in advance and on  
14                   demand, as appropriate;

15                   “(E) identifying opportunities to share re-  
16                   sources and reduce costs of transportation serv-  
17                   ices for older individuals;

18                   “(F) coordinating individualized trip plan-  
19                   ning responses to requests from older individ-  
20                   uals for transportation services; and”.

21 **SEC. 303. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MULTIGENERATIONAL**  
22 **COLLABORATION.**

23           Section 417 (42 U.S.C. 3032f) is amended—

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

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

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

9                   “(A) meaningful roles for participants;

10                   “(B) reciprocity in relationship building;

11                   “(C) reduced social isolation and improved  
12 participant social connectedness;

13                   “(D) improved economic well-being for  
14 older individuals;

15                   “(E) increased lifelong learning; or

16                   “(F) support for family caregivers by—

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

21                           “(ii) involving volunteers who are  
22 older individuals who provide support and  
23 information to families who have a child  
24 with a disability or chronic illness, or other

1 families in need of such family support;

2 and

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

8 (2) by striking subsection (g);

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

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

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

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

18 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

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

23 “(2) PROVISION OF PROJECTS THROUGH  
24 GRANTEES.—In making grants under this section,  
25 the Assistant Secretary shall ensure that awards are

1 made for the activities and projects described in  
2 each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

9           “(g) EVALUATION.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
11 after the date of enactment of the Modernization of  
12 the Older Americans Act Amendments, the Assistant  
13 Secretary shall, through data submitted by organiza-  
14 tions receiving grants or contracts under this sec-  
15 tion, evaluate the activities supported through such  
16 grants and contracts to determine—

17           “(A) the effectiveness of such activities;

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

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

23           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6  
24 months after the Assistant Secretary completes the  
25 evaluation under paragraph (1), the Assistant Sec-

1       retary shall prepare and submit to the Speaker of  
2       the House of Representatives and the President pro  
3       tempore of the Senate a report that assesses such  
4       evaluation and contains, at a minimum—

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

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

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

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

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

19              “(F) the rate of turnover of older indi-  
20      vidual employees and volunteers in such  
21      projects;

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

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

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

4 **SEC. 304. GRANTS FOR HEALTH, INDEPENDENCE, AND LON-**  
 5 **GEVITY.**

6 Section 411(a)(9) (42 U.S.C. 3032(a)(9)) is amended

7 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”  
 8 and inserting “;”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;” and in-  
 10 sserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(D) placing volunteers in communities to  
 13 assist family caregivers, older individuals, and  
 14 individuals with disabilities in maintaining inde-  
 15 pendence by providing non-medical care;”.

16 **[TITLE IV—ENHANCING GRANTS**  
 17 **FOR NATIVE AMERICANS]**

18 **SEC. 401. REAUTHORIZATION.**

19 Section 643 (42 U.S.C. 3057n) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 21 “\$31,934,018” and all that follows “2019” and in-  
 22 sserting “[\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2020],  
 23 [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2021],  
 24 [\$\_\_\_\_\_] for fiscal year [2022],

1       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2023】, and  
 2       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2024】”; and  
 3           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$6,500,000”  
 4       and all that follows through “2011” and inserting  
 5       “【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2020】,  
 6       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2021】,  
 7       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2022】,  
 8       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2023】, and  
 9       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2024】”.

10   **TITLE V—MODERNIZING ALLOT-**  
 11   **MENTS FOR VULNERABLE**  
 12   **ELDER RIGHTS PROTECTION**  
 13   **ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PRO-**  
 14   **GRAMS**

15   **SEC. 501. REAUTHORIZATION; VULNERABLE ELDER RIGHTS**  
 16           **PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.**

17       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 702 (42 U.S.C. 3058a)  
 18       is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (a), by striking  
 20       “\$16,280,630” and all that follows through “2019”  
 21       and inserting “【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year  
 22       【2020】, 【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2021】,  
 23       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2022】,  
 24       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2023,】 and  
 25       【\$\_\_\_\_\_】 for fiscal year 【2024】”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “\$4,891,876”  
 2 and all that follows through “2019” and inserting  
 3 “**[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2020]**,  
 4 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2021]**,  
 5 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2022]**,  
 6 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2023]**, and  
 7 **[\$\_\_\_\_\_]** for fiscal year **[2024]**”.

8 (b) NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM.—Section 751(d)  
 9 (42 U.S.C. 3058aa(d)) is amended **[**by striking “and such  
 10 sums as may be necessary” and inserting “and  
 11 \$\_\_\_\_\_”**]**.

12 **SEC. 502. MINIMUM ALLOTMENTS FOR OMBUDSMAN AND**  
 13 **ELDER ABUSE PROGRAMS.**

14 Clauses (i) and (ii) of section 703(a)(2)(C) (42  
 15 U.S.C. 3058b(a)(2)(C)) are amended by striking “2000”  
 16 and inserting “2019”.

17 **SEC. 503. VOLUNTEER STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDS-**  
 18 **MAN REPRESENTATIVES.**

19 Section 712(a)(5) (42 U.S.C. 3058g(a)(5)) is amend-  
 20 ed by adding at the end the following:

21 “(E) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR VOL-  
 22 UNTEER OMBUDSMAN REPRESENTATIVES.—  
 23 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as  
 24 prohibiting the program from reimbursing or  
 25 otherwise providing financial support to an indi-

1           vidual designated under subparagraph (A) as a  
2           volunteer to represent a local Ombudsman enti-  
3           ty for any costs, such as transportation costs,  
4           incurred by the individual in serving as such  
5           volunteer.”.

6 **SEC. 504. PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND**  
7 **EXPLOITATION.**

8           Section 721(b)(12) (42 U.S.C. 3058i(b)(12)) is  
9 amended—

10           (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “commu-  
11           nity outreach and education,” after “technical as-  
12           sistance”; and

13           (2) in subparagraph (F)—

14                   (A) by striking “studying” and inserting  
15                   “implementing”; and

16                   (B) by inserting “, programs, and mate-  
17                   rials” after “practices”.

18 **SEC. 505. BEST PRACTICES FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-**  
19 **BASED OMBUDSMEN.**

20           Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
21 of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall issue a report  
22 updating the best practices for home and community-  
23 based ombudsmen that were included in the report entitled  
24 “Best Practices for Home and Community-Based Om-  
25 budsmen”, issued by the National Direct Service Work-

1 force Resource Center of the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
2 icaid Services and prepared by the Research and Training  
3 Center at the University of Minnesota and The Lewin  
4 Group (January 2013).

5 **SEC. 506. SENIOR HOME MODIFICATION ASSISTANCE INI-**  
6 **TIATIVE.**

7 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
8 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
9 shall conduct a study and issue a report that includes—

10 (1) an inventory of Federal programs, adminis-  
11 tered by the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services, the Department of Housing and Urban De-  
13 velopment, or any other Federal agency determined  
14 appropriate by the Comptroller General, that sup-  
15 port home assessments and home modifications for  
16 older individuals and individuals with disabilities;

17 (2) statistical data, for recent fiscal years, on  
18 the number of older individuals and individuals with  
19 disabilities served by each Federal program de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (1) and the approximate  
21 amount of Federal funding invested in each such  
22 program;

23 (3) a demographic analysis of individuals served  
24 by each such program for recent fiscal years;

1           (4) an analysis of duplication and gaps in popu-  
2           lations supported by the Federal programs described  
3           in paragraph (1);

4           (5) what is known about the impact of the Fed-  
5           eral programs described in paragraph (1) on health  
6           status and health outcomes in populations supported  
7           by such programs;

8           (6) a review of Federal efforts to coordinate  
9           Federal programs existing prior to the date of enact-  
10          ment of this Act that support home assessments and  
11          home modifications for older individuals and individ-  
12          uals with disabilities and any considerations for im-  
13          proving coordination, which may include an indica-  
14          tion of the Federal agency or department that is  
15          best suited to coordinate such Federal efforts; and

16          (7) information on the extent to which con-  
17          sumer-friendly resources, such as a brochure, are  
18          available through the National Eldercare Locator  
19          Service established under section 202(a)(21) of the  
20          Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
21          3012(a)(21)), are accessible to all area agencies on  
22          aging, and contain information on home assessments  
23          and home modifications for older individuals at-  
24          tempting to live independently and safely in their  
25          homes and for the caregivers of such individuals.