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MARCH 18, 2009

Reported by Ms. MIKULSKI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

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

~~SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.~~

~~(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Serve America Act".~~

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

~~Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.~~

~~TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE~~

~~Subtitle A—Service-Learning~~

~~Sec. 111. Youth engagement zones to strengthen communities.~~
~~Sec. 112. Campus of Service.~~
~~Sec. 113. Service-learning impact study.~~

~~Subtitle B—Supporting Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship~~

~~Sec. 121. Innovation and entrepreneurship.~~

~~Subtitle C—Serveamerica Corps~~

~~Sec. 131. Corps.~~

~~Subtitle D—Civic Health Index~~

~~Sec. 141. Index.~~

~~Subtitle E—Serveamerica and Encore Fellowships~~

~~Sec. 151. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.~~

~~Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation Fund; National Service Reserve Corps; Call to Service Campaign~~

~~Sec. 161. Statement of purposes.~~
~~Sec. 162. Establishment of Volunteer Generation Fund.~~
~~Sec. 163. National Service Reserve Corps.~~
~~Sec. 164. Call To Service campaign.~~

~~Subtitle G—Conforming Amendments~~

~~Sec. 171. Conforming amendments.~~

~~TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM~~

~~Sec. 201. Findings.~~
~~Sec. 202. Definitions.~~
~~Sec. 203. Office of Volunteers for Prosperity.~~
~~Sec. 204. Authorization of appropriations.~~

~~TITLE I—NATIONAL SERVICE~~

~~Subtitle A—Service-Learning~~

~~SEC. 111. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES.~~

~~(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:~~

~~(1) Engaging in service-learning and community service activities at a young age makes individuals more likely to continue to volunteer and engage in service throughout their lives.~~

~~(2) High-quality service-learning programs keep students engaged in school and increase the likelihood that they will graduate.~~

~~(3) Since its creation, the Learn and Serve America program has allowed more than 15,000,000 students to take part in service-learning activities to improve their communities and schools.~~

~~(4) Most schools do not offer service-learning activities, but many students, particularly students at risk of dropping out, express an interest in service-learning.~~

~~(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~

~~(1) to provide increased high-quality service-learning opportunities for in-school and out-of-school youth in high-need, low-income communities as a~~

~~strategy to retain and re-engage youth likely to drop out and youth who have dropped out;~~

~~(2) to encourage more individuals to engage in lifetimes of service by teaching young people the value of service early in their lives; and~~

~~(3) to establish youth engagement zones with the goal of involving all secondary school students served by a local educational agency in service-learning to solve a specific community challenge, through a program that can serve as a model for other communities.~~

~~(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Part I of subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended—~~

~~(1) by redesignating subparts B and C as subparts C and D, respectively;~~

~~(2) by redesignating sections 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B as sections 114A through 114E, respectively; and~~

~~(3) by inserting after subpart A the following:~~

~~"Subpart B—Youth Engagement Zones to Strengthen Communities~~

~~"SEC. 115. GRANT PROGRAM.~~

~~"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

~~"(1) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term 'college-going rate' means the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in an institution of higher education in the school year immediately following graduation from high school.~~

~~"(2) GRADUATION RATE.—The term 'graduation rate' means the graduation rate for public secondary school students, as defined in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi)).~~

~~"(3) LOW-INCOME STUDENT.—The term 'low-income student' means a student who is eligible to be counted under one of the measures of poverty described in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)).~~

~~"(4) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term 'out-of-school youth' means youth of an appropriate age to attend secondary school who are not currently enrolled in secondary schools.~~

~~"(5) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE.—The term 'youth engagement zone' means the area in which a youth engagement zone program is carried out.~~

~~"(6) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM.—The term 'youth engagement zone program' means a service-learning program in which members of a partnership described in subsection (c) collaborate to provide coordinated school-based or community-based service-learning opportunities, to address a specific community challenge, for secondary school students served by the local educational agency involved as described in subsection (d)(2)(B), and for an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth, over 5 years.~~

~~"(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—~~

~~"(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Corporation may make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible partnerships to enable the partnerships to establish and carry out, in youth engagement zones, youth engagement zone programs with secondary school students and with out-of-school youth, in order to carry out projects to improve communities involving—~~

~~"(A) improving student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student academic achievement, graduation rates, and college-going rates, at secondary~~

~~schools with high concentrations of low-income students;~~

~~"(B) maintaining and improving local parks, trails, and rivers, assisting in the development of local recycling programs, or implementing initiatives to improve local energy effectively;~~

~~"(C) improving civic engagement and participation among individuals of all ages; or~~

~~"(D) carrying out another activity that focuses on solving a community challenge faced by the community that the eligible partnership involved will serve.~~

~~"(2) GRANT PERIODS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for periods of 5 years.~~

~~"(3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall make such a grant to a partnership in an amount of not less than $250,000 and not more than $1,000,000, based on the number of students served by the local educational agency in the partnership.~~

~~"(c) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a partnership—~~

~~"(1) shall include—~~

~~"(A) 1 or more community-based agencies that have demonstrated records of success in~~

~~carrying out service-learning programs with low-income students, and that meet such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish; and~~

~~"(B)(i) a local educational agency for which—~~

~~"(I) a high number or percentage of the students served by the agency, as determined by the Corporation, are low-income students; and~~

~~"(II) the graduation rate for the secondary school students served by the agency is less than 70 percent; or~~

~~"(ii)(I) a State Commission or State educational agency; and~~

~~"(II) more than 1 local educational agency described in clause (i); and~~

~~"(2) may include—~~

~~"(A) a local government agency that is not described in paragraph (1);~~

~~"(B) the office of the chief executive officer of a unit of general local government; or~~

~~"(C) an institution of higher education.~~

~~"(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a partnership shall submit an applica-~~

~~tion to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, which shall include—~~

~~"(1) a description of the project to improve the community that the partnership is proposing to carry out, including—~~

~~"(A) the community challenge the partnership seeks to address, and relevant data about the challenge in such community; or~~

~~"(B) a description of the process the partnership will use, as part of the youth engagement zone program, to identify the community challenge the partnership will seek to address, including how the partnership will use relevant data to identify such challenge;~~

~~"(2) a description of how the partnership will work with secondary schools served by the local educational agency that is included in such partnership in carrying out the project to assure that—~~

~~"(A) by the end of the third year of the grant period, a majority of the students in the secondary schools served by the local educational agency will have participated in service-learning activities as part of the project; and~~

~~"(B) by the end of the fifth year of the grant period—~~

~~"(i) not less than 90 percent of the students in those schools will have participated in service-learning activities as part of the project; or~~

~~"(ii) service-learning will be a mandatory part of the curriculum in all of the secondary schools served by the local educational agency;~~

~~"(3) a description of the amount of time for which the partnership will seek to have participating individuals participate in service-learning activities as part of the project, and how that time will be structured;~~

~~"(4) a description of the partnership's plan to provide high-quality, ongoing service-learning professional development and assistance to educators conducting service-learning activities through the youth engagement zone program;~~

~~"(5) a description of how the partnership will work to—~~

~~"(A) ensure that out-of-school youth in the community are included as participants in serv-~~

~~ice-learning activities carried out through the project; and~~

~~"(B) re-engage out-of-school youth;~~

~~"(6) a description of how the partnership will work, through the project, to improve student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates, and college-going rates, at schools served by the local educational agency that is included in the eligible partnership;~~

~~"(7) a description of how the partnership will encourage participants to continue to engage in service after graduation from secondary school; and~~

~~"(8) a description of how youth in the community were involved in the development of the proposal for the project.~~

~~"(e) PRIORITY AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—~~

~~"(1) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section, the Corporation shall give priority to eligible partnerships that serve high percentages or numbers of low-income students.~~

~~"(2) CONSIDERATION.—In making grants under this section, the Corporation shall take into consideration the relevant data about the challenges in communities that eligible partnerships include in~~

~~their applications, if the relevant partnerships submit such relevant data under subsection (d)(1)(A).~~

~~"(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corporation shall make the grants to a geographically diverse set of eligible partnerships, including partnerships that serve urban, and partnerships that serve rural, communities.~~

~~"(f) USE OF FUNDS.—~~

~~"(1) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—A partnership that receives a grant under this section shall use the funds made available through the grant to establish and carry out a high-quality youth engagement zone program designed to—~~

~~"(A) solve specific community challenges;~~

~~"(B) improve student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student achievement, graduation rates, and college-going rates in secondary schools;~~

~~"(C) involve an increasing percentage of secondary school students and out-of-school youth in the community in school-based or community-based service-learning activities each year, with the goal of involving all students in secondary schools served by the local educational agency and involving an increasing per-~~

~~centage of the out-of-school youth in service-learning activities over the course of 5 years; and~~

~~"(D) encourage participants to continue to engage in service throughout their lives.~~

~~"(2) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A partnership that receives a grant under this section may use the funds made available through the grant for activities described in section 111.~~

~~"(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Any requirement of this subpart that applies to a local educational agency in a partnership shall be considered to apply to each local educational agency in the partnership.".~~

~~(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVATIONS.—Section 501(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)) is amended—~~

~~(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "title I" and inserting "title I (other than subpart B of part I)";~~

~~(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking "subpart B" and inserting "subpart C"; and~~

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

~~"(C) SUBPART B OF PART I.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart B of part I of subtitle B of title I—~~

~~"(i) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;~~

~~"(ii) $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;~~

~~"(iii) $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;~~

~~"(iv) $40,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and~~

~~"(v) $40,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.".~~

~~SEC. 112. CAMPUS OF SERVICE.~~

~~(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:~~

~~(1) Providing service-learning courses to individuals who are students in institutions of higher education can make such individuals more likely to engage in service throughout their lives, and better prepared to take on public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~(2) While many institutions of higher education, in using work-study funds for community service under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, considerably exceed the percentage of such funds required to be used for such service, nationally the amount of such funds used for such service has remained relatively constant for the past few years.~~

~~(3) The public service sector, including the nonprofit sector and government, faces many human capital challenges, and institutions of higher education can be a part of efforts to address the challenges.~~

~~(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~

~~(1) to identify and recognize institutions of higher education that serve as model Campuses of Service, in terms of engaging students in community service activities, providing service-learning courses, and encouraging or assisting graduates to pursue careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government; and~~

~~(2) to allow such institutions to increase their ability to encourage or assist more students to pursue careers in public service, including public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:~~

~~"PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM~~

~~"SEC. 119E. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.~~

~~"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, after consultation with the Secretary of Education, may annually des-~~

~~ignate not more than 30 institutions of higher education as Campuses of Service, from among institutions nominated by State Commissions. An institution that receives the designation shall have an opportunity to apply for funds under subsection (d), and may nominate additional individuals for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section 198E, as described in subsection (e).~~

~~"(b) APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a nomination to receive designation under subsection (a), and have an opportunity to apply for funds under subsection (d), for a fiscal year, an institution of higher education in a State shall submit an application to the State Commission at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the State Commission may require.~~

~~"(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the application shall include information specifying—~~

~~"(A)(i) the number of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate service-learning courses offered at such institution for the most recent full academic year preceding the fiscal year for which designation is sought; and~~

~~"(ii) the number and percentage of undergraduate students and, if applicable, the num-~~

~~ber and percentage of graduate students at such institution who were enrolled in the corresponding courses described in clause (i), for that preceding academic year;~~

~~"(B) the percentage of undergraduate students engaging in and, if applicable, the percentage of graduate students engaging in activities providing community services, as defined in section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751(c)), during that preceding academic year, the quality of such activities, and the average amount of time spent, per student, engaged in such activities;~~

~~"(C) for that preceding academic year, the percentage of Federal work-study funds made available to the institution under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that is used to compensate students employed in providing community services, as so defined, and a description of the efforts the institution undertakes to make available to students opportunities to provide such community services and be compensated through such work-study funds;~~

1 ~~"(D) at the discretion of the institution,~~
2 ~~information demonstrating the degree to which~~
3 ~~recent graduates of the institution, and all~~
4 ~~graduates of the institution, have obtained full-~~
5 ~~time public service employment in the nonprofit~~
6 ~~sector or government, with a private nonprofit~~
7 ~~organization or a Federal, State, or local public~~
8 ~~agency; and~~
9 ~~"(E) any programs the institution has in~~
10 ~~place to encourage or assist graduates of the in-~~
11 ~~stitution to pursue careers in public service in~~
12 ~~the nonprofit sector or government.~~
13 ~~"(c) NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION.—~~
14 ~~"(1) NOMINATION.—~~
15 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission~~
16 ~~that receives applications from institutions of~~
17 ~~higher education under subsection (b) may~~
18 ~~nominate, for designation under subsection (a),~~
19 ~~not more than 3 such institutions of higher~~
20 ~~education, consisting of—~~
21 ~~"(i) not more than one 4-year public~~
22 ~~institution of higher education;~~
23 ~~"(ii) not more than one 4-year private~~
24 ~~institution of higher education; and~~

1 ~~"(iii) not more than one 2-year insti-~~
2 ~~tution of higher education.~~
3 ~~"(B) SUBMISSION.—The State Commission~~
4 ~~shall submit to the Corporation the name and~~
5 ~~application of each institution nominated by the~~
6 ~~State Commission under subparagraph (A).~~
7 ~~"(2) DESIGNATION.—The Corporation shall~~
8 ~~designate, under subsection (a), not more than 30~~
9 ~~institutions of higher education from among the in-~~
10 ~~stitutions nominated under paragraph (1). In mak-~~
11 ~~ing the designations, the Corporation shall, if fea-~~
12 ~~sible, designate various types of institutions, includ-~~
13 ~~ing institutions from each of the categories of insti-~~
14 ~~tutions described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of para-~~
15 ~~graph (1)(A).~~
16 ~~"(d) FUNDS.—~~
17 ~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—Using sums appropriated~~
18 ~~under section 501(a)(1)(D), the Corporation shall~~
19 ~~provide funds to institutions designated under sub-~~
20 ~~section (c), to be used by the institutions to imple-~~
21 ~~ment strategies to encourage or assist students from~~
22 ~~those institutions to pursue careers in public service~~
23 ~~in the nonprofit sector or government. The institu-~~
24 ~~tion may also use the funds to develop or dissemi-~~
25 ~~nate, to other institutions of higher education, serv-~~

~~ice-learning models and best practices regarding service-learning.~~

~~"(2) PLAN.—To be eligible to receive funds under this subsection, an institution designated under subsection (c) shall submit a plan to the Corporation describing how the institution intends to use the funds to encourage or assist those students to pursue those careers.~~

~~"(3) ALLOCATION.—The Corporation shall determine how the funds appropriated under section 501(a)(1)(D) for a fiscal year will be allocated among the institutions submitting acceptable plans under paragraph (2). In determining the amount of funds to be allocated to such an institution, the Corporation shall consider the number of students at the institution, the quality and scope of the plan submitted by the institution under paragraph (2), and the institution's current (as of the date of submission of the plan) strategies to encourage or assist students to pursue public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~"(c) ADDITIONAL SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—An institution designated as a Campus of Service may nominate additional individuals (relative to the number~~

that other institutions may nominate) for ServeAmerica Fellowships under section 198E.''.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section 111(d), is further amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''subpart B of part I'' and inserting ''subpart B of part I and part III''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(D) PART III.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out part III of subtitle B of title I $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.''.

SEC. 113. SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), as amended by section 112(c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

''SEC. 119F. STUDY AND REPORT.

''(a) STUDY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall enter into a contract with an entity that is not otherwise a recipient of financial assistance under this

~~subtitle, to conduct a 10-year longitudinal study on the impact of the activities carried out under this subtitle.~~

~~"(2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the entity shall consider the impact of service-learning activities carried out under this subtitle on students participating in such activities, including in particular examining the degree to which the activities—~~

~~"(A) improved student academic achievement;~~

~~"(B) improved student engagement;~~

~~"(C) improved graduation rates; and~~

~~"(D) improved the degree to which the participants in the activities engaged in subsequent national service, volunteering, or other service activities, or pursued careers in public service, in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~"(3) ANALYSIS.—In carrying out such study, the entity shall examine the impact of the service-learning activities on the 4 factors described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2), analyzed in terms of how much time participants were engaged in service-learning activities.~~

1 ~~"(4) BEST PRACTICES.—The entity shall collect~~
2 ~~information on best practices concerning using serv-~~
3 ~~ice-learning activities to improve the 4 factors.~~
4 ~~"(b) REPORT.—The entity shall submit a report to~~
5 ~~the Corporation containing the results of the study and~~
6 ~~the information on best practices. The Corporation shall~~
7 ~~submit such report to the Committee on Education and~~
8 ~~Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee~~
9 ~~on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate,~~
10 ~~and shall make such report available to the public on the~~
11 ~~Corporation's website.~~
12 ~~"(c) CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION.—On re-~~
13 ~~ceiving the report, the Corporation shall consult with the~~
14 ~~Secretary of Education to review the results of the study,~~
15 ~~and to identify best practices concerning using service-~~
16 ~~learning activities to improve the 4 factors described in~~
17 ~~subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(2). The~~
18 ~~Corporation shall disseminate information on the identi-~~
19 ~~fied best practices.".~~
20 ~~(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section~~
21 ~~501(a)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of~~
22 ~~1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(1)), as amended by section~~
23 ~~112(d), is further amended—~~

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "subpart B of part I and part III" and inserting "subpart B of part I, and parts III and IV"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) PART IV.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part IV of subtitle B of title I such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.".

Subtitle B—Supporting Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

SEC. 121. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subtitles F through I as subtitles H through K; and

(2) by inserting after subtitle E the following:

"Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

"PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS-SECTOR SOLUTIONS

"SEC. 167. COMMISSION.

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

1 ~~"(1) Nonprofit organizations play a significant~~
2 ~~role in addressing national and local challenges that~~
3 ~~impact economically disadvantaged individuals.~~
4 ~~"(2) Innovative nonprofit organizations often~~
5 ~~serve as a research and development engine for the~~
6 ~~social service sector, identifying effective solutions to~~
7 ~~national and local challenges.~~
8 ~~"(3) Despite the important role effective non-~~
9 ~~profit organizations play in addressing national and~~
10 ~~local challenges, such organizations face administra-~~
11 ~~tive and efficiency barriers in maximizing their work~~
12 ~~with businesses and the government, and limited re-~~
13 ~~sources are available to help such organizations in-~~
14 ~~crease their capacity to deliver services more effec-~~
15 ~~tively, efficiently, on a larger scale, and with greater~~
16 ~~accountability.~~
17 ~~"(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~
18 ~~"(1) to examine and recommend ways in which~~
19 ~~the Federal Government can interact more effi-~~
20 ~~ciently and effectively with nonprofit organizations,~~
21 ~~philanthropic organizations, and business to achieve~~
22 ~~better outcomes with regard to addressing national~~
23 ~~and local challenges, accountability, and utilization~~
24 ~~of resources;~~

1 ~~"(2) to provide advice to the President and~~
2 ~~Congress regarding new, more effective ways for the~~
3 ~~Federal Government to address national and local~~
4 ~~challenges in partnership with the nonprofit sector;~~
5 ~~and~~
6 ~~"(3) to support research that will advance the~~
7 ~~impact and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and~~
8 ~~the way that the Federal Government interacts with~~
9 ~~such sector.~~
10 ~~"(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—~~
11 ~~"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a~~
12 ~~commission to be known as the Commission on~~
13 ~~Cross-Sector Solutions to America's Problems (in~~
14 ~~this section referred to as the 'Commission').~~
15 ~~"(2) MEMBERSHIP.—~~
16 ~~"(A) COMPOSITION.—The Commission~~
17 ~~shall be composed of 21 members, of whom—~~
18 ~~"(i) 9 shall be appointed by the Presi-~~
19 ~~dent;~~
20 ~~"(ii) 3 shall be appointed by the ma-~~
21 ~~jority leader of the Senate;~~
22 ~~"(iii) 3 shall be appointed by the mi-~~
23 ~~nority leader of the Senate;~~

~~"(iv) 3 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and~~

~~"(v) 3 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.~~

~~"(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES.—~~

~~"(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Commission shall include members appointed under subparagraph (A)(i) who, to the extent practicable, collectively have extensive experience or are experts in—~~

~~"(I) social entrepreneurship and social enterprise;~~

~~"(II) the management and operation of small nonprofit organizations and large nonprofit organizations;~~

~~"(III) business, including a business with experience working with a startup enterprise and a business with experience working with the nonprofit sector;~~

1 ~~"(IV) philanthropy, including the~~
2 ~~specific philanthropic challenges in~~
3 ~~urban and rural areas and in areas~~
4 ~~that are philanthropically under-~~
5 ~~served;~~
6 ~~"(V) volunteering, including ef-~~
7 ~~fective volunteer management;~~
8 ~~"(VI) government, including the~~
9 ~~management of government agencies~~
10 ~~and the role of government programs~~
11 ~~in providing services; and~~
12 ~~"(VII) qualitative and quan-~~
13 ~~titative social science research.~~
14 ~~"(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The~~
15 ~~Commission shall include, among the mem-~~
16 ~~bers appointed under subparagraph (A)(i),~~
17 ~~a wide range of individuals, including~~
18 ~~young people, and individuals from diverse~~
19 ~~economic, racial, ethnic, and religious~~
20 ~~backgrounds, and individuals from diverse~~
21 ~~geographic areas.~~
22 ~~"(C) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL~~
23 ~~APPOINTEES.—~~
24 ~~"(i) EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE.—~~
25 ~~Subject to subparagraph (D)(ii), the Com-~~

~~mission shall include members appointed under clauses (ii) through (v) of subparagraph (A) who, to the extent practicable, collectively have extensive experience or are experts in the matters described in subparagraph (B)(i).~~

~~"(ii) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.—The Commission shall include, among the members appointed under clauses (ii) through (v) of subparagraph (A), a wide range of individuals with the qualifications described in subparagraph (B)(ii).~~

~~"(D) LIMITATIONS.—~~

~~"(i) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall select a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, who may not be members of the same political party, from among the members of the Commission appointed under subparagraph (A).~~

~~"(ii) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—Members appointed under subparagraph (A) shall include not more than 11 members who are members of the same political party.~~

1 ~~"(E) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—Heads of~~
2 ~~Federal agencies, appointed to the Commission~~
3 ~~by the President, whose work concerns the non-~~
4 ~~profit sector shall serve as ex officio nonvoting~~
5 ~~members of the Commission.~~
6 ~~"(F) DATE.—The appointments of the~~
7 ~~members of the Commission shall be made not~~
8 ~~later than 60 days after the date of enactment~~
9 ~~of the Serve America Act.~~
10 ~~"(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—~~
11 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—Members appointed~~
12 ~~under paragraph (2)(A) shall be appointed for~~
13 ~~terms of 2 years.~~
14 ~~"(B) EXCEPTION.—The appointing offi-~~
15 ~~cer—~~
16 ~~"(i) under paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall~~
17 ~~designate 4 of the initial members ap-~~
18 ~~pointed under that paragraph to serve~~
19 ~~terms of 3 years;~~
20 ~~"(ii) under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall~~
21 ~~designate 2 of the initial members ap-~~
22 ~~pointed under that paragraph to serve~~
23 ~~terms of 3 years;~~
24 ~~"(iii) under paragraph (2)(A)(iii) shall~~
25 ~~designate 1 of the initial members ap-~~

~~pointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years;~~

~~"(iv) under paragraph (2)(A)(iv) shall designate 1 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years; and~~

~~"(v) under paragraph (2)(A)(v) shall designate 2 of the initial members appointed under that paragraph to serve terms of 3 years.~~

~~"(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

~~"(5) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all voting members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.~~

~~"(6) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, not less than 3 times a year.~~

~~"(7) QUORUM.—A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number of voting members may hold hearings.~~

~~"(d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—~~

1 ~~"(1) STUDY.—~~

2 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall~~
3 ~~conduct a thorough study of all matters relating~~
4 ~~to ways in which the Federal Government can~~
5 ~~work more efficiently and effectively with non-~~
6 ~~profit organizations and philanthropic organiza-~~
7 ~~tions to assist the organizations described in~~
8 ~~this subparagraph, and the Federal Govern-~~
9 ~~ment, in achieving better outcomes with regard~~
10 ~~to addressing pressing national and local chal-~~
11 ~~lenges, and improving accountability and utili-~~
12 ~~zation of resources, and relating to assisting the~~
13 ~~Federal Government, such organizations, and~~
14 ~~business in improving their collaboration to~~
15 ~~achieve such outcomes.~~

16 ~~"(B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The matters~~
17 ~~studied by the Commission shall include—~~

18 ~~"(i) ways in which the Federal Gov-~~
19 ~~ernment interacts with nonprofit organiza-~~
20 ~~tions, philanthropic organizations, and~~
21 ~~business to address national and local chal-~~
22 ~~lenges;~~

23 ~~"(ii) ways in which businesses collabo-~~
24 ~~rate with nonprofit organizations and phil-~~
25 ~~anthropic organizations, and any barriers~~

~~to maximizing the effectiveness of those collaborations in addressing national and local challenges;~~

~~"(iii) public and nonprofit sector human capital challenges, including specific upcoming human capital needs facing the nonprofit sector and such needs facing the government sector, the causes of needs described in this clause, and ways in which nonprofit organizations and governments can address the challenges jointly;~~

~~"(iv) ways in which government policies could be improved to foster nonprofit organization accountability;~~

~~"(v) systems for streamlining the process for nonprofit organizations to obtain Federal grants and contracts, and eliminating unnecessary requirements relating to that process;~~

~~"(vi) barriers for smaller nonprofit organizations to participate in Federal Government programs;~~

~~"(vii) the degree to which, and ways in which, social entrepreneurs are identi-~~

~~fying innovative ways of addressing national and local challenges;~~

~~"(viii) ways in which the Federal Government can help build the capacity of effective social entrepreneurs and effective nonprofit organizations, including the capacity of the entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate programs that provide effective ways of addressing national and local challenges;~~

~~"(ix) ways in which the Federal Government supports social service sector research and development, whether there is a need to increase such support, and, if so, how such support may be increased;~~

~~"(x) ways in which the Federal Government can partner with nonprofit organizations after an emergency or disaster to address the needs of the community involved; and~~

~~"(xi) ways in which the Federal Government can improve the quantity, quality, and timeliness of data about the nonprofit sector.~~

1 ~~"(2) GRANTS.—The Commission shall provide~~
2 ~~advice to the President and Congress regarding the~~
3 ~~establishment of grants to build the capacity of the~~
4 ~~nonprofit sector, to support research on the sector,~~
5 ~~and to model innovative effective ways for the Fed-~~
6 ~~eral Government to address national and local chal-~~
7 ~~lenges by supporting social entrepreneurship and en-~~
8 ~~abling nonprofit organizations to replicate and ex-~~
9 ~~pand effective solutions to national and local chal-~~
10 ~~lenges.~~
11 ~~"(3) ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT AND CON-~~
12 ~~GRESS.—The Commission shall advise the President~~
13 ~~and Congress on matters concerning the nonprofit~~
14 ~~sector and social entrepreneurship.~~
15 ~~"(4) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after~~
16 ~~the first meeting of the Commission, the Commis-~~
17 ~~sion shall submit a report to Congress, which shall~~
18 ~~contain a detailed statement of the findings of the~~
19 ~~Commission resulting from the study described in~~
20 ~~paragraph (1), and the advice provided under para-~~
21 ~~graphs (2) and (3). The report shall contain rec-~~
22 ~~ommendations resulting from the study.~~
23 ~~"(5) ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION.—At the re-~~
24 ~~quest of Congress or the head of any Federal de-~~
25 ~~partment or agency, the Commission shall provide~~

~~advice on the implementation of any of the recommendations contained in the report.~~

~~"(c) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—~~

~~"(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out this section.~~

~~"(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—~~

~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out this section.~~

~~"(B) AGENCY COOPERATION.—Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency shall furnish information requested under this paragraph to the Commission.~~

~~"(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other agencies of the Federal Government.~~

1 ~~"(4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use,~~
2 ~~and dispose of gifts or donations of services or prop-~~
3 ~~erty.~~
4 ~~"(f) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—~~
5 ~~"(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the~~
6 ~~Commission shall serve without compensation for~~
7 ~~their work on the Commission. Notwithstanding sec-~~
8 ~~tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Chief~~
9 ~~Executive Officer of the Corporation may accept the~~
10 ~~voluntary and uncompensated services of members of~~
11 ~~the Commission. The members of the Commission~~
12 ~~shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem~~
13 ~~in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for em-~~
14 ~~ployees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57~~
15 ~~of title 5, United States Code, while away from their~~
16 ~~homes or regular places of business in the perform-~~
17 ~~ance of services for the Commission.~~
18 ~~"(2) STAFF.—Any Corporation for National~~
19 ~~and Community Service employee may be detailed to~~
20 ~~the Commission without reimbursement, and such~~
21 ~~detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil~~
22 ~~service status or privilege.~~
23 ~~"(g) TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.—The~~
24 ~~Commission shall terminate in 6 years.~~

1 ~~"(h) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated to~~
2 ~~carry out this section shall remain available, without fiscal~~
3 ~~year limitation, until expended.~~
4 **~~"PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS PILOT~~**
5 **~~PROGRAM~~**
6 **~~"SEC. 167A. FUNDS.~~**
7 ~~"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:~~
8 ~~"(1) Social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit~~
9 ~~community organizations are developing innovative~~
10 ~~and effective solutions to national and local chal-~~
11 ~~lenges.~~
12 ~~"(2) Increased public and private investment in~~
13 ~~replicating and expanding proven effective solutions~~
14 ~~developed by social entrepreneurs and other non-~~
15 ~~profit community organizations, could allow those~~
16 ~~entrepreneurs and organizations to replicate and ex-~~
17 ~~pand proven initiatives in communities.~~
18 ~~"(3) A network of Community Solutions Funds~~
19 ~~could leverage Federal investments to increase State,~~
20 ~~local, business, and philanthropic resources to rep-~~
21 ~~licate and expand proven solutions to tackle specific~~
22 ~~identified community challenges.~~
23 ~~"(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~
24 ~~"(1) to recognize and increase the impact of so-~~
25 ~~cial entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community~~

organizations in tackling national and local challenges;

"(2) to stimulate the development of a network of Community Solutions Funds that will increase private and public investment in nonprofit community organizations that are effectively addressing national and local challenges to allow such organizations to replicate and expand successful initiatives;

"(3) to assess the effectiveness of such Funds in—

"(A) leveraging Federal investments to increase State, local, business, and philanthropic resources to address national and local challenges; and

"(B) providing resources to replicate and expand effective initiatives; and

"(4) to strengthen the infrastructure to invest in, and replicate and expand, initiatives with effective solutions to national and local challenges.

"(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—The term 'community organization' means a nonprofit organization that carries out innovative, effective initiatives to address community challenges.

1 ~~"(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term 'covered en-~~
2 ~~tity' means—~~
3 ~~"(A) an existing grantmaking institution~~
4 ~~(existing as of the date on which the institution~~
5 ~~applies for a grant under this section); or~~
6 ~~"(B) a partnership between—~~
7 ~~"(i) such an existing grantmaking in-~~
8 ~~stitution; and~~
9 ~~"(ii) an additional grantmaking insti-~~
10 ~~tution, a State Commission, or a chief ex-~~
11 ~~ecutive officer of a unit of general local~~
12 ~~government.~~
13 ~~"(3) ISSUE AREA.—The term 'issue area'~~
14 ~~means an area described in subsection (f)(3).~~
15 ~~"(d) PROGRAM.—The Corporation shall establish a~~
16 ~~Community Solutions Fund grant program to make~~
17 ~~grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to assist~~
18 ~~the entities in paying for the cost of providing national~~
19 ~~leveraging capital for Community Solution Funds.~~
20 ~~"(e) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall~~
21 ~~make such grants for periods of 5 years, and may renew~~
22 ~~the grants for additional periods of 5 years, in amounts~~
23 ~~of not less than $1,000,000 and not more than~~
24 ~~$10,000,000 per year.~~

1 ~~"(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant~~
2 ~~under this section, an entity shall—~~
3 ~~"(1) be a covered entity;~~
4 ~~"(2) be focused on—~~
5 ~~"(A) serving a specific local geographical~~
6 ~~area; or~~
7 ~~"(B) addressing a specific issue area, in~~
8 ~~geographical areas that have the highest need~~
9 ~~in that issue area, as demonstrated by statistics~~
10 ~~concerning that need;~~
11 ~~"(3) be focused on improving measurable out-~~
12 ~~comes relating to—~~
13 ~~"(A) education for economically disadvan-~~
14 ~~taged students in public schools;~~
15 ~~"(B) child and youth development;~~
16 ~~"(C) reductions in poverty or increases in~~
17 ~~economic opportunity for economically dis-~~
18 ~~advantaged individuals;~~
19 ~~"(D) health, including access to health~~
20 ~~care and health education;~~
21 ~~"(E) resource conservation and local envi-~~
22 ~~ronmental quality;~~
23 ~~"(F) individual or community energy effi-~~
24 ~~ciency;~~
25 ~~"(G) civic engagement; or~~

1 ~~"(H) reductions in crime;~~

2 ~~"(4) make data-driven decisions about subgrant~~
3 ~~awards and internal policies;~~

4 ~~"(5) have well-articulated processes for assess-~~
5 ~~ing community organizations for subgrants; and~~

6 ~~"(6) have appropriate policies, as determined by~~
7 ~~the Corporation, that protect against conflict of in-~~
8 ~~terest, self-dealing, and other improper practices.~~

9 ~~"(g) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant~~
10 ~~under subsection (d) for national leveraging capital, an eli-~~
11 ~~gible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation~~
12 ~~at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-~~
13 ~~mation as the Corporation may specify, including, at a~~
14 ~~minimum—~~

15 ~~"(1) an assurance that the eligible entity will—~~

16 ~~"(A) use the funds received through that~~
17 ~~capital in order to make subgrants to commu-~~
18 ~~nity organizations that will use the funds to~~
19 ~~replicate or expand proven initiatives in low-in-~~
20 ~~come communities;~~

21 ~~"(B) in making decisions about subgrants~~
22 ~~for communities, consult with a diverse cross~~
23 ~~section of community representatives in the de-~~
24 ~~cisions, including individuals from the public,~~

~~nonprofit private, and for-profit private sectors; and~~

~~"(C) make subgrants of a sufficient size and scope to enable the community organizations to build their capacity to manage initiatives, and sustain replication or expansion of the initiatives;~~

~~"(2) an assurance that the eligible entity will not make any subgrants to the parent organizations of the eligible entity, a subsidiary organization of the parent organization, or, if the eligible entity applied for funds under this section as a partnership, any member of the partnership;~~

~~"(3) an identification of, as appropriate—~~

~~"(A) the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) that the eligible entity is proposing to serve; or~~

~~"(B) geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B) that the eligible entity is likely to serve;~~

~~"(4)(A) information identifying the issue areas in which the eligible entity will work to improve measurable outcomes;~~

~~"(B) statistics on the needs related to those issue areas in, as appropriate—~~

1 ~~"(i) the specific local geographical area de-~~
2 ~~scribed in paragraph (3)(A); or~~
3 ~~"(ii) the geographical areas described in~~
4 ~~paragraph (3)(B), including statistics dem-~~
5 ~~onstrating that those geographical areas have~~
6 ~~the highest need in the specific issue area that~~
7 ~~the eligible entity is proposing to address; and~~
8 ~~"(C) information on the specific measurable~~
9 ~~outcomes related to the issue areas involved that the~~
10 ~~eligible entity will seek to improve;~~
11 ~~"(5) information describing the process by~~
12 ~~which the eligible entity selected, or will select, com-~~
13 ~~munity organizations to receive the subgrants, to en-~~
14 ~~sure that the community organizations—~~
15 ~~"(A) are institutions with proven initia-~~
16 ~~tives, with track records of achieving specific~~
17 ~~outcomes related to the measurable outcomes~~
18 ~~for the eligible entity;~~
19 ~~"(B) articulate measurable outcomes for~~
20 ~~the use of the subgrant funds that are con-~~
21 ~~nected to the measurable outcomes for the eligi-~~
22 ~~ble entity;~~
23 ~~"(C) will use the funds to replicate or ex-~~
24 ~~pand their initiatives;~~

1 ~~"(D) provide a well-defined plan for repli-~~
2 ~~cating or expanding the initiatives funded;~~
3 ~~"(E) can sustain the initiatives after the~~
4 ~~subgrant period concludes through reliable pub-~~
5 ~~lic revenues, earned income, or private sector~~
6 ~~funding;~~
7 ~~"(F) have strong leadership and financial~~
8 ~~and management systems;~~
9 ~~"(G) are committed to the use of data col-~~
10 ~~lection and evaluation for improvement of the~~
11 ~~initiatives;~~
12 ~~"(H) will implement and evaluate innova-~~
13 ~~tive initiatives, to be important contributors to~~
14 ~~knowledge in their fields; and~~
15 ~~"(I) will meet the requirements for pro-~~
16 ~~viding matching funds specified in subsection~~
17 ~~(k);~~
18 ~~"(6) information about the eligible entity, in-~~
19 ~~cluding its experience managing collaborative initia-~~
20 ~~tives, or assessing applicants for grants and evalu-~~
21 ~~ating the performance of grant recipients for out-~~
22 ~~come-focused initiatives, and any other relevant in-~~
23 ~~formation;~~
24 ~~"(7) a commitment to meet the requirements of~~
25 ~~subsection (i) and a plan for meeting the require-~~

~~ments, including information on any funding that the eligible entity has secured to provide the matching funds required under that subsection;~~

~~"(8) a description of the eligible entity's plan for providing technical assistance and support, other than financial support, to the community organizations that will increase the ability of the community organizations to achieve their measurable outcomes;~~

~~"(9) information on the commitment, institutional capacity, and expertise of the eligible entity concerning—~~

~~"(A) collecting and analyzing data required for evaluations, compliance efforts, and other purposes;~~

~~"(B) supporting relevant research; and~~

~~"(C) submitting regular reports to the Corporation, including information on the initiatives of the community organizations, and the replication or expansion of such initiatives; and~~

~~"(10) a commitment to use data and evaluations to continuously improve the initiatives funded by the eligible entity.~~

~~"(h) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under this section, the Corporation shall—~~

1 ~~"(1) select eligible entities on a competitive~~
2 ~~basis;~~
3 ~~"(2) select eligible entities on the basis of the~~
4 ~~quality of their selection process, as described in~~
5 ~~subsection (g)(5), the capacity of the eligible entities~~
6 ~~to manage Community Solutions Funds, and the po-~~
7 ~~tential of the eligible entities to sustain the Funds~~
8 ~~after the conclusion of the grant period;~~
9 ~~"(3) include among the grant recipients eligible~~
10 ~~entities that propose to provide subgrants to serve~~
11 ~~communities (such as rural low-income communities)~~
12 ~~that the eligible entities can demonstrate are signifi-~~
13 ~~cantly philanthropically underserved; and~~
14 ~~"(4) select a geographically diverse set of eligi-~~
15 ~~ble entities.~~
16 ~~"(i) MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS.—~~
17 ~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may not~~
18 ~~make a grant to an eligible entity under this section~~
19 ~~for a Community Solutions Fund unless the entity~~
20 ~~agrees that, with respect to the cost described in~~
21 ~~subsection (d) for that Fund, the entity will make~~
22 ~~available matching funds in an amount not less than~~
23 ~~$1 for every $1 of funds provided under the grant.~~
24 ~~"(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—~~

1 ~~"(A) TYPE AND SOURCES.—The eligible~~
2 ~~entity shall provide the matching funds in cash.~~
3 ~~The eligible entity shall provide the matching~~
4 ~~funds from State, local, or private sources,~~
5 ~~which may include State or local agencies, busi-~~
6 ~~nesses, private philanthropic organizations, or~~
7 ~~individuals.~~
8 ~~"(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES INCLUDING~~
9 ~~STATE COMMISSIONS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT~~
10 ~~OFFICES.—~~
11 ~~"(i) IN GENERAL.—In a case in which~~
12 ~~a State Commission, a local government~~
13 ~~office, or both entities are a part of the eli-~~
14 ~~gible entity, the State involved, the local~~
15 ~~government involved, or both entities, re-~~
16 ~~spectively, shall contribute not less than 30~~
17 ~~percent and not more than 50 percent of~~
18 ~~the matching funds.~~
19 ~~"(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.—~~
20 ~~In this subparagraph, the term 'local gov-~~
21 ~~ernment office' means the office of the~~
22 ~~chief executive officer of a unit of general~~
23 ~~local government.~~
24 ~~"(3) REDUCTION.—The Corporation may re-~~
25 ~~duce by 50 percent the matching funds required by~~

~~paragraph (1) for an eligible entity serving a community (such as a rural low-income community) that the eligible entity can demonstrate is significantly philanthropically underserved.~~

~~"(j) SUBGRANTS.—~~

~~"(1) SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section is authorized to use the funds made available through the grant to award subgrants on a competitive basis to—~~

~~"(A) community organizations serving low-income communities within the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A); or~~

~~"(B) community organizations addressing a specific issue area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), in low-income communities in geographical areas referred to in that subsection.~~

~~"(2) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The eligible entity shall make such subgrants for periods of not less than 3 and not more than 5 years, and may renew the grants for such periods, in amounts of not less than $100,000.~~

~~"(3) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a subgrant from an eligible entity under this section,~~

~~including receiving a payment for that subgrant each year, a community organization shall submit an application to an eligible entity that serves the specific local geographical area, or geographical areas, that the community organization proposes to serve, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the eligible entity may require, including—~~

~~"(A) a description of the initiative the community organization carries out and plans to replicate or expand using funds received from the eligible entity, and how the initiative relates to the issue areas identified under subsection (g)(4)(A) in which the eligible entity has committed to work;~~

~~"(B) data on the measurable outcomes the community organization has improved, and information on the measurable outcomes the community organization seeks to improve by replicating or expanding an initiative, which shall be among the measurable outcomes the eligible entity is seeking to improve as identified under subsection (g)(4)(C);~~

~~"(C) an identification of the community in which the community organization proposes to~~

~~carry out an initiative, which shall be within the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) or the geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), that the eligible entity serves;~~

~~"(D) a description of how the community organization uses data to analyze and improve its initiatives;~~

~~"(E) specific evidence of how the community organization will meet the requirements for providing matching funds specified in subsection (k);~~

~~"(F) a description of how the community organization will sustain the replicated or expanded initiative after the conclusion of the subgrant period; and~~

~~"(G) any other information the eligible entity may require, including information necessary for the eligible entity to fulfill its obligations under subsection (g)(5).~~

~~"(k) MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUBGRANTS.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may not make a subgrant to a community organization under this section for an initiative described in subsection (j)(3)(A) unless the organization agrees that, with~~

~~respect to the cost of carrying out that initiative, the organization will make available, on an annual basis, matching funds in an amount not less than $1 for every $1 of funds provided under the subgrant. If the community organization fails to make such matching funds available for a fiscal year, the eligible entity shall not make payments for the remaining fiscal years of the subgrant period, notwithstanding any other provision of this part.~~

~~"(2) TYPES AND SOURCES.—The community organization shall provide the matching funds in cash. The community organization shall provide the matching funds from State, local, or private sources, which may include funds from State or local agencies, or private sector funding.~~

~~"(l) NATIONAL FUNCTIONS.—~~

~~"(1) CORPORATION.—The Corporation shall enter into a contract with an independent entity (referred to in this subsection as a 'national contractor') to evaluate the eligible entities, and the initiatives supported by the eligible entities.~~

~~"(2) NATIONAL CONTRACTOR.—~~

~~"(A) RESEARCH AND REPORTS.—~~

~~"(i) IN GENERAL.—The national contractor shall collect data and conduct or~~

~~support research with respect to the eligible entities, and the initiatives supported by the eligible entities, to determine the success of the program carried out under this section in replicating and expanding initiatives, including—~~

~~"(I) the success of the replicated or expanded initiatives in improving measurable outcomes; and~~

~~"(II) the success of the program in increasing philanthropic investments in philanthropically underserved communities.~~

~~"(ii) REPORTS.—The national contractor shall submit reports to Congress and the Corporation including—~~

~~"(I) the data collected and the results of the research;~~

~~"(II) information on lessons learned about best practices from the activities carried out under this section, to improve those activities; and~~

~~"(III) a list of all eligible entities and community organizations receiving funds under this section.~~

1 ~~"(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The na-~~
2 ~~tional contractor shall provide technical assist-~~
3 ~~ance to the eligible entities that receive grants~~
4 ~~under this section.~~
5 ~~"(C) KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT.—The~~
6 ~~national contractor shall maintain a clearing-~~
7 ~~house for information on best practices result-~~
8 ~~ing from initiatives supported by the eligible en-~~
9 ~~tities.~~
10 ~~"(D) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-~~
11 ~~priated under section 501(a)(5)(B) for a fiscal~~
12 ~~year, not more than 5 percent may be used to~~
13 ~~carry out this subsection.~~

14 **~~"PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT~~**
15 **~~PROGRAM~~**

16 **~~"SEC. 167B. PROGRAM.~~**

17 ~~"(a) GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make grants,~~
18 ~~on a competitive basis, to individuals to pay for the Fed-~~
19 ~~eral share of carrying out projects in which the individuals~~
20 ~~establish innovative nonprofit organizations to address na-~~
21 ~~tional and local challenges.~~
22 ~~"(b) AMOUNTS, PERIODS, AND NUMBER OF~~
23 ~~GRANTS.—The Corporation shall make the grants for pe-~~
24 ~~riods of 2 years. The Corporation shall make the grants~~
25 ~~in amounts of not more than $100,000. The Corporation~~

shall make not more than 25 grants under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

"(c) PAYMENTS.—The Corporation shall make the grant awards through annual payments, for the 2 years of the grant periods.

"(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—To be eligible to apply for a grant under this section, an individual shall—

"(1) have completed at least 1 term or period of service as a participant in a national service program under subtitle C or G, as a participant in a program under subtitle E or section 198E, or as a volunteer in a program under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.); or

"(2) be a veteran, as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

"(e) INITIAL APPLICATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, and a payment for the first year of the grant period, an individual shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

"(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the application shall include—

1 ~~"(A) a description of the national or local~~
2 ~~challenge that the individual seeks to address~~
3 ~~through the project involved;~~
4 ~~"(B) a description of the project the indi-~~
5 ~~vidual is proposing or the organization the indi-~~
6 ~~vidual is proposing to establish through the~~
7 ~~project, including information describing why~~
8 ~~the individual's proposal to address the chal-~~
9 ~~lenge is innovative;~~
10 ~~"(C) information describing how the indi-~~
11 ~~vidual proposes to address the challenge at the~~
12 ~~community level; and~~
13 ~~"(D) information describing the location of~~
14 ~~the project and the community the individual~~
15 ~~proposes to serve through the project, including~~
16 ~~relevant data about the challenge in that com-~~
17 ~~munity.~~
18 ~~"(f) SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION.—To be eligible to~~
19 ~~receive a payment for the second year of the grant period,~~
20 ~~the individual shall submit to the Corporation—~~
21 ~~"(1) a report on the actions taken by the indi-~~
22 ~~vidual, and, if applicable, the nonprofit organization~~
23 ~~established using funds provided under this section,~~
24 ~~to carry out the project; and~~

1 ~~"(2) information describing how the individual~~
2 ~~will comply with the non-Federal share requirement~~
3 ~~described in subsection (g) for the second year of the~~
4 ~~grant period.~~
5 ~~"(g) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—~~
6 ~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the~~
7 ~~cost of carrying out a project under this section shall~~
8 ~~be—~~
9 ~~"(A) 100 percent for the first year of the~~
10 ~~grant period; and~~
11 ~~"(B) 50 percent for the second year of the~~
12 ~~grant period.~~
13 ~~"(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The individual~~
14 ~~may provide the non-Federal share of the cost in~~
15 ~~cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,~~
16 ~~equipment, or services. The individual may provide~~
17 ~~the non-Federal share from State, local, or private~~
18 ~~sources.~~
19 ~~"(h) CONSIDERATION.—In reviewing applications,~~
20 ~~the Corporation shall take into consideration the likelihood~~
21 ~~that a project proposed to serve a community, if success-~~
22 ~~ful, will be replicable in other communities.~~
23 ~~"(i) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In making grants~~
24 ~~under this section, the Corporation shall make the grants~~
25 ~~to a geographically diverse set of individuals.~~

1 ~~"(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation~~
2 ~~may reserve 15 percent of the funds appropriated to carry~~
3 ~~out this section to provide technical assistance to individ-~~
4 ~~uals and nonprofit organizations carrying out projects~~
5 ~~under this section.".~~
6 ~~(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section~~
7 ~~501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of~~
8 ~~1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)) is amended by adding at the~~
9 ~~end the following:~~
10 ~~"(5) SUBTITLE F.—There are authorized to be~~
11 ~~appropriated—~~
12 ~~"(A) to carry out section 167, such sums~~
13 ~~as may be necessary for each of fiscal years~~
14 ~~2010 through 2014;~~
15 ~~"(B) to carry out section 167A,~~
16 ~~$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, $60,000,000~~
17 ~~for fiscal year 2011, $70,000,000 for fiscal year~~
18 ~~2012, $80,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, and~~
19 ~~$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014, and such~~
20 ~~sums as may be necessary for each subsequent~~
21 ~~fiscal year; and~~
22 ~~"(C) to carry out section 167B,~~
23 ~~$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2010, and~~
24 ~~$5,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year.".~~

~~Subtitle C—Serveamerica Corps~~

~~SEC. 131. CORPS.~~

~~(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:~~

~~(1) Since 1993, more than 500,000 individuals have served in national service positions, meeting unmet human, educational, environmental, and public safety needs of the United States.~~

~~(2) Full- and part-time national service can effectively promote an ethic of service and volunteering, and former national service participants are likely to remain engaged in national service, and participate in community and public service, in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~(3) Focused national service efforts can effectively tackle pressing national challenges, such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, and improving the health, well-being, and economic opportunities of the neediest individuals in the Nation.~~

~~(4) An increasing number of individuals in the United States who are retiring or age 50 or older indicate an interest in service, with almost 60 percent of such individuals indicating that they would consider taking jobs now or in the future to serve their communities.~~

~~(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~

~~(1) to provide opportunities by 2014 for 250,000 individuals annually to participate in a year of service, by providing funding for an additional 175,000 individuals (in addition to the 75,000 individuals already participating) each year to so participate, and to continue growing national service in the future;~~

~~(2) to focus national service in the areas of national need such service has the capacity to address, such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, improving access to health care for, and the health status of, individuals in medically underserved populations, and creating new economic opportunities for low-income individuals; and~~

~~(3) to encourage "encore service" and draw on the talents and experience of individuals age 50 and older, by providing better opportunities and incentives for individuals of that age to serve.~~

~~(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.), as amended by section 121, is further amended by inserting after subtitle F the following:~~

~~"Subtitle G—Serveamerica Corps~~

~~"SEC. 168. CORPS.~~

~~"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

~~"(1) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER.—The term '21st century community learning center' has the meaning given the term 'community learning center', as defined in section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171).~~

~~"(2) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The term 'Clean Energy Service Corps' means the participants who improve performance on clean energy indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(3).~~

~~"(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—The term 'Clean Energy Service Corps Fund' means the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(3).~~

~~"(4) CLEAN ENERGY INDICATORS.—The term 'clean energy indicators' means—~~

~~"(A) number of housing units of low-income households weatherized or retrofitted to improve energy efficiency;~~

~~"(B) annual energy costs (to determine savings in those costs) at facilities where participants have provided service;~~

~~"(C) number of students and youth receiving education or training in energy-efficient and environmentally conscious practices;~~

~~"(D) number of national parks, State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, or trails or rivers owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, that are cleaned or improved;~~

~~"(E) another indicator relating to clean energy that the Corporation, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Energy, establishes for a given year;~~

~~"(F) another indicator relating to education or skill attainment for clean energy jobs that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, establishes for a given year; and~~

~~"(G) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to clean energy, or education or skill attainment~~

~~for clean energy jobs, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.~~

~~"(5) COLLEGE-GOING RATE.—The term 'college-going rate' means the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in an institution of higher education in the school year immediately following graduation from high school.~~

~~"(6) EDUCATION CORPS.—The term 'Education Corps' means the participants who improve performance on education indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(1).~~

~~"(7) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—The term 'Education Corps Fund' means the Education Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(1).~~

~~"(8) EDUCATION INDICATORS.—The term 'education indicators' means—~~

~~"(A) student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior;~~

~~"(B) student academic achievement;~~

~~"(C) high school graduation rates;~~

~~"(D) college-going rates for recipients of a high school diploma;~~

~~"(E) college persistence rates for recipients of a high school diploma or its generally recognized equivalent who are enrolled in college;~~

~~"(F) an additional indicator relating to improving education for students that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, establishes for a given year; and~~

~~"(G) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving education for students, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.~~

~~"(9) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means an entity that—~~

~~"(A) is a nonprofit organization with a proven record of improving, or a promising strategy to improve, performance on appropriate indicators described in this subsection;~~

~~"(B) meets the eligibility requirements to receive a grant under subtitle C; and~~

~~"(C) if the entity is seeking to receive (or has received) a grant directly under subsection~~

~~(c), is seeking to carry out (or is carrying out) a national service program in 2 or more States.~~

~~"(10) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term 'encore service program' means a program, carried out by an eligible entity under subsection (c), that—~~

~~"(A) involves a significant number of participants age 50 or older in the program; and~~

~~"(B) takes advantage of the skills and experience that such participants offer in the design and implementation of the program.~~

~~"(11) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The term 'Healthy Futures Corps' means the participants who improve performance on health indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(2).~~

~~"(12) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—The term 'Healthy Futures Corps Fund' means the Healthy Futures Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(2).~~

~~"(13) HEALTH INDICATORS.—The term 'health indicators' means—~~

~~"(A) access to health care among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations;~~

~~"(B) access to health care for uninsured individuals, including such individuals who are economically disadvantaged children;~~

~~"(C) participation, among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, in disease prevention and health promotion initiatives, particularly those with a focus on addressing common health conditions, addressing chronic diseases, and decreasing health disparities;~~

~~"(D) health literacy of patients;~~

~~"(E) an additional indicator, relating to improving or protecting the health of economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, that the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, establishes for a given year; and~~

~~"(F) a local indicator (applicable to a particular eligible entity and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving or protecting the health of economically~~

~~disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.~~

~~"(14) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term 'high school' means a public school, including a public high school, that provides high school education, as determined by State law.~~

~~"(15) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA.—The term 'medically underserved area' means an urban or rural area designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services.~~

~~"(16) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATION.—The term 'medically underserved population' has the meaning given the term in section 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)).~~

~~"(17) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The term 'Opportunity Corps' means the participants who improve performance on opportunity indicators through the grants funded under subsection (c)(4).~~

1 ~~"(18) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—The term~~
2 ~~'Opportunity Corps Fund' means the Opportunity~~
3 ~~Corps Fund established under subsection (b)(4).~~
4 ~~"(19) OPPORTUNITY INDICATORS.—The term~~
5 ~~'opportunity indicators' means—~~
6 ~~"(A) financial literacy among economically~~
7 ~~disadvantaged individuals;~~
8 ~~"(B) housing units built or improved for~~
9 ~~economically disadvantaged individuals or low-~~
10 ~~income families;~~
11 ~~"(C) economically disadvantaged individ-~~
12 ~~uals with access to job training and other skill~~
13 ~~enhancement;~~
14 ~~"(D) economically disadvantaged individ-~~
15 ~~uals with access to information about job place-~~
16 ~~ment services;~~
17 ~~"(E) an additional indicator relating to im-~~
18 ~~proving economic opportunity for economically~~
19 ~~disadvantaged individuals that the Corporation,~~
20 ~~in consultation with the Secretary of Health~~
21 ~~and Human Services and the Secretary of~~
22 ~~Labor, establishes for a given year; and~~
23 ~~"(F) a local indicator (applicable to a par-~~
24 ~~ticular eligible entity and on which an improve-~~
25 ~~ment in performance is needed) relating to im-~~

~~proving economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals, proposed by that eligible entity in an application submitted to, and approved by, a State Commission or the Corporation under this section.~~

~~"(20) POVERTY LINE.—The term 'poverty line' has the meaning given the term in section 673 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902).~~

~~"(21) STUDENT.—The term 'student' means a public elementary school or public secondary school student.~~

~~"(b) FUNDS AND AVAILABILITY.—~~

~~"(1) EDUCATION CORPS FUND.—From the funds appropriated under section 501(a)(6), the Corporation shall reserve a portion of the funds to be known as the Education Corps Fund.~~

~~"(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS FUND.—From those appropriated funds, the Corporation shall reserve a portion of the funds to be known as the Healthy Futures Corps Fund.~~

~~"(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS FUND.—From those appropriated funds, the Corporation shall reserve a portion of the funds to be known as the Clean Energy Service Corps Fund.~~

1 ~~"(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS FUND.—From those~~
2 ~~appropriated funds, the Corporation shall reserve a~~
3 ~~portion of the funds to be known as the Opportunity~~
4 ~~Corps Fund.~~
5 ~~"(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—~~
6 ~~"(1) EDUCATION CORPS.—~~
7 ~~"(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use~~
8 ~~the amounts made available for the Education~~
9 ~~Corps Fund to make grants under this para-~~
10 ~~graph to State Commissions and eligible enti-~~
11 ~~ties, as described in paragraph (5).~~
12 ~~"(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall~~
13 ~~make the grants to pay for the Federal share~~
14 ~~of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-~~
15 ~~tional service programs that are consistent with~~
16 ~~subtitle C and that improve performance on~~
17 ~~education indicators, through the service of the~~
18 ~~participants in the programs.~~
19 ~~"(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—~~
20 ~~"(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use~~
21 ~~the amounts made available for the Healthy~~
22 ~~Futures Corps Fund to make grants under this~~
23 ~~paragraph to State Commissions and eligible~~
24 ~~entities, as described in paragraph (5).~~

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2 ~~make the grants to pay for the Federal share~~
3 ~~of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time na-~~
4 ~~tional service programs that are consistent with~~
5 ~~subtitle C and that improve performance on~~
6 ~~health indicators, through the service of the~~
7 ~~participants in the programs.~~
8 ~~"(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—~~
9 ~~"(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use~~
10 ~~the amounts made available for the Clean En-~~
11 ~~ergy Service Corps Fund to make grants under~~
12 ~~this paragraph to State Commissions and eligi-~~
13 ~~ble entities, as described in paragraph (5).~~
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17 ~~tional service programs that are consistent with~~
18 ~~subtitle C and that improve performance on~~
19 ~~clean energy indicators, through the service of~~
20 ~~the participants in the programs.~~
21 ~~"(4) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—~~
22 ~~"(A) GRANTS.—The Corporation may use~~
23 ~~the amounts made available for the Opportunity~~
24 ~~Corps Fund to make grants under this para-~~

graph to State Commissions and eligible entities, as described in paragraph (5).

"(B) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall make the grants to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out full- or part-time national service programs that are consistent with subtitle C and that improve performance on opportunity indicators, through the service of the participants in the programs.

"(5) FORMULA AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—For purposes of making grants under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4), the Corporation shall carry out the following:

"(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

"(i) GRANTS TO CERTAIN STATES.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—From 33⅓ percent of the amount available in the Fund described in that paragraph for a fiscal year (after the Corporation makes the reservation described in subsection (i)), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions). The Corporation shall make

the grants to the State Commission of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has an application approved by the Corporation under subsection (c), from allotments described in subclause (II).

"(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under subclause (I) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to that 33⅓ percent of the amount available in that Fund for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"(ii) GRANTS TO CERTAIN TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 percent of the amount available in the Fund described in that paragraph for a fiscal year (after the Corporation makes the reservation described in

~~subsection (i)), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions). The Corporation shall make the grants to the State Commission for each of the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that has an application approved by the Corporation under subsection (c), from allotments described in subclause (II).~~

~~"(II) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to each such State under subclause (I) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to that 1 percent of the amount available in that Fund for that fiscal year as the population of the State bears to the total population of the States referred to in subclause (I).~~

~~"(iii) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—~~

1 ~~"(I) IN GENERAL.—From 1 per-~~
2 ~~cent of the amount available in the~~
3 ~~Fund described in that paragraph for~~
4 ~~a fiscal year (after the Corporation~~
5 ~~makes the reservation described in~~
6 ~~subsection (i)), the Corporation shall~~
7 ~~make grants (including financial as-~~
8 ~~sistance and a corresponding allot-~~
9 ~~ment of approved national service po-~~
10 ~~sitions) to Indian tribes that have ap-~~
11 ~~plications approved by the Corpora-~~
12 ~~tion under subsection (e). The funds~~
13 ~~allotted for such grants shall be allot-~~
14 ~~ted by the Corporation on a competi-~~
15 ~~tive basis in accordance with the re-~~
16 ~~spective needs of the Indian tribes.~~
17 ~~"(II) APPLICATION.—For pur-~~
18 ~~poses of this subtitle, other than this~~
19 ~~subparagraph, a reference to a State~~
20 ~~Commission shall be considered to in-~~
21 ~~clude a reference to the governing~~
22 ~~body of an Indian tribe, and a ref-~~
23 ~~erence to a State shall be considered~~
24 ~~to include a reference to an Indian~~
25 ~~tribe or the geographic area in which~~

~~the tribe resides. The Corporation shall have authority to issue standards to apply the provisions of this subtitle (other than this subparagraph) to Indian tribes.~~

~~"(iv) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPLY.—If a State or Indian tribe fails to apply for, or fails to give notice to the Corporation of its intent to apply for, an allotment under this subparagraph, the Corporation shall use the amount that would have been allotted under this subparagraph to the State or Indian tribe—~~

~~"(I) to make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions) to other eligible entities that propose to carry out national service programs in the State on behalf of the Indian tribe; and~~

~~"(II) after making grants under subclause (I), to make a reallotment to other States and Indian tribes that have applications approved by the Corporation under subsection (c).~~

1 ~~"(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—From the~~
2 ~~remainder of the amount available in that Fund~~
3 ~~for that fiscal year, the Corporation shall make~~
4 ~~grants (including such assistance and cor-~~
5 ~~responding allotment), on a competitive basis,~~
6 ~~to State Commissions and eligible entities that~~
7 ~~have such approved applications.~~
8 ~~"(6) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—~~
9 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise~~
10 ~~expressly provided in this section and subtitle~~
11 ~~D, the terms and conditions of grants made~~
12 ~~under this subsection shall be consistent with~~
13 ~~the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms~~
14 ~~and conditions of grants made under section~~
15 ~~121(a). Those terms and conditions shall apply~~
16 ~~with respect to grants and allotments requested,~~
17 ~~national service positions and national service~~
18 ~~programs proposed, and applications submitted,~~
19 ~~under this section.~~
20 ~~"(B) INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL SERV-~~
21 ~~ICE.—For purposes of applying the provisions~~
22 ~~of part I of subtitle C under this subsection,~~
23 ~~sections 122(c), 125, and 126 shall not apply.~~
24 ~~"(C) APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND ALLO-~~
25 ~~CATION.—State Commissions and eligible enti-~~

~~ties shall apply for the grants, and the grants (and the financial assistance and approved national service positions made available through the grants) shall be allocated among State Commissions and eligible entities, in a manner consistent with this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, subsections (a) through (d) of section 129, subsections (a) through (d), and (g), of section 130, subsections (a)(1) and (f) of section 131, and subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of section 133 shall not apply to such applications and allocations.~~

~~"(D) NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section and subtitle D, the terms and conditions that apply to participants in programs carried out under such grants (including provisions relating to participant eligibility, selection, terms of service, and benefits) shall be consistent with the provisions of subtitle C concerning terms and conditions that apply to participants in programs under subtitle C.~~

~~"(7) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—~~

~~"(A) establish or increase the number of positions that are approved as approved national service positions under this subtitle during each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014;~~

~~"(B) establish the number of the approved positions as 25,000 for fiscal year 2010; and~~

~~"(C) increase the number of the approved positions to—~~

~~"(i) 50,000 for fiscal year 2011;~~

~~"(ii) 75,000 for fiscal year 2012;~~

~~"(iii) 125,000 for fiscal year 2013; and~~

~~"(iv) 175,000 for fiscal year 2014.~~

~~"(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—Eligible entities shall carry out the national service programs under subsection (c).~~

~~"(2) QUALIFICATION.—To be qualified to carry out a national service program under subsection (c), an eligible entity shall—~~

~~"(A) receive a grant under subsection (c); or~~

~~"(B) be selected to carry out the program through a competitive process, by a State Com-~~

~~mission that receives a grant under subsection (c).~~

~~"(c) APPLICATION.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—To be qualified to receive a grant under subsection (c) for a national service program, a State Commission or an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, which shall include—~~

~~"(A) information describing how the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program proposes to utilize funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) utilizing participants, including the activities in which such participants will engage to improve performance on those indicators;~~

~~"(B) information identifying the geographical area in which the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program proposes to use funds under a paragraph of subsection (c) to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a), including demographic information on the students or indi-~~

~~viduals, as appropriate, in such area, and statistics demonstrating the need to improve such indicators in such area;~~

~~"(C) with respect to a grant to carry out a national service program under a paragraph of subsection (c), information describing the experience of the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program in improving performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a), including whether the entity has previously utilized participants to improve performance on such indicators, and if so, the activities in which such participants have engaged;~~

~~"(D) if applicable, information on how the eligible entity described in subparagraph (A) will work with other community-based agencies to carry out activities to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) using such funds;~~

~~"(E) a description of—~~

~~"(i) the type of positions into which participants will be placed, using the assistance provided under subsection (c), including descriptions of the specific tasks to~~

be performed by such participants, and the minimum qualifications that individuals will be required to meet to become participants in such program; and

"(ii) the number of proposed full- and part-time national service positions for which participants will receive the national service educational award described in subtitle D;

"(F) a description consistent with the description required by section 130(b)(12) for the national service positions proposed;

"(G) information and assurances consistent with those described in subsections (c) and (f) of section 130, subsections (a)(2), (b), (c), (d)(1), and (e) of section 131, and section 132(a), for the grant requested and the national service program and national service positions proposed, except as provided in subsection (g)(1)(B);

"(H) measurable goals, to be used for annual measurements of the program on 1 or more of the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a);

1 ~~"(I) if the program is designed to improve~~
2 ~~economic opportunity by engaging economically~~
3 ~~disadvantaged individuals as participants—~~
4 ~~"(i) the estimated percentages of par-~~
5 ~~ticipants who will be economically dis-~~
6 ~~advantaged individuals; and~~
7 ~~"(ii) if applicable, information on the~~
8 ~~education, skills, training, support services,~~
9 ~~transitional services, and leadership devel-~~
10 ~~opment activities those individuals will re-~~
11 ~~ceive that will assist those individuals in~~
12 ~~obtaining jobs or a college degree after~~
13 ~~completion of their service under the grant;~~
14 ~~"(J) in the case of a grant under sub-~~
15 ~~section (c)(1), information on how the eligible~~
16 ~~entity described in subparagraph (A) will enter~~
17 ~~into partnerships with local educational agen-~~
18 ~~cies and schools to carry out activities to im-~~
19 ~~prove performance on education indicators~~
20 ~~using funds received under subsection (c);~~
21 ~~"(K) in the case of a grant under sub-~~
22 ~~section (c)(4), information on the number and~~
23 ~~percentage of individuals, including children, in~~
24 ~~families with family incomes below the poverty~~
25 ~~line in the community to be served;~~

1 ~~"(L) a description of how members of the~~
2 ~~community to be served were involved in the de-~~
3 ~~velopment of the application; and~~
4 ~~"(M) any other information the Corpora-~~
5 ~~tion may require.~~
6 ~~"(2) REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—~~
7 ~~"(A) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EDU-~~
8 ~~CATIONAL AWARDS.—An applicant may include~~
9 ~~in the application a request for a waiver (in-~~
10 ~~cluding a justification of the need for such~~
11 ~~waiver and information describing how such~~
12 ~~waiver will assist the applicant in improving~~
13 ~~performance on the appropriate indicators de-~~
14 ~~scribed in subsection (a)) of requirements relat-~~
15 ~~ing to the Corporation's provision of a national~~
16 ~~service educational award to or on behalf of a~~
17 ~~participant in the program, which may in-~~
18 ~~clude—~~
19 ~~"(i) in the case of a grant under sub-~~
20 ~~section (c)(1), requirements relating to the~~
21 ~~minimum age for a participant under sec-~~
22 ~~tion 137(a)(4); and~~
23 ~~"(ii) in the case of a grant under any~~
24 ~~paragraph of subsection (c), requirements~~
25 ~~relating to individuals who receive a na-~~

~~tional service educational award under section 146(a) and related provisions, to allow the eligible entity proposed to carry out the program to select participants to serve in approved national service positions (with eligibility for national service educational awards) from among a prespecified group of participants, if the request describes the process by which the participants serving in such positions will be selected from such group.~~

~~"(B) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO USE OF ALLOTMENTS FOR PROGRAMS.—~~

~~"(i) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission may include in the application a request that the Corporation—~~

~~"(I) waive provisions requiring the State to use an allotment from a Fund, described in subsection (c)(5)(A), for corresponding programs described in a paragraph of subsection (c); and~~

~~"(II) permit the State to use funds from the allotment for other~~

~~programs described in another paragraph of subsection (c).~~

~~"(ii) INFORMATION.—The State Commission shall include in the request—~~

~~"(I) information demonstrating that the State has not received a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to carry out the corresponding programs referred to in clause (i)(I); and~~

~~"(II) information identifying the other programs referred to in clause (i)(II), and the amount of funds from the allotment that the State intends to use for each such program.~~

~~"(iii) TREATMENT.—If the Corporation approves the waiver, and permits the State to use funds from the allotment for programs described in a paragraph of subsection (c), for purposes of this subtitle (other than subsection (c)(5)(A)), the funds shall be considered to be part of a grant made under that paragraph.~~

~~"(3) LIMITATION ON SAME PROJECT IN MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS.—The Corporation shall reject~~

~~an application submitted under this subsection if a project proposed to be conducted using assistance requested by the applicant is already described in another application pending before the Corporation.~~

~~"(f) CONSULTATION.—~~

~~"(1) OFFICIALS.—~~

~~"(A) EDUCATION CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Education as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(1) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(8)(F).~~

~~"(B) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(2) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(13)(E).~~

~~"(C) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with—~~

~~"(i) the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(3) and devel-~~

~~oping additional indicators described in subsection (a)(4)(E); and~~

~~"(ii) the Secretary of Labor in making grants under section (c)(3) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(4)(F).~~

~~"(D) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor as appropriate in making grants under subsection (c)(4) and developing additional indicators described in subsection (a)(19)(E).~~

~~"(2) REVIEW PANELS.—The Corporation shall—~~

~~"(A) establish panels of experts for the purpose of securing recommendations on applications submitted under subsection (c) for more than $250,000 in assistance, or for a number of national service positions that would require more than $250,000 in national service educational awards; and~~

~~"(B) consider the opinions of such panels prior to making determinations on such applications.~~

1 ~~"(g) ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND~~
2 ~~POSITIONS.—~~
3 ~~"(1) ALLOCATION.—~~
4 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—In making grants~~
5 ~~under subsection (c), the Corporation shall allo-~~
6 ~~cate the financial assistance and approved na-~~
7 ~~tional service positions provided through the~~
8 ~~grants among eligible entities proposed to carry~~
9 ~~out national service programs described in sub-~~
10 ~~section (c).~~
11 ~~"(B) APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSI-~~
12 ~~TIONS ONLY.—In making those grants, the Cor-~~
13 ~~poration—~~
14 ~~"(i) may make some grants that pro-~~
15 ~~vide only approved national service posi-~~
16 ~~tions (as opposed to financial assistance~~
17 ~~and such positions) for some or all of the~~
18 ~~participants in the national service pro-~~
19 ~~grams involved; but~~
20 ~~"(ii) shall ensure that not more than~~
21 ~~35 percent of the participants in the na-~~
22 ~~tional service programs described in sub-~~
23 ~~section (c) will receive only approved na-~~
24 ~~tional service positions through the grants.~~

1 ~~"(C) FULL-TIME POSITIONS.—In making~~
2 ~~the grants, the Corporation shall ensure that 50~~
3 ~~percent of the approved national service posi-~~
4 ~~tions provided through the grants shall be full-~~
5 ~~time national service positions.~~
6 ~~"(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding financial assist-~~
7 ~~ance and approved national service positions to eligi-~~
8 ~~ble entities proposed to carry out national service~~
9 ~~programs described in subsection (c)—~~
10 ~~"(A) in the case of a grant under sub-~~
11 ~~section (c)(2)—~~
12 ~~"(i) the Corporation may give priority~~
13 ~~to such eligible entities that propose to de-~~
14 ~~velop policies to provide, and provide, sup-~~
15 ~~port for participants who, after completing~~
16 ~~service under this section, will undertake~~
17 ~~careers to improve performance on health~~
18 ~~indicators; and~~
19 ~~"(ii) the Corporation shall give pri-~~
20 ~~ority to such eligible entities that propose~~
21 ~~to carry out national service programs in~~
22 ~~medically underserved areas;~~
23 ~~"(B) in the case of a grant under sub-~~
24 ~~section (c)(3), the Corporation shall give pri-~~
25 ~~ority to such eligible entities that propose to re-~~

~~cruit individuals for the Clean Energy Service Corps so that significant percentages of participants in the Corps are economically disadvantaged individuals, and provide to such individuals support services and education and training to develop skills needed for clean energy jobs for which there is current demand or projected future demand; and~~

~~"(C) in the case of a grant under subsection (c)(4), the Corporation shall give priority to such eligible entities that propose to—~~

~~"(i) improve economic opportunity by engaging a significant percentage of economically disadvantaged individuals as participants to provide services and benefits to other economically disadvantaged individuals; or~~

~~"(ii) serve a community with a high number and percentage of individuals, including children, in families with family incomes below the poverty line.~~

~~"(3) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Corporation shall ensure that eligible entities receiving financial assistance or positions under subsection (c) are geographically diverse and include entities pro-~~

posing national service programs to be conducted in urban or rural areas.

"(4) ENCORE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—

"(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—Each State receiving a grant under subsection (c)(5)(A) for a fiscal year shall make an effort to make available not less than 10 percent of the financial assistance and approved national service positions provided through the grant for that fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry out encore service programs, unless the State Commission involved does not receive a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to justify making that percentage available to those eligible entities.

"(B) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—In making grants under subsection (c)(5)(B) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make an effort to allocate not less than 10 percent of the financial assistance and approved national service positions provided through the grants for that fiscal year to eligible entities proposed to carry out encore service programs, unless the Corporation does not receive a sufficient number of applications of adequate quality to justify mak-

~~ing that percentage available to those eligible entities.~~

~~"(5) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A participant who serves in a national service program that receives a grant under subsection (c) shall be considered to have served in an approved national service position and, upon meeting the requirements of section 147 (or the requirements specified in a waiver granted under subsection (c)(2)(A)), shall be eligible for a national service educational award described in section 147. The Corporation shall transfer an appropriate amount of funds to the National Service Trust to provide for the national service educational awards for such participants.~~

~~"(h) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—~~

~~"(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity that receives financial assistance or positions under a paragraph of subsection (c) shall use the financial assistance or positions to carry out full-time or part-time national service programs, including summer programs, described in that paragraph of subsection (c) that are designed to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a) in low-income communities.~~

1 ~~"(2) PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES.—A participant~~
2 ~~in such a program shall address identified commu-~~
3 ~~nity needs by carrying out activities (which may in-~~
4 ~~clude providing direct service, recruiting and coordi-~~
5 ~~nating the activities of volunteers providing direct~~
6 ~~service, and building the capacity of local organiza-~~
7 ~~tions and communities) designed to improve per-~~
8 ~~formance on the corresponding indicators described~~
9 ~~in subsection (a), such as—~~
10 ~~"(A) in the case of a program carried out~~
11 ~~under subsection (c)(1)—~~
12 ~~"(i) tutoring, or providing other aca-~~
13 ~~demic support to students;~~
14 ~~"(ii) mentoring students, including~~
15 ~~adult or peer mentoring;~~
16 ~~"(iii) linking needed integrated serv-~~
17 ~~ices and comprehensive supports with stu-~~
18 ~~dents, their families, and their public~~
19 ~~schools;~~
20 ~~"(iv) improving the school climate in-~~
21 ~~volved;~~
22 ~~"(v) providing assistance to a school~~
23 ~~in expanding the school day by strength-~~
24 ~~ening the quality of staff in an expanded~~
25 ~~learning time initiative, a program of a~~

~~21st century community learning center, or a high-quality after-school program;~~

~~"(vi) assisting schools and local educational agencies in improving and expanding high-quality service-learning programs that keep students engaged in schools by providing service-learning coordinators; and~~

~~"(vii) involving family members of students in supporting teachers and students;~~

~~"(B) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(2)—~~

~~"(i) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in navigating the health care system;~~

~~"(ii) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health care for themselves or their children;~~

~~"(iii) educating economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations about, and engaging individuals described in this clause in, initiatives regarding navigating the health care system~~

~~and regarding disease prevention and health promotion, with a particular focus on common health conditions, chronic diseases, and conditions, for which disease prevention and health promotion measures exist and for which socioeconomic, geographic, and racial and ethnic health disparities exist, such as initiatives concerning—~~

~~"(I) cardiovascular disease;~~

~~"(II) diabetes education;~~

~~"(III) cancer screening;~~

~~"(IV) HIV infection or AIDS;~~

~~"(V) immunizations; and~~

~~"(VI) infant mortality;~~

~~"(iv) improving health literacy of patients;~~

~~"(v) providing translation services at clinics and in emergency rooms to improve health care; and~~

~~"(vi) assisting in health promotion interventions that improve health status, and helping people adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles and habits to improve health status;~~

~~"(C) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(3)—~~

~~"(i) weatherizing and retrofitting housing units for low-income households to improve the energy efficiency of such housing units;~~

~~"(ii) building energy efficient housing units in low-income communities;~~

~~"(iii) conducting energy audits for low-income households and recommending ways for the households to improve energy efficiency;~~

~~"(iv) working with schools and youth programs to educate students and youth about ways to reduce home energy use and improve the environment, including conducting service-learning projects to provide such education;~~

~~"(v) assisting in the development of local recycling programs;~~

~~"(vi) improving national and State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, and trails owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, includ-~~

~~ing planting trees, carrying out reforestation, and making trail enhancements; and~~

~~"(vii) cleaning and improving rivers maintained by the Federal Government or a State; and~~

~~"(D) in the case of a program carried out under subsection (c)(4)—~~

~~"(i) providing financial literacy education to economically disadvantaged individuals, including financial literacy education with regard to credit management, financial institutions including banks and credit unions, and utilization of savings plans;~~

~~"(ii) assisting in the construction of housing units including energy efficient homes, in low-income communities;~~

~~"(iii) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health care for themselves or their children;~~

~~"(iv) assisting individuals in obtaining information about Federal, State, local, or private programs or benefits focused on assisting economically disadvantaged individ-~~

~~uals, economically disadvantaged children, or low-income families;~~

~~"(v) improving opportunities for economically disadvantaged children and youth to become involved in youth development organizations;~~

~~"(vi) facilitating enrollment in and completion of job training for economically disadvantaged individuals; and~~

~~"(vii) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in obtaining access to job placement assistance.~~

~~"(i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR REVIEW PANELS AND TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—Before allotting funds under subsection (c)(5), the Corporation shall reserve an equal percentage (but not more than 4 percent) of the amounts available in each Fund described in a paragraph of subsection (b), to—~~

~~"(A) carry out activities concerning review panels as provided in subsection (f)(2); and~~

~~"(B) provide training and technical assistance to eligible entities, including training and technical assistance to assist eligible entities~~

~~carrying out national service programs with a Corps described in subsection (a) in—~~

~~"(i) coordinating efforts; and~~

~~"(ii) improving the ability of the Corps to improve performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a).~~

~~"(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation may, as appropriate, consult with the corresponding officials described in subsection (f)(1) in planning and carrying out the training and technical assistance.~~

~~"(j) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year for which the Corporation makes grants under a paragraph of subsection (c), the Corporation shall prepare and submit to Congress a report containing—~~

~~"(1)(A) information describing how the Corporation allocated financial assistance and approved national service positions among eligible entities proposed to carry out national service programs described in that paragraph for that fiscal year; and~~

~~"(B) information describing the amount of financial assistance and the number of approved national service positions the Corporation provided to~~

~~each national service program described in a paragraph of subsection (c) for that fiscal year;~~

~~"(2) a measure of the extent to which the national service programs improved performance on the corresponding indicators described in subsection (a); and~~

~~"(3) information describing how the Corporation is coordinating—~~

~~"(A) the national service programs funded under that paragraph; with~~

~~"(B) applicable programs, as determined by the Corporation, carried out under subtitles B and C of this title, and part A of title I and parts A and B of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq., 5001, 5011) that improve performance on those indicators or otherwise address identified community needs.~~

~~"(k) INCENTIVES FOR ENCORE SERVICE.—~~

~~"(1) INCENTIVES STUDY.—~~

~~"(A) STUDY.—The Corporation shall study the use of additional incentives (other than incentives provided by this Act on the date of enactment of the Serve America Act), to attract~~

~~individuals who are age 50 or older to perform service under subtitle C or this subtitle.~~

~~"(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall prepare and submit to Congress a report containing the results of the study.~~

~~"(2) INCENTIVES.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, implement through a pilot program additional incentives that the Corporation has found, through the study described in paragraph (1), to be effective to attract individuals described in paragraph (1)(A) to perform service under subtitle C or this subtitle.".~~

~~(d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—~~

~~(1) TRUST.—Section 145 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended—~~

~~(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "section 501(a)(2)" and inserting "paragraph (2) or (6) of section 501(a)"; and~~

~~(B) in subsection (d)(4), by striking "subtitle C" and inserting "subtitle C or G".~~

~~(2) INCREASED NUMBER OF TERMS OF SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Section 146 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended—~~

~~(A) in subsection (c)—~~

~~(i) by striking "Although" and inserting the following:~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—Although"; and~~

~~(ii) by adding at the end the following:~~

~~"(2) TERMS OF SERVICE FOR ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—~~

~~"(A) NUMBER OF TERMS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and section 147, a participant who is age 50 or older on the first day of the participant's service under subtitle C or G may receive a national service educational award for not more than 3 terms of service under subtitle C or G.~~

~~"(B) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The participant shall receive—~~

~~"(i) a national service educational award in the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147, for~~

the first or second term of such service; and

"(ii) a reduced national service educational award equal to ½ of the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147, for the third term of such service."; and

(B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the following:

"(3) TERM FOR TRANSFERRED EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—For purposes of applying paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) to an individual who is eligible to receive an educational award as a designated individual (as defined in section 148(f)(3)), references to a seven-year period shall be considered to be references to a 15-year period that begins on the date the individual who transferred the educational award to the designated individual completed the term of service in the approved national service position that is the basis of the award.".

(3) EDUCATIONAL AWARD TRANSFERS TO ENCOURAGE ENCORE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.—Section 148 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended—

~~(A) in subsection (c)(5), by striking "subtitle C" and inserting "subtitle C or the appropriate national service program under subtitle G, as applicable";~~

~~(B) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and~~

~~(C) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:~~

~~"(f) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—~~

~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) may elect to receive a reduced national service educational award (equal to ½ of the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147) and transfer the award to a designated individual. Subsections (b), (c), and (d) shall apply to the designated individual in lieu of the individual who is eligible to receive the national service educational award, except that amounts refunded to the account under subsection (c)(5) on behalf of a designated individual may be used by the Corporation to fund additional placements in the national service program in which the eligible individual who transferred the~~

national service educational award participated for such award.

"(2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—A national service educational award may be transferred under this subsection if—

"(A) the educational award is for service in a national service program that receives a grant under subtitle G; and

"(B) the eligible individual is age 50 or older.

"(3) DEFINITION OF A DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL.—In this subsection, the term 'designated individual' is an individual—

"(A) whom an individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) designates to receive the educational award;

"(B) who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 146(a); and

"(C) who is a child or grandchild of the individual described in subparagraph (A).".

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended by section

121(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(6) SERVEAMERICA CORPS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide financial assistance under subtitle G of title I and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I (including providing financial assistance and national service educational awards to participants in national service positions, established or increased as provided in section 168(e)(7)).".

Subtitle D—Civic Health Index

SEC. 141. INDEX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12639) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX AND VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

"(1) DEFINITION OF PARTNERSHIP.—In this subsection, the term 'partnership' means a partnership formed by the Corporation, the Director of the Bureau of the Census, and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, in conjunction with (consistent with the terms of an agreement entered into between

~~the Corporation and the National Conference) the National Conference on Citizenship referred to in section 150701 of title 36, United States Code, to carry out this subsection.~~

~~"(2) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall establish a Civic Health Index by collecting civic health data, conducting related analyses, and reporting the data and analyses, as described in this subsection.~~

~~"(3) COLLECTION OF DATA.—~~

~~"(A) INDICATORS.—~~

~~"(i) IN GENERAL.—In collecting data for the Index, the partnership shall collect data on various indicators established by the partnership, including indicators related to—~~

~~"(I) volunteering and community service;~~

~~"(II) voting and other forms of political and civic engagement;~~

~~"(III) charitable giving;~~

~~"(IV) connecting to civic groups and faith-based organizations;~~

1 ~~"(V) interest in employment, and~~
2 ~~careers, in public service in the non-~~
3 ~~profit sector or government; and~~
4 ~~"(VI) understanding and obtain-~~
5 ~~ing knowledge of United States his-~~
6 ~~tory and government.~~
7 ~~"(ii) UPDATING.—The partnership~~
8 ~~shall periodically evaluate and update the~~
9 ~~indicators.~~
10 ~~"(B) DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS.—~~
11 ~~The partnership shall collect data for the Index~~
12 ~~in a manner that will permit the partnership to~~
13 ~~analyze the data by age group, race and eth-~~
14 ~~nicity, education level, and other demographic~~
15 ~~characteristics of the individuals involved.~~
16 ~~"(C) OTHER ISSUES.—In collecting data~~
17 ~~for the Index, the partnership shall collect such~~
18 ~~information as may be necessary to analyze the~~
19 ~~role of Internet technology in strengthening and~~
20 ~~inhibiting civic activities, the role of specific~~
21 ~~programs in strengthening civic activities, and~~
22 ~~the civic attitudes and activities of new citizens~~
23 ~~and immigrants.~~
24 ~~"(D) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DATA.—To~~
25 ~~collect data for the Index, the partnership shall~~

~~consider methods of expanding data collection conducted by the Bureau of the Census, through the Current Population Survey, or by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.~~

~~"(4) REPORTING OF DATA.—~~

~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall, not less often than once each year, prepare a report containing detailed data collected under paragraph (3), including data on each of the indicators described in paragraph (3)(A), and containing the analyses described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (3).~~

~~"(B) AGGREGATION AND PRESENTATION.—The partnership shall, to the extent practicable, aggregate the data collected under paragraph (3) by community, by State, and nationally. The report shall present the aggregated data in a form that enables communities and States to assess their civic health, as measured on each of the indicators, and compare those measures with comparable measures of other communities and States.~~

~~"(C) SUBMISSION.—The partnership shall submit the report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representa-~~

~~tives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and make the report available to the general public on the Corporation's website.~~

~~"(5) CONFERENCES AND FORUMS.—The partnership shall hold conferences and forums to discuss the implications of the data and analyses reported under paragraph (4).~~

~~"(6) VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—~~

~~"(A) RESEARCH.—The partnership shall provide for baseline research and tracking of domestic and international volunteering, and baseline research and tracking related to relevant data on the indicators described in paragraph (3). In providing for the research and tracking under this paragraph, the partnership shall consider methods of expanding research and tracking conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.~~

~~"(B) IMPACT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—The partnership shall provide for research on, and evaluations of, the impact of domestic and international volunteering, including an assessment of best practices for such volun-~~

teering, and methods of improving such volunteering through enhanced collaboration among entities that recruit, manage, support, and utilize volunteers, institutions of higher education, and research institutions.''.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)), as amended in section 131(e), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(7) CIVIC HEALTH INDEX AND VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—In addition to any amounts appropriated under paragraph (4), there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 179(j), $1,500,000 for fiscal year 2010 and $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 though 2014.''.

Subtitle E—Serveamerica and Encore Fellowships

SEC. 151. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Full- and part-time volunteer service, both at the national and State levels, can effectively tackle pressing national challenges and improve communities throughout the United States.

~~(2) Individual service plans and opportunities can improve the ability of the nonprofit sector to address areas of national need by introducing more personal innovation and ingenuity into volunteer service efforts.~~

~~(3) Many individuals in the United States who are retiring or age 50 or older have shown an increasing interest in community service and, by utilizing their individual skills and expertise, volunteer organizations can find creative solutions to pressing national problems.~~

~~(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—~~

~~(1) to provide, by 2014, individual fellowships to 5,000 individuals annually, allowing the individuals to propose their own plans for serving in their communities and addressing areas of national need;~~

~~(2) to focus the ideas and creativity of individuals into addressing national challenges such as improving education for low-income students, increasing energy conservation, improving access to health care for, and the health status of, low-income individuals, and creating new economic opportunities for low-income individuals; and~~

~~(3) to provide Encore Fellowships to individuals age 50 or older to draw on the individuals' talents~~

and experience, to improve the effectiveness of volunteer service organizations, and to provide the individuals with the support they need to make a transition to longer-term work in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

(c) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as redesignated by section 121, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 198E. SERVEAMERICA AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.

"(a) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—

"(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term 'area of national need' means an area related to—

"(i) improving education in public schools for economically disadvantaged students;

"(ii) expanding and improving access to health care;

"(iii) improving energy efficiency and conserving natural resources;

"(iv) improving economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals; or

1 ~~"(v) improving disaster preparedness~~
2 ~~and response.~~
3 ~~"(B) CAMPUS OF SERVICE.—The term~~
4 ~~'Campus of Service' means an institution of~~
5 ~~higher education designated as a Campus of~~
6 ~~Service under section 119E.~~
7 ~~"(C) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—~~
8 ~~The term 'eligible fellowship recipient' means~~
9 ~~an individual who is selected by a State Com-~~
10 ~~mission under paragraph (4)(E) and, as a re-~~
11 ~~sult of such selection, is eligible for a~~
12 ~~ServeAmerica Fellowship.~~
13 ~~"(D) FELLOW.—The term 'fellow' means~~
14 ~~an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded~~
15 ~~a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a~~
16 ~~fellow under paragraph (5)(B).~~
17 ~~"(2) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—~~
18 ~~The Corporation shall establish and carry out a~~
19 ~~ServeAmerica Fellowship program.~~
20 ~~"(3) GRANTS.—~~
21 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall~~
22 ~~make grants (including financial assistance and~~
23 ~~a corresponding allotment of approved national~~
24 ~~service positions), from allotments described in~~
25 ~~subparagraph (B), to the State Commissions of~~

~~each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has an application approved by the Corporation, to enable the State Commissions to award ServeAmerica Fellowships under paragraph (5). The fellowships shall be used to enable fellows to carry out service projects in areas of national need.~~

~~"(B) RESERVATION; ALLOTMENT.—~~

~~"(i) RESERVATION.—From the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(C) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve not more than 3 percent to administer the program under this subsection.~~

~~"(ii) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted as a grant to a State Commission under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(C) and not reserved under clause (i) for that fiscal year, as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the~~

District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"(C) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—

"(i) establish or increase the number of positions that are approved as approved national service positions under this subsection during each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014;

"(ii) establish the number of approved positions at 1,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(iii) increase the number of the approved positions to—

"(I) 2,000 for fiscal year 2011;

"(II) 3,000 for fiscal year 2012;

"(III) 4,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

"(IV) 5,000 for fiscal year 2014.

"(D) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive such a grant, a State Commission shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including information on the criteria and procedures that the State Commission will use for

overseeing placements for service projects, and awarding ServeAmerica Fellowships, under paragraph (5).

"(4) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall, each fiscal year, maintain a list of eligible fellowship recipients selected under subparagraph (E).

"(B) APPLICATION.—An individual desiring to be selected as an eligible fellowship recipient shall submit an application to a State Commission, a Campus of Service, or an institution of higher education, that has elected to participate in the program carried out under this subsection, at such time and in such manner as the Commission, Campus, or institution may require, and containing the information described in subparagraph (C) and such additional information as the Commission, Campus, or institution may require. An individual may submit such application to only 1 entity under this subparagraph for a fiscal year.

"(C) CONTENTS.—The Corporation shall specify information to be provided in the application, which shall include—

1 ~~"(i) a description of the area of na-~~
2 ~~tional need that the applicant hopes to ad-~~
3 ~~dress through service in the service project;~~
4 ~~"(ii) a description of the skills and ex-~~
5 ~~perience the applicant has to address the~~
6 ~~area of national need;~~
7 ~~"(iii) a description of the type of serv-~~
8 ~~ice that the applicant plans to provide as~~
9 ~~a fellow; and~~
10 ~~"(iv) information identifying the State~~
11 ~~in which the applicant will serve (which, in~~
12 ~~the case of an application submitted to a~~
13 ~~State Commission, shall be the State~~
14 ~~served by the Commission) and the local~~
15 ~~area in which the applicant plans to serve,~~
16 ~~for the service project.~~
17 ~~"(D) NOMINATIONS BY CAMPUSES OF~~
18 ~~SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONS.—After reviewing~~
19 ~~the applications—~~
20 ~~"(i) each Campus of Service may~~
21 ~~nominate not fewer than 8 individuals for~~
22 ~~consideration by the State Commission as~~
23 ~~eligible fellowship recipients; and~~
24 ~~"(ii) each institution of higher edu-~~
25 ~~cation that is not a Campus of Service may~~

~~nominate not fewer than 4 individuals for consideration by the State Commission as eligible fellowship recipients.~~

~~"(E) SELECTION.—Each State Commission shall select, from the applicants nominated by Campuses of Service and institutions of higher education serving the State and the applicants received by the State Commission for a fiscal year, the number of eligible fellowship recipients that may be supported for that fiscal year based on the grant received by the State Commission under paragraph (3)(A). A total of not less than 10 percent and not more than 15 percent of the eligible fellowship recipients selected by the State Commission for a fiscal year shall be individuals nominated by a Campus of Service or an institution of higher education.~~

~~"(5) FELLOWS.—~~

~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to participate in a service project through the program as a fellow and receive a ServeAmerica Fellowship, an eligible fellowship recipient shall—~~

~~"(i) within 6 months after being selected as an eligible fellowship recipient,~~

~~select an appropriate service sponsor organization described in paragraph (6) in the State described in paragraph (4)(C)(iv), with which the individual is interested in serving under this subsection;~~

~~"(ii) enter into an agreement with the organization—~~

~~"(I) that specifies the service the individual will provide if the placement is approved; and~~

~~"(II) in which the individual agrees to serve for 1 year on a full-time or part-time basis (as determined by the Corporation); and~~

~~"(iii) submit such agreement to the State Commission.~~

~~"(B) AWARD.—Upon receiving the eligible fellowship recipient's agreement under subparagraph (A), the State Commission shall award a ServeAmerica Fellowship to the recipient and designate the recipient as a fellow.~~

~~"(C) FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT.—~~

~~"(i) IN GENERAL.—From funds received under paragraph (3), each State Commission shall award each of the~~

~~State's fellows a ServeAmerica Fellowship amount that is equal to 50 percent of the amount of the total average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).~~

~~"(ii) AMOUNT FROM SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the service sponsor organization shall award to the fellow serving such organization an amount that will ensure that the total award received by the fellow for service in the service project (consisting of that amount and the ServeAmerica Fellowship amount the fellow receives under clause (i)) is equal to or greater than 70 percent of the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).~~

~~"(iii) MAXIMUM LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The total amount that may be provided to a fellow under this subparagraph shall not exceed 100 percent of the average~~

~~annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).~~

~~"(iv) PRORATION OF AMOUNT.—In the case of a fellow who is authorized to serve a part-time term of service under the agreement described in subparagraph (A)(ii), the amount provided to a fellow under this subparagraph shall be prorated accordingly.~~

~~"(v) WAIVER.—The Corporation may allow a State Commission to waive the amount required under clause (ii) from the service sponsor organization for a fellow serving the organization if—~~

~~"(I) such requirement is inconsistent with the objectives of the ServeAmerica Fellowship program; and~~

~~"(II) the amount provided to the fellow under clause (i) is sufficient to meet the necessary costs of living (including food, housing, and transportation) in the area in which the~~

1 ~~ServeAmerica Fellowship program is~~
2 ~~located.~~
3 ~~"(6) SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.—~~
4 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each service sponsor~~
5 ~~organization shall—~~
6 ~~"(i) be a nonprofit organization; and~~
7 ~~"(ii) at the time of registration with a~~
8 ~~State Commission, enter into an agreement~~
9 ~~providing that the service sponsor organi-~~
10 ~~zation shall—~~
11 ~~"(I) abide by all program re-~~
12 ~~quirements;~~
13 ~~"(II) provide an amount de-~~
14 ~~scribed in paragraph (5)(C)(ii) for~~
15 ~~each fellow serving with the organiza-~~
16 ~~tion through the ServeAmerica Fel-~~
17 ~~lowship;~~
18 ~~"(III) be responsible for certi-~~
19 ~~fying whether each fellow serving with~~
20 ~~the organization successfully com-~~
21 ~~pleted the ServeAmerica Fellowship,~~
22 ~~and record and certify in a manner~~
23 ~~specified by the Corporation the num-~~
24 ~~ber of hours served by a fellow for~~

~~purposes of determining the fellow's eligibility for benefits; and~~

~~"(IV) provide timely access to records relating to the ServeAmerica Fellowship to the State Commission, the Corporation, and the Corporation's Inspector General.~~

~~"(B) REGISTRATION.—~~

~~"(i) REQUIREMENT.—No service sponsor organization may receive a fellow under this subsection until the organization registers with the State Commission.~~

~~"(ii) REVOCATION.—A State Commission shall revoke the registration of any service sponsor organization if the State Commission determines after a hearing that the organization is in violation of any of the applicable provisions of this subsection.~~

~~"(7) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE CATEGORIES.—Service under a ServeAmerica Fellowship shall comply with section 132(a). For purposes of applying that section to this subsection, a reference to assistance shall be considered to be a reference to assistance provided under this section.~~

1 ~~"(8) REPORTS.—Each service sponsor organiza-~~
2 ~~tion that receives a fellow under this subsection~~
3 ~~shall, on a biweekly basis, report to the Corporation~~
4 ~~on the number of hours served and the services pro-~~
5 ~~vided by that fellow. The Corporation shall establish~~
6 ~~a web portal for the organizations to use in report-~~
7 ~~ing the information.~~
8 ~~"(9) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A fellow who~~
9 ~~serves in a service project under this subsection shall~~
10 ~~be considered to have served in an approved national~~
11 ~~service position and, upon meeting the requirements~~
12 ~~of section 147 for full-time or part-time national~~
13 ~~service, shall be eligible for a national service edu-~~
14 ~~cational award described in such section. The Cor-~~
15 ~~poration shall transfer an appropriate amount of~~
16 ~~funds to the National Service Trust to provide for~~
17 ~~the national service educational awards for such fel-~~
18 ~~lows.~~
19 ~~"(b) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—~~
20 ~~"(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:~~
21 ~~"(A) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The~~
22 ~~term 'area of national need' has the meaning~~
23 ~~given the term in subsection (a)(1).~~
24 ~~"(B) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RE-~~
25 ~~CIPIENT.—The term 'eligible Encore Fellowship~~

~~recipient' means an individual who is selected under paragraph (3)(B) and, as a result of such selection, is eligible for an Encore Fellowship.~~

~~"(C) ENCORE FELLOW.—The term 'Encore Fellow' means an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient who is awarded an Encore Fellowship and is designated an Encore Fellow under paragraph (5)(C).~~

~~"(2) ENCORE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—~~

~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall establish and carry out an Encore Fellowship program. In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall award 1-year Encore Fellowships to enable individuals age 50 or older—~~

~~"(i) to carry out service projects in areas of national need; and~~

~~"(ii) to receive training and development in order to transition to full- or part-time public service in the nonprofit sector or government.~~

~~"(B) PROGRAM.—In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall—~~

~~"(i) maintain a list of eligible Encore Fellowship recipients who are eligible to~~

~~participate in service projects through the program and receive fellowships;~~

~~"(ii) maintain a list of organizations that are eligible to have eligible Encore Fellows placed with the organizations to carry out service projects through the program and provide the list to all eligible Encore Fellowship recipients described in clause (i); and~~

~~"(iii) at the request of an Encore Fellowship recipient—~~

~~"(I) determine whether the requesting eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able to meet the service needs of a listed organization, or another organization that the recipient requests in accordance with paragraph (5)(B), for a service project; and~~

~~"(II) upon making a favorable determination under subclause (I), award the recipient with an Encore Fellowship, and place the recipient with the organization as an Encore Fellow under paragraph (5)(C).~~

1 ~~"(3) ELIGIBLE ENCORE FELLOWSHIP RECIPI-~~
2 ~~ENTS.—~~
3 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual desiring~~
4 ~~to be selected as an eligible Encore Fellowship~~
5 ~~recipient shall—~~
6 ~~"(i) be an individual who is—~~
7 ~~"(I) at least 50 years of age as~~
8 ~~of the time the individual applies for~~
9 ~~the program; and~~
10 ~~"(II) not engaged in, but who~~
11 ~~wishes to make a transition to being~~
12 ~~engaged in, full- or part-time public~~
13 ~~service in the nonprofit sector or gov-~~
14 ~~ernment; and~~
15 ~~"(ii) submit an application to the Cor-~~
16 ~~poration, at such time, in such manner,~~
17 ~~and containing such information as the~~
18 ~~Corporation may require, including—~~
19 ~~"(I) a description of the area of~~
20 ~~national need that the applicant hopes~~
21 ~~to address through the service project;~~
22 ~~"(II) a description of the skills~~
23 ~~and experience the applicant has to~~
24 ~~address an area of national need; and~~

1 ~~"(III) information identifying the~~
2 ~~region of the United States in which~~
3 ~~the applicant wishes to serve.~~
4 ~~"(B) SELECTION BASIS.—In determining~~
5 ~~which individuals to select as eligible Encore~~
6 ~~Fellowship recipients, the Corporation shall—~~
7 ~~"(i) select not more than 10 individ-~~
8 ~~uals from each State; and~~
9 ~~"(ii) give priority to individuals with~~
10 ~~skills and experience for which there is an~~
11 ~~ongoing high demand in the nonprofit sec-~~
12 ~~tor and government.~~
13 ~~"(4) LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be listed~~
14 ~~under paragraph (2)(B)(ii), an organization shall—~~
15 ~~"(A) be a nonprofit organization; and~~
16 ~~"(B) submit an application to the Corpora-~~
17 ~~tion at such time, in such manner, and con-~~
18 ~~taining such information as the Corporation~~
19 ~~may require, including—~~
20 ~~"(i) a description of—~~
21 ~~"(I) the services and activities~~
22 ~~the organization carries out generally;~~
23 ~~"(II) the area of national need~~
24 ~~that the organization seeks to address~~
25 ~~through a service project; and~~

1 ~~"(III) the services and activities~~
2 ~~the organization seeks to carry out~~
3 ~~through the proposed service project;~~
4 ~~"(ii) a description of the skills and ex-~~
5 ~~perience that an eligible Encore Fellowship~~
6 ~~recipient needs to be placed with the orga-~~
7 ~~nization as an Encore Fellow for the serv-~~
8 ~~ice project;~~
9 ~~"(iii) a description of the training and~~
10 ~~leadership development the organization~~
11 ~~shall provide an Encore Fellow placed with~~
12 ~~the organization to assist the Encore Fel-~~
13 ~~low in obtaining a public service job in the~~
14 ~~nonprofit sector or government after the~~
15 ~~period of the Encore Fellowship; and~~
16 ~~"(iv) evidence of the organization's fi-~~
17 ~~nancial stability.~~
18 ~~"(5) PLACEMENT.—~~
19 ~~"(A) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH~~
20 ~~LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be placed with a~~
21 ~~listed organization under subparagraph (C) for~~
22 ~~a service project, an eligible Encore Fellowship~~
23 ~~recipient shall submit an application for such~~
24 ~~placement to the Corporation at such time, in~~

~~such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.~~

~~"(B) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible Encore Fellowship recipient may apply to the Corporation to serve the recipient's Encore Fellowship year with a nonprofit organization that is not a listed organization. Such application shall be submitted to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation shall require, and shall include—~~

~~"(i) an identification and description of—~~

~~"(I) the organization;~~

~~"(II) the area of national need the organization seeks to address; and~~

~~"(III) the services or activities the organization carries out to address such area of national need;~~

~~"(ii) a description of the services the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall provide for the organization as an Encore Fellow; and~~

1 ~~"(iii) a letter of support from the~~
2 ~~leader of the organization, including—~~
3 ~~"(I) a description of the organi-~~
4 ~~zation's need for the eligible Encore~~
5 ~~Fellowship recipient's services;~~
6 ~~"(II) evidence that the organiza-~~
7 ~~tion is financially sound;~~
8 ~~"(III) an assurance that the or-~~
9 ~~ganization will provide training and~~
10 ~~leadership development to the eligible~~
11 ~~Encore Fellowship recipient if placed~~
12 ~~with the organization as an Encore~~
13 ~~Fellow, to assist the Encore Fellow in~~
14 ~~obtaining a public service job in the~~
15 ~~nonprofit sector or government after~~
16 ~~the period of the Encore Fellowship;~~
17 ~~and~~
18 ~~"(IV) a description of the train-~~
19 ~~ing and leadership development to be~~
20 ~~provided to the Encore Fellowship re-~~
21 ~~cipient if so placed.~~
22 ~~"(C) PLACEMENT AND AWARD OF FEL-~~
23 ~~LOWSHIP.—If the Corporation determines that~~
24 ~~the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able~~
25 ~~to meet the service needs (including skills and~~

experience to address an area of national need) of the organization that the eligible fellowship recipient requests under subparagraph (A) or (B), the Corporation shall—

"(i) approve the placement of the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient with the organization;

"(ii) award the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient an Encore Fellowship for a period of 1 year and designate the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient as an Encore Fellow; and

"(iii) in awarding the Encore Fellowship, make a payment, in the amount of $11,000, to the organization to enable the organization to provide living expenses to the Encore Fellow for the year in which the Encore Fellow agrees to serve.

"(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall agree to provide, for the living expenses of the Encore Fellow during the year of service, non-Federal contributions in an amount equal to not less than $1 for every $1 of Federal funds provided to

~~the organization for the Encore Fellow through the fellowship.~~

~~"(7) TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.—Each organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall provide training, leadership development, and assistance to the Encore Fellow, and conduct oversight of the service provided by the Encore Fellow.~~

~~"(8) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—Each year, the Corporation shall convene current and former Encore Fellows to discuss the Encore Fellows' experiences related to service under this subsection and discuss strategies for increasing leadership and careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.".~~

~~(d) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—~~

~~(1) TRUST.—Section 145(d)(4) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601(d)(4)), as amended by section 131(d)(1)(B), is further amended by inserting "or section 198E(a)" after "subtitle C or G".~~

~~(2) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—Section 148(f)(2)(A) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (20 U.S.C. 12604(f)(2)(A)), as added by section 131(d)(3)(C),~~

~~is further amended by inserting "or section 198E(a)" after "subtitle G".~~

~~(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—~~

~~(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by inserting "(other than section 198E)" after "H of title I"; and~~

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

~~"(C) SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide financial assistance under section 198E(a) and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I (including providing financial assistance and national service educational awards to participants in national service positions, established or increased as provided in section 198E(a)(3)(C)).~~

~~"(D) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 198E(b), $7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.".~~

~~Subtitle F—Volunteer Generation Fund; National Service Reserve Corps; Call to Service Campaign~~

~~SEC. 161. STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.~~

~~The purposes of this subtitle are to—~~

~~(1) assist nonprofit, faith-based, and other civic organizations in the United States and State Commissions in expanding the supply of volunteers and improving the capacity of such organizations and State Commissions to utilize new volunteers;~~

~~(2) spur innovation in volunteer recruitment and management practices, with a goal of increasing the number of volunteers in the United States each year;~~

~~(3) enable the people of the United States to effect change throughout the United States by participating in active volunteer and citizen service; and~~

~~(4) draw on the experience, skills, and training of national service alumni to assist local communities that are affected by disasters.~~

~~SEC. 162. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.~~

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.~~

~~12653 et seq.), as amended by section 151, is further amended by adding at the end the following:~~

~~"SEC. 198F. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.~~

~~"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

~~"(1) AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term 'areas of national need' has the meaning given the term in section 198E(a)(1).~~

~~"(2) CIVIC ENTITY.—The term 'civic entity' means a local or national nonprofit organization, including a faith-based organization, that uses volunteers to carry out activities in areas of national need.~~

~~"(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means—~~

~~"(A) a State Commission; or~~

~~"(B) a nonprofit entity that provides technical assistance and support to civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting volunteers, such as a volunteer coordinating agency, a nonprofit resource center, a volunteer training clearinghouse, or an institution of higher education.~~

~~"(b) FUND.—~~

1 ~~"(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation~~
2 ~~shall award grants on a competitive basis to eligible~~
3 ~~entities to enable—~~
4 ~~"(A) eligible entities to increase the num-~~
5 ~~ber of volunteers available to carry out activities~~
6 ~~that address areas of national need through~~
7 ~~civic entities supported by the eligible entity; or~~
8 ~~"(B) eligible entities described in sub-~~
9 ~~section (a)(3)(A) to increase the number of vol-~~
10 ~~unteers available to carry out statewide volun-~~
11 ~~teer initiatives that address State priorities with~~
12 ~~regard to areas of national need.~~
13 ~~"(2) PERIOD OF GRANT.—The Corporation~~
14 ~~shall award the grants for periods of not less than~~
15 ~~3 years and not more than 5 years.~~
16 ~~"(3) APPLICATION.—~~
17 ~~"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity~~
18 ~~desiring a grant under this subsection shall~~
19 ~~submit an application to the Corporation at~~
20 ~~such time, in such manner, and accompanied by~~
21 ~~such information as the Corporation may rea-~~
22 ~~sonably require.~~
23 ~~"(B) CONTENTS.—Each application sub-~~
24 ~~mitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall con-~~
25 ~~tain—~~

~~"(i)(I) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out an activity described in paragraph (1)(A), a description of the technical assistance and support the entity provides to civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting additional volunteers; or~~

~~"(II) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative described in paragraph (1)(B), a description of the State priorities with regard to areas of national need and the proposed initiative to address such priorities;~~

~~"(ii) an assurance that the eligible entity will annually collect information on—~~

~~"(I) the number of volunteers recruited for civic entities or to carry out statewide initiatives described in paragraph (1)(B), using funds received under this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers; and~~

~~"(II) the number of volunteers supported using funds received under~~

~~this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers;~~

~~"(iii) a description of any outcomes the eligible entity will use to annually measure and track performance with regard to—~~

~~"(I) activities carried out by volunteers; and~~

~~"(II) volunteers recruited, managed, and supported;~~

~~"(iv) information describing how the eligible entity will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the entity's activities under this subsection; and~~

~~"(v) such additional assurances as the Corporation determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subsection.~~

~~"(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under this subsection shall use amounts provided through the grant to—~~

~~"(A) in the case of an eligible entity using grant funds to carry out an activity described in paragraph (1)(A)—~~

1 ~~"(i) increase recruitment and training~~
2 ~~of volunteers for a civic entity, relying on~~
3 ~~best practices in volunteer recruitment and~~
4 ~~management; or~~
5 ~~"(ii) strengthen the capacity of a civic~~
6 ~~entity to use volunteers; or~~
7 ~~"(B) in the case of an eligible entity using~~
8 ~~grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative~~
9 ~~described in paragraph (1)(B), recruit, train,~~
10 ~~and utilize volunteers to carry out statewide vol-~~
11 ~~unteer initiatives.~~
12 ~~"(5) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible~~
13 ~~entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall~~
14 ~~annually submit a report to the Corporation that in-~~
15 ~~cludes the information described in paragraph~~
16 ~~(3)(B)(ii), information on how the eligible entity per-~~
17 ~~formed with regard to the outcomes described in~~
18 ~~paragraph (3)(B)(iii), and the results of the evalua-~~
19 ~~tion described in paragraph (3)(B)(iv).~~
20 ~~"(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible~~
21 ~~entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall~~
22 ~~provide, from non-Federal sources, an amount equal~~
23 ~~to the grant amount to carry out the activities sup-~~
24 ~~ported by the grant.".~~

1 ~~(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the Na-~~
2 ~~tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.~~
3 ~~12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 151, is further~~
4 ~~amended—~~
5 ~~(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking~~
6 ~~"section 198E" each place it appears and inserting~~
7 ~~"sections 198E and 198F"; and~~
8 ~~(2) by adding at the end the following:~~
9 ~~"(E) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—~~
10 ~~There is authorized to be appropriated to carry~~
11 ~~out section 198F—~~
12 ~~"(i) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;~~
13 ~~"(ii) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;~~
14 ~~"(iii) $70,000,000 for fiscal year~~
15 ~~2012;~~
16 ~~"(iv) $80,000,000 for fiscal year~~
17 ~~2013; and~~
18 ~~"(v) $100,000,000 for fiscal year~~
19 ~~2014.".~~
20 **~~SEC. 163. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.~~**
21 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle J of title I of the Na-~~
22 ~~tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.~~
23 ~~12653 et seq.), as amended by section 162, is further~~
24 ~~amended by adding at the end the following:~~

1 ~~"SEC. 198G. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.~~

2 ~~"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

3 ~~"(1) TERM OF NATIONAL SERVICE.—The term~~
4 ~~'term of national service' means a term or period of~~
5 ~~service under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E of~~
6 ~~this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic~~
7 ~~Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et~~
8 ~~seq.).~~

9 ~~"(2) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS MEM-~~
10 ~~BER.—The term 'National Service Reserve Corps~~
11 ~~member' means an individual who—~~

12 ~~"(A) has completed a term of national~~
13 ~~service;~~

14 ~~"(B) has successfully completed training~~
15 ~~described in subsection (d) within the previous~~
16 ~~2 years; and~~

17 ~~"(C) is interested in responding to national~~
18 ~~disasters and other emergencies through the~~
19 ~~National Service Reserve Corps.~~

20 ~~"(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RE-~~
21 ~~SERVE CORPS.—The Corporation shall establish a Na-~~
22 ~~tional Service Reserve Corps to prepare and deploy indi-~~
23 ~~viduals who have completed a term of national service to~~
24 ~~respond to natural disasters and other emergencies in a~~
25 ~~timely manner.~~

1 ~~"(c) NATIONAL SERVICE ALUMNI.—In establishing~~
2 ~~and implementing the National Service Reserve Corps, the~~
3 ~~Corporation may work with organizations representing in-~~
4 ~~dividuals who have completed a term of national service,~~
5 ~~as well as directly with such individuals.~~
6 ~~"(d) ANNUAL TRAINING.—The Corporation shall, in~~
7 ~~consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emer-~~
8 ~~gency Management Agency, conduct or coordinate annual~~
9 ~~training sessions for individuals who have completed a~~
10 ~~term of national service, and who wish to join the National~~
11 ~~Service Reserve Corps.~~
12 ~~"(e) CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS.—On a bi-~~
13 ~~annual basis, the Corporation shall certify organizations~~
14 ~~with demonstrated experience in responding to disasters,~~
15 ~~including through using volunteers, for participation in the~~
16 ~~program under this section.~~
17 ~~"(f) DATABASES.—The Corporation shall develop or~~
18 ~~contract with an outside organization to develop—~~
19 ~~"(1) a database of all National Service Reserve~~
20 ~~Corps members; and~~
21 ~~"(2) a database of all nonprofit organizations~~
22 ~~that—~~
23 ~~"(A) have been certified by the Corpora-~~
24 ~~tion under subsection (e); and~~

1 ~~"(B) are prepared to respond to major dis-~~
2 ~~asters or emergencies with members of the Na-~~
3 ~~tional Service Reserve Corps.~~
4 ~~"(g) DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE~~
5 ~~CORPS.—~~
6 ~~"(1) IN GENERAL.—If a major disaster or~~
7 ~~emergency designated by the President under the~~
8 ~~Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency~~
9 ~~Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurs that~~
10 ~~the Corporation, in consultation with the Admini-~~
11 ~~strator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-~~
12 ~~cy, determines is an incident for which National~~
13 ~~Service Reserve Corps members are prepared to as-~~
14 ~~sist, the Corporation shall—~~
15 ~~"(A) deploy interested National Service~~
16 ~~Reserve Corps members on 30-day assignments~~
17 ~~to assist with local needs related to preparing~~
18 ~~or recovering from the incident in the affected~~
19 ~~area, through organizations certified under sub-~~
20 ~~section (e);~~
21 ~~"(B) make travel arrangements for the de-~~
22 ~~ployed National Service Reserve Corps members~~
23 ~~to the site of the incident; and~~
24 ~~"(C) provide funds to those organizations~~
25 ~~that are responding to the incident with de-~~

1 ~~ployed National Service Reserve Corps mem-~~
2 ~~bers, to enable the organizations to coordinate~~
3 ~~and provide housing, living stipends, and insur-~~
4 ~~ance for those deployed members.~~
5 ~~"(2) STIPEND FUND.—Any amounts that are~~
6 ~~appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(F) to carry~~
7 ~~out paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be kept in~~
8 ~~a separate fund. Any amounts in such fund that are~~
9 ~~not used during a fiscal year shall remain available~~
10 ~~for the next fiscal year for the purpose of carrying~~
11 ~~out such paragraph.~~
12 ~~"(h) INFORMATION.—The Corporation, the State~~
13 ~~Commissions, and entities receiving financial assistance~~
14 ~~for programs under subtitle C, E, or G or section 198E~~
15 ~~of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic~~
16 ~~Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.),~~
17 ~~shall inform participants of those programs of the Na-~~
18 ~~tional Service Reserve Corps upon the participants' com-~~
19 ~~pletion of their term of national service.~~
20 ~~"(i) COORDINATION.—In deploying National Service~~
21 ~~Reserve Corps members under subsection (g), the Cor-~~
22 ~~poration may consult and, as appropriate, partner with~~
23 ~~Citizen Corps programs in the affected area.".~~
24 ~~(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 501(a)(2) of the Na-~~
25 ~~tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.~~

~~12681(a)(2)), as amended by section 162, is further amended—~~

~~(1) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking "and 198F" each place it appears and inserting ", 198F, and 198G"; and~~

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

~~"(F) NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—There is authorized to be appropriated—~~

~~"(i) $6,500,000 in year 2010, of which—~~

~~"(I) not more than $1,500,000 shall be used to carry out section 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1)); and~~

~~"(II) the amount remaining after the application of subclause (I) shall be used to carry out section 198G(f)(1); and~~

~~"(ii) for each succeeding fiscal year—~~

~~"(I) $1,000,000 to carry out section 198G (other than section 198G(f)(1)); and~~

~~"(II) such sums as are necessary to carry out section 198G(f)(1) so~~

that the amount available for such fiscal year to carry out such section, including any amounts remaining in the fund described in section 198G(f)(2), is equal to $4,000,000.''.

SEC. 164. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.

Subtitle J of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.), as amended by section 163, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''SEC. 198H. CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.

''Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall conduct a nationwide 'Call To Service' campaign, to encourage all people of the United States, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full- or part-time national service, long- or short-term public service in the nonprofit sector or government, or volunteering. In conducting the campaign, the Corporation may collaborate with other Federal agencies and entities, State Commissions, Governors, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education, elementary schools, and secondary schools.''.

~~Subtitle G—Conforming Amendments~~

~~SEC. 171. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.~~

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~

~~(1) Section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended—~~

~~(A) in paragraph (17)(A)(i), by striking "subtitle C" and inserting "subtitles C and G"; and~~

~~(B) in paragraph (19)—~~

~~(i) by striking "119(b)(1), or 122(a), or in" and inserting "or 119(b)(1), subpart B of part I, or part III, of subtitle B of title I, or section 122(a), in";~~

~~(ii) by inserting "or in part II or III of subtitle F, or in subtitle G, of title I," after "152(b),"; and~~

~~(iii) by striking "or 198D" and inserting "198D, 198E, 198F, or 198G".~~

~~(2) Section 117E of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12546) is amended—~~

~~(A) in subsection (a)—~~

~~(i) in paragraph (1), by striking "116(a)(1)" and inserting "114C(a)(1)"; and~~

~~(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking "116(a)(2)" and inserting "114C(a)(2)"; and~~

~~(B) by striking "116(b)" and inserting "114C(b)".~~

~~(3) Section 118(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12551(a)) is amended by striking "subtitle H" and inserting "subtitle J".~~

~~(4) Section 119(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12561(c)) is amended—~~

~~(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking "116(a)(2)" and inserting "114C(a)(2)"; and~~

~~(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "116(b)" and inserting "114C(b)".~~

~~(5) Section 122(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12572(a)(2)) is amended by striking "subtitle I" and inserting "subtitle K".~~

~~(6) Section 193A(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12651d(f)(1)) is amended by striking "subtitles C and I" and inserting "subtitles C and K".~~

~~(7) Section 501(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(2)) is amended—~~

~~(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking "C, D, AND H" and inserting "C, D, AND J";~~

~~(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking "subtitles C and H" and inserting "subtitles C and J"; and~~

~~(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking "subtitle H" and inserting "subtitle J".~~

~~(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—~~

~~(1) The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended—~~

~~(A) by striking the items relating to sections 115, 115A, 116, 116A, and 116B and inserting the following:~~

~~"Sec. 114A. Consideration of applications.~~
~~"Sec. 114B. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.~~
~~"Sec. 114C. Federal, State, and local contributions.~~
~~"Sec. 114D. Limitations on uses of funds.~~
~~"Sec. 114E. Definitions.";~~

~~(B) by striking the item relating to the subpart heading of subpart C of part I of subtitle B of title I and inserting the following:~~

~~"SUBPART D—CLEARINGHOUSE";~~

~~(C) by striking the item relating to the subpart heading of subpart B of part I of subtitle B of title I and inserting the following:~~

~~"SUBPART C—COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH";~~

1 ~~(D) by inserting after the items relating to~~
2 ~~subpart A of part I of subtitle B of title I the~~
3 ~~following:~~

~~"SUBPART B—YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES~~

~~"Sec. 115. Grant program.";~~

4 ~~(E) by inserting after the items relating to~~
5 ~~part II of subtitle B of title I the following:~~

~~"PART III—CAMPUS OF SERVICE PROGRAM~~

~~"Sec. 119E. Campuses of Service.";~~

6 ~~(F) by inserting after the items relating to~~
7 ~~part III of subtitle B of title I (as added by~~
8 ~~subparagraph (E)) the following:~~

~~"PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY~~

~~"Sec. 119F. Study and report.";~~

9 ~~(G) by striking the item relating to the~~
10 ~~subtitle heading for subtitle I of title I and in-~~
11 ~~serting the following:~~

~~"Subtitle K—American Conservation and Youth Corps";~~

12 ~~(H) by striking the item relating to the~~
13 ~~subtitle heading for subtitle H of title I and in-~~
14 ~~serting the following:~~

~~"Subtitle J—Investment for Quality and Innovation";~~

15 ~~(I) by striking the item relating to the sub-~~
16 ~~title heading for subtitle G of title I and insert-~~
17 ~~ing the following:~~

~~"Subtitle I—Corporation for National and Community Service";~~

~~(J) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle F of title I and inserting the following:~~

~~"Subtitle H—Administrative Provisions";~~

~~(K) by inserting after the items relating to subtitle E of title I the following:~~

~~"Subtitle F—Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship~~

~~"PART I—COMMISSION ON CROSS-SECTOR SOLUTIONS~~

~~"Sec. 167. Commission.~~

~~"PART II—COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDS~~

~~"Sec. 167A. Funds.~~

~~"PART III—INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM~~

~~"Sec. 167B. Program.~~

~~"Subtitle G—Serveamerica Corps~~

~~"Sec. 168. Corps.";~~

~~(L) by adding at the end of the items relating to subtitle J (as so redesignated) of title I the following:~~

~~"Sec. 198E. ServeAmerica and Encore Fellowships.";~~

~~and~~

~~(M) by adding at the end of the items relating to subtitle J (as so amended and redesignated) of title I the following:~~

~~"Sec. 198F. Volunteer Generation Fund.~~
~~"Sec. 198G. ServeAmerica Emergency Response Reserve Corps.~~
~~"Sec. 198H. Call To Service campaign.".~~

~~TITLE II—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM~~

~~SEC. 201. FINDINGS.~~

~~Congress makes the following findings:~~

~~(1) Americans engaged in international volunteer service, and the organizations deploying them—~~

~~(A) play critical roles in responding to the needs of people living throughout the developing world; and~~

~~(B) advance the international public diplomacy of the United States.~~

~~(2) The Volunteers for Prosperity Program has successfully promoted international volunteer service by skilled American professionals.~~

~~(3) In its first 4 years, the VfP Program helped to mobilize 74,000 skilled Americans, including doctors, nurses, engineers, businesspeople, and teachers, through a network of 250 nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States, to carry out development and humanitarian efforts for those affected by great global challenges in health, the environment, poverty, illiteracy, financial literacy, disaster relief, and other challenges.~~

~~(4) The VfP Program has undertaken activities, including—~~

~~(A) direct outreach to leading nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States;~~

~~(B) promotion of the work of skilled Americans and nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States as it relates to international volunteer service;~~

~~(C) public recognition of skilled American volunteers;~~

~~(D) support for organizations that utilize skilled Americans as volunteers;~~

~~(E) participation in the development of special initiatives to further opportunities for skilled Americans; and~~

~~(F) leadership of an innovative public-private partnership to provide eligible skilled with financial assistance for volunteer assignments.~~

~~SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.~~

~~In this title:~~

~~(1) VFP OFFICE.—The term "VfP Office" means the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity of the United States Agency for International Development.~~

~~(2) VFP PROGRAM.—The term "VfP Program" means the Volunteers for Prosperity Program established through Executive Order 13317.~~

~~(3) VFPSERVE.—The term "VfPServe" means a program established by the VfP Office, in cooperation with the USA Freedom Corps and the Global Giving Foundation, to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad.~~

~~SEC. 203. OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY.~~

~~(a) FUNCTIONS.—The VfP Office shall pursue the objectives of the VfP Program described in subsection (b) by—~~

~~(1) implementing the VfPServe Program to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living expenses of volunteering abroad with nonprofit organizations;~~

~~(2) otherwise promoting short- and long-term international volunteer service by skilled American professionals, including connecting such professionals with nonprofit organizations, to achieve such objectives;~~

~~(3) helping nonprofit organizations in the United States recruit and effectively manage addi-~~

~~tional skilled American professionals for volunteer assignments throughout the developing world;~~

~~(4) providing recognition for skilled American volunteers and the organizations deploying them;~~

~~(5) helping nonprofit organizations and corporations in the United States to identify resources and opportunities in international volunteer service utilizing skilled Americans;~~

~~(6) encouraging the establishment of international volunteer programs for employees of United States corporations; and~~

~~(7) encouraging international voluntary service by highly skilled Americans to promote health and prosperity throughout the world.~~

~~(b) VFP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the VfP Program shall be to—~~

~~(1) eliminate extreme poverty;~~

~~(2) reduce world hunger and malnutrition;~~

~~(3) increase access to safe potable water;~~

~~(4) enact universal education;~~

~~(5) reduce child mortality and childhood diseases;~~

~~(6) combat the spread of preventable diseases, including HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis;~~

~~(7) provide educational and work skill support for girls and empowering women to achieve independence;~~

~~(8) create sustainable business and entrepreneurial opportunities; and~~

~~(9) increase access to information technology.~~

~~(c) VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—The VfP Office may provide fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad to any individual who—~~

~~(A) has skills relevant to addressing any objective described in subsection (b); and~~

~~(B) provides a dollar-for-dollar match for such stipend—~~

~~(i) through the organization with which the individual is serving; or~~

~~(ii) by raising private funds.~~

~~(2) NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—The VfP Office may not provide a stipend to an individual under paragraph (1) unless the individual provides an assurance that he or she will not discriminate with respect to any project or activity because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, or beliefs.~~

~~(3) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE CATEGORIES.—Service carried out by a volunteer receiving funds under this section may not provide a direct benefit to any—~~

~~(A) business organized for profit;~~

~~(B) labor union;~~

~~(C) partisan political organization; or~~

~~(D) religious or faith-based organization for the purpose of proselytization or sectarian worship.~~

~~(d) FUNDING.—~~

~~(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall make available the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 204 to the VfP Office to pursue the objectives described in subsection (b) by carrying out the functions described in subsection (a).~~

~~(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) may be used by the VfP Office to provide personnel and other resources to develop, manage, and expand the VfP Program, under the supervision of the United States Agency for International Development.~~

~~(e) COORDINATION.—The VfP Office shall coordinate its efforts with other public and private efforts that aim to send skilled professionals to serve in developing nations.~~

~~(f) REPORT.—The VfP Office shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the VfP Office.~~

~~SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.~~

~~(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.~~

~~(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a)—~~

~~(1) 90 percent shall be expended to expand VfPServe; and~~

~~(2) 10 percent shall be expended to manage the VfP Program.~~

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Serve America Act".

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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

Sec. 1001. References.

Subtitle A—Amendments to Subtitle A (General Provisions)

Sec. 1101. Purposes.
Sec. 1102. Definitions.

Subtitle B—Amendments to Subtitle B (Learn and Serve America)

Sec. 1201. School-based allotments.
Sec. 1202. Higher education provisions.
Sec. 1203. Campuses of Service.
Sec. 1204. Innovative programs and research.
Sec. 1205. Service-learning impact study.

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

Sec. 1301. Prohibition on grants to Federal agencies; limits on Corporation costs.
Sec. 1302. Eligible national service programs.
Sec. 1303. Types of positions.
Sec. 1304. Conforming repeal relating to training and technical assistance.
Sec. 1305. Assistance to State Commissions; challenge grants.
Sec. 1306. Allocation of assistance to States and other eligible entities.
Sec. 1307. Additional authority.
Sec. 1308. State selection of programs.
Sec. 1309. National service program assistance requirements.
Sec. 1310. Consideration of applications.
Sec. 1311. Description of participants.
Sec. 1312. Selection of national service participants.
Sec. 1313. Terms of service.
Sec. 1314. Adjustments to living allowance.

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

Sec. 1401. Availability of funds in the National Service Trust.
Sec. 1402. Individuals eligible to receive an educational award from the Trust.
Sec. 1403. Certifications.
Sec. 1404. Determination of the amount of the educational award.
Sec. 1405. Disbursement of educational awards.
Sec. 1406. Approval process for approved positions.

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

Sec. 1501. Purpose.
Sec. 1502. Program components.
Sec. 1503. Eligible participants.
Sec. 1504. Summer national service program.
Sec. 1505. National Civilian Community Corps.
Sec. 1506. Training.
Sec. 1507. Consultation with State Commissions.
Sec. 1508. Authorized benefits for Corps members.
Sec. 1509. Permanent cadre.
Sec. 1510. Status of Corps members and Corps personnel under Federal law.
Sec. 1511. Contract and grant authority.
Sec. 1512. Other departments.
Sec. 1513. Advisory Board.
Sec. 1514. Evaluations.
Sec. 1515. Repeal of funding limitation.
Sec. 1516. Definitions.
Sec. 1517. Terminology.

Subtitle F—Amendments to Subtitle F (Administrative Provisions)

Sec. 1601. Family and medical leave.
Sec. 1602. Reports.
Sec. 1603. Use of funds.
Sec. 1604. Notice, hearing, and grievance procedures.
Sec. 1605. Resolution of displacement complaints.
Sec. 1606. State Commissions on National and Community Service.
Sec. 1607. Evaluation and accountability.
Sec. 1608. Civic Health Index.
Sec. 1609. Contingent extension.
Sec. 1610. Partnerships with schools.
Sec. 1611. Rights of access, examination, and copying.
Sec. 1612. Additional administrative provisions.

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

Sec. 1701. Terms of office.
Sec. 1702. Board of Directors authorities and duties.
Sec. 1703. Chief Executive Officer compensation.
Sec. 1704. Authorities and duties of the Chief Executive Officer.
Sec. 1705. Chief Financial Officer status.
Sec. 1706. Nonvoting members; personal services contracts.
Sec. 1707. Donated services.
Sec. 1708. Delegation to States.
Sec. 1709. Study of involvement of veterans.
Sec. 1710. Study to examine and increase service programs for displaced workers in services corps and community service and to develop pilot program planning study.
Sec. 1711. Study to evaluate the effectiveness of agency coordination.

Subtitle H—Amendments to Subtitle H (Investment for Quality and Innovation)

Sec. 1801. Technical amendment to subtitle H.
Sec. 1802. Additional Corporation activities to support national service.
Sec. 1803. Repeals.
Sec. 1804. Presidential awards.
Sec. 1805. New fellowships.
Sec. 1806. National Service Reserve Corps.
Sec. 1807. Social Innovation Funds pilot program.
Sec. 1808. Clearinghouses.

Subtitle I—Training and Technical Assistance

Sec. 1821. Training and technical assistance.

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

Sec. 1831. Repeal.

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

Sec. 1841. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

Sec. 2001. References.
Sec. 2002. Volunteerism policy.

Subtitle A—National Volunteer Antipoverty Programs

Chapter 1—Volunteers in Service to America

Sec. 2101. Statement of purpose.
Sec. 2102. Selection and assignment of volunteers.
Sec. 2103. Support service.
Sec. 2104. Repeal.

Chapter 2—University Year for VISTA

Sec. 2121. University year for VISTA.

Chapter 3—Special Volunteer Programs

Sec. 2131. Statement of purpose.
Sec. 2132. Literacy challenge grants.

Subtitle B—National Senior Service Corps

Sec. 2141. Title.
Sec. 2142. Statement of purpose.
Sec. 2143. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.
Sec. 2144. Foster grandparent program.
Sec. 2145. Senior companion program.
Sec. 2146. General provisions.

Subtitle C—Administration and Coordination

Sec. 2151. Special limitations.
Sec. 2152. Evaluation.
Sec. 2153. Definitions.
Sec. 2154. Protection against improper use.
Sec. 2155. Provisions under the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

Subtitle D—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 2161. Authorizations of appropriations.

TITLE III—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLES OF CONTENTS

Sec. 3101. Table of contents of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.
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TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

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TITLE V—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM

Sec. 5101. Findings.
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Sec. 5103. Office of Volunteers for Prosperity.
Sec. 5104. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE VI—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 6101. Effective date.
Sec. 6102. Service assignments and agreements.

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

SEC. 1001. REFERENCES.

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

Subtitle A—Amendments to Subtitle A (General Provisions)

SEC. 1101. PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

(4) in paragraph (7)—

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

(B) by striking "and" at the end;

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

(6) by adding at the end the following:

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

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

"(11) increase service opportunities for the Nation's retiring professionals, including such opportunities for those retiring from the science, technical, engineering, and mathematics professions, to improve the education of the Nation's youth and keep America competitive in the global knowledge economy, and to

further utilize the experience, knowledge, and skills of older individuals;

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

"(13) encourage individuals age 55 or older to partake of service opportunities;

"(14) focus national service on the areas of national need such service has the capacity to address, such as improving education, increasing energy conservation, improving the health status of economically disadvantaged individuals, and improving economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(15) recognize and increase the impact of social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community organizations in addressing national and local challenges;

"(16) increase public and private investment in nonprofit community organizations that are effectively addressing national and local challenges and encourage such organizations to replicate and expand successful initiatives;

"(17) leverage Federal investments to increase State, local, business, and philanthropic resources to address national and local challenges; and

"(18) support institutions of higher education that engage students in community service activities and provide high-quality service-learning opportunities.".

SEC. 1102. DEFINITIONS.

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

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "described in section 122";

(2) in paragraph (13), by striking "section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965" and inserting "sections 101(a) and 102(a)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965";

(3) in paragraph (17)(B), by striking "program in which the participant is enrolled" and inserting "organization receiving assistance under the national service laws through which the participant is engaging in service";

(4) in paragraph (19)—

(A) by striking "section 111(a)" and inserting "section 112(a)";

(B) by striking "117A(a),";

(C) by striking "119(b)(1), or 122(a)," and inserting "118A, or 118(b)(1), or subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122,";

(D) by inserting "section 198B, 198C, 198G, 198H, or 198K," after "section 152(b),"; and

(E) by striking "198, 198C, or 198D" and inserting "179A, 198, 198O, 198P, or 199N";

(5) in paragraph (21)(B)—

(A) by striking "602" and inserting "602(3)"; and

(B) by striking "1401" and inserting "1401(3)";

(6) in paragraph (24), by striking "section 111" and inserting "section 112";

(7) in paragraph (26), by striking the second sentence; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(30) ALASKA NATIVE-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term 'Alaska Native-serving institution' has the meaning given the term in section 317(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)).

"(31) APPROVED SILVER SCHOLAR POSITION.—The term 'approved silver scholar position' means a position, in a program described in section 198C(a), for which the Corporation has approved the provision of a silver scholarship educational award as one of

the benefits to be provided for successful service in the position.

"(32) APPROVED SUMMER OF SERVICE POSITION.—The term 'approved summer of service position' means a position, in a program described in section 119(c)(8), for which the Corporation has approved the provision of a summer of service educational award as one of the benefits to be provided for successful service in the position.

"(33) ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term 'Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution' has the meaning given the term in section 320(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059g(b)).

"(34) AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES.—The term 'authorizing committees' means the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

"(35) COMMUNITY-BASED ENTITY.—The term 'community-based entity' means a public or private nonprofit organization that—

"(A) has experience with meeting unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs; and

"(B) meets other such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish.

"(36) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—The term 'disadvantaged youth' includes those youth who are economically disadvantaged and 1 or more of the following:

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

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

"(C) Who have limited English proficiency.

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

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

"(F) Who are former juvenile offenders or at risk of delinquency.

"(G) Who are individuals with a disability.

"(37) HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term 'Hispanic-serving institution' has the meaning given such term in section 502(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)).

"(38) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The term 'historically black college or university' means a part B institution, as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

"(39) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATION.—The term 'medically underserved population' has the meaning given that term in section 330(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)).

"(40) NATIVE AMERICAN-SERVING, NONTRIBAL INSTITUTION.—The term 'Native American-serving, nontribal institution' has the meaning given the term in section 319(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059f(b)).

"(41) NATIVE HAWAIIAN-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The term 'Native Hawaiian-serving institution' has the meaning given the term in section 317(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)).

"(42) PREDOMINANTLY BLACK INSTITUTION.—The term 'Predominantly Black Institution' has the meaning given the term in section 318 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e).

"(43) PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—The term 'principles of scientific research' means principles of research that—

"(A) apply rigorous, systematic, and objective methodology to obtain reliable and valid knowledge relevant to the subject matter involved;

"(B) present findings and make claims that are appropriate to, and supported by, the methods that have been employed; and

"(C) include, appropriate to the research being conducted—

"(i) use of systematic, empirical methods that draw on observation or experiment;

"(ii) use of data analyses that are adequate to support the general findings;

"(iii) reliance on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and generalizable findings;

"(iv) strong claims of causal relationships, only with research designs that eliminate plausible competing explanations for observed results, such as, but not limited to, random-assignment experiments;

"(v) presentation of studies and methods in sufficient detail and clarity to allow

for replication or, at a minimum, to offer the opportunity to build systematically on the findings of the research;

"(vi) acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal or critique by a panel of independent experts through a comparably rigorous, objective, and scientific review; and

"(vii) consistency of findings across multiple studies or sites to support the generality of results and conclusions.

"(44) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.—The term 'qualified organization' means a public or private nonprofit organization with experience working with school-age youth that meets such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish.

"(45) SCIENTIFICALLY VALID RESEARCH.—The term 'scientifically valid research' includes applied research, basic research, and field-initiated research in which the rationale, design, and interpretation are soundly developed in accordance with principles of scientific research.

"(46) TERRITORY.—The term 'territory' means the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"(47) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The term 'tribally controlled college or university' has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801).

"(48) VETERAN.—The term 'veteran' has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.".

(b) REDESIGNATION.—Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (48) as paragraphs (1), (3), (8), (9), (10), (12), (14), (15), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (25), (28), (29), (30), (33), (34), (36), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11), (13), (16), (17), (24), (26), (27), (31), (32), (35), (37), (46), (47), and (48).

Subtitle B—Amendments to Subtitle B (Learn and Serve America)

SEC. 1201. SCHOOL-BASED ALLOTMENTS.

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

"PART I—PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

"SEC. 111. PURPOSE.

"The purpose of this part is to promote service-learning as a strategy to—

"(1) support high-quality service-learning projects that engage students in meeting community needs with demonstrable results, while enhancing students' academic and civic learning; and

"(2) support efforts to build institutional capacity, including the training of educators, and to strengthen the service infrastructure to expand service opportunities.

"SEC. 111A. DEFINITIONS.

"In this part:

"(1) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"(2) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term 'State educational agency' means a State educational agency (as defined in section 101) of a State.

"SEC. 112. ASSISTANCE TO STATES, TERRITORIES, AND INDIAN TRIBES.

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

"(1) planning and building the capacity within the State, territory, or Indian tribe involved to imple-

ment service-learning programs that are based principally in elementary schools and secondary schools, including—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"(A) local educational agencies; and

"(B) 1 or more community partners that—

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

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

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

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

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

"(3) planning of school-based service-learning programs, through distribution by State educational agencies, territories, and Indian tribes of Federal funds made available under this part to local educational agencies and Indian tribes, which planning may include paying for the cost of—

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

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

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

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

"(A) local educational agencies;

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

"(C) public or private nonprofit organizations; or

"(D) partnerships or combinations of local educational agencies, and entities described in subparagraph (B) or (C); and

"(5) developing, as service-learning programs, civic engagement programs that promote a better understanding of—

"(A) the principles of the Constitution, the heroes of United States history (including military heroes), and the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance;

"(B) how the Nation's government functions; and

"(C) the importance of service in the Nation's character.

"(b) DUTIES OF SERVICE-LEARNING COORDINATOR.—A service-learning coordinator referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a) shall provide services to a local partnership described in subsection (a)(2) or entity described in subsection (a)(3), respectively, that may include—

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

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

"(3) carrying out such other duties as the local partnership or entity, respectively, may determine to be appropriate.

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

"(d) CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.—The Corporation is authorized to enter into agreements with the Secretary of Education for initiatives (and may use funds authorized under section 501(a)(6) to enter into the agreements if the additional costs of the initiatives are warranted) that may include—

"(1) identification and dissemination of research findings on service-learning and scientifically valid research based practices for service-learning; and

"(2) provision of professional development opportunities that—

"(A) improve the quality of service-learning instruction and delivery for teachers both preservice and in-service, personnel from community-based entities and youth workers; and

"(B) create and sustain effective partnerships for service-learning programs between local educational agencies, community-based entities, businesses, and other stakeholders.

"SEC. 112A. ALLOTMENTS.

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

"(b) ALLOTMENTS THROUGH STATES.—After reserving an amount under subsection (a), the Corporation shall

use the remainder of the funds appropriated to carry out this part for the fiscal year as follows:

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

"(2) ALLOTMENTS BASED ON ALLOCATIONS UNDER ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—From 50 percent of such remainder, the Corporation shall allot to each State an amount that bears the same ratio to 50 percent of such remainder as the allocation to the State for the previous fiscal year under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) bears to the total of such allocations to all States.

"(c) REALLOTMENT.—If the Corporation determines that the allotment of a State, territory, or Indian tribe under this section will not be required for a fiscal year because the State, territory, or Indian tribe did not submit and receive approval of an application for the allotment under section 113, the Corporation shall make the allotment for such State, territory, or Indian tribe available for grants to community-based entities to carry out service-learning

programs as described in section 112(b) in such State, in such territory, or for such Indian tribe. After community-based entities apply for grants from the allotment, by submitting an application at such time and in such manner as the Corporation requires, and receive approval, the remainder of such allotment shall be available for reallotment to such other States, territories, or Indian tribes with approved applications submitted under section 113 as the Corporation may determine to be appropriate.

"(d) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—For any fiscal year for which amounts appropriated for this part exceed $50,000,000, the minimum allotment to each State under subsection (b) shall be $75,000.

"SEC. 113. APPLICATIONS.

"(a) APPLICATIONS TO CORPORATION FOR ALLOTMENTS.—

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

"(2) CONTENTS.—An application for an allotment under section 112 shall include—

"(A) a proposal for a 3-year plan promoting service-learning, which shall contain such information as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require, including how the applicant will integrate service opportunities into the academic program of the participants;

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

"(C) assurances about the applicant's efforts to—

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

"(ii) include any opportunities for students, enrolled in schools or programs of education providing elementary or secondary education, to participate in service-learning programs and ensure that such

service-learning programs include opportunities for such students to serve together;

"(iii) involve participants in the design and operation of the programs;

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

"(v) otherwise integrate service opportunities into the academic program of the participants; and

"(D) assurances that the applicant will comply with the nonduplication and nondisplacement requirements of section 177 and the notice, hearing, and grievance procedures required by section 176.

"(b) APPLICATION TO STATE, TERRITORY, OR INDIAN TRIBE FOR ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT SCHOOL-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any—

"(A) qualified organization, Indian tribe, territory, local educational agency, for-profit business, private elementary school or secondary school, or institution of higher education that desires to receive financial assistance under this

subpart from a State, territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in section 112(a)(1);

"(B) partnership described in section 112(a)(2) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in section 112(a)(2);

"(C) entity described in section 112(a)(3) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in such section;

"(D) entity or partnership described in section 112(a)(4) that desires to receive such assistance from a State, territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in such section; and

"(E) entity that desires to receive such assistance from a State, territory, or Indian tribe for an activity described in section 111(a)(5),

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

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

"SEC. 114. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.

"(a) CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS.—In approving applications for allotments under section 113(a), the Corporation shall consider such criteria with respect to sustainability, replicability, innovation, and quality of programs under this part as the Chief Executive Officer may by regulation specify. In providing assistance under this part, a State educational agency, territory, or Indian tribe (or the Corporation if section 112A(c) applies) shall consider such criteria.

"(b) PRIORITY FOR LOCAL APPLICATIONS.—In providing assistance under this part, a State educational agency, territory, or Indian tribe (or the Corporation if section 112A(c) applies) shall give priority to entities that submit applications under section 113 with respect to service-learning programs described in section 111 that are in the greatest need of assistance, such as programs targeting low-income areas or serving economically disadvantaged youth.

"(c) REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS.—If the Corporation rejects an application submitted by a State, territory, or Indian tribe under section 113 for an allotment, the Corporation shall promptly notify the State, territory, or Indian tribe of the reasons for the rejection of the application. The Corporation shall provide the State, territory, or Indian tribe with a reasonable opportunity to revise and resubmit the application and shall provide technical assist-

ance, if needed, to the State, territory, or Indian tribe as part of the resubmission process. The Corporation shall promptly reconsider such resubmitted application.

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

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

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

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

"(b) WAIVER.—If a State, territory, Indian tribe, or local educational agency is prohibited by law from pro-

viding for the participation of students or teachers from private nonprofit schools as required by subsection (a), or if the Corporation determines that a State, territory, Indian tribe, or local educational agency substantially fails or is unwilling to provide for such participation on an equitable basis, the Chief Executive Officer shall waive such requirements and shall arrange for the provision of services to such students and teachers.

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

"(a) CORPORATION SHARE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made from an allotment under this part—

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

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

"(2) NONCORPORATION CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of such a grant under this part—

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

"(B) except as provided in subparagraph (C), may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services; and

"(C) in the case of recipients that are schools receiving funding under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), may provide for such share from funding available pursuant to title I of such Act, if such funds are being used for activities authorized under section 1114 or 1115 (as applicable) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6314, 6315) and subject to the approval of the local educational agency.

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

"SEC. 117. LIMITATIONS ON USES OF FUNDS.

"Not more than 5 percent of the amount of assistance received by a State, territory, or Indian tribe that is the

original recipient of an allotment under this part for a fiscal year may be used to pay, in accordance with such standards as the Corporation may issue, for administrative costs, incurred by—

"(1) the original recipient; or

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

SEC. 1202. HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISIONS.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—Section 119 (42 U.S.C. 12561) is redesignated as section 118.

(b) HIGHER EDUCATION INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.—Section 118 (as so redesignated) is amended—

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

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "combination" and inserting "consortium";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) the institution or partnership may coordinate with service-learning curricula being offered in the academic curricula at the institution of higher education or at 1 or more members of the partnership;"; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

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

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking "education of the institution; and" and inserting "curricula of the institution to strengthen the instructional capacity of teachers to provide service-learning at the elementary and secondary levels;";

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

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

"(B) including service-learning as a component of other curricula or academic programs

(other than education curricula or programs), such as curricula or programs relating to nursing, medicine, criminal justice, or public policy; and";

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

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

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

"(c) FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—

"(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—

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

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

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

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

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

"(d) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—

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

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

"(A) assurances that—

"(i) prior to the placement of a participant, the applicant will consult with the appropriate local labor organization, if any, representing employees in the area who are engaged in the same or similar work as

that proposed to be carried out by such program, to prevent the displacement and protect the rights of such employees; and

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

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

"(e) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—To the extent practicable, in making grants and entering into contracts under subsection (b), the Corporation shall give special consideration to applications submitted by, or applications from partnerships including, institutions serving primarily low-income populations, including—

"(1) Predominantly Black Institutions;

"(2) historically black colleges and universities;

"(3) Hispanic-serving institutions;

"(4) tribally controlled colleges and universities;

"(5) Native American-serving, nontribal institutions;

"(6) Alaska Native-serving institutions;

"(7) Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions;

"(8) Native Hawaiian-serving institutions; and

"(9) community colleges serving predominantly minority populations.

"(f) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making grants and entering into contracts under subsection (b), the Corporation shall take into consideration whether the applicants submit applications containing proposals that—

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

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

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

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

"(A) the institution;

"(B)(i) a community-based agency;

"(ii) a local government agency; or

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

"(C)(i) a student organization;

"(ii) a department of the institution; or

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

"(5) demonstrate community involvement in the development of the proposal and the extent to which the proposal will contribute to the goals of the involved community members;

"(6) demonstrate a commitment to perform service projects in underserved urban and rural communities;

"(7) describe research on effective strategies and methods to improve service utilized in the design of the projects;

"(8) specify that the institution or partnership will use the assistance provided through the grant or contract to strengthen the service infrastructure in institutions of higher education; or

"(9) with respect to projects involving delivery of services, specify projects that involve leadership development of school-age youth.

"(g) FEDERAL WORK-STUDY.—To be eligible for assistance under this part, an institution of higher education shall demonstrate that it meets the minimum requirements under section 443(b)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2753(b)(2)(A)) relating to the participation of students employed under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) (relating to Federal Work-Study programs) in community service activities, or has received a waiver of those requirements from the Secretary of Education.

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

SEC. 1203. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.

Subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 118 (as redesignated by section 1202) the following:

"SEC. 118A. CAMPUSES OF SERVICE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, after consultation with the Secretary of Education, may annually designate not more than 25 institutions of higher education

as Campuses of Service, from among institutions nominated by State Commissions.

"(b) APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a nomination to receive designation under subsection (a), and have an opportunity to apply for funds under subsection (d) for a fiscal year, an institution of higher education in a State shall submit an application to the State Commission at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the State Commission may require.

"(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, the application shall include information specifying—

"(A)(i) the number of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate service-learning courses offered at such institution for the most recent full academic year preceding the fiscal year for which designation is sought; and

"(ii) the number and percentage of undergraduate students and, if applicable, the number and percentage of graduate students at such institution who were enrolled in the corresponding courses described in clause (i), for such preceding academic year;

"(B) the percentage of undergraduate students engaging in and, if applicable, the percentage of graduate students engaging in activities providing community services, as defined in section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751(c)), during such preceding academic year, the quality of such activities, and the average amount of time spent, per student, engaged in such activities;

"(C) for such preceding academic year, the percentage of Federal work-study funds made available to the institution under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that is used to compensate students employed in providing community services, as so defined, and a description of the efforts the institution undertakes to make available to students opportunities to provide such community services and be compensated through such work-study funds;

"(D) at the discretion of the institution, information demonstrating the degree to which recent graduates of the institution, and all graduates of the institution, have obtained full-time public service employment in the nonprofit sector

or government, with a private nonprofit organization or a Federal, State, or local public agency; and

"(E) any programs the institution has in place to encourage or assist graduates of the institution to pursue careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

"(c) NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION.—

"(1) NOMINATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Commission that receives applications from institutions of higher education under subsection (b) may nominate, for designation under subsection (a), not more than 3 such institutions of higher education, consisting of—

"(i) not more than one 4-year public institution of higher education;

"(ii) not more than one 4-year private institution of higher education; and

"(iii) not more than one 2-year institution of higher education.

"(B) SUBMISSION.—The State Commission shall submit to the Corporation the name and application of each institution nominated by the State Commission under subparagraph (A).

"(2) DESIGNATION.—The Corporation shall designate, under subsection (a), not more than 25 institutions of higher education from among the institutions nominated under paragraph (1). In making the designations, the Corporation shall, if feasible, designate various types of institutions, including institutions from each of the categories of institutions described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph (1)(A).

"(d) AWARDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Using sums reserved under section 501(a)(1)(C) for Campuses of Service, the Corporation shall provide an award of funds to institutions designated under subsection (c), to be used by the institutions to develop or disseminate service-learning models and information on best practices regarding service-learning to other institutions of higher education.

"(2) PLAN.—To be eligible to receive funds under this subsection, an institution designated under subsection (c) shall submit a plan to the Corporation describing how the institution intends to use the funds to develop or disseminate service-learning models and information on best practices regarding service-learning to other institutions of higher education.

"(3) ALLOCATION.—The Corporation shall determine how the funds reserved under section 501(a)(1)(C) for Campuses of Service for a fiscal year will be allocated among the institutions submitting acceptable plans under paragraph (2). In determining the amount of funds to be allocated to such an institution, the Corporation shall consider the number of students at the institution, the quality and scope of the plan submitted by the institution under paragraph (2), and the institution's current (as of the date of submission of the plan) strategies to encourage or assist students to pursue public service careers in the nonprofit sector or government.".

SEC. 1204. INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH.

Subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), as amended by section 1203, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART III—INNOVATIVE AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE–LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

"SEC. 119. INNOVATIVE AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this part:

"(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means a State educational agency, a State Commission, a territory, an Indian tribe, an institution

of higher education, or a public or private nonprofit organization (including community-based entities), a public or private elementary school or secondary school, a local educational agency, a consortium of such entities, or a consortium of 2 or more such entities and a for-profit organization.

"(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible partnership' means—

"(i) 1 or more community-based entities that have demonstrated records of success in carrying out service-learning programs with economically disadvantaged students, and that meet such criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish; and

"(ii)(I) a local educational agency for which—

"(aa) a high number or percentage, as determined by the Corporation, of the students served by the agency are economically disadvantaged students; and

"(bb) the graduation rate for the secondary school students served by the agency is less than 70 percent; and

"(II)(aa) a State Commission or State educational agency; and

"(bb) more than 1 local educational agency described in subclause (I).

"(B) ADDITIONAL ENTITIES.—An eligible partnership may also include—

"(i) a local government agency that is not described in subparagraph (A);

"(ii) the office of the chief executive officer of a unit of general local government; or

"(iii) an institution of higher education.

"(3) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE.—The term 'youth engagement zone' means the area in which a youth engagement zone program is carried out.

"(4) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM.—The term 'youth engagement zone program' means a service-learning program in which members of an eligible partnership collaborate to provide coordinated school-based or community-based service-learning opportunities—

"(A) in order to address a specific community challenge;

"(B) for an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth and secondary school students served by a local educational agency; and

"(C) in circumstances under which—

"(i) not less than 90 percent of such students participate in service-learning activities as part of the program; or

"(ii) service-learning is a mandatory part of the curriculum in all of the secondary schools served by the local educational agency.

"(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—From the amounts appropriated to carry out this part for a fiscal year, the Corporation may make grants (which may include approved summer of service positions in the case of a grant for a program described in subsection (c)(8)) and fixed-amount grants (in accordance with section 129(l)) to eligible entities or eligible partnerships, as appropriate, for programs and activities described in subsection (c).

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

"(1) integrate service-learning programs into the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this part as 'STEM') curricula at the elementary, secondary, postsecondary, or post-

baccalaureate levels in coordination with practicing or retired STEM professionals;

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

"(3) involve students in service-learning programs in emergency and disaster preparedness;

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

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

"(6) conduct research and evaluations on service-learning, including service-learning in middle schools,

and disseminate such research and evaluations widely;

"(7) conduct innovative and creative activities as described in section 112(a);

"(8) establish or implement summer of service programs (giving priority to programs that enroll youth who will be enrolled in any of grades 6 through 9 at the end of the summer concerned) during the summer months (including recruiting, training, and placing service-learning coordinators)—

"(A) for youth who will be enrolled in any of grades 6 through 12 at the end of the summer concerned; and

"(B) for community-based service-learning projects—

"(i) that shall—

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

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

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

"(iii) under which a student who completes 100 hours of service as described in section 146(b)(2), shall be eligible for a summer of service educational award of $500 as described in sections 146(a)(2)(C) and 147(d);

"(9) establish or implement youth engagement zone programs in youth engagement zones, for students in secondary schools served by local educational agencies for which a majority of such students do not participate in service-learning activities that are—

"(A) carried out by eligible partnerships; and

"(B) designed to—

"(i) involve all students in secondary schools served by the local educational agency in service-learning to address a specific community challenge;

"(ii) improve student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior, and student achievement, gradua-

tion rates, and college-going rates at secondary schools; and

"(iii) involve an increasing percentage of students in secondary school and out-of-school youth in the community in school-based or community-based service-learning activities each year, with the goal of involving all students in secondary schools served by the local educational agency and involving an increasing percentage of the out-of-school youth in service-learning activities; and

"(10) conduct semester of service programs that—

"(A) provide opportunities for secondary school students to participate in a semester of coordinated school-based or community-based service-learning opportunities for a minimum of 70 hours (of which at least a third will be spent participating in field-based activities) over a semester, to address specific community challenges;

"(B) engage as participants high percentages or numbers of economically disadvantaged students;

"(C) allow participants to receive academic credit, for the time spent in the classroom and in the field for the program, that is equivalent to the academic credit for any class of equivalent length and with an equivalent time commitment; and

"(D) ensure that the classroom-based instruction component of the program is integrated into the academic program of the local educational agency involved; and

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

"(d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant to carry out a program or activity under this part, an entity or partnership, as appropriate, shall prepare and submit to the Corporation an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require, and obtain approval of the application.

"(e) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this part, the Corporation shall give priority to applicants proposing to—

"(1) involve students and community stakeholders in the design and implementation of service-

learning programs carried out using funds received under this part;

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

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

"(f) REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) TERM.—Each program or activity funded under this part shall be carried out over a period of 3 years, which may include 1 planning year, with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(k) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

"(2) COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED.—Each entity carrying out a program funded under this part shall, to the extent practicable, collaborate with entities carrying out programs under this subtitle, subtitle C, and titles I and II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq., 5001 et seq.).

"(3) EVALUATION.—Upon completion of the program, the Corporation shall conduct an independent

evaluation of the program and determine best practices relating to service-learning and recommendations for improvement of the programs carried out using funds made available under this part. The Corporation shall widely disseminate the results of the evaluations, and information on the best practices and recommendations to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation's Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies.".

SEC. 1205. SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.

Subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), as amended by section 1204, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART IV—SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY

"SEC. 120. STUDY AND REPORT.

"(a) STUDY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From the sums reserved under section 501(a)(1)(B) for this section, the Corporation shall enter into a contract with an entity that is not otherwise a recipient of financial assistance under this subtitle, to conduct a 10-year longitudinal study on the impact of the activities carried out under this subtitle.

"(2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the entity shall consider the impact of service-learning activities carried out under this subtitle on students participating in such activities, including in particular examining the degree to which the activities—

"(A) improved student academic achievement;

"(B) improved student engagement;

"(C) improved graduation rates, as defined in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi)); and

"(D) improved the degree to which the participants in the activities engaged in subsequent national service, volunteering, or other service activities, or pursued careers in public service, in the nonprofit sector or government.

"(3) ANALYSIS.—In carrying out such study, the entity shall examine the impact of the service-learning activities on the 4 factors described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2), analyzed in terms of how much time participants were engaged in service-learning activities.

"(4) BEST PRACTICES.—The entity shall collect information on best practices concerning using service-learning activities to improve the 4 factors.

"(b) INTERIM REPORTS.—The entity shall periodically submit reports to the Corporation containing the interim results of the study and the information on best practices. The Corporation shall submit such reports to the authorizing committees.

"(c) FINAL REPORT.—The entity shall submit a report to the Corporation containing the results of the study and the information on best practices. The Corporation shall submit such report to the authorizing committees, and shall make such report available to the public on the Corporation's website.

"(d) CONSULTATION AND DISSEMINATION.—On receiving the report, the Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Education to review the results of the study, and to identify best practices concerning using service-learning activities to improve the 4 factors described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(2). The Corporation shall disseminate information on the identified best practices.".

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

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

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting after "subdivisions of States," the following: "territories,"; and

(B) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking "section 122(a)" and inserting "subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122";

(2) in subsection (b)—

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

(B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation may enter into a contract or cooperative agreement (other than a grant) with another Federal agency to support a national service program carried out or otherwise supported by the agency. The Corporation, in entering into the contract or cooperative

agreement may approve positions as approved national service positions for a program carried out or otherwise supported by the agency. The support provided by the Corporation pursuant to the contract or cooperative agreement may include the transfer to the Federal agency of funds available to the Corporation under this subtitle E.";

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

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

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "receiving assistance under this subsection" and inserting "carrying out and or supporting a national service program"; and

(ii) by striking "using such assistance" and inserting "through that program";

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

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "Federal share of the cost" and inserting "Corporation

share of the cost (including the costs of member living allowances, employment-related taxes, health care coverage, and workers' compensation and other necessary operation costs)"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.—

"(A) RECIPIENT REPORT.—A recipient of assistance under this section shall report to the Corporation the amount and source of any Federal funds used to carry out the program for which the assistance is made available other than those provided by the Corporation.

"(B) CORPORATION REPORT.—The Corporation shall report to the authorizing committees on an annual basis information regarding each recipient of such assistance that uses Federal funds other than those provided by the Corporation to carry out such a program, including the amounts and sources of the other Federal funds."; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(f) PLAN FOR APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—

"(1) develop a plan to—

"(A) establish the number of the approved national service positions as 88,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(B) increase the number of the approved positions to—

"(i) 115,000 for fiscal year 2011;

"(ii) 140,000 for fiscal year 2012;

"(iii) 170,000 for fiscal year 2013;

"(iv) 200,000 for fiscal year 2014;

"(v) 210,000 for fiscal year 2015;

"(vi) 235,000 for fiscal year 2016; and

"(vii) 250,000 for fiscal year 2017;

"(2) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, submit a report to the authorizing committees on the status of the plan described in paragraph (1); and

"(3) subject to the availability of appropriations and in a manner that does not decrease the quality of proposed service opportunities, implement the plan described in paragraph (1).".

SEC. 1302. ELIGIBLE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.

Section 122 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 122. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.

"(a) NATIONAL SERVICE CORPS.—The recipient of a grant under section 121(a) and a Federal agency operating or supporting a national service program under section 121(b) shall use a portion of the assistance involved, directly or through subgrants to other entities, to support or carry out the following national service corps or programs, as full- or part-time corps or programs, to address unmet needs:

"(1) EDUCATION CORPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may carry out national service programs through an Education Corps that identifies and meets unmet educational needs within communities through activities such as those described in subparagraph (B) and improves performance on the indicators described in subparagraph (C).

"(B) ACTIVITIES.—An Education Corps described in this paragraph may carry out activities such as—

"(i) tutoring, or providing other academic support to elementary school and secondary school students;

"(ii) improving school climate;

"(iii) mentoring students, including adult or peer mentoring;

"(iv) linking needed integrated services and comprehensive supports with students, their families, and their public schools;

"(v) providing assistance to a school in expanding the school day by strengthening the quality of staff and expanding the academic programming offered in an expanded learning time initiative, a program of a 21st century community learning center (as defined in section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171)), or a high-quality after-school program;

"(vi) assisting schools and local educational agencies in improving and expanding high-quality service-learning programs that keep students engaged in schools by carrying out programs that provide specialized training to individuals in service-learning, and places the individuals (after such training) in positions as service-learning coordinators, to facilitate service-learn-

ing in programs eligible for funding under part I of subtitle B;

"(vii) assisting students in being prepared for college-level work;

"(viii) involving family members of students in supporting teachers and students;

"(ix) conducting a preprofessional training program in which students enrolled in an institution of higher education—

"(I) receive training (which may include classes containing service-learning) in specified fields including early childhood education and care, elementary and secondary education, and other fields such as fields relating to health services, criminal justice, environmental stewardship and conservation, or public safety;

"(II) perform service related to such training outside the classroom during the school term and during summer or other vacation periods; and

"(III) agree to provide service upon graduation to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs related to such training; or

"(x) providing other activities, addressing unmet educational needs, that the Corporation may designate.

"(C) EDUCATION CORPS INDICATORS.—The corps indicators for a corps program described in this paragraph are—

"(i) student engagement, including student attendance and student behavior;

"(ii) student academic achievement;

"(iii) secondary school graduation rates as defined in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(vi));

"(iv) rate of college enrollment and continued college enrollment for recipients of a high school diploma;

"(v) any additional indicator relating to improving education for students that the Corporation, in consultation (as appro-

priate) with the Secretary of Education, establishes; or

"(vi) any additional local indicator (applicable to a particular recipient and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving education for students, that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(2) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may carry out national service programs through a Healthy Futures Corps that identifies and meets unmet health needs within communities through activities such as those described in subparagraph (B) and improves performance on the indicators described in subparagraph (C).

"(B) ACTIVITIES.—A Healthy Futures Corps described in this paragraph may carry out activities such as—

"(i) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in navigating the health services system;

"(ii) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health services for themselves or their children;

"(iii) educating economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations about, and engaging individuals described in this clause in, initiatives regarding navigating the health services system and regarding disease prevention and health promotion, with a particular focus on common health conditions, chronic diseases, and conditions, for which disease prevention and health promotion measures exist and for which socioeconomic, geographic, and racial and ethnic health disparities exist;

"(iv) improving health literacy of patients;

"(v) providing translation services at clinics and in emergency rooms to improve health services;

"(vi) providing services designed to meet the health needs of rural communities, including the recruitment of youth to work in health professions in such communities;

"(vii) assisting in health promotion interventions that improve health status,

and helping people adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles and habits to improve health status; or

"(viii) providing activities, addressing unmet health needs, that the Corporation may designate.

"(C) HEALTHY FUTURES CORPS INDICATORS.—The corps indicators for a corps program described in this paragraph are—

"(i) access to health services among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations;

"(ii) access to health services for uninsured individuals, including such individuals who are economically disadvantaged children;

"(iii) participation, among economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, in disease prevention and health promotion initiatives, particularly those with a focus on addressing common health conditions, addressing chronic diseases, and decreasing health disparities;

"(iv) health literacy of patients;

"(v) any additional indicator, relating to improving or protecting the health of economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, that the Corporation, in consultation (as appropriate) with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, establishes; or

"(vi) any additional local indicator (applicable to a particular recipient and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to improving or protecting the health of economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals who are members of medically underserved populations, that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(3) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may carry out national service projects through a Clean Energy Service Corps that identifies and meets unmet environmental needs within communities through activities such as those de-

scribed in subparagraph (B) and improves performance on the indicators described in subparagraph (C).

"(B) ACTIVITIES.—A Clean Energy Service Corps described in this paragraph may carry out activities such as—

"(i) weatherizing and retrofitting housing units for low-income households to significantly improve the energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions of such housing units;

"(ii) building energy-efficient housing units in low-income communities;

"(iii) conducting energy audits for low-income households and recommending ways for the households to improve energy efficiency;

"(iv) the enhancement of renewable energy production by facilitating the installation or repair of renewable energy technologies;

"(v) working with schools and youth programs to educate students and youth about ways to reduce home energy use and improve the environment, including con-

ducting service-learning projects to provide such education;

"(vi) assisting in the development of local recycling programs;

"(vii) renewing and rehabilitating national and State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, and trails owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, including planting trees, carrying out reforestation, carrying out erosion control measures, rehabilitation and maintenance of historic sites and structures throughout the national park system, and providing trail enhancements, rehabilitation, and repairs;

"(viii) cleaning and improving rivers maintained by the Federal Government or a State;

"(ix) carrying out projects in partnership with the National Park Service, designed to renew and rehabilitate national park resources and enhance services and learning opportunities for national park visitors, and nearby communities and schools; or

"(x) carrying out other activities, addressing unmet environmental and workforce needs, that the Corporation may designate.

"(C) CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS INDICATORS.—The corps indicators for a corps program described in this paragraph are—

"(i) the number of housing units of low-income households weatherized or retrofitted to significantly improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions;

"(ii) annual energy costs (to determine savings in those costs) at facilities where participants have provided service;

"(iii) the number of students and youth receiving education or training in energy-efficient and environmentally conscious practices;

"(iv) the number of national parks, State parks, city parks, county parks, forest preserves, or trails or rivers owned or maintained by the Federal Government or a State, that are cleaned or improved;

"(v) any additional indicator relating to clean energy, the reduction of greenhouse

gas emissions, or education and skill attainment for clean energy jobs, that the Corporation, in consultation (as appropriate) with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, or the Secretary of Labor, as appropriate, establishes; or

"(vi) any additional local indicator (applicable to a particular recipient and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to clean energy, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or education or skill attainment for clean energy jobs, that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(4) VETERANS CORPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may carry out national service programs through a Veterans Corps that identifies and meets unmet needs of veterans and members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty through activities such as those described in subparagraph (B) and improves performance on the indicators described in subparagraph (C).

"(B) ACTIVITIES.—A Veterans Corps described in this paragraph may carry out activities such as—

"(i) promoting community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a family member is deployed and upon that family member's return home;

"(ii) recruiting veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities, including opportunities that utilize their military experience;

"(iii) working to assist veterans in developing their educational opportunities, including opportunities for professional certification, licensure, and credentialing, including coordinating activities with and assisting State and local agencies administering veterans education benefits, and veterans programs with internships and fellowships that could lead to employment in the private and public sector;

"(iv) promoting efforts within a community to serve the needs of veterans and members of the Armed Forces who are on

active duty, including helping veterans file benefits claims and assisting Federal agencies in providing services to veterans;

"(v) assisting veterans in developing mentoring relationships with economically disadvantaged students;

"(vi) developing projects to assist veterans with disabilities and older veterans including assisting veterans described in this clause with transportation; or

"(vii) other activities, addressing unmet needs of veterans, that the Corporation may designate.

"(C) VETERANS' CORPS INDICATORS.—The corps indicators for a corps program described in this paragraph are—

"(i) the number of housing units created for veterans;

"(ii) the number of veterans who pursue educational opportunities;

"(iii) the number of veterans receiving professional certification;

"(iv) the number of outreach efforts to service organizations serving the needs of veterans;

"(v) the number of veterans engaged in service opportunities;

"(vi) the number of military families assisted by organizations while a family member is deployed and upon that family member's return home;

"(vii) the number of economically disadvantaged students engaged in mentoring relationships with veterans;

"(viii) the number of projects designed to meet identifiable public needs with a specific emphasis on projects in support of veterans, especially veterans with disabilities and older veterans;

"(ix) any additional indicator that relates to education or skill attainment that assists in providing veterans with the skills to address identifiable public needs, or that relates to improving the lives of veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, and that the Corporation, in consultation (as appropriate) with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, establishes; or

"(x) any additional local indicator (applicable to a particular recipient and on

which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to the education or skill attainment, or the improvement, described in clause (ix), that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(5) OPPORTUNITY CORPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may carry out national service programs through an Opportunity Corps that identifies and meets unmet needs relating to economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals within communities, through activities such as those described in subparagraph (B) and improves performance on the indicators described in subparagraph (C).

"(B) ACTIVITIES.—An Opportunity Corps described in this paragraph may carry out activities such as—

"(i) providing financial literacy education to economically disadvantaged individuals, including financial literacy education with regard to credit management, financial institutions including banks and credit unions, and utilization of savings plans;

"(ii) assisting in the construction and rehabilitation of housing units, including energy efficient homes, for economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(iii) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals, including homeless individuals, in finding placement in safe and secure housing;

"(iv) assisting individuals in obtaining access to health services for themselves or their children;

"(v) assisting individuals in obtaining information about Federal, State, local, or private programs or benefits focused on assisting economically disadvantaged individuals, economically disadvantaged children, or low-income families;

"(vi) facilitating enrollment in and completion of job training for economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(vii) assisting economically disadvantaged individuals in obtaining access to job placement assistance;

"(viii) carrying out a program that seeks to eliminate hunger in communities

and rural areas through service in projects—

"(I) involving food banks, food pantries, and nonprofit organizations that provide food during emergencies;

"(II) seeking to address the long-term causes of hunger through education and the delivery of appropriate services; or

"(III) providing training in basic health, nutrition, and life skills necessary to alleviate hunger in communities and rural areas; and

"(ix) implementing an E-Corps program that involves participants who provide services in a community by developing and assisting in carrying out technology programs that seek to increase access to technology and the benefits of technology in such community.

"(C) OPPORTUNITY CORPS INDICATORS.—The corps indicators for a corps program described in this paragraph are—

"(i) the degree of financial literacy among economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(ii) the number of housing units built or improved for economically disadvantaged individuals or low-income families;

"(iii) the number of economically disadvantaged individuals with access to job training and other skill enhancement;

"(iv) the number of economically disadvantaged individuals with access to information about job placement services;

"(v) any additional indicator relating to improving economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals that the Corporation, in consultation (as appropriate) with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the Secretary of the Treasury, establishes; or

"(vi) any additional local indicator (applicable to a particular recipient and on which an improvement in performance is

needed) that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(b) NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a grant under section 121(a) and a Federal agency operating or supporting a national service program under section 121(b) may use the assistance involved, directly or through subgrants to other entities, to carry out national service programs and model programs under this subsection that are focused on meeting community needs and improve performance on the indicators described in paragraph (3).

"(2) PROGRAMS.—The programs may include the following types of national service programs:

"(A) A community service program designed to meet the needs of rural communities, using teams or individual placements to address the development needs of rural communities, including addressing rural poverty, or the need for health services, education, or job training.

"(B) A program—

"(i) that engages participants in public health, emergency and disaster preparedness, and other public safety activities;

"(ii) that may include the recruitment of qualified participants for, and placement of the participants in, positions to be trainees as law enforcement officers, firefighters, search and rescue personnel, and emergency medical service workers; and

"(iii) that may engage Federal, State, and local stakeholders, in collaboration, to organize more effective responses to issues of public health, emergencies and disasters, and other public safety issues.

"(C) A program, initiative, or partnership project that seeks to expand the number of mentors for disadvantaged youths and other youths (including by recruiting high school-, and college-age individuals to enter into mentoring relationships), either through provision of direct mentoring services, provision of supportive services to direct mentoring service organizations (in the case of a partnership), or through the creative utilization of current and emerging technologies to connect youth with mentors. Such a program, initiative, or project shall promote quality standards for mentoring programs, expand mentoring opportunities tailored to the

needs and circumstances of youth, increase the number of at-risk youth in the State receiving mentoring from screened and trained adult mentors, and support statewide mentoring partnerships in applicable cases.

"(D) A program—

"(i) in which not less than 75 percent of the participants are disadvantaged youth;

"(ii) that may provide life skills training, employment training, educational counseling, assistance to complete a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, counseling, or a mentoring relationship with an adult volunteer; and

"(iii) for which, in awarding financial assistance and approved national service positions, the Corporation shall give priority to programs that engage retirees to serve as mentors.

"(E) A program—

"(i) that reengages court-involved youth and adults with the goal of reducing recidivism;

"(ii) that may create support systems beginning in correctional facilities; and

"(iii) that may have life skills training, employment training, an education program (including a program to complete a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent), educational and career counseling, and postprogram placement services.

"(F) A demonstration program—

"(i) that has as 1 of its primary purposes the recruitment and acceptance of court-involved youth and adults as participants, volunteers, or members; and

"(ii) that may serve any purpose otherwise permitted under this Act.

"(G) A program that provides education or job training services that are designed to meet the needs of rural communities.

"(H) Such other national service programs addressing unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs as the Corporation may designate.

"(3) INDICATORS.—The indicators for a program described in this subsection are the indicators described in subparagraph (C) of paragraphs (1), (2),

(3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a) or any additional local indicator (applicable to a participant or recipient and on which an improvement in performance is needed) relating to meeting unmet community needs, that is approved by the Corporation or a State Commission.

"(c) PROGRAM MODELS FOR SERVICE CORPS.—In addition to any activities described in subparagraph (B) of paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a), and subsection (b)(2), a recipient of a grant under section 121(a) and a Federal agency operating or supporting a national service program under section 121(b) may directly or through grants or subgrants to other entities carry out a national service corps program through the following program models:

"(1) A community corps program that meets unmet heath, veteran, and other human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs and promotes greater community unity through the use of organized teams of participants of varied social and economic backgrounds, skill levels, physical and developmental capabilities, ages, ethnic backgrounds, or genders.

"(2) A service program that—

"(A) recruits individuals with special skills or provides specialized preservice training to en-

able participants to be placed individually or in teams in positions in which the participants can meet such unmet needs; and

"(B) if consistent with the purposes of the program, brings participants together for additional training and other activities designed to foster civic responsibility, increase the skills of participants, and improve the quality of the service provided.

"(3) A campus-based program that is designed to provide substantial service in a community during the school term and during summer or other vacation periods through the use of—

"(A) students who are attending an institution of higher education, including students participating in a work-study program assisted under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

"(B) teams composed of students described in subparagraph (A); or

"(C) teams composed of a combination of such students and community residents.

"(4) A professional corps program that recruits and places qualified participants in positions—

"(A) as teachers, nurses and other health care providers, police officers, early childhood development staff, engineers, or other professionals providing service to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals;

"(B) for which the salary may exceed the maximum living allowance authorized in subsection (a)(2) of section 140, as provided in subsection (c) of such section; and

"(C) that are sponsored by public or private employers who agree to pay 100 percent of the salaries and benefits (other than any national service educational award under subtitle D) of the participants.

"(5) Such other program models as may be approved by the Corporation or a State Commission, as appropriate.

"(d) PRIORITIES FOR CERTAIN CORPS.—In awarding financial assistance and approved national service positions to eligible entities proposed to carry out the corps described in subsection (a)—

"(1) in the case of a corps described in subsection (a)(2)—

"(A) the Corporation may give priority to eligible entities that propose to develop policies to provide, and provide, support for participants who, after completing service under this section, will undertake careers to improve performance on health indicators described in subsection (a)(2)(C); and

"(B) the Corporation shall give priority to eligible entities that propose to carry out national service programs in medically underserved areas (as designated individually, by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services); and

"(2) in the case of a corps described in subsection (a)(3), the Corporation shall give priority to eligible entities that propose to recruit individuals for the Clean Energy Service Corps so that significant percentages of participants in the Corps are economically disadvantaged individuals, and provide to such individuals support services and education and training to develop skills needed for clean energy jobs for which there is current demand or projected future demand.

"(e) CONSULTATION ON INDICATORS.—The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the Secretary of the Treasury, as appropriate, in developing additional indicators for the corps and programs described in subsections (a) and (b).

"(f) QUALIFICATION CRITERIA TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT BY CORPORATION.—The Corporation shall establish qualification criteria for different types of national service programs for the purpose of determining whether a particular national service program should be considered to be a national service program eligible to receive assistance or approved national service positions under this subtitle.

"(2) CONSULTATION.—In establishing qualification criteria under paragraph (1), the Corporation shall consult with organizations and individuals with extensive experience in developing and administering effective national service programs or regarding the

delivery of veteran services, and other human, educational, environmental, or public safety services, to communities or persons.

"(3) APPLICATION TO SUBGRANTS.—The qualification criteria established by the Corporation under paragraph (1) shall also be used by each recipient of assistance under section 121(a) that uses any portion of the assistance to conduct a grant program to support other national service programs.

"(4) ENCOURAGEMENT OF INTERGENERATIONAL COMPONENTS OF PROGRAMS.—The Corporation shall encourage national service programs eligible to receive assistance or approved national service positions under this subtitle to establish, if consistent with the purposes of the program, an intergenerational component of the program that combines students, out-of-school youths, disadvantaged youth, and older adults as participants to provide services to address unmet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs.

"(g) NATIONAL SERVICE PRIORITIES.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

"(A) BY CORPORATION.—In order to concentrate national efforts on meeting human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs

and to achieve the other purposes of this Act, the Corporation, after reviewing the strategic plan approved under section 192A(g)(1), shall establish, and may periodically alter, priorities regarding the types of national service programs and corps to be assisted under section 129 and the purposes for which such assistance may be used.

"(B) BY STATES.—Consistent with paragraph (4), States shall establish, and through the national service plan process described in section 178(e)(1), periodically alter priorities as appropriate regarding the national service programs to be assisted under section 129(e). The State priorities shall be subject to Corporation review as part of the application process under section 130.

"(2) NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.—The Corporation shall provide advance notice to potential applicants of any national service priorities to be in effect under this subsection for a fiscal year. The notice shall specifically include—

"(A) a description of any alteration made in the priorities since the previous notice; and

"(B) a description of the national service programs that are designated by the Corporation under section 133(d)(2) as eligible for priority consideration in the next competitive distribution of assistance under section 121(a).

"(3) REGULATIONS.—The Corporation shall by regulation establish procedures to ensure the equitable treatment of national service programs that—

"(A) receive funding under this subtitle for multiple years; and

"(B) would be adversely affected by annual revisions in such national service priorities.

"(4) APPLICATION TO SUBGRANTS.—Any national service priorities established by the Corporation under this subsection shall also be used by each recipient of funds under section 121(a) that uses any portion of the assistance to conduct a grant program to support other national service programs.

"(h) REQUIREMENTS FOR TUTORS.—

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

individuals serving in approved national service positions as tutors in such program have—

"(A) obtained their high school diplomas; and

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

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

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

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

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

"(j) CITIZENSHIP TRAINING.—The Corporation shall establish guidelines for recipients of assistance under the

national service laws, that are consistent with the principles on which citizenship programs administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are based, relating to the promotion of citizenship and civic engagement among participants in approved national service positions and approved summer of service positions, and appropriate to the age, education, and experience of the participants.

"(k) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year for which the Corporation makes grants under section 121(a), the Corporation shall prepare and submit to the authorizing committees a report containing—

"(1) information describing how the Corporation allocated financial assistance and approved national service positions among eligible entities proposed to carry out corps and national service programs described in this section for that fiscal year;

"(2) information describing the amount of financial assistance and the number of approved national service positions the Corporation provided to each corps and national service program described in this section for that fiscal year;

"(3) a measure of the extent to which the corps and national service programs improved performance on the corresponding indicators; and

"(4) information describing how the Corporation is coordinating—

"(A) the national service programs funded under this section; with

"(B) applicable programs, as determined by the Corporation, carried out under subtitles B and C of this title, and part A of title I and parts A and B of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq., 5001, 5011) that improve performance on those indicators or otherwise address identified community needs.".

SEC. 1303. TYPES OF POSITIONS.

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

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "section 122(a)" and inserting "subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122";

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting after "subdivision of a State," the following: "a territory,";

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking "section 122(a)(3)" and inserting "section 122(a)(1)(B)(vi)";

(4) in paragraph (5), by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps";

(5) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and

(6) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

"(7) A position involving service in the ServeAmerica Fellowship program carried out under section 198B.".

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

Section 125 (42 U.S.C. 12575) is repealed.

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

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "$125,000 and $750,000" and inserting "$250,000 and $1,000,000"; and

(ii) by striking "501(a)(4)" and inserting "501(a)(5)"; and

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

"(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—In making a grant to a State under this subsection, the Corporation shall require the State to agree to provide matching funds from non-Federal sources of not less than

$1 for every $1 provided by the Corporation through the grant.

"(3) ALTERNATIVE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Chief Executive Officer may permit a State that demonstrates hardship or a new State Commission to meet alternative matching requirements for such a grant as follows:

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

"(B) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN $100,000.—For grant amounts of more than $100,000 and not more than $250,000 provided by the Corporation, the State shall agree to provide matching funds from non-Federal sources of not less than $1 for every $2 provided by the Corporation, in excess of $100,000.

"(C) AMOUNTS GREATER THAN $250,000.—For grant amounts of more than $250,000 provided by the Corporation, the State shall agree to provide matching funds from non-Federal sources of not less than $1 for every $1 provided by the Corporation, in excess of $250,000.";

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

"(b) DISASTER SERVICE.—The Corporation may undertake activities, including activities carried out through part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.), to involve programs that receive assistance under the national service laws in disaster relief efforts, and to support, including through mission assignments under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), nonprofit organizations and public agencies responding to the needs of communities experiencing disasters."; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

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

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

"(3) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—A challenge grant under this subsection may provide, for an initial 3-year grant period, not more than $1 of assistance under this subsection for each $1 in cash raised from private sources by the program supported under the national service laws in excess of amounts re-

quired to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. After an initial 3-year grant period, a grant under this subsection may provide not more than $1 of assistance under this subsection for each $2 in cash raised from private sources by the program in excess of amounts required to be provided by the program to satisfy matching funds requirements. The Corporation may permit the use of local or State funds under this paragraph in lieu of cash raised from private sources if the Corporation determines that such use would be equitable due to a lack of available private funds at the local level. The Corporation shall establish a ceiling on the amount of assistance that may be provided to a national service program under this subsection.".

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

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

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

"(a) ONE PERCENT ALLOTMENT FOR CERTAIN TERRITORIES.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 1 percent for grants to the

United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands upon approval by the Corporation of an application submitted under section 130. The Corporation shall allot for a grant to each such territory under this subsection for a fiscal year an amount that bears the same ratio to 1 percent of the allocated funds for that fiscal year as the population of the territory bears to the total population of such territories.

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

"(c) RESERVATION OF APPROVED POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall ensure that each individual selected during a fiscal year for assignment as a VISTA volunteer under title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.) or as a participant in the National Civilian Community Corps Demonstration Program under subtitle E shall receive the national service educational award described in subtitle D if the individual satisfies the eligibility requirements for the award. Funds for approved national service positions required by this paragraph for a fiscal year shall be deducted from the total funding for

approved national service positions to be available for distribution under subsections (d) and (e) for that fiscal year.

"(d) ALLOTMENT FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance under section 121(a) for a fiscal year and subject to section 133(d)(3), the Corporation shall reserve not more than 62.7 percent for grants awarded on a competitive basis to States specified in subsection (e)(1) for national service programs and to nonprofit organizations seeking to operate a national service program in 2 or more of those States. In the consideration of applications for such grants, the Corporation shall ensure the equitable treatment of applicants from urban areas, applicants from rural areas, and applicants of diverse sizes, as measured by the number of participants served.

"(e) ALLOTMENT TO CERTAIN STATES ON FORMULA BASIS.—

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

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

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

"(4) PROGRAMS.—The Corporation—

"(A) shall select 2 or more of the national service programs and corps described in section 122(a) to receive assistance under this subsection; and

"(B) may select national service programs described in section 122(b) to receive such assistance.

"(f) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPLY.—If a State or territory fails to apply for, or fails to give notice to the

Corporation of its intent to apply for, an allotment under this section, or the Corporation does not approve the application consistent with section 133, the Corporation may use the amount that would have been allotted under this section to the State or territory to—

"(1) make grants (and provide approved national service positions in connection with such grants) to other community-based entities under section 121 that propose to carry out national service programs in such State or territory; and

"(2) make reallotments to other States or territories with approved applications submitted under section 130, from the allotment funds not used to make grants as described in paragraph (1).

"(g) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—The Corporation shall make an allotment of assistance (including the provision of approved national service positions) to a recipient under this section only pursuant to an application submitted by a State or other applicant under section 130.

"(h) APPROVAL OF POSITIONS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS.—The Corporation may not approve positions as approved national service positions under this subtitle for a fiscal year in excess of the number of such positions for which the Corporation has sufficient available funds in the National Service Trust for that fiscal year, taking into con-

sideration funding needs for national service educational awards under subtitle D based on completed service. If appropriations are insufficient to provide the maximum allowable national service educational awards under subtitle D for all eligible participants, the Corporation is authorized to make necessary and reasonable adjustments to program rules.

"(i) SPONSORSHIP OF APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.—

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

"(2) DEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTION.—Funds provided pursuant to an agreement under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the National Service Trust estab-

lished in section 145 until such time as the funds are needed.

"(j) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 501(a)(2) and allocated to carry out subtitle C and subject to the limitation in such section, the Corporation may reserve such amount as the Corporation considers to be appropriate for the purpose of making assistance available under subsections (b) and (c) of section 126. The Corporation shall reserve such amount, and any amount reserved under subsection (k) from funds appropriated and allocated to carry out subtitle C, before allocating funds for the provision of assistance under any other provision of this subtitle.

"(k) RESERVATION OF FUNDS TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—

"(1) RESERVATION.—To make grants to public or private nonprofit organizations to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in national service and for demonstration activities in furtherance of this purpose, and subject to the limitation in paragraph (2), the Chief Executive Officer shall reserve not less than 1 percent from the amounts, appropriated to carry out subtitles C, D, E, and H for each fiscal year.

"(2) LIMITATION.—The amount reserved under paragraph (1) may not exceed $10,000,000.

"(3) REMAINDER.—The Chief Executive Officer may use the funds reserved under paragraph (1), and not distributed to make grants under this subsection for other activities described in section 501(a)(2).

"(l) AUTHORITY FOR FIXED-AMOUNT GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year to provide financial assistance under the national service laws, the Corporation, subject to the limitation in subparagraph (B) may provide assistance in the form of fixed-amount grants in an amount determined by the Corporation under paragraph (2) rather than on the basis of actual costs incurred by a program.

"(2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF FIXED-AMOUNT GRANTS.—A fixed-amount grant authorized by this subsection shall be in an amount determined by the Corporation that is—

"(A) significantly less than the reasonable and necessary costs of administering the program supported by the grant; and

"(B) based on an amount per individual enrolled in the program receiving the grant, taking into account—

"(i) the capacity of the entity carrying out the program to manage funds and achieve programmatic results;

"(ii) the number of approved national service positions, approved silver scholar positions, or approved summer of service positions for the program, if applicable;

"(iii) the proposed design of the program;

"(iv) whether the program provides service to, or involves the participation of, disadvantaged youth or otherwise would reasonably incur a relatively higher level of costs; and

"(v) such other factors as the Corporation may consider under section 133 in considering applications for assistance.

"(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.—In awarding a fixed-amount grant under this subsection, the Corporation—

"(A) shall require the grant recipient—

"(i) to return a pro rata amount of the grant funds based upon the difference between the number of hours served by a participant and the minimum number of hours

for completion of a term of service (as established by the Corporation);

"(ii) to report on the program's performance on standardized and other performance measures established by the Corporation;

"(iii) to cooperate with any evaluation activities undertaken by the Corporation; and

"(iv) to provide assurances that additional funds will be raised in support of the program, in addition to those received under the national service laws; and

"(B) may adopt other terms and conditions that the Corporation considers necessary or appropriate based on the relative risks (as determined by the Corporation) associated with any application for a fixed-amount grant.

"(4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS NOT APPLICABLE.—Limitations on administrative costs and matching fund documentation requirements shall not apply to fixed-amount grants provided in accordance with this subsection.

"(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall relieve a grant recipient of the re-

sponsibility to comply with the requirements of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code, or other requirements of Office of Management and Budget Circular A–133.".

SEC. 1307. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.

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

"SEC. 129A. EDUCATIONAL AWARDS ONLY PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year to provide financial assistance under this subtitle and consistent with the restriction in subsection (b), the Corporation may, through fixed-amount grants (in accordance with section 129(l)), provide operational support to programs that receive approved national service positions but do not receive funds under section 121(a).

"(b) LIMIT ON CORPORATION GRANT FUNDS.—The Corporation may provide the operational support under this section for a program in an amount that is not more than $600 per individual enrolled in an approved national service position, or not more than $800 per such individual if at least 50 percent of the persons enrolled in the program are disadvantaged youth.

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

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

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

"(3) The living allowance and other benefits under sections 131(e) and 140 (other than individualized support services for participants with disabilities under section 140(f)).".

SEC. 1308. STATE SELECTION OF PROGRAMS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting after "State," the following: "territory,"; and

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

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (9), by striking "section 122(c)" and inserting "section 122(g)"; and

(B) in paragraph (12), by inserting "municipalities and governments of counties in which such a community is located," after "providing services,";

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

(C) by adding at the end the following:

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

(4) in subsection (d)(1)(B), by striking "section 122(a)" and inserting "subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122";

(5) by redesignating subsections (d) through (g) as subsections (e) through (h), respectively and inserting after subsection (c) the following:

"(d) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION.—An application submitted under subsection (a) for programs described in 122(a) shall also contain—

"(1) measurable goals, to be used for annual measurements of the program's performance on 1 or

more of the corresponding indicators described in section 122;

"(2) information describing how the applicant proposes to utilize funds to improve performance on the corresponding indicators utilizing participants, including describing the activities in which such participants will engage to improve performance on those indicators;

"(3) information identifying the geographical area in which the eligible entity proposing to carry out the program proposes to use funds to improve performance on the corresponding indicators, and demographic information on the students or individuals, as appropriate, in such area, and statistics demonstrating the need to improve such indicators in such area; and

"(4) if applicable, information on how the eligible entity will work with other community-based entities to carry out activities to improve performance on the corresponding indicators using such funds.";

(6) in subsection (f)(2) (as so redesignated) by striking "were selected" and inserting "were or will be selected";

(7) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated)—

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

(B) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

(iii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting after "subdivision of a State," the following: "territory,"; and

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

(iv) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by inserting after "subdivision of a State," the following: "territory,"; and

(II) by striking "institution of higher education, or Federal agency"

and inserting "or institution of higher education"; and

(8) in subsection (h) (as so redesignated), by striking the period and inserting "or is already receiving financial assistance from the Corporation.".

SEC. 1309. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Section 131(c) (42 U.S.C. 12583(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

"(A) the community served, the municipality and government of the county (if appropriate) in which the community is located, and potential participants in the program; and"; and

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

"(3) in the case of a program that is not funded through a State (including a national service program that a nonprofit organization seeks to operate in 2 or more States), consult with and coordinate activities with the State Commission for each State in which the program will operate, and the Corporation shall obtain confirmation from the State Commission that the applicant seeking assistance under this Act

has consulted with and coordinated activities with the State Commission when seeking to operate the program in that State.".

SEC. 1310. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.

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

(1) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking "jobs or";

(2) in subsection (c)—

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

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

"(8) The extent to which the national service program generates the involvement of volunteers, if consistent with the mission of the program.";

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "section 122(a)" and inserting "subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122"; and

(II) by striking "section 129(d)(2)" and inserting "section 129(d)";

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

"(A) national service programs that—

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

"(ii) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a family member is deployed, and upon that family member's return home;

"(iii) conform to the national service priorities in effect under section 122(g);

"(iv) are innovative; and

"(v) are well established in 1 or more States at the time of the application and are proposed to be expanded to additional States using assistance provided under section 121;

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

"(C) professional corps programs described in section 122(c)(4)."; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "section 129(d)(2)" and inserting "section 129(d)";

(4) in subsection (e), by striking "subsections (a) and (d)(1) of section 129" and inserting "subsections (d) and (e) of section 129"; and

(5) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "section 129(a)(1)" and inserting "section 129(e)"; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "section 129(a)" and inserting "section 129(e)"; and

(ii) by striking "paragraph (3) of such subsection" and inserting "section 129(f)".

SEC. 1311. DESCRIPTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (3); and

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

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) in subsection (c), by striking "(a)(5)" and inserting "(a)(4)"; and

(4) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

SEC. 1312. SELECTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.

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

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

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

SEC. 1313. TERMS OF SERVICE.

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

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "not less than 9 months and";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "during a period of—" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "during a period of not more than 2 years."; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) EXTENSION OF TERM FOR DISASTER PURPOSES.—

"(A) EXTENSION.—An individual in an approved national service position performing service directly related to disaster relief efforts may continue in a term of service for a period of 90

days beyond the period otherwise specified in, as appropriate, this subsection or section 153(d) or in section 104 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4954).

"(B) SINGLE TERM OF SERVICE.—A period of service performed by an individual in an originally-agreed to term of service and service performed under this paragraph shall constitute a single term of service for purposes of subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 146.

"(C) BENEFITS.—An individual performing service under this paragraph may continue to receive a living allowance and other benefits under section 140 but may not receive an additional national service educational award under section 141."; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

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

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "provide to the participant that portion of the national service educational award" and inserting "certify the participant's eligibility for that portion of the national service educational award"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "to allow return to the program with which the individual was serving in order".

SEC. 1314. ADJUSTMENTS TO LIVING ALLOWANCE.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

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

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

"(3) FEDERAL WORK-STUDY STUDENTS.—The living allowance that may be provided under paragraph (1) to an individual whose term of service includes hours for which the individual receives a Federal work-study award under part C of title IV of the

Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) shall be reduced by the amount of the individual's Federal work study award."; and

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

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

(3) in subsection (c)—

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

(i) by striking "section 122(a)(8)" and inserting "section 122(c)"; and

(ii) by striking "subsection (a)(3)" and inserting "subsection (a)(2)";

(B) in paragraph (1), by adding "and" at the end;

(C) by striking paragraph (2); and

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

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

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

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

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

(a) SUBTITLE HEADING.—The subtitle heading for subtitle D of title I is amended to read as follows:

"Subtitle D—National Service Trust and Provision of Educational Awards".

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST.—Section 145 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "pursuant to section 501(a)(2)"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after "national service educational awards" the following: ", summer of service edu-

cational awards, and silver scholar educational awards";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking "pursuant to section 196(a)(2)" and inserting "pursuant to section 196(a)(2), if the terms of such donations direct that the donated amounts be deposited in the National Service Trust"; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end;

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

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

"(3) any amounts recovered by the Corporation pursuant to section 146A; and";

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

"(1) payments of national service educational awards, summer of service educational awards, and silver scholar educational awards in accordance with section 148; and

"(2) payments of interest in accordance with section 148(e)."; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "CONGRESS" and inserting "THE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES";

(B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "the Congress" and inserting "the authorizing committees";

(C) in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), by inserting ", summer of service educational awards, or silver scholar awards" after "national service educational awards" each place the term appears; and

(D) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by inserting ", additional approved summer of service positions, and additional approved silver scholar positions" after "additional approved national service positions"; and

(ii) by striking "under subtitle C".

SEC. 1402. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATIONAL AWARD FROM THE TRUST.

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

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

"SEC. 146. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATIONAL AWARD FROM THE TRUST.";

and

(2) in subsection (a)—

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

(i) by inserting ", summer of service educational award, or silver scholar educational award" after "national service educational award"; and

(ii) by striking "if the individual" and inserting "if the organization responsible for the individual's supervision in a national service program certifies that the individual";

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

"(1) met the applicable eligibility requirements for the approved national service position, approved silver scholar position, or approved summer of service position, as appropriate, in which the individual served; and

"(2)(A) for a full-time or part-time national service educational award, successfully completed the required term of service described in subsection (b)(1) in the approved national service position;

"(B) for a partial educational award in accordance with section 139(c)—

"(i) satisfactorily performed prior to being granted a release for compelling personal circumstances under such section; and

"(ii) completed at least 15 percent of the required term of service described in subsection (b) for the approved national service position;

"(C) for a summer of service educational award, successfully completed the required term of service described in subsection (b)(2) in an approved summer of service position, as certified through a process determined by the Corporation through regulations consistent with section 138(f); or

"(D) for a silver scholar educational award, successfully completed the required term of service described in subsection (b)(3) in an approved silver scholar position, as certified through a process determined by the Corporation through regulations consistent with section 138(f); and".

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

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking "The term" and inserting the following:

"(1) APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITION.—The term"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) APPROVED SUMMER OF SERVICE POSITION.—The term of service for an approved summer of service position shall not be less than 100 hours of service during the summer months.

"(3) APPROVED SILVER SCHOLAR POSITION.—The term of service for an approved silver scholar position shall be not less than 250 hours during a 1-year period.";

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

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

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "SEVEN-YEAR REQUIREMENT" and inserting "IN GENERAL";

(ii) by striking "An" and inserting "Subject to paragraph (2), an";

(iii) by inserting "or a silver scholar educational award" after "national service educational award";

(iv) by inserting "or an approved silver scholar position, as applicable," after "approved national service position"; and

(v) by adding at the end the following: "Subject to paragraph (2), an individual eligible to receive a summer of service educational award under this section may not use such award after the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date the individual completes the term of service in an approved summer of service position that is the basis of the award.";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) and in subparagraph (A), by inserting ", summer of service educational award, or silver scholar educational award" after "national service educational award";

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ", or 10-year period, as appropriate" after "7-year period"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ", approved summer of service position, or approved silver scholar position" after "approved national service position"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) TERM FOR TRANSFERRED EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—For purposes of applying paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) to an individual who is eligible to receive an educational award as a designated individual (as defined in section 148(f)(3)), references to a seven-year period shall be considered to be references to a 10-year period that begins on the date the individual who transferred the educational award to the designated individual completed the term of service in the approved national service position or approved silver scholar position that is the basis of the award."; and

(6) in subsection (e)(1)—

(A) by inserting after "qualifying under this section" the following: "or under section 119(c)(8)"; and

(B) by inserting after "to receive a national service educational award" the following: ", a summer of service educational award, or a silver scholar educational award".

SEC. 1403. CERTIFICATIONS.

The Act is amended by adding after section 146 (42 U.S.C. 12602) the following:

"SEC. 146A. CERTIFICATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TERMS OF SERVICE.

"(a) CERTIFICATIONS.—In making any authorized disbursement from the National Service Trust in regard to an eligible individual (including disbursement for a designated individual, as defined in section 148(f)(3), due to the service of an eligible individual) under section 146 who served in an approved national service position, an approved summer of service position, or an approved silver scholar position, the Corporation shall rely on a certification. The certification shall be made by the entity that selected the individual for and supervised the individual in the approved national service position in which such individual successfully completed a required term of service, in a national service program.

"(b) EFFECT OF ERRONEOUS CERTIFICATIONS.—If the Corporation determines that the certification under subsection (a) is erroneous or incorrect, the Corporation may

assess against the national service program a charge for the amount of any associated payment or potential payment from the National Service Trust. In assessing the charge, the Corporation shall consider the full facts and circumstances surrounding the erroneous or incorrect certification, and may determine the charge based on principles of equity and good conscience.".

SEC. 1404. DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AWARD.

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

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

"SEC. 147. DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AWARD."; and

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

"(a) AMOUNT FOR FULL-TIME NATIONAL SERVICE.—Except as provided in subsection (c), an individual described in section 146(a) who successfully completes a required term of full-time national service in an approved national service position shall receive a national service educational award having a value equal to the maximum amount available to any student of a Federal Pell Grant that a student eligible under section 401(b)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)(A))

may receive for the award year for which the national service position is approved by the Corporation.";

(3) in subsection (b), by striking ", for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service,"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(d) AMOUNT FOR SUMMER OF SERVICE.—An individual described in section 146(a) who successfully completes a required summer of service term shall receive a summer of service educational award having a value, for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service, equal to $500.

"(e) AMOUNT FOR SILVER SCHOLARS.—An individual described in section 146(a) who successfully completes a required silver scholar term shall receive a silver scholar educational award having a value of $1,000.".

SEC. 1405. DISBURSEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

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

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

"SEC. 148. DISBURSEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.";

(2) in subsection (a)—

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

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "and";

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

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

"(4) to pay expenses incurred in enrolling in an educational institution or training establishment that is approved under chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, or other applicable provisions of law, for offering programs of education, apprenticeship, or on-job training for which educational assistance may be provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and";

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after "the national service educational award of the individual" the following: ", an eligible individual under section 146(a) who served in a summer of service program and desires to apply that individual's summer of service educational award, or an eligible individual under section 146(a) who served in a silver scholar program and desires to apply that individual's silver scholar educational award,";

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after "the national service educational award" the following: ", the summer of service educational

award, or the silver scholar educational award, as applicable,";

(C) in paragraph (5), by inserting after "the national service educational award" the following: ", the summer of service educational award, or the silver scholar educational award, as applicable"; and

(D) in paragraph (7)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following: "(C) any loan (other than a loan described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) determined by an institution of higher education to be necessary to cover a student's educational expenses and made, insured, or guaranteed by—

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

"(ii) the direct student loan program under part D of title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.);

"(iii) a State agency; or

"(iv) a lender otherwise determined by the Corporation to be eligible to receive dis-

bursements from the National Service Trust.";

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after "national service educational award" the following: ", an eligible individual under section 146(a) who desires to apply the individual's summer of service educational award, or an eligible individual under section 146(a) who served in a silver scholar program and desires to apply that individual's silver scholar educational award,";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after "national service educational award" the following: ", summer of service educational award, or silver scholar educational award, as applicable,"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)(iii), by inserting after "national service educational awards" the following: ", summer of service educational awards, or silver scholar educational awards, as applicable,";

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after "national service educational awards" the fol-

lowing: "summer of service educational awards, or silver scholar educational awards";

(D) in paragraph (5)—

(i) by inserting after "national service educational award" the following: ", summer of service educational award, or silver scholar educational award, as applicable,"; and

(ii) by inserting before the period the following: ", additional approved summer of service positions, and additional approved silver scholar positions"; and

(E) in paragraph (6)—

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

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "and other educational expenses" after "cost of attendance";

(5) in subsection (d), by inserting after "national service educational awards" the following: ", summer of service educational awards, and silver scholar educational awards";

(6) in subsection (e), by striking "subsection (b)(6)" and inserting "subsection (b)(7)";

(7) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking "Director" and inserting "Chief Executive Officer"; and

(B) by inserting ", summer of service educational award, or silver scholar educational award, as appropriate," after "national service educational award";

(8) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h) respectively; and

(9) by inserting after subsection (e) the following: "(f) TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award or silver scholar educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) may elect to receive the award (in the amount described in the corresponding provision of section 147) and transfer the award to a designated individual. Subsections (b), (c), and (d) shall apply to the designated individual in lieu of the individual who is eligible to receive the national service educational award or silver scholar educational award, except that amounts refunded to the account under subsection (c)(5) on behalf of a designated indi-

vidual may be used by the Corporation to fund additional placements in the national service program in which the eligible individual who transferred the national service educational award or silver scholar educational award participated for such award.

"(2) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—An educational award may be transferred under this subsection if—

"(A)(i) the award is a national service educational award for service in a national service program that receives a grant under subtitle C; and

"(ii) before beginning the term of service involved, the eligible individual is age 55 or older; or

"(B) the award is a silver scholarship educational award under section 198C(a).

"(3) DEFINITION OF A DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL.—In this subsection, the term 'designated individual' is an individual—

"(A) whom an individual who is eligible to receive a national service educational award or silver scholar educational award under a program described in paragraph (2) designates to receive the educational award;

"(B) who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 146(a); and

"(C) who is a child or grandchild of the individual described in subparagraph (A).".

SEC. 1406. APPROVAL PROCESS FOR APPROVED POSITIONS.

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

"SEC. 149. APPROVAL PROCESS FOR APPROVED POSITIONS.

"(a) TIMING AND RECORDING REQUIREMENTS.—

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

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

"(i) enters into an enforceable agreement with an individual participant to serve in a program carried out under subtitle E of title I of this Act, section 198B or 198C(a), or under title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.), a summer of service program described in section 119(c)(8), or a silver

scholarship program described in section 198C(a); or

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

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

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

"(3) CERTIFICATION REPORT.—The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall annually prepare

and submit to the authorizing committees a report that contains a certification that the Corporation is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1).

"(4) APPROVAL.—The requirements of this subsection shall apply to each approved national service position, approved summer of service position, or approved silver scholarship position that the Corporation approves—

"(A) during fiscal year 2010; and

"(B) during any subsequent fiscal year.

"(b) RESERVE ACCOUNT.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTENTS.—

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

"(B) CONTENTS.—To ensure the availability of adequate funds to support the awards of approved national service positions, approved summer of service positions, and approved silver scholar positions, for each fiscal year, the Corporation shall place in the account—

"(i) during fiscal year 2010, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for fiscal year 2010 or a previous fiscal year under section 501 of this Act or section 501 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5081), were made available to carry out subtitle C, D, or E of this title, section 198B or 198C(a), subtitle A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or summer of service programs described in section 119(c)(8), and remain available; and

"(ii) during fiscal year 2011 or a subsequent fiscal year, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for that fiscal year under section 501 of this Act or section 501 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5081), were made available to carry out subtitle C, D, or E of this title, section 198B or 198C(a), subtitle A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or summer of service programs described in section 119(c)(8), and remain available.

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

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

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

"(c) AUDITS.—The accounts of the Corporation relating to the appropriated funds for approved national service positions, approved summer of service positions, and approved silver scholar positions, and the records demonstrating the manner in which the Corporation has re-

corded estimates described in subsection (a)(1)(B) as obligations, shall be audited annually by independent certified public accountants or independent licensed public accountants certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. A report containing the results of each such independent audit shall be included in the annual report required by subsection (a)(3).

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

(b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—The Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act (42 U.S.C. 12605) is repealed.

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

SEC. 1501. PURPOSE.

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

"SEC. 151. PURPOSE.

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

"(1) natural and other disasters;

"(2) infrastructure improvement;

"(3) environmental stewardship and conservation;

"(4) energy conservation; and

"(5) urban and rural development.".

SEC. 1502. PROGRAM COMPONENTS.

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

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

"SEC. 152. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM.";

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

(3) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection (b)—

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

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

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

"(c) RESIDENTIAL COMPONENTS.—Both programs referred to in subsection (b) may include a residential component.".

SEC. 1503. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

(2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) is, or will be, at least 18 years of age on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which the individual enrolls in the program, but is not more than 24 years of age as of the date the individual begins participating in the program; and";

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "BACKROUNDS" and inserting "BACKGROUNDS"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: "The Director shall take appropriate steps, including through outreach and recruitment activities, to increase the percentage of participants in the program who are disadvantaged youth to 50 percent of all participants by year 2012. The Director shall report to the authorizing committees biennially on such efforts, any challenges faced, and the annual participation rates of disadvantaged youth in the program.";

(4) by striking subsection (d); and

(5) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (d).

SEC. 1504. SUMMER NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

SEC. 1505. NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.

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

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

"SEC. 155. NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.";

(2) in subsection (a)—

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

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

(3) in subsection (b)—

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

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

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

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "superintendent" and inserting "campus director"; and

(ii) by striking "camp" and inserting "campus"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) TEAM LEADERS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may select individuals with prior supervisory or service experience to be team leaders within units in the National Civilian Community Corps, to perform service that includes leading and supervising teams of Corps members. Each team leader shall be selected without regard to the age limitation under section 153(b).

"(B) RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.—A team leader shall be provided the same rights and benefits applicable to other Corps members, except that

the Director may increase the limitation on the amount of the living allowance under section 158(b) by not more than 10 percent for a team leader.";

(4) in subsection (d)—

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

"(d) CAMPUSES.—";

(B) in paragraph (1)—

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

"(1) UNITS TO BE ASSIGNED TO CAMPUSES.—";

(ii) by striking "in camps" and inserting "in campuses";

(iii) by striking "camp" and inserting "campus"; and

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

(C) by amending paragraphs (2) and (3) to read as follows:

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

"(3) ELIGIBLE SITE FOR CAMPUS.—A campus shall be cost effective and may, upon the completion of a feasibility study, be located in a facility referred to in section 162(c).";

(5) in subsection (e)—

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

"(e) DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS AND CAMPUSES.—";

(B) by striking "camps are distributed" and inserting "campuses are cost effective and are distributed"; and

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

(6) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "superintendent" and inserting "campus director"; and

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

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "superintendent of a

camp" and inserting "campus director of a campus";

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "superintendent" and inserting "campus director";

(II) by striking "superintendent's" and inserting "campus director's"; and

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

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

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

SEC. 1506. TRAINING.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

(B) by adding at the end the following: "The Director shall ensure that to the extent practicable, each member of the Corps is trained

in CPR, first aid, and other skills related to disaster preparedness and response.";

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

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

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

(4) in subsection (d), by striking "section 162(a)(3)" and inserting "section 162(c)".

SEC. 1507. CONSULTATION WITH STATE COMMISSIONS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "service learning" and inserting "service-learning";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development" and inserting "the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Chief of the Forest Service"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by inserting "community-based entities and" before "representatives of local communities"; and

(II) by striking "camp" both places such term appears and inserting "campus"; and

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

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

SEC. 1508. AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS.

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

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps"; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 1509. PERMANENT CADRE.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting "including those" before "recommended"; and

(ii) by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps";

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

(3) in subsection (c)—

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

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

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

(II) by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps";

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

(iii) in subparagraph (C)—

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

(II) in clause (i), by striking "section 162(a)(2)" and inserting "section 162(b)";

(III) in clause (iii), by striking "and" at the end;

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

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

"(iv) give consideration to retired and other former law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency personnel, and other individuals with backgrounds in disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery; and"; and

(iv) in subparagraph (E)—

(I) by striking "to members" and inserting "to other members";

(II) by inserting after "techniques" the following: ", including techniques for working with and enhancing the development of disadvantaged youth,"; and

(III) by striking "service learning" and inserting "service-learning"; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking "the members" and inserting "other members"; and

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking "section 162(a)(2)(A)" and inserting "162(b)(1)".

SEC. 1510. STATUS OF CORPS MEMBERS AND CORPS PERSONNEL UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

Section 160(a) (42 U.S.C. 12620(a)) is amended by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps".

SEC. 1511. CONTRACT AND GRANT AUTHORITY.

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

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

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "section 162(a)(3)" and inserting "section 162(c)"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps".

SEC. 1512. OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

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

(2) by striking subsection (b).

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 162 (42 U.S.C. 12622), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

*(1) in the section heading, by striking "**OTHER DEPARTMENTS**" and inserting "**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**";*

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (a) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), re-

spectively, and aligning the margins of such subsections with section 161(a) of the Act;

(3) by striking "(a) SECRETARY" and all that follows through "OFFICE.—" and inserting the following:

"(a) LIAISON OFFICE.—";

(4) in subsection (a) (as amended by paragraph (3))—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), and aligning the margins of such paragraphs with the margins of section 161(b)(1) of the Act; and

(B) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and aligning the margins of such subparagraphs with the margins of section 161(b)(1)(A) of the Act;

(5) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively, and aligning the margins of such paragraphs with the margins of section 161(b)(1) of the Act;

(B) in paragraph (1) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)), by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "subsection (a)"; and

(C) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)), by striking "paragraph" and inserting "subsection"; and

(6) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)), by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "subsection (a)".

SEC. 1513. ADVISORY BOARD.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

(C) by striking "to assist" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "to assist the Corps in responding rapidly and efficiently in times of natural and other disasters. The Advisory Board members shall help coordinate activities with the Corps as appropriate, including the mobilization of volunteers and coordination of volunteer centers to help

local communities recover from the effects of natural and other disasters.";

(2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

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

"(9) The Secretary of Transportation.

"(10) The Chief of the Forest Service.

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

"(12) The Secretary of Energy."; and

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

SEC. 1514. EVALUATIONS.

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

*(1) in the section heading, by striking "**ANNUAL EVALUATION**" and inserting "**EVALUATIONS**";*

(2) by striking "an annual evaluation" and inserting "periodic evaluations";

(3) by striking "Civilian Community Corps programs" and inserting "National Civilian Community Corps Program"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following: "Upon completing each such evaluation, the Corporation shall transmit to the authorizing committees a report on the evaluation.".

SEC. 1515. REPEAL OF FUNDING LIMITATION.

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

SEC. 1516. DEFINITIONS.

Subtitle E of title I (as amended by this subtitle) (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.) is further amended—

(1) by redesignating section 166 as 165;

(2) in section 165 (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

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

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

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

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

"(3) CORPS.—The term 'Corps' means the National Civilian Community Corps required under section 155 as part of the National Civilian Community Corps Program.

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

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

(E) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps";

(F) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by striking "The terms" and all that follows through "Demonstration Program" and inserting "The term 'Program' means the National Civilian Community Corps Program"; and

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

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking "SERVICE LEARNING" and inserting "SERVICE-LEARNING"; and

(ii) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "service learning" and inserting "service-learning".

SEC. 1517. TERMINOLOGY.

Subtitle E of title I (as so amended) (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.) is further amended by striking the subtitle heading and inserting the following:

"Subtitle E—National Civilian Community Corps".

Subtitle F—Amendments to Subtitle F (Administrative Provisions)

SEC. 1601. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.

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

SEC. 1602. REPORTS.

Section 172 (42 U.S.C. 12632) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking "appropriate authorizing and appropriations Committees of Congress" and inserting "authorizing committees, the Committee on Appropriations for the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate"; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking "the appropriate committees of Congress" and inserting "the authorizing committees, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate".

SEC. 1603. USE OF FUNDS.

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

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

SEC. 1604. NOTICE, HEARING, AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

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

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

(2) in subsection (f)—

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

(B) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking "and";

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

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

"(D) in a case in which the grievance is filed by an individual applicant or participant—

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

"(ii) other changes in the terms and conditions of service applicable to the individual; and".

SEC. 1605. RESOLUTION OF DISPLACEMENT COMPLAINTS.

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

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

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

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(f) PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.—

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

"(2) PARENTAL PERMISSION.—Programs that receive assistance under the national service laws shall, before transporting minor children, provide the children's parents with the reason for the transportation and obtain the parents' written permission for such transportation, consistent with State law.".

SEC. 1606. STATE COMMISSIONS ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking "sections 117B and 130" and inserting "section 130";

(2) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (I), by striking "section 122(a)" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122."; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(J) A representative of the volunteer sector.";

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

(4) in subsection (d)(6)(B), by striking "section 193A(b)(11)" and inserting "section 193A(b)(12)";

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

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

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

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

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

"(D) includes measurable goals and outcomes for the State consistent with the perform-

ance measures for national service programs as described in section 179(k);

"(E) ensures outreach to diverse community-based agencies that serve underrepresented populations, by using established networks and registries at the State level, or establishing such networks and registries;

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

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

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

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "sections 117B and 130" and inserting "section 130";

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

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

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

"(g) STATE SERVICE PLAN FOR ADULTS AGE 55 AND OLDER.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, to be eligible to receive a grant or allotment under subtitle B or C or to receive a distribution of approved national service positions under subtitle C, a State shall work with appropriate State agencies and private entities to develop a comprehensive State service plan for volunteer service by adults age 55 and older.

"(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The State service plan shall include—

"(A) recommendations for policies to increase service for adults age 55 and older, including how to best use such adults as sources of

social capital, and how to utilize their skills and experience to address community needs;

"(B) recommendations to the State agency (as defined in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002)) on—

"(i) a marketing outreach plan to businesses; and

"(ii) outreach to—

"(I) nonprofit organizations;

"(II) the State educational agency;

"(III) institutions of higher education; and

"(IV) other State agencies; and

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

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

"(ii) respite services for adults age 55 and older and caregivers; and

"(iii) transitions for older adults age 55 and older to purposeful work in their post-career lives.

"(3) KNOWLEDGE BASE.—The State service plan shall incorporate the current knowledge base (as of the time of the plan) regarding—

"(A) the economic impact of the roles of workers age 55 and older in the economy;

"(B) the social impact of the roles of such workers in the community; and

"(C) the health and social benefits of active engagement for adults age 55 and older.

"(4) PUBLICATION.—The State service plan shall be made available to the public and be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer.".

SEC. 1607. EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

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

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

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

"(1) the effectiveness of programs receiving assistance under the national service laws in achieving stated goals and the costs associated with such, including an evaluation of each such program's per-

formance based on the performance measures established under subsection (k); and

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

(2) in subsection (g)—

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

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

(3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of subsection (i)(2), by striking "Congress" and inserting "the authorizing committees"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(j) RESERVED PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to amounts appropriated to carry out this section, the Corporation may reserve not more than 1 percent of the total program funds appropriated for a fiscal year

under the national service laws to support program accountability activities under this section.

"(k) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Corporation shall, in consultation with each recipient of assistance under the national service laws, establish performance measures for such recipient to meet during the term of the assistance. The performance measures may include—

"(1) number of participants enrolled in the program and completing terms of service, as compared to the stated participation and retention goals of the program;

"(2) number of volunteers recruited from the community in which the program was implemented;

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

"(4) number of disadvantaged and underrepresented youth participants;

"(5) measures of the sustainability of the program and the projects supported by the program, including measures to ascertain the level of community support for the program or projects;

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

"(7) other quantitative and qualitative measures as determined to be appropriate by the recipient of assistance.

"(l) CORRECTIVE PLANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant recipient that fails, as determined by the Corporation, to meet or exceed the performance measures agreed upon under subsection (k), shall reach an agreement with the Corporation on a corrective action plan to meet such performance measures.

"(2) ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) NEW PROGRAM.—For a program that has received assistance for less than 3 years and is failing to meet or exceed the performance measures agreed upon under subsection (k), the Corporation shall—

"(i) provide technical assistance to the grant recipient to address targeted performance problems relating to the performance levels and the performance measures; and

"(ii) require the grant recipient to submit quarterly reports on the program's progress toward meeting the performance levels to the appropriate State, territory, or Indian tribe and the Corporation.

"(B) ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS.—For a program that has received assistance for 3 years or more and is failing to meet the performance measures agreed upon under subsection (k), the Corporation shall require the grantee to submit quarterly reports on the program's progress toward the performance measures to the appropriate State, territory, or Indian tribe and the Corporation.

"(m) FAILURE TO MEET PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—If, after a period for correction as approved by the Corporation in accordance with subsection (l), a recipient of assistance under the national service laws fails to meet or exceed the performance measures, the Corporation shall—

"(1) reduce the annual amount of the assistance received by the underperforming recipient by at least 25 percent, for each remaining year of the grant period; or

"(2) terminate assistance to the underperforming recipient, in accordance with section 176(a).

"(n) REPORTS.—The Corporation shall submit to the authorizing committees not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, and annually thereafter, a report containing information on the number of—

"(1) recipients of assistance under the national service laws implementing corrective action plans under subsection (l)(1);

"(2) recipients for which the Corporation offers technical assistance under subsection (l)(2)(A)(i);

"(3) recipients for which the Corporation terminates assistance for a program under subsection (m);

"(4) entities whose application for assistance under a national service law was rejected; and

"(5) recipients meeting or exceeding their performance measures under subsection (k).".

SEC. 1608. CIVIC HEALTH INDEX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle F of title I, as amended by this subtitle, (42 U.S.C. 12631 et seq.) is further amended by inserting after section 179 the following:

"SEC. 179A. CIVIC HEALTH INDEX AND VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.

"(a) DEFINITION OF PARTNERSHIP.—In this subsection, the term 'partnership' means the Corporation, acting in conjunction with (consistent with the terms of an agreement entered into between the Corporation and the National Conference) the National Conference on Citizenship referred to in section 150701 of title 36, United States Code, to carry out this section.

"(b) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall facilitate the establishment of a Civic Health Index by—

"(1) after identifying public and private sources of civic health data, selecting a set of civic health indicators, in accordance with subsection (c), that shall comprise the Civic Health Index;

"(2) obtaining civic health data relating to the Index, in accordance with subsection (d); and

"(3) conducting related analyses, and reporting the data and analyses, as described in paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (d) and subsections (e) and (f).

"(c) SELECTION OF INDICATORS FOR CIVIC HEALTH INDEX.—

"(1) IDENTIFYING SOURCES.—The partnership shall select a set of civic health indicators that shall comprise the Civic Health Index. In making such selection, the partnership—

"(A) shall identify public and private sources of civic health data;

"(B) shall explore collaborating with other similar efforts to develop national indicators in the civic health domain; and

"(C) may sponsor a panel of experts, such as one convened by the National Academy of

Sciences, to recommend civic health indicators and data sources for the Civic Health Index.

"(2) TECHNICAL ADVICE.—At the request of the partnership, the Director of the Bureau of the Census and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics shall provide technical advice to the partnership on the selection of the indicators for the Civic Health Index.

"(3) UPDATES.—The partnership shall periodically evaluate and update the Civic Health Index, and may expand or modify the indicators described in subsection (d)(1) as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

"(d) DATA ON THE INDICATORS.—

"(1) SPONSORED DATA COLLECTION.—In identifying the civic health indicators for the Civic Health Index, and obtaining data for the Index, the partnership may sponsor the collection of data for the Index or for the various civic health indicators being considered for inclusion in the Index, including indicators related to—

"(A) volunteering and community service;

"(B) voting and other forms of political and civic engagement;

"(C) charitable giving;

"(D) connecting to civic groups and faith-based organizations;

"(E) interest in employment, and careers, in public service in the nonprofit sector or government;

"(F) understanding and obtaining knowledge of United States history and government; and

"(G) social enterprise and innovation.

"(2) DATA FROM STATISTICAL AGENCIES.—The Director of the Bureau of the Census and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics shall collect annually, to the extent practicable, data to inform the Civic Health Index, and shall report such relevant data to the partnership. In determining the data to be collected, the Director and the Commissioner shall examine privacy issues, response rates, and other relevant issues.

"(3) SOURCES OF DATA.—To obtain data for the Civic Health Index, the partnership shall consider—

"(A) data collected through public and private sources; and

"(B) data collected by the Bureau of the Census, through the Current Population Survey, or by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in accordance with paragraph (2).

"(4) DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS.—The partnership shall seek to obtain data for the Civic Health Index that will permit the partnership to analyze the data by age group, race and ethnicity, education level, and other demographic characteristics of the individuals involved.

"(5) OTHER ISSUES.—In obtaining data for the Civic Health Index, the partnership may also obtain such information as may be necessary to analyze—

"(A) the role of Internet technology in strengthening and inhibiting civic activities;

"(B) the role of specific programs in strengthening civic activities;

"(C) the civic attitudes and activities of new citizens and immigrants; and

"(D) other areas related to civic activities.

"(e) REPORTING OF DATA.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The partnership shall, not less often than once each year, prepare a report containing—

"(A) detailed data obtained under subsection (d), including data on any indicators described in subsection (d)(1) that are included in the Civic Health Index; and

"(B) the analyses described in paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (d), to the extent practicable based on the data the partnership is able to obtain.

"(2) AGGREGATION AND PRESENTATION.—The partnership shall, to the extent practicable, aggregate the data obtained under subsection (d) by community, by State, and nationally. The report described in paragraph (1) shall present the aggregated data in a form that enables communities and States to assess their civic health, as measured on each of the indicators comprising the Civic Health Index, and compare those measures with comparable measures of other communities and States.

"(3) SUBMISSION.—The partnership shall submit the report to the authorizing committees, and make the report available to the general public on the Corporation's website.

"(f) PUBLIC INPUT.—The partnership shall—

"(1) identify opportunities for public dialogue and input on the Civic Health Index; and

"(2) hold conferences and forums to discuss the implications of the data and analyses reported under subsection (e).

"(g) VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

"(1) RESEARCH.—The partnership shall provide for baseline research and tracking of domestic and international volunteering, and baseline research and tracking related to relevant data on the indicators described in subsection (d). In providing for the research and tracking under this subsection, the partnership shall consider data from the Supplements to the Current Populations Surveys conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and data from other public and private sources, including other data collected by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"(2) IMPACT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—The partnership shall sponsor an independent evaluation of the impact of domestic and international volunteering, including an assessment of best practices for such volunteering, and methods of improving such volunteering through enhanced collaboration among entities that recruit, manage, support, and utilize volunteers, institutions of higher education, and research institutions.

"(h) DATABASE PROHIBITION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the development, implementation, or maintenance of a Federal database of personally identifiable information on individuals participating in

data collection for sources of information under this section.".

SEC. 1609. CONTINGENT EXTENSION.

Section 181 (42 U.S.C. 12641) is amended by striking "Section 414" and inserting "Section 422".

SEC. 1610. PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS.

Section 182(b) (42 U.S.C. 12642(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) REPORT.—

"(1) FEDERAL AGENCY SUBMISSION.—The head of each Federal agency and department shall prepare and submit to the Corporation a report concerning the implementation of this section, including an evaluation of the performance goals and benchmarks of each partnership program of the agency or department.

"(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Corporation shall prepare and submit to the authorizing committees a compilation of the information received under paragraph (1).".

SEC. 1611. RIGHTS OF ACCESS, EXAMINATION, AND COPYING.

Section 183 (42 U.S.C. 12643) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "The" and inserting "Consistent with otherwise applicable law, the"; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting "territory," after "local government,";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "The" and inserting "Consistent with otherwise applicable law, the"; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting "territory" after "local government,"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(c) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Consistent with otherwise applicable law, the Inspector General of the Corporation shall have access to, and the right to examine and copy, any books, documents, papers, records, and other recorded information in any form—

"(1) within the possession or control of the Corporation or any State or local government, territory, Indian tribe, or public or private nonprofit organization receiving assistance directly or indirectly under the national service laws; and

"(2) that relates to—

"(A) such assistance; and

"(B) the duties of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act of 1978.".

SEC. 1612. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Subtitle F of title I (42 U.S.C. 12631 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 185. CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—To promote efficiency and eliminate duplicative requirements, the Corporation shall consolidate or modify application procedures and reporting requirements for programs, projects, and activities funded under the national service laws.

"(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall submit to the authorizing committees a report containing information on the actions taken to modify the application procedures and reporting requirements for programs and activities funded under the national service laws, including a description of the consultation procedures with grantees.

"SEC. 186. SUSTAINABILITY.

"The Corporation, after consultation with State Commissions and recipients of assistance, may set sustainability goals for projects or programs under the national service laws, so that recipients of assistance under the na-

tional service laws are carrying out sustainable projects or programs. Such sustainability goals shall be in writing and shall—

"(1) build the capacity of the projects or programs that receive assistance under the national service laws to meet community needs;

"(2) provide technical assistance to aid recipients in acquiring and leveraging non-Federal funds for support of projects or programs that receive such assistance by the national service laws; and

"(3) determine whether the projects or programs, receiving such assistance are generating sufficient community support.

"SEC. 187. GRANT PERIODS.

"Unless otherwise specifically provided, the Corporation has authority to award a grant or contract, or enter into a cooperative agreement, under the national service laws for a period of 3 years.

"SEC. 188. LIMITATION ON PROGRAM GRANT COSTS.

"(a) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—Except as otherwise provided by this section, the amount of funds approved by the Corporation in a grant to operate a program authorized under the national service laws supporting individuals serving in approved national service positions may not exceed $18,000 per full-time equivalent position.

"(b) COSTS SUBJECT TO LIMITATION.—The limitation under subsection (a) applies to the Corporation's share of the member support costs, staff costs, and other costs incurred by the recipient of assistance under the national service laws to operate a program.

"(c) COSTS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION.—The limitation under subsection (a), and the increased limitation under subsection (e)(1), shall not apply to expenses that are not included in the grant awards to operate programs.

"(d) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—The amounts specified in subsections (a) and (e)(1) shall be adjusted each year after 2008 for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Secretary of Labor.

"(e) WAIVER AUTHORITY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

"(1) WAIVER.—The Chief Executive Officer may increase the limitation under subsection (a) to not more than $19,500 per full-time equivalent position if necessary to meet the compelling needs of a particular program, such as—

"(A) exceptional training needs for a program serving disadvantaged youth;

"(B) increased costs relating to the participation of individuals with disabilities;

"(C) tribal programs or programs located in the territories; and

"(D) start-up costs associated with a first-time recipient of assistance under a program of the national service laws.

"(2) REPORTS.—The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the authorizing committees annually on all limitations increased under this subsection, with an explanation of the compelling needs justifying such increases.

"SEC. 189. AUDITS AND REPORTS.

"The Corporation shall comply with applicable audit and reporting requirements as provided in the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. 501 et seq.) and the Government Corporation Control Act of 1945 (31 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.). The Corporation shall report to the authorizing committees any failure to comply with the requirements of such audits.

"SEC. 189A. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Each entity selecting individuals to serve in a position in which the individuals receive a living allowance, stipend, national service educational award, or salary through a program receiving assistance under the national service laws, shall, subject to regulations

and requirements established by the Corporation, conduct criminal history checks for such individuals.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A criminal history check under subsection (a) shall, except in cases approved for good cause by the Corporation, include—

"(1) a name-based search of the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); and

"(2)(A) a search of the State criminal registry or repository in the State in which the program is operating and the State in which the individual resides at the time of application; or

"(B) submitting fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check.

"(c) ELIGIBILITY PROHIBITION.—An individual shall be ineligible to serve in a position described under subsection (a) if such individual—

"(1) refuses to consent to the criminal history check described in subsection (b);

"(2) makes a false statement in connection with such criminal history check;

"(3) is registered, or is required to be registered, on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex

Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); or

"(4) has been convicted of murder, as described in section 1111 of title 18, United States Code.".

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

SEC. 1701. TERMS OF OFFICE.

Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended—

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

"(c) TERMS.—Subject to subsection (e), each appointed member shall serve for a term of 5 years.";

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) SERVICE UNTIL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.—A voting member of the Board whose term has expired may continue to serve on the Board until the date on which the member's successor takes office, which period shall not exceed 1 year.".

SEC. 1702. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.

Section 192A(g) (42 U.S.C. 12651b(g)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "shall—" and inserting "shall have responsi-

bility for setting overall policy for the Corporation and shall—";

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: ", and review the budget proposal in advance of submission to the Office of Management and Budget";

(3) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "and" after the semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer annually and forward a report on that review to the President;";

(4) in paragraph (8), by striking "the Congress" each place it occurs and inserting "the authorizing committees";

(5) by striking paragraph (10) and inserting the following:

"(10) notwithstanding any other provision of law—

"(A) make grants to or contracts with Federal and other public departments or agencies, and private nonprofit organizations, for the as-

signment or referral of volunteers under the provisions of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) (except as provided in section 108 of such Act), which may provide that the agency or organization shall pay all or a part of the costs of the program; and

"(B) enter into agreements with other Federal agencies or private nonprofit organizations for the support of programs under the national service laws, which—

"(i) may provide that the agency or organization shall pay all or a part of the costs of the program; and

"(ii) shall provide that the program (including any program operated by another Federal agency) will comply with all requirements related to evaluation, performance, and other goals applicable to similar programs under the national service laws, as determined by the Corporation.";

(6) in paragraph (11)—

(A) by striking "Congress" each place it occurs and inserting "authorizing committees";

(B) by striking "section 193A(b)(10)" and inserting "section 193A(b)(11)"; and

(C) by striking "September 30, 1995" and inserting "January 1, 2012".

SEC. 1703. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION.

Section 193(b) (42 U.S.C. 12651c(b)) is amended by striking the period and inserting ", plus 3 percent.".

SEC. 1704. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "shall—" and inserting ", in collaboration with the State Commissions, shall—";

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting after "a strategic plan" the following: ", including a plan for having 50 percent of all approved national service positions be full-time positions by 2012,";

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (12), respectively;

(D) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

"(7) prepare and submit to the authorizing committees and the Board an annual report on actions taken to achieve the goal of having 50 percent of all approved national service positions be full-time positions by 2012 as described in paragraph (1), including an assessment of the progress made toward achieving that goal and the actions to be taken in the coming year toward achieving that goal;";

(E) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (10) (as so redesignated), by striking "appropriate committees of Congress" and inserting "authorizing committees";

(F) in paragraph (11) (as so redesignated)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "June 30, 1995," and inserting "periodically,";

(ii) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

(I) by striking "described in section 122(c)(1)"; and

(II) by striking "national priorities designed to meet the" and inserting "national priorities, as described in section 122(g)(1), designed to meet"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" after a semicolon;

(G) in paragraph (12) (as so redesignated), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(H) by adding at the end the following:

"(13) bolster the public awareness of and recruitment efforts for the wide range of service opportunities for citizens of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location, through a variety of methods, including—

"(A) print media;

"(B) the Internet and related emerging technologies;

"(C) television;

"(D) radio;

"(E) presentations at public or private forums;

"(F) other innovative methods of communication; and

"(G) outreach to offices of economic development, State employment security agencies, labor organizations and trade associations, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, agencies and organizations serving vet-

erans and individuals with disabilities, and other institutions or organizations from which participants for programs receiving assistance from the national service laws can be recruited;

"(14) identify and implement methods of recruitment to—

"(A) increase the diversity of participants in the programs receiving assistance under the national service laws; and

"(B) increase the diversity of service sponsors of programs desiring to receive assistance under the national service laws;

"(15) coordinate with organizations of former participants of national service programs for service opportunities that may include capacity building, outreach, and recruitment for programs receiving assistance under the national service laws;

"(16) collaborate with organizations with demonstrated expertise in supporting and accommodating individuals with disabilities, including institutions of higher education, to identify and implement methods of recruitment to increase the number of participants who are individuals with disabilities in the programs receiving assistance under the national service laws;

"(17) identify and implement recruitment strategies and training programs for bilingual volunteers in the National Senior Service Corps under title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973;

"(18) collaborate with organizations that have established volunteer recruitment programs to increase the recruitment capacity of the Corporation;

"(19) where practicable, provide application materials in languages other than English for those with limited English proficiency who wish to participate in a national service program;

"(20) collaborate with the training and technical assistance programs described in subtitle J with respect to the activities described in section 199N(b));

"(21) coordinate the clearinghouses described in section 198O;

"(22) coordinate with entities receiving funds under subtitle C in establishing the National Service Reserve Corps under section 198H, through which alumni of the national service programs and veterans can serve in disasters and emergencies (as such terms are defined in section 198H(a));

"(23) identify and implement strategies to increase awareness among Indian tribes of the types and availability of assistance under the national serv-

ice laws, increase Native American participation in programs under the national service laws, and collect information on challenges facing Native American communities;

"(24) conduct outreach to ensure the inclusion of economically disadvantaged individuals in national service programs and activities authorized under the national service laws; and

"(25) ensure that outreach, awareness, and recruitment efforts are consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794).";

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (9)—

(i) by striking "Congress" each place the term occurs and inserting "the authorizing committees"; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

"(10) obtain the opinions of peer reviewers in evaluating applications to the Corporation for assistance under this title; and";

(3) in subsection (f)(2)(B), by striking "date specified in subsection (b)(10)" and inserting "the first date that a report is submitted under subsection (b)(11) after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(h) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH BUSINESSES.—The Chief Executive Officer may, through contracts or cooperative agreements, carry out the marketing duties described in subsection (b)(13), with priority given to those entities who have established expertise in the recruitment of disadvantaged youth, members of Indian tribes, and older adults.

"(i) CAMPAIGN TO SOLICIT FUNDS.—The Chief Executive Officer may conduct a campaign to solicit funds to conduct outreach and recruitment campaigns to recruit a diverse population of service sponsors of, and participants in, programs and projects receiving assistance under the national service laws.".

SEC. 1705. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER STATUS.

Section 194(c) (42 U.S.C. 12651e(c)) is amended—

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

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Corporation a Chief Financial Officer, who shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 195."; and

(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

SEC. 1706. NONVOTING MEMBERS; PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.

Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting after "subdivision of a State," the following: "Territory,"; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the heading, by striking "MEMBER" and inserting "NONVOTING MEMBER"; and

(ii) by inserting "nonvoting" before "member"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.—The Corporation may enter into personal services contracts to carry out

research, evaluation, and public awareness related to the national service laws.".

SEC. 1707. DONATED SERVICES.

Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C. 12651g(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

"(A) ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Corporation may solicit and accept the services of organizations and individuals (other than participants) to assist the Corporation in carrying out the duties of the Corporation under the national service laws, and may provide to such individuals the travel expenses described in section 192A(d).";

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "Such a volunteer" and inserting "A person who provides assistance, either individually or as a member of an organization, in accordance with subparagraph (A)";

(ii) in clause (i), by striking "a volunteer under this subtitle" and inserting "such a person";

(iii) in clause (ii), by striking "volunteers under this subtitle" and inserting "such persons"; and

(iv) in clause (iii), by striking "such a volunteer" and inserting "such a person"; and

(C) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking "Such a volunteer" and inserting "Such a person"; and

(2) by striking paragraph (3).

SEC. 1708. DELEGATION TO STATES.

Subtitle G of title I (42 U.S.C. 12651 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 196B. DELEGATION TO STATES.

"(a) DELEGATION.—In accordance with section 193A(c)(1), the Chief Executive Officer may delegate to States specific programmatic functions upon a determination that such a delegation will increase efficiency in the operation or oversight of a program under the national service laws. In carrying out this section, and before executing any delegation of authority, the Corporation shall seek input from and consult corporation employees, State

commissions, State educational agencies, and other interested stakeholders.

"(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall submit a report to the authorizing committees describing the consultation process described in subsection (a), including the stakeholders consulted, the recommendation of stakeholders, and any delegation actions taken by the Corporation.".

SEC. 1709. STUDY OF INVOLVEMENT OF VETERANS.

Subtitle G of title I (42 U.S.C. 12651 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 196C. STUDY OF INVOLVEMENT OF VETERANS.

"(a) STUDY AND REPORT.—The Corporation shall conduct a study and submit a report to the authorizing committees, not later than 3 years after the enactment of this section, on—

"(1) the number of veterans serving in national service programs historically by year;

"(2) strategies being undertaken to identify the specific areas of need of veterans, including any goals set by the Corporation for veterans participating in the service programs;

"(3) the impact of the strategies described in paragraph (2) and the Veterans Corps on enabling

greater participation by veterans in the national service programs carried out under the national service laws;

"(4) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could be improved to serve veterans, veterans service organizations, families of active-duty military, including gaps in services to veterans;

"(5) the extent to which existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws are coordinated and recommendations to improve such coordination including the methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards veterans; and

"(6) how to improve utilization of veterans as resources and volunteers.

"(b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the studies and preparing the reports required under this subsection, the Corporation shall consult with veterans' service organizations, the Department of Veterans Affairs, State veterans agencies, the Department of Defense, as appropriate, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.".

SEC. 1710. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR DISPLACED WORKERS IN SERVICES CORPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM PLANNING STUDY.

(a) PLANNING STUDY.—The Corporation for National and Community Service (referred to in this section as the "Corporation") shall conduct a study to identify—

(1) specific areas of need for displaced workers;

(2) how existing programs and activities (as of the time of the study) carried out under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) could better serve displaced workers and communities that have been adversely affected by plant closings and job losses;

(3) prospects for better utilization of displaced workers as resources and volunteers; and

(4) methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards displaced workers.

(b) CONSULTATION.—The study shall be carried out in consultation with the Department of Labor, State labor agencies, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the results of the planning study required by subsection (a), together with a plan for implementation of a pilot program using promising strategies and approaches for better targeting and serving displaced workers.

(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Corporation shall develop and carry out a pilot program based on the findings and plan in the report submitted under subsection (c).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

SEC. 1711. STUDY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AGENCY COORDINATION.

(a) STUDY.—In order to reduce administrative burdens and lower costs for national service programs carried out under the national service laws, the Corporation shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of implementing a data matching system under which the statements of an individual declaring that such indi-

vidual is in compliance with the requirements of section 146(a)(3) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602(a)(3)) shall be verified by the Corporation by comparing information provided by the individual with information relevant to such a declaration in the possession of other Federal agencies. Such study shall—

(1) review the feasibility of—

(A) expanding, and participating in, the data matching conducted by the Department of Education with the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to section 484(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(g)); or

(B) establishing a comparable system of data matching with the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security; and

(2) identify—

(A) the costs, for both the Corporation and the other Federal agencies identified in paragraph (1), associated with expanding or establishing such a system of data matching;

(B) the benefits or detriments of such an expanded or comparable system both for the Cor-

poration and for the other Federal agencies so identified;

(C) strategies for ensuring the privacy and security of participant information that is shared between Federal agencies and organizations receiving assistance under the national service laws;

(D) the information that needs to be shared in order to fulfill the eligibility requirements of section 146(a)(3) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602(a)(3));

(E) an alternative system through which an individual's compliance with section 146(a)(3) of such Act may be verified, should such an expanded or comparable system fail to verify the individual's declaration of compliance; and

(F) recommendations for implementation of such an expanded or comparable system.

(b) CONSULTATION.—The Corporation shall carry out the study in consultation with the Secretary of Education, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and other Federal agencies, entities, and individuals that the Corporation considers appropriate.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the study required by subsection (a) and a plan for implementation of a pilot data matching program using promising strategies and approaches identified in such study, if the Corporation determines such program to be feasible.

(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Corporation may develop and carry out a pilot data matching program based on the report submitted under subsection (c).

(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "national service laws" means the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

Subtitle H—Amendments to Subtitle H (Investment for Quality and Innovation)

SEC. 1801. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO SUBTITLE H.

Subtitle H of title I (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the subtitle heading and before section 198 the following:

"PART I—ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE".

SEC. 1802. ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE.

(a) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 198 (42 U.S.C. 12653) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "subsection (r)" and inserting "subsection (g)";

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection (b), by striking "to improve the quality" and all that follows through "including—" and inserting "to address emergent needs through summer programs and other activities, and to support service-learning programs and national service programs, including—"; and

(3) by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), and (p) and redesignating subsections (g), (k), (n), (o), (q), (r), and (s) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

(b) CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN AND SEPTEMBER 11TH DAY OF SERVICE.—Section 198 (as amended by subsection (a)) (42 U.S.C. 12653) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) CALL TO SERVICE CAMPAIGN.—Not less than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Serve America Act, the Corporation shall conduct a nationwide 'Call To Serv-

ice' campaign, to encourage all people of the United States, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status, to engage in full- or part-time national service, long- or short-term public service in the nonprofit sector or government, or volunteering. In conducting the campaign, the Corporation may collaborate with other Federal agencies and entities, State Commissions, Governors, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education, elementary schools, and secondary schools.

"(k) SEPTEMBER 11TH DAY OF SERVICE.—

"(1) FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.—The Corporation may organize and carry out appropriate ceremonies and activities, which may include activities that are part of the broader Call to Service Campaign under subsection (j), in order to observe the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance at the Federal level.

"(2) ACTIVITIES.—The Corporation may make grants and provide other support to community-based organizations to assist in planning and carrying out appropriate service, charity, and remembrance opportunities in conjunction with the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance.

"(3) CONSULTATION.—The Corporation may consult with and make grants or provide other forms

of support to nonprofit organizations with expertise in representing families of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and other impacted constituencies, and in promoting the establishment of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.".

SEC. 1803. REPEALS.

(a) REPEALS.—The following provisions are repealed:

(1) CLEARINGHOUSES.—Section 198A (42 U.S.C. 12653a).

(2) MILITARY INSTALLATION CONVERSION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—Section 198C (42 U.S.C. 12653c).

(3) SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—Section 198D (42 U.S.C. 12653d).

(b) REDESIGNATION.—Section 198B (42 U.S.C. 12653b) is redesignated as section 198A.

SEC. 1804. PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS.

Section 198A(a)(2) (as redesignated by section 1803(b)) (42 U.S.C. 12653b(a)(2)) is further amended by striking "section 101(19)" and inserting "section 101".

SEC. 1805. NEW FELLOWSHIPS.

Part I of subtitle H (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following new sections:

"SEC. 198B. SERVEAMERICA FELLOWSHIPS.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) AREA OF NATIONAL NEED.—The term 'area of national need' means an area involved in efforts to—

"(A) improve education in schools for economically disadvantaged students;

"(B) expand and improve access to health care;

"(C) improve energy efficiency and conserve natural resources;

"(D) improve economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals; or

"(E) improve disaster preparedness and response.

"(2) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT.—The term 'eligible fellowship recipient' means an individual who is selected by a State Commission under subsection (c) and, as a result of such selection, is eligible for a ServeAmerica Fellowship.

"(3) FELLOW.—The term 'fellow' means an eligible fellowship recipient who is awarded a ServeAmerica Fellowship and is designated a fellow under subsection (e)(2).

"(b) GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated under section 501(a)(4)(B) and allotted under paragraph (2)(A), the Corporation shall make grants (including financial assistance and a corresponding allotment of approved national service positions), to the State Commission of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with an application approved under this section, to enable such State Commissions to award ServeAmerica Fellowships under subsection (e).

"(2) ALLOTMENT; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

"(A) ALLOTMENT.—The amount allotted to a State Commission for a fiscal year shall be equal to an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(4)(B), as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"(B) REALLOTMENT.—If a State Commission does not apply for an allotment under this subsection for any fiscal year, or if the State Commission's application is not approved, the Corporation shall reallot the amount of the State Commission's allotment to the remaining State

Commissions in accordance with subparagraph (A).

"(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the amount allotted to a State Commission under subparagraph (A), not more than 1.5 percent of such amount may be used for administrative costs.

"(3) NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—The Corporation shall—

"(A) establish or increase the number of approved national service positions under this subsection during each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014;

"(B) establish the number of approved positions at 500 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(C) increase the number of the approved positions to—

"(i) 750 for fiscal year 2011;

"(ii) 1,000 for fiscal year 2012;

"(iii) 1,250 for fiscal year 2013; and

"(iv) 1,500 for fiscal year 2014.

"(4) USES OF GRANT FUNDS.—

"(A) REQUIRED USES.—A grant awarded under this subsection shall be used to enable fel-

lows to carry out service projects in areas of national need.

"(B) PERMITTED USES.—A grant awarded under this subsection may be used for—

"(i) oversight activities and mechanisms for the service sites of the fellows, as determined necessary by the State Commission or the Corporation, which may include site visits;

"(ii) activities to augment the experience of fellows, including activities to engage the fellows in networking opportunities with other national service participants; and

"(iii) recruitment or training activities for fellows.

"(5) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a State Commission shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including information on the criteria and procedures that the State Commission will use for overseeing ServeAmerica Fellowship placements for service projects, under subsection (e).

"(c) ELIGIBLE FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.—

"(1) APPLICATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—An applicant desiring to become an eligible fellowship recipient shall submit an application to a State Commission that has elected to participate in the program authorized under this subsection, at such time and in such manner as the Commission may require, and containing the information described in subparagraph (B) and such additional information as the Commission may require. An applicant may submit such application to only 1 State Commission for a fiscal year.

"(B) CONTENTS.—The Corporation shall specify information to be provided in an application submitted under this subsection, which shall include—

"(i) a description of the area of national need that the applicant intends to address in the service project;

"(ii) a description of the skills and experience the applicant has to address the area of national need;

"(iii) a description of the type of service the applicant plans to provide as a fellow; and

"(iv) information identifying the local area within the State served by the Commission in which the applicant plans to serve for the service project.

"(2) SELECTION.—Each State Commission shall select, from the applications received by the State Commission for a fiscal year, the number of eligible fellowship recipients that may be supported for that fiscal year based on the grant received by the State Commission under subsection (b).

"(d) SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each service sponsor organization shall—

"(A) be a nonprofit organization;

"(B) satisfy qualification criteria established by the Corporation or the State Commission, including standards relating to organizational capacity, financial management, and programmatic oversight;

"(C) not be a recipient of other assistance, approved national service positions, or approved

summer of service positions under the national service laws; and

"(D) at the time of registration with a State Commission, enter into an agreement providing that the service sponsor organization shall—

"(i) abide by all program requirements;

"(ii) provide an amount described in subsection (e)(3)(b) for each fellow serving with the organization through the ServeAmerica Fellowship;

"(iii) be responsible for certifying whether each fellow serving with the organization successfully completed the ServeAmerica Fellowship, and record and certify in a manner specified by the Corporation the number of hours served by a fellow for purposes of determining the fellow's eligibility for benefits; and

"(iv) provide timely access to records relating to the ServeAmerica Fellowship to the State Commission, the Corporation, and the Inspector General of the Corporation.

"(2) REGISTRATION.—

"(A) REQUIREMENT.—No service sponsor organization may receive a fellow under this subsection until the organization registers with the State Commission.

"(B) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The State Commission shall maintain a list of registered service sponsor organizations on a public website.

"(C) REVOCATION.—If a State Commission determines that a service sponsor organization is in violation of any of the applicable provisions of this section—

"(i) the State Commission shall revoke the registration of the organization;

"(ii) the organization shall not be eligible to receive assistance, approved national service positions, or approved summer of service positions under this title for not less than 5 years; and

"(iii) the State Commission shall have the right to remove a fellow from the organization and relocate the fellow to another site.

"(e) FELLOWS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to participate in a service project as a fellow and receive a

ServeAmerica Fellowship, an eligible fellowship recipient shall—

"(A) within 3 months after being selected as an eligible fellowship recipient by a State Commission, select a registered service sponsor organization described in subsection (d)—

"(i) with which the recipient is interested in serving under this section; and

"(ii) that is located in the State served by the State Commission;

"(B) enter into an agreement with the organization—

"(i) that specifies the service the recipient will provide if the placement is approved; and

"(ii) in which the recipient agrees to serve for 1 year on a full-time or part-time basis (as determined by the Corporation); and

"(C) submit such agreement to the State Commission.

"(2) AWARD.—Upon receiving the eligible fellowship recipient's agreement under paragraph (1), the State Commission shall award a ServeAmerica Fel-

lowship to the recipient and designate the recipient as a fellow.

"(3) FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—From amounts received under subsection (b), each State Commission shall award each of the State's fellows a ServeAmerica Fellowship amount that is equal to 50 percent of the amount of the total average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

"(B) AMOUNT FROM SERVICE SPONSOR ORGANIZATION.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the service sponsor organization shall award to the fellow serving such organization an amount that will ensure that the total award received by the fellow for service in the service project (consisting of such amount and the ServeAmerica Fellowship amount the fellow receives under subparagraph (A)) is equal to or greater than 70 percent of the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

"(C) MAXIMUM LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The total amount that may be provided to a fellow under this subparagraph shall not exceed 100 percent of the average annual subsistence allowance provided to VISTA volunteers under section 105 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955).

"(D) PRORATION OF AMOUNT.—In the case of a fellow who is authorized to serve a part-time term of service under the agreement described in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), the amount provided to a fellow under this paragraph shall be prorated accordingly.

"(E) WAIVER.—The Corporation may allow a State Commission to waive the amount required under subparagraph (B) from the service sponsor organization for a fellow serving the organization if—

"(i) such requirement is inconsistent with the objectives of the ServeAmerica Fellowship program; and

"(ii) the amount provided to the fellow under subparagraph (A) is sufficient to meet the necessary costs of living (including food, housing, and transportation) in the

area in which the ServeAmerica Fellowship program is located.

"(f) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE CATEGORIES.—Service under a ServeAmerica Fellowship shall comply with section 132(a). For purposes of applying that section to this subsection, a reference to assistance shall be considered to be a reference to assistance provided under this section.

"(g) REPORTS.—Each service sponsor organization that receives a fellow under this section shall, on a biweekly basis, report to the Corporation on the number of hours served and the services provided by that fellow. The Corporation shall establish a web portal for the organizations to use in reporting the information.

"(h) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—A fellow who serves in a service project under this section shall be considered to have served in an approved national service position and, upon meeting the requirements of section 147 for full-time or part-time national service, shall be eligible for a national service educational award described in such section. The Corporation shall transfer an appropriate amount of funds to the National Service Trust to provide for the national service educational award for such fellow.

"SEC. 198C. SILVER SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.

"(a) SILVER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Corporation may award fixed-amount grants (in accordance with section 129(l)) to community-based organizations to carry out a Silver Scholarship Grant Program for individuals age 55 and older, in which such individuals complete not less than 250 hours of service in a year carrying out projects of national need and receive a Silver Scholarship in the form of a $1,000 national service educational award. Under such a program—

"(A) the Corporation shall establish criteria for the types of the service required to be performed to receive such award; and

"(B) the individual receiving such award shall use such award in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of section 146 and section 148.

"(2) TERM.—Each program funded under this subsection shall be carried out over a period of 3 years (which may include 1 planning year), with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(a) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

"(3) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a community-based organization shall—

"(A) submit to the Corporation an application at such time and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require; and

"(B) be a listed organization as described in subsection (b)(2)(D).

"(4) COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED.—A community-based organization awarded a grant under this subsection is encouraged to collaborate with programs funded under title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 in carrying out this program.

"(5) ELIGIBILITY FOR FELLOWSHIP.—An individual is eligible to receive a Silver Scholarship if the community-based organization certifies to the Corporation that the individual has completed not less than 250 hours of service under this section in a 1-year period.

"(6) TRANSFER TO TRUST.—The Corporation shall transfer an appropriate amount of funds to the National Service Trust to provide for the national service educational award for each silver scholar under this subsection.

"(7) SUPPORT SERVICES.—A community-based organization receiving a fixed-amount grant under this subsection may use a portion of the grant to provide transportation services to an eligible individual to allow such individual to participate in a service project.

"(b) ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Corporation may award 1-year Encore Fellowships to enable individuals age 55 or older to—

"(A) carry out service projects in areas of national need; and

"(B) receive training and development in order to transition to full- or part-time public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

"(2) PROGRAM.—In carrying out the program, the Corporation shall—

"(A) maintain a list of eligible organizations for which Encore Fellows may be placed to carry out service projects through the program and shall provide the list to all Fellowship recipients; and

"(B) at the request of a Fellowship recipient—

"(i) determine whether the requesting recipient is able to meet the service needs of a listed organization, or another organization that the recipient requests in accordance with subparagraph (E)(ii), for a service project; and

"(ii) upon making a favorable determination under clause (i), award the recipient with an Encore Fellowship, and place the recipient with the organization as an Encore Fellow under subparagraph (E)(iii).

"(C) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—An individual desiring to be selected as a Fellowship recipient shall—

"(I) be an individual who—

"(aa) is at least 55 years of age as of the time the individual applies for the program; and

"(bb) is not engaged in, but who wishes to engage in, full- or part-time public service in the nonprofit sector or government; and

"(II) submit an application to the Corporation, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including—

"(aa) a description of the area of national need that the applicant hopes to address through the service project;

"(bb) a description of the skills and experience the applicant has to address an area of national need; and

"(cc) information identifying the region of the United States in which the applicant wishes to serve.

"(ii) SELECTION BASIS.—In determining which individuals to select as Fellowship recipients, the Corporation shall—

"(I) select not more than 10 individuals from each State; and

"(II) give priority to individuals with skills and experience for which

there is an ongoing high demand in the nonprofit sector and government.

"(D) LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be listed under subparagraph (A), an organization shall—

"(i) be a nonprofit organization; and

"(ii) submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require, including—

"(I) a description of—

"(aa) the services and activities the organization carries out generally;

"(bb) the area of national need that the organization seeks to address through a service project; and

"(cc) the services and activities the organization seeks to carry out through the proposed service project;

"(II) a description of the skills and experience that an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient needs to be placed

with the organization as an Encore Fellow for the service project;

"(III) a description of the training and leadership development the organization shall provide an Encore Fellow placed with the organization to assist the Encore Fellow in obtaining a public service job in the nonprofit sector or government after the period of the Encore Fellowship; and

"(IV) evidence of the organization's financial stability.

"(E) PLACEMENT.—

"(i) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH LISTED ORGANIZATIONS.—To be placed with a listed organization in accordance with subparagraph (B)(ii) for a service project, an eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall submit an application for such placement to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

"(ii) REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATION.—An eligible Encore Fellowship recipient may apply to the Cor-

poration to serve the recipient's Encore Fellowship year with a nonprofit organization that is not a listed organization. Such application shall be submitted to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation shall require, and shall include—

"(I) an identification and description of—

"(aa) the organization;

"(bb) the area of national need the organization seeks to address; and

"(cc) the services or activities the organization carries out to address such area of national need;

"(II) a description of the services the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient shall provide for the organization as an Encore Fellow; and

"(III) a letter of support from the leader of the organization, including—

"(aa) a description of the organization's need for the eligible

Encore Fellowship recipient's services;

"(bb) evidence that the organization is financially sound;

"(cc) an assurance that the organization will provide training and leadership development to the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient if placed with the organization as an Encore Fellow, to assist the Encore Fellow in obtaining a public service job in the nonprofit sector or government after the period of the Encore Fellowship; and

"(dd) a description of the training and leadership development to be provided to the Encore Fellowship recipient if so placed.

"(iii) PLACEMENT AND AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP.—If the Corporation determines that the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient is able to meet the service needs (including skills and experience to address an area of national need) of the organization that the

eligible fellowship recipient requests under clause (i) or (ii), the Corporation shall—

"(I) approve the placement of the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient with the organization;

"(II) award the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient an Encore Fellowship for a period of 1 year and designate the eligible Encore Fellowship recipient as an Encore Fellow; and

"(III) in awarding the Encore Fellowship, make a payment, in the amount of $11,000, to the organization to enable the organization to provide living expenses to the Encore Fellow for the year in which the Encore Fellow agrees to serve.

"(F) MATCHING FUNDS.—An organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall agree to provide, for the living expenses of the Encore Fellow during the year of service, non-Federal contributions in an amount equal to not less than $1 for every $1 of Federal funds provided to the organization for the Encore Fellow through the Encore Fellowship.

"(G) TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.—Each organization that receives an Encore Fellow under this subsection shall provide training, leadership development, and assistance to the Encore Fellow, and conduct oversight of the service provided by the Encore Fellow.

"(H) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—Each year, the Corporation shall convene current and former Encore Fellows to discuss the Encore Fellows' experiences related to service under this subsection and discuss strategies for increasing leadership and careers in public service in the nonprofit sector or government.

"(c) EVALUATIONS.—The Corporation shall conduct an independent evaluation of the programs authorized under subsections (a) and (b) and widely disseminate the results, including recommendations for improvement, to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation's Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies.".

SEC. 1806. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.

Subtitle H (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

1 ***"PART II—NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS***

2 ***"SEC. 198H. NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.***

3 *"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

4 *"(1) the term 'disaster' has the meaning given*
5 *the term 'major disaster' in section 102 of the Robert*
6 *T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Assistance Act (42*
7 *U.S.C. 5122);*

8 *"(2) the term 'emergency' has the meaning given*
9 *such term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford*
10 *Disaster Relief and Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122);*

11 *"(3) the term 'National Service Reserve Corps*
12 *member' means an individual who—*

13 *"(A) has completed a term of national serv-*
14 *ice or is a veteran;*

15 *"(B) has successfully completed training de-*
16 *scribed in subsection (c) within the previous 2*
17 *years; and*

18 *"(C) has indicated interest to the Corpora-*
19 *tion in responding to disasters and emergencies*
20 *in a timely manner through the National Service*
21 *Reserve Corps;*

22 *"(4) the term 'term of national service' means a*
23 *term or period of service under subtitle C, E, or G or*
24 *section 198B or 198C(b) of this Act, or under part A*
25 *of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of*
26 *1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.); and*

"(5) the term 'veteran' has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

"(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—The Corporation shall establish a National Service Reserve Corps to prepare and deploy National Service Reserve Corps members to respond to disasters and emergencies. In carrying out this section, the Corporation may work with organizations representing individuals who have completed a term of national service or are veterans, as well as directly with such individuals.

"(c) ANNUAL TRAINING.—The Corporation shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, conduct or coordinate annual training sessions for individuals who have completed a term of national service or are veterans, and who wish to join the National Service Reserve Corps.

"(d) CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—On a biannual basis, the Corporation shall certify organizations with demonstrated experience in responding to disasters or emergencies, including through using volunteers, for participation in the program under this section.

"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Corporation shall ensure that every certified organization is—

"(A) prepared to respond to disasters or emergencies;

"(B) prepared and able to utilize National Service Reserve Corps members in responding to disasters or emergencies; and

"(C) willing to respond in a timely manner when notified by the Corporation of a disaster or emergency.

"(e) DATABASES.—The Corporation shall develop or contract with an outside organization to develop—

"(1) a database of all National Service Reserve Corps members; and

"(2) a database of all nonprofit organizations that have been certified by the Corporation under subsection (d).

"(f) DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE CORPS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If a disaster or emergency has occurred that the Corporation, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, determines is an incident for which National Service Reserve Corps members are prepared to assist, then the Corporation shall—

"(A) deploy interested National Service Reserve Corps members on 30-day assignments to

assist with local needs related to preparing or recovering from the incident in the affected area, through organizations certified under subsection (d);

"(B) make travel arrangements for the deployed National Service Reserve Corps members to the site of the incident; and

"(C) provide funds to those organizations that are responding to the incident with deployed National Service Reserve Corps members, to enable the organizations to coordinate and provide housing, living stipends, and insurance for those deployed members.

"(2) ALLOWANCE.—Any amounts that are utilized by the Corporation from funds appropriated under section 501(a)(4)(D) to carry out paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be kept in a separate fund. Any amounts in such fund that are not used during a fiscal year shall remain available to use to help organizations pay National Service Reserve Corps members an allowance, determined by the Corporation, for out-of-pocket expenses.

"(3) INFORMATION.—

"(A) NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—The Corporation, the State Commissions, and

entities receiving financial assistance for programs under subtitle C, E, or G of this Act, or under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.), shall inform participants of those programs of the National Service Reserve Corps upon the participants' completion of their term of national service.

"(B) VETERANS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall inform veterans who are recently discharged, released, or separated from the Armed Forces of the programs of the National Service Reserve Corps.

"(4) COORDINATION.—In deploying National Service Reserve Corps members under this subsection, the Corporation may consult and, as appropriate, partner with Citizen Corps programs in the affected area.".

SEC. 1807. SOCIAL INNOVATION FUNDS PILOT PROGRAM.

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

1 ***"PART III—SOCIAL INNOVATION FUNDS PILOT***
2 ***PROGRAM***

3 ***"SEC. 198K. FUNDS.***

4 *"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

5 *"(1) Social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit*
6 *community organizations are developing innovative*
7 *and effective solutions to national and local chal-*
8 *lenges.*

9 *"(2) Increased public and private investment in*
10 *replicating and expanding proven effective solutions,*
11 *and supporting new solutions, developed by social en-*
12 *trepreneurs and other nonprofit community organiza-*
13 *tions could allow those entrepreneurs and organiza-*
14 *tions to replicate and expand proven initiatives, and*
15 *support new initiatives, in communities.*

16 *"(3) A network of Social Innovation Funds could*
17 *leverage Federal investments to increase State, local,*
18 *business, and philanthropic resources to replicate and*
19 *expand proven solutions and invest in supporting*
20 *new innovations to tackle specific identified commu-*
21 *nity challenges.*

22 *"(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—*

23 *"(1) to recognize and increase the impact of so-*
24 *cial entrepreneurs and other nonprofit community or-*
25 *ganizations in tackling national and local challenges;*

"(2) to stimulate the development of a network of Social Innovation Funds that will increase private and public investment in nonprofit community organizations that are effectively addressing national and local challenges to allow such organizations to replicate and expand proven initiatives or support new initiatives;

"(3) to assess the effectiveness of such Funds in—

"(A) leveraging Federal investments to increase State, local, business, and philanthropic resources to address national and local challenges;

"(B) providing resources to replicate and expand effective initiatives; and

"(C) seeding experimental initiatives focused on improving outcomes; and

"(4) to strengthen the infrastructure to identify, invest in, replicate, and expand initiatives with effective solutions to national and local challenges.

"(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—The term 'community organization' means a nonprofit organization that carries out innovative, effective initiatives to address community challenges.

"(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term 'covered entity' means—

"(A) an existing grantmaking institution (existing as of the date on which the institution applies for a grant under this section); or

"(B) a partnership between—

"(i) such an existing grantmaking institution; and

"(ii) an additional grantmaking institution, a State Commission, or a chief executive officer of a unit of general local government.

"(3) ISSUE AREA.—The term 'issue area' means an area described in subsection (f)(3).

"(d) PROGRAM.—From the amounts appropriated to carry out this section that are not reserved under subsections (l) and (m), the Corporation shall establish a Social Innovation Funds grant program to make grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for Community Solution Funds.

"(e) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The Corporation shall make such grants for periods of 5 years, and may renew the grants for additional periods of 5 years, in amounts of not less than $1,000,000 and not more than $10,000,000 per year.

"(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (d), an entity shall—

"(1) be a covered entity;

"(2) be focused on—

"(A) serving a specific local geographical area; or

"(B) addressing a specific issue area, in geographical areas that have the highest need in that issue area, as demonstrated by statistics concerning that need;

"(3) be focused on improving measurable outcomes relating to—

"(A) education for economically disadvantaged elementary or secondary school students;

"(B) child and youth development;

"(C) reductions in poverty or increases in economic opportunity for economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(D) health, including access to health services and health education;

"(E) resource conservation and local environmental quality;

"(F) individual or community energy efficiency;

"(G) civic engagement; or

"(H) reductions in crime;

"(4) have an evidence-based decisionmaking strategy, including—

"(A) use of evidence produced by prior rigorous evaluations of program effectiveness including, where available, well-implemented randomized controlled trials; and

"(B) a well-articulated plan to—

"(i)(I) replicate and expand research-proven initiatives that have been shown to produce sizeable, sustained benefits to participants or society; or

"(II) support new initiatives with a substantial likelihood of significant impact; or

"(ii) partner with a research organization to carry out rigorous evaluations to assess the effectiveness of such initiatives; and

"(5) have appropriate policies, as determined by the Corporation, that protect against conflict of interest, self-dealing, and other improper practices.

"(g) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (d) for national leveraging capital, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-

mation as the Corporation may specify, including, at a minimum—

"(1) an assurance that the eligible entity will—

"(A) use the funds received through that capital in order to make subgrants to community organizations that will use the funds to replicate or expand proven initiatives, or support new initiatives, in low-income communities;

"(B) in making decisions about subgrants for communities, consult with a diverse cross section of community representatives in the decisions, including individuals from the public, nonprofit private, and for-profit private sectors; and

"(C) make subgrants of a sufficient size and scope to enable the community organizations to build their capacity to manage initiatives, and sustain replication or expansion of the initiatives;

"(2) an assurance that the eligible entity will not make any subgrants to the parent organizations of the eligible entity, a subsidiary organization of the parent organization, or, if the eligible entity applied for funds under this section as a partnership, any member of the partnership;

"(3) an identification of, as appropriate—

"(A) the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A) that the eligible entity is proposing to serve; or

"(B) geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B) that the eligible entity is likely to serve;

"(4)(A) information identifying the issue areas in which the eligible entity will work to improve measurable outcomes;

"(B) statistics on the needs related to those issue areas in, as appropriate—

"(i) the specific local geographical area described in paragraph (3)(A); or

"(ii) the geographical areas described in paragraph (3)(B), including statistics demonstrating that those geographical areas have the highest need in the specific issue area that the eligible entity is proposing to address; and

"(C) information on the specific measurable outcomes related to the issue areas involved that the eligible entity will seek to improve;

"(5) information describing the process by which the eligible entity selected, or will select, community

organizations to receive the subgrants, to ensure that the community organizations—

"(A) are institutions—

"(i) with proven initiatives and a demonstrated track record of achieving specific outcomes related to the measurable outcomes for the eligible entity; or

"(ii) that articulate a new solution with a significant likelihood for substantial impact;

"(B) articulate measurable outcomes for the use of the subgrant funds that are connected to the measurable outcomes for the eligible entity;

"(C) will use the funds to replicate, expand, or support their initiatives;

"(D) provide a well-defined plan for replicating, expanding, or supporting the initiatives funded;

"(E) can sustain the initiatives after the subgrant period concludes through reliable public revenues, earned income, or private sector funding;

"(F) have strong leadership and financial and management systems;

"(G) are committed to the use of data collection and evaluation for improvement of the initiatives;

"(H) will implement and evaluate innovative initiatives, to be important contributors to knowledge in their fields; and

"(I) will meet the requirements for providing matching funds specified in subsection (k);

"(6) information about the eligible entity, including its experience managing collaborative initiatives, or assessing applicants for grants and evaluating the performance of grant recipients for outcome-focused initiatives, and any other relevant information;

"(7) a commitment to meet the requirements of subsection (i) and a plan for meeting the requirements, including information on any funding that the eligible entity has secured to provide the matching funds required under that subsection;

"(8) a description of the eligible entity's plan for providing technical assistance and support, other than financial support, to the community organizations that will increase the ability of the community organizations to achieve their measurable outcomes;

"(9) information on the commitment, institutional capacity, and expertise of the eligible entity concerning—

"(A) collecting and analyzing data required for evaluations, compliance efforts, and other purposes;

"(B) supporting relevant research; and

"(C) submitting regular reports to the Corporation, including information on the initiatives of the community organizations, and the replication or expansion of such initiatives;

"(10) a commitment to use data and evaluations to improve the eligible entity's own model and to improve the initiatives funded by the eligible entity; and

"(11) a commitment to cooperate with any evaluation activities undertaken by the Corporation.

"(h) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under subsection (d), the Corporation shall—

"(1) select eligible entities on a competitive basis;

"(2) select eligible entities on the basis of the quality of their selection process, as described in subsection (g)(5), the capacity of the eligible entities to manage Social Innovation Funds, and the potential

of the eligible entities to sustain the Funds after the conclusion of the grant period;

"(3) include among the grant recipients eligible entities that propose to provide subgrants to serve communities (such as rural low-income communities) that the eligible entities can demonstrate are significantly philanthropically underserved;

"(4) select a geographically diverse set of eligible entities; and

"(5) take into account broad community perspectives and support.

"(i) MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may not make a grant to an eligible entity under subsection (d) for a Social Innovation Fund unless the entity agrees that, with respect to the cost described in subsection (d) for that Fund, the entity will make available matching funds in an amount not less than $1 for every $1 of funds provided under the grant.

"(2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

"(A) TYPE AND SOURCES.—The eligible entity shall provide the matching funds in cash. The eligible entity shall provide the matching funds from State, local, or private sources, which may include State or local agencies, businesses,

private philanthropic organizations, or individuals.

"(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES INCLUDING STATE COMMISSIONS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In a case in which a State Commission, a local government office, or both entities are a part of the eligible entity, the State involved, the local government involved, or both entities, respectively, shall contribute not less than 30 percent and not more than 50 percent of the matching funds.

"(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE.—In this subparagraph, the term 'local government office' means the office of the chief executive officer of a unit of general local government.

"(3) REDUCTION.—The Corporation may reduce by 50 percent the matching funds required by paragraph (1) for an eligible entity serving a community (such as a rural low-income community) that the eligible entity can demonstrate is significantly philanthropically underserved.

"(j) SUBGRANTS.—

"(1) SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under subsection (d) is authorized to use the funds made available through the grant to award, on a competitive basis, subgrants to expand or replicate proven initiatives, or support new initiatives with a substantial likelihood of success, to—

"(A) community organizations serving low-income communities within the specific local geographical area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(A); or

"(B) community organizations addressing a specific issue area referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), in low-income communities in geographical areas referred to in that subsection.

"(2) PERIODS; AMOUNTS.—The eligible entity shall make such subgrants for periods of not less than 3 and not more than 5 years, and may renew the subgrants for such periods, in amounts of not less than $100,000 per year.

"(3) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a subgrant from an eligible entity under this section, including receiving a payment for that subgrant each year, a community organization shall submit an application to an eligible entity that serves the specific

local geographical area, or geographical areas, that the community organization proposes to serve, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the eligible entity may require, including—

"(A) a description of the initiative the community organization carries out and plans to replicate or expand, or of the new initiative the community organization intends to support, using funds received from the eligible entity, and how the initiative relates to the issue areas identified under subsection (g)(4)(A) in which the eligible entity has committed to work;

"(B) data on the measurable outcomes the community organization has improved, and information on the measurable outcomes the community organization seeks to improve by replicating or expanding a proven initiative or supporting a new initiative, which shall be among the measurable outcomes the eligible entity is seeking to improve as identified under subsection (g)(4)(C);

"(C) an identification of the community in which the community organization proposes to carry out an initiative, which shall be within the specific local geographical area referred to in

subsection (f)(2)(A) or the geographical areas referred to in subsection (f)(2)(B), that the eligible entity serves;

"(D) a description of the evidence-based decisionmaking strategies the community organization uses to improve outcomes, including—

"(i) use of evidence produced by prior rigorous evaluations of program effectiveness including, where available, well-implemented randomized controlled trials; or

"(ii) a well-articulated plan to conduct, or partner with a research organization to conduct, rigorous evaluations to assess the effectiveness of initiatives addressing national or local challenges;

"(E) a description of how the community organization uses data to analyze and improve its initiatives;

"(F) specific evidence of how the community organization will meet the requirements for providing matching funds specified in subsection (k);

"(G) a description of how the community organization will sustain the replicated or ex-

panded initiative after the conclusion of the subgrant period; and

"(H) any other information the eligible entity may require, including information necessary for the eligible entity to fulfill the requirements of subsection (g)(5).

"(k) MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUBGRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may not make a subgrant to a community organization under this section for an initiative described in subsection (j)(3)(A) unless the organization agrees that, with respect to the cost of carrying out that initiative, the organization will make available, on an annual basis, matching funds in an amount not less than $1 for every $1 of funds provided under the subgrant. If the community organization fails to make such matching funds available for a fiscal year, the eligible entity shall not make payments for the remaining fiscal years of the subgrant period, notwithstanding any other provision of this part.

"(2) TYPES AND SOURCES.—The community organization shall provide the matching funds in cash. The community organization shall provide the matching funds from State, local, or private sources, which

may include funds from State or local agencies or private sector funding.

"(l) DIRECT SUPPORT.—

"(1) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Corporation may use not more than 10 percent of the funds appropriated for this section to award grants to community organizations serving low-income communities or addressing a specific issue area in geographical areas that have the highest need in that issue area, to enable such community organizations to replicate or expand proven initiatives or support new initiatives.

"(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A grant awarded under this subsection shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as a subgrant awarded under subsection (j).

"(3) APPLICATION; MATCHING FUNDS.—Paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (j) and subsection (k) shall apply to a community organization receiving or applying for a grant under this subsection in the same manner as such subsections apply to a community organization receiving or applying for a subgrant under subsection (j), except that references to a subgrant shall mean a grant and references to an eligible entity shall mean the Corporation.

"(m) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may reserve not more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated for this section for a fiscal year to support, directly or through contract with an independent entity, research and evaluation activities to evaluate the eligible entities and community organizations receiving grants under subsections (d) and (l) and the initiatives supported by the grants.

"(2) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.—

"(A) RESEARCH AND REPORTS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The entity carrying out this subsection shall collect data and conduct or support research with respect to the eligible entities and community organizations receiving grants under subsections (d) and (l), and the initiatives supported by such eligible entities and community organizations, to determine the success of the program carried out under this section in replicating, expanding, and supporting initiatives, including—

"(I) the success of the initiatives in improving measurable outcomes; and

"(II) the success of the program in increasing philanthropic investments in philanthropically underserved communities.

"(ii) REPORTS.—The Corporation shall submit periodic reports to the authorizing committees including—

"(I) the data collected and the results of the research under this subsection;

"(II) information on lessons learned about best practices from the activities carried out under this section, to improve those activities; and

"(III) a list of all eligible entities and community organizations receiving funds under this section.

"(iii) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—The Corporation shall annually post the list described in clause (ii)(III) on the Corporation's website.

"(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Corporation shall, directly or through contract, provide technical assistance to the eligible entities

and community organizations that receive grants under subsections (d) and (l).

"(C) KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT.—The Corporation shall, directly or through contract, maintain a clearinghouse for information on best practices resulting from initiatives supported by the eligible entities and community organizations.

"(D) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appropriated under section 501(a)(4)(E) for a fiscal year, not more than 5 percent may be used to carry out this subsection.".

SEC. 1808. CLEARINGHOUSES.

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART IV—NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSES; VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND

"SEC. 198O. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSES.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall provide assistance, either by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, to entities with expertise in the dissemination of information through clearinghouses to establish 1 or more clearinghouses for the national service laws.

"(b) FUNCTION OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—Such a clearinghouse may—

"(1) assist entities carrying out State or local service-learning and national service programs with needs assessments and planning;

"(2) conduct research and evaluations concerning service-learning or programs receiving assistance under the national service laws unless the recipient is receiving funds for such purpose under part III of subtitle B and under this subtitle;

"(3)(A) provide leadership development and training to State and local service-learning program administrators, supervisors, service sponsors, and participants; and

"(B) provide training to persons who can provide the leadership development and training described in subparagraph (A);

"(4) facilitate communication among entities carrying out service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws and participants in such programs;

"(5) provide and disseminate information and curriculum materials relating to planning and operating service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, to States, Territories,

Indian tribes, and local entities eligible to receive financial assistance under the national service laws;

"(6) provide and disseminate information regarding methods to make service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws accessible to individuals with disabilities;

"(7) disseminate applications in languages other than English;

"(8)(A) gather and disseminate information on successful service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, components of such successful programs, innovative curricula related to service-learning, and service-learning projects; and

"(B) coordinate the activities of the clearinghouse with appropriate entities to avoid duplication of effort;

"(9) make recommendations to State and local entities on quality controls to improve the quality of service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws;

"(10) assist organizations in recruiting, screening, and placing a diverse population of service-learning coordinators and program sponsors;

"(11) disseminate effective strategies for working with disadvantaged youth in national service pro-

grams as determined by organizations with an established expertise working with such youth; and

"(12) carry out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.

"SEC. 198P. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

"(1) the term 'areas of national need' has the meaning given the term in section 198B(a);

"(2) the term 'civic entity' means a local or national nonprofit organization, including a faith-based organization, that uses volunteers to carry out activities in areas of national need; and

"(3) the term 'eligible entity' means—

"(A) a State Commission; or

"(B) a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance and support to civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting volunteers, such as a volunteer coordinating agency, a nonprofit resource center, a volunteer training clearinghouse, or an institution of higher education.

"(b) FUND.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to enable—

"(A) eligible entities to increase the number of volunteers available to carry out activities that address areas of national need through civic entities supported by the eligible entity; or

"(B) eligible entities described in subsection (a)(3)(A) to increase the number of volunteers available to carry out statewide volunteer initiatives that address State and local priorities with regard to areas of national need.

"(2) APPLICATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit an application to the Corporation at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Corporation may reasonably require.

"(B) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall contain—

"(i)(I) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out an activity described in paragraph (1)(A), a description of the technical assistance and support the entity provides to

civic entities in recruiting, managing, and supporting additional volunteers; or

"(II) in the case of an eligible entity that proposes to use grant funds to carry out a statewide initiative described in paragraph (1)(B), a description of the State priorities with regard to areas of national need and the proposed initiative to address such priorities;

"(ii) an assurance that the eligible entity will annually collect information on—

"(I) the number of volunteers recruited for civic entities or to carry out statewide initiatives described in paragraph (1)(B), using funds received under this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers; and

"(II) the number of volunteers supported using funds received under this subsection, and the type and amount of activities carried out by such volunteers;

"(iii) a description of any outcomes the eligible entity will use to annually

measure and track performance with regard to—

"(I) activities carried out by volunteers; and

"(II) volunteers recruited, managed, and supported;

"(iv) information describing how the eligible entity will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the entity's activities under this subsection; and

"(v) such additional assurances as the Corporation determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subsection.".

Subtitle I—Training and Technical Assistance

SEC. 1821. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Title I is further amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

"Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

"SEC. 199N. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall, either directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-

ments (including through State Commissions), conduct appropriate training for and provide technical assistance to—

"(1) programs receiving assistance under the national service laws; and

"(2) entities (particularly those in rural areas and underserved communities) that desire to—

"(A) carry out or establish national service programs; or

"(B) apply for assistance (including subgrants) under the national service laws.

"(b) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED.—Such training and technical assistance activities may include—

"(1) providing technical assistance to those entities applying to carry out national service programs or those carrying out national service programs;

"(2) promoting leadership development in national service programs;

"(3) improving the instructional and programmatic quality of national service programs;

"(4) developing the management and budgetary skills of those operating or overseeing national service programs, including to increase the cost effectiveness of the programs under the national service laws;

"(5) providing for or improving the training provided to the participants in programs under the national service laws;

"(6) facilitating the education of individuals participating in national service programs in risk management procedures, including the training of participants in appropriate risk management practices;

"(7) training those individuals operating or overseeing national service programs—

"(A) in volunteer recruitment, management, and retention to improve the abilities of such individuals to use participants and other volunteers in an effective manner, which results in high-quality service and the desire of participants or volunteers to continue to serve in other capacities after the program is completed;

"(B) in program evaluation and performance measures to inform practices to augment the capacity and sustainability of the national service programs; or

"(C) to effectively accommodate individuals with disabilities to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in national service programs, which training may utilize funding

from the reservation of funds under section 129(k) to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities;

"(8) establishing networks and collaboration among employers, educators, and other key stakeholders in the community to further leverage resources to increase local participation and to coordinate community-wide planning and service;

"(9) providing training and technical assistance for the National Senior Service Corps, including providing such training and technical assistance to programs receiving assistance under section 201 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5001); and

"(10) carrying out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.

"(c) PRIORITY.—In carrying out this section, the Corporation shall give priority to programs under the national service laws and entities eligible to establish such programs that seek training or technical assistance and that—

"(1) seek to carry out high-quality programs where the services are needed most;

"(2) seek to carry out high-quality programs where national service programs do not currently

exist or where the programs are too limited to meet community needs;

"(3) seek to carry out high-quality programs that focus on and provide service opportunities for underserved rural and urban areas and populations; and

"(4) seek to assist programs in developing a service component that combines students, out-of-school youths, and older adults as participants to provide needed community services.".

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

SEC. 1831. REPEAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 401 (42 U.S.C. 12671) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "term" and all that follows and inserting the following: "term 'administrative organization' means a nonprofit private organization that enters into an agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out this section."; and

(2) by striking "Foundation" each place it appears and inserting "administrative organization".

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

SEC. 1841. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

"(a) TITLE I.—

"(1) SUBTITLE B.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to provide financial assistance under subtitle B of title I—

"(i) $97,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(ii) such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(B) PART IV RESERVATION.—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, 1 percent shall be reserved to carry out part IV of subtitle B of title I.

"(C) SECTION 118A.—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) and not reserved under subparagraph (B) for a fiscal year, not more than $7,000,000 shall be made available for awards to Campuses of Service under section 118A.

"(D) SECTION 119(C)(8).—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) and not reserved under subparagraph (B) for a fiscal year, not more than $10,000,000 shall be made available for summer of service program grants under section 119(c)(8), and not more than $10,000,000 shall be deposited in the National Service Trust to support summer of service educational awards, consistent with section 119(c)(8).

"(E) SECTION 119(C)(9).—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) and not reserved under subparagraph (B) for a fiscal year, not more than $15,000,000 shall be made available for youth engagement zone programs under section 119(c)(9).

"(F) GENERAL PROGRAMS.—Of the amount remaining after the application of subparagraphs (A) through (E) for a fiscal year—

"(i) not more than 60 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part I of subtitle B of title I;

"(ii) not more than 25 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part II of such subtitle; and

"(iii) not less than 15 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part III of such subtitle.

"(2) SUBTITLES C AND D.—There are authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014, such sums as may be necessary to provide financial assistance under subtitle C of title I and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I for the number of participants described in section 121(f)(1) for each such fiscal year.

"(3) SUBTITLE E.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to operate the National Civilian Community Corps and provide financial assistance under subtitle E of title I, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

"(B) PRIORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in obligating the amounts made available pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in this paragraph, priority shall be given to programs carrying out activities in areas for which the President has declared the existence of a major disaster, in ac-

cordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), as a consequence of Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

"(4) SUBTITLE H.—

"(A) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide financial assistance under subtitle H of title I.

"(B) SECTION 198B.—Of the amount authorized under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary shall be made available to provide financial assistance under section 198B and to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I to the number of participants in national service positions established or increased as provided in section 198B(b)(3) for such year.

"(C) SECTION 198C.—Of the amount authorized under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, $12,000,000 shall be made available to provide financial assistance under section 198C.

"(D) SECTION 198H.—Of the amount authorized under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal

year, such sums as may be necessary shall be made available to provide financial assistance under section 198H.

"(E) SECTION 198K.—Of the amount authorized under subparagraph (A), there shall be made available to carry out section 198K—

"(i) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

"(ii) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

"(iii) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

"(iv) $80,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

"(v) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

"(F) SECTION 198P.—Of the amount authorized under subparagraph (A), there shall be made available to carry out section 198P—

"(i) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

"(ii) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

"(iii) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

"(iv) $80,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

"(v) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

"(5) ADMINISTRATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this Act, including financial assistance under section

126(a), $51,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(B) CORPORATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year—

"(i) not more than 69 percent shall be made available to the Corporation for the administration of this Act; and

"(ii) the remainder shall be available to provide financial assistance under section 126(a).

"(6) EVALUATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) and any other provision of law, of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under subtitles B, C, and H of title I of this Act and under titles I and II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, the Corporation shall reserve not more than 2.5 percent to carry out sections 112(d) and 179A and subtitle J, of which $1,000,000 shall be used by the Corporation to carry out section 179A. Notwithstanding subsection (b), amounts so reserved shall be available only for the fiscal year for which the amounts are reserved.";

(2) by striking subsections (b) and (d); and

(3) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

TITLE II—DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

SEC. 2001. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

SEC. 2002. VOLUNTEERISM POLICY.

Section 2 (42 U.S.C. 4950) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "both young" and all that follows through the period and inserting "individuals of all ages and backgrounds."; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting after "State, and local agencies" the following: ", expand relationships with, and support for, the efforts of civic, community, and educational organizations,".

Subtitle A—National Volunteer Antipoverty Programs

CHAPTER 1—VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA

SEC. 2101. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 4951) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence, by striking "exploit" and all that follows through the period and inserting "increase opportunities for self-advancement by persons affected by such problems."; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking "at the local level" and all that follows through the period and inserting "at the local level, to support efforts by local agencies and community organizations to achieve long-term sustainability of projects, and to strengthen local agencies and community organizations to carry out the objectives of this part.".

SEC. 2102. SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," after "American Samoa,";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "handicapped individuals" and all that follows through

the semicolon and inserting "individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with severe disabilities;";

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking "the jobless, the hungry," and inserting "unemployed individuals,";

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking "prevention, education," and inserting "through prevention, education, rehabilitation, treatment,";

(E) in paragraph (5), by striking "chronic and life-threatening illnesses" and inserting "mental illness, chronic and life-threatening illnesses,";

(F) in paragraph (6)—

(i) by striking "Headstart act" and inserting "Head Start Act"; and

(ii) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(H) by adding at the end the following:

"(8) in assisting with the reentry and reintegration of formerly incarcerated youth and adults into society, including providing training and counseling in education, employment, and life skills;

"(9) in developing and carrying out financial literacy, financial planning, budgeting, saving, and reputable credit accessibility programs in low-income communities, including those programs that educate individuals about financing home ownership and higher education;

"(10) in initiating and supporting before-school and after-school programs, serving children in low-income communities, that may engage participants in mentoring, tutoring, life skills and study skills programs, service-learning, physical, nutrition, and health education programs, and other activities addressing the needs of the children;

"(11) in establishing and supporting community economic development initiatives, with a priority on work on such initiatives in rural areas and the other areas where such initiatives are needed most;

"(12) in assisting veterans and their family members through establishing or augmenting programs that assist such persons with access to legal assistance, health care (including mental health care), employment counseling or training, education counseling or training, affordable housing, and other support services; and

"(13) in addressing the health and wellness of individuals in low-income communities and individuals in underserved communities, including programs to increase access to preventive services, insurance, and health services.";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "recruitment and placement procedures" and inserting "placement procedures that involve sponsoring organizations and";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "Community Service Trust Act of 1993" and all that follows through the period at the end of the fourth sentence and inserting "Community Service Act of 1990.";

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "central information system that shall, on request, promptly provide" and inserting "database that provides"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C), in the second sentence, by inserting "and management" after "the recruitment";

(C) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the following: "In selecting the volunteers, the

Director shall give priority to low-income youth.''; and

(D) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking ''information system'' and inserting ''database'';

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ''the Internet and related technologies,'' before ''radio,'';

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ''Internet and related technologies,'' before ''print media,'';

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting ''State or local offices of economic development, State employment security agencies, employment offices,'' before ''and other institutions''; and

(iv) in subparagraph (F), by striking ''Community Service Trust Act of 1993'' and inserting ''Community Service Act of 1990''; and

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking ''Beginning in'' and all that follows through '', for'' and inserting ''For''; and

(ii) by striking "1.5 percent" and inserting "2 percent";

(4) in subsection (d), in the second sentence, by striking "private industry council established under the Job Training Partnership Act or";

(5) in subsection (g), in the first sentence, by striking ", and such" and all that follows through the period and inserting a period; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

"(i) The Director may enter into agreements under which public and private nonprofit organizations, with sufficient financial capacity and size, pay for all or a portion of the costs of supporting the service of volunteers under this part.".

SEC. 2103. SUPPORT SERVICE.

Section 105(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 4955(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "Such stipend shall be set at a rate that is not less than a minimum of $125 per month and not more than a maximum of $150 per month, subject to the availability of funds to provide such a maximum rate."; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking "stipend of a maximum of $200 per month" and inserting

"stipend set at a rate that is not more than a maximum of $250 per month".

SEC. 2104. REPEAL.

Section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959) is repealed.

CHAPTER 2—UNIVERSITY YEAR FOR VISTA

SEC. 2121. UNIVERSITY YEAR FOR VISTA.

Part B of title I (42 U.S.C. 4971 et seq.) is repealed.

CHAPTER 3—SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

SEC. 2131. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 4991) is amended in the second sentence by striking "situations" and inserting "organizations".

SEC. 2132. LITERACY CHALLENGE GRANTS.

Section 124 (42 U.S.C. 4995) is repealed.

Subtitle B—National Senior Service Corps

SEC. 2141. TITLE.

Title II (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.) is amended by striking the title heading and inserting the following:

"TITLE II—NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS".

SEC. 2142. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

Section 200 (42 U.S.C. 5000) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 200. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

"It is the purpose of this title to provide—

"(1) opportunities for senior service to meet unmet local, State, and national needs in the areas of education, public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, health and human needs, and the environment;

"(2) for the National Senior Service Corps, comprised of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program, and demonstration and other programs to empower people 55 years of age or older to contribute to their communities through service, enhance the lives of those who serve and those whom they serve, and provide communities with valuable services;

"(3) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, to share their knowledge, experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their communities and themselves;

"(4) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Foster Grandparents Program, to have a positive impact on the lives of children in need; and

"(5) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Senior Companion Program, to provide support services and companionship to other older individuals through volunteer service.".

SEC. 2143. RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.

Section 201(a) (42 U.S.C. 5001(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "avail" and all that follows through "community," and inserting "share their experiences, abilities, and skills to improve their communities and themselves through service in their communities,";

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking ", and individuals 60 years of age or older will be given priority for enrollment,"; and

(3) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking "established and will be carried out" and inserting "designed and implemented"; and

(B) by striking "field of service" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "field of service to be provided, as well as persons who have expertise in the management of volunteers and the needs of older individuals.".

SEC. 2144. FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM.

Section 211 (42 U.S.C. 5011) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking "sixty" and inserting "55"; and

(B) in the second sentence, by striking "any of a variety of";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "shall have" and all that follows through "(2) of the subsection" and inserting "may determine";

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) whether it is in the best interest of the child receiving, and the particular foster grandparent providing, services in such a project, to continue the relationship between the child and the grandparent under this part after the child reaches the age of 21, if such child is an individual with a disability who was re-

ceiving such services prior to attaining the age of 21.";

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

"(2) If an assignment of a foster grandparent under this part is suspended or discontinued, the replacement of that foster grandparent shall be determined in a manner consistent with paragraph (3).";

(3) in subsection (d), by striking "$2.45 per hour" and all that follows through "five cents, except" and inserting "$3.00 per hour, except";

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "125 per centum" and inserting "200 percent"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "per centum" and inserting "percent"; and

(5) in subsection (f)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "subparagraphs (B) and (C)" and inserting "subparagraph (B)"; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (C).

SEC. 2145. SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM.

Section 213(a) (42 U.S.C. 5013(a)) is amended by striking "60" and inserting "55".

SEC. 2146. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) PROMOTION OF NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Section 221 (42 U.S.C. 5021) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "VOLUNTEER" and inserting "SERVICE"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "participation of volunteers" and inserting "participation of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, living in urban or rural communities".

(b) MINORITY POPULATION PARTICIPATION.—Section 223 (42 U.S.C. 5023) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "GROUP" and inserting "POPULATION"; and

(2) by striking "sixty years and older from minority groups" and inserting "55 years and older from minority populations".

(c) USE OF LOCALLY GENERATED CONTRIBUTIONS IN NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Section 224 (42 U.S.C. 5024) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "VOLUNTEER" and inserting "SERVICE"; and

(2) by striking "Volunteer Corps" and inserting "Service Corps".

(d) NATIONAL PROBLEMS OF LOCAL CONCERN.—Section 225 (42 U.S.C. 5025) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting "through education, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation" before the period at the end;

(B) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

"(4) Programs that establish and support mentoring programs for low-income youth, including mentoring programs that match such youth with mentors and match such youth with employment and training programs, including apprenticeship programs.";

(C) in paragraph (5), by inserting ", including literacy programs that serve youth, and adults, with limited English proficiency" before the period at the end;

(D) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7) and inserting the following:

"(6) Programs that provide respite care, including care for elderly individuals and for children and individuals with disabilities or chronic illnesses who are living at home.

"(7) Programs that provide before-school and after-school activities, serving children in low-income communities, that may engage participants in mentoring relationships, tutoring, life skills, and study

skills programs, service-learning, physical, nutrition, and health education programs, and other activities addressing the needs of the children in the communities, including children of working parents.";

(E) by striking paragraph (8);

(F) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through (15) as paragraphs (8) through (14), respectively;

(G) in paragraph (10) (as redesignated by subparagraph (F))—

(i) by striking "educationally disadvantaged children" and inserting "students"; and

(ii) by striking "the basic skills of such children" and inserting "the academic achievement of such students";

(H) by striking paragraph (11) (as redesignated by subparagraph (F)) and inserting the following:

"(11) Programs that engage older individuals with children and youth to complete service in energy conservation, environmental stewardship, or other environmental needs of a community.";

(I) by striking paragraph (14) (as redesignated by subparagraph (F)) and inserting the following:

"(14) Programs in which the grant recipients involved collaborate with criminal justice professionals and organizations in order to provide prevention programs that serve low-income youth or youth reentering society after incarceration and their families, which prevention programs may include mentoring, counseling, or employment counseling.";

(J) by striking paragraph (16); and

(K) by redesignating paragraphs (17) and (18) as paragraphs (15) and (16), respectively;

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting ,"and that such applicant has expertise applicable to implementing the proposed program for which the applicant is requesting the grant" before the period at the end; and

(3) in subsection (e), by inserting "widely" after "shall".

(e) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.—Part D of title II (42 U.S.C. 5021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 228. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), an entity receiving assistance under this title may accept donations, including donations in cash or in kind fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services.

"(b) EXCEPTION.—An entity receiving assistance under this title to carry out an activity shall not accept donations from the beneficiaries of the activity.".

Subtitle C—Administration and Coordination

SEC. 2151. SPECIAL LIMITATIONS.

Section 404(a) (42 U.S.C. 5044(a)) is amended by inserting "or other volunteers (not including participants under this Act and the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.)),'' after "employed workers" both places such term appears.

SEC. 2152. EVALUATION.

Section 416 (42 U.S.C. 5056) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by striking "(including" and all that follows through "3 years)"; and

(2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking "Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate" and inserting "authorizing committees".

SEC. 2153. DEFINITIONS.

Section 421 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by inserting ", the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," after "American Samoa";

(2) by striking paragraph (7);

(3) in paragraph (13), by striking "Volunteer Corps" and inserting "Service Corps";

(4) in paragraph (14), by striking "Volunteer Corps" and inserting "Service Corps";

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through (20) as paragraphs (7) through (19), respectively;

(6) in paragraph (18) (as redesignated by paragraph (5)), by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end;

(7) in paragraph (19) (as redesignated by paragraph (5)), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(20) the term 'authorizing committees' means the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.".

SEC. 2154. PROTECTION AGAINST IMPROPER USE.

Section 425 (42 U.S.C. 5065) is amended, in the matter following paragraph (2), by striking "Volunteer Corps" and inserting "Service Corps".

SEC. 2155. PROVISIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.

Title IV (42 U.S.C. 5043 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 426. PROVISIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.

"The Corporation shall carry out this Act in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the relevant provisions of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.), particularly the provisions of section 122 and subtitle F of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572, 12631 et seq.) relating to the national service laws.".

Subtitle D—Authorization of Appropriations

SEC. 2161. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS.—Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

"(1) VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out

parts A and B of title I $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(2) SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part C of title I such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014."; and

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "sections 104(e) and 109" and inserting "section 104(e)"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "relevant authorizing and appropriations committees of Congress" and inserting "authorizing committees and relevant appropriations committees of Congress".

(b) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Section 502 (42 U.S.C. 5082) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 502. NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.

"(a) RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part A of title II, $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(b) FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part B of title II, $115,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(c) SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part C of title II, $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

"(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part E of title II, such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.".

(c) ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION.—Section 504 (42 U.S.C. 5084) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "fiscal years 1994 through 1996" and inserting "fiscal years 2010 through 2014"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "fiscal years 1994 through 1996" and inserting "fiscal years 2010 through 2014".

TITLE III—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLES OF CONTENTS

SEC. 3101. TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.

Section 1(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 is amended to read as follows:

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

"Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
"Sec. 2. Findings and purpose.

"TITLE I—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE STATE GRANT PROGRAM

"Subtitle A—General Provisions

"Sec. 101. Definitions.
"Sec. 102. Authority to make State grants.

"Subtitle B—School-Based and Community-Based Service-Learning Programs

"PART I—PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

"Sec. 111. Purpose.
"Sec. 111A. Definitions.
"Sec. 112. Assistance to States, territories, and Indian tribes.
"Sec. 112A. Allotments.
"Sec. 113. Applications.
"Sec. 114. Consideration of applications.
"Sec. 115. Participation of students and teachers from private schools.
"Sec. 116. Federal, State, and local contributions.
"Sec. 117. Limitations on uses of funds.

"PART II—HIGHER EDUCATION INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Sec. 118. Higher education innovative programs for community service.
"Sec. 118A. Campuses of Service.

"PART III—INNOVATIVE AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

"Sec. 119. Innovative and community-based service-learning programs and research.

"Part IV—Service-Learning Impact Study

"Sec. 120. Study and report.

"Subtitle C—National Service Trust Program

"Part I—Investment in National Service

"Sec. 121. Authority to provide assistance and approved national service positions.
"Sec. 122. National service programs eligible for program assistance.
"Sec. 123. Types of national service positions eligible for approval for national service educational awards.
"Sec. 124. Types of program assistance.
"Sec. 126. Other special assistance.

"Part II—Application and Approval Process

"Sec. 129. Provision of assistance and approved national service positions.
"Sec. 129A. Educational awards only program.
"Sec. 130. Application for assistance and approved national service positions.
"Sec. 131. National service program assistance requirements.
"Sec. 132. Ineligible service categories.
"Sec. 133. Consideration of applications.

"Part III—National Service Participants

"Sec. 137. Description of participants.
"Sec. 138. Selection of national service participants.
"Sec. 139. Terms of service.
"Sec. 140. Living allowances for national service participants.
"Sec. 141. National service educational awards.

"Subtitle D—National Service Trust and Provision of Educational Awards

"Sec. 145. Establishment of the National Service Trust.
"Sec. 146. Individuals eligible to receive an educational award from the Trust.
"Sec. 146A. Certifications of successful completion of terms of service.
"Sec. 147. Determination of the amount of the educational award.
"Sec. 148. Disbursement of educational awards.
"Sec. 149. Approval process for approved positions.

"Subtitle E—National Civilian Community Corps

"Sec. 151. Purpose.
"Sec. 152. Establishment of National Civilian Community Corps Program.
"Sec. 153. National service program.
"Sec. 154. Summer national service program.
"Sec. 155. National Civilian Community Corps.
"Sec. 156. Training.
"Sec. 157. Service projects.
"Sec. 158. Authorized benefits for Corps members.
"Sec. 159. Administrative provisions.
"Sec. 160. Status of Corps members and Corps personnel under Federal law.
"Sec. 161. Contract and grant authority.
"Sec. 162. Responsibilities of Department of Defense.
"Sec. 163. Advisory board.
"Sec. 164. Evaluations.

"Sec. 165. Definitions.

"Subtitle F—Administrative Provisions

"Sec. 171. Family and medical leave.
"Sec. 172. Reports.
"Sec. 173. Supplementation.
"Sec. 174. Prohibition on use of funds.
"Sec. 175. Nondiscrimination.
"Sec. 176. Notice, hearing, and grievance procedures.
"Sec. 177. Nonduplication and nondisplacement.
"Sec. 178. State Commissions on National and Community Service.
"Sec. 179. Evaluation.
"Sec. 179A. Civic Health Index and volunteering research and evaluation.
"Sec. 180. Engagement of participants.
"Sec. 181. Contingent extension.
"Sec. 182. Partnerships with schools.
"Sec. 183. Rights of access, examination, and copying.
"Sec. 184. Drug-free workplace requirements.
"Sec. 185. Consolidated application and reporting requirements.
"Sec. 186. Sustainability.
"Sec. 187. Grant periods.
"Sec. 188. Limitation on program grant costs.
"Sec. 189. Audits and reports.
"Sec. 189A. Criminal history checks.

"Subtitle G—Corporation for National and Community Service

"Sec. 191. Corporation for National and Community Service.
"Sec. 192. Board of Directors.
"Sec. 192A. Authorities and duties of the Board of Directors.
"Sec. 193. Chief Executive Officer.
"Sec. 193A. Authorities and duties of the Chief Executive Officer.
"Sec. 194. Officers.
"Sec. 195. Employees, consultants, and other personnel.
"Sec. 196. Administration.
"Sec. 196A. Corporation State offices.
"Sec. 196B. Delegation to States.
"Sec. 196C. Study of involvement of veterans.

"Subtitle H—Investment for Quality and Innovation

"Part I—Additional Corporation Activities To Support National Service

"Sec. 198. Additional corporation activities to support national service.
"Sec. 198A. Presidential awards for service.
"Sec. 198B. ServeAmerica Fellowships.
"Sec. 198C. Silver Scholarships and Encore Fellowships.

"Part II—National Service Reserve Corps

"Sec. 198H. National Service Reserve Corps.

"Part III—Social Innovation Fund Pilot Program

"Sec. 198K. Funds.

"Part IV—National Service Programs Clearinghouses; Volunteer Generation Fund

"Sec. 198O. National service programs clearinghouses.
"Sec. 198P. Volunteer generation fund.

"Subtitle I—American Conservation and Youth Corps

"Sec. 199. Short title.
"Sec. 199A. General authority.
"Sec. 199B. Limitation on purchase of capital equipment.
"Sec. 199C. State application.
"Sec. 199D. Focus of programs.
"Sec. 199E. Related programs.
"Sec. 199F. Public lands or Indian lands.
"Sec. 199G. Training and education services.
"Sec. 199H. Preference for certain projects.
"Sec. 199I. Age and citizenship criteria for enrollment.
"Sec. 199J. Use of volunteers.
"Sec. 199K. Living allowance.
"Sec. 199L. Joint programs.
"Sec. 199M. Federal and State employee status.

"Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

"Sec. 199N. Training and technical assistance.

"TITLE II—MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

"Subtitle A—Publication

"Sec. 201. Information for students.
"Sec. 202. Exit counseling for borrowers.
"Sec. 203. Department information on deferments and cancellations.
"Sec. 204. Data on deferments and cancellations.

"Subtitle B—Youthbuild Projects

"Sec. 211. Youthbuild projects.

"Subtitle C—Amendments to Student Literacy Corps

"Sec. 221. Amendments to Student Literacy Corps.

"TITLE IV—PROJECTS HONORING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

"Sec. 401. Projects.

"TITLE V—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"Sec. 501. Authorization of appropriations.

"TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

"Sec. 601. Amtrak waste disposal.
"Sec. 602. Exchange program with countries in transition from totalitarianism to democracy.".

1 ***SEC. 3102. TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE DOMESTIC VOLUN-***

2 ***TEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.***

3 *Section 1(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of*

4 *1973 is amended to read as follows:*

5 *"(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of*

6 *this Act is as follows:*

"Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
"Sec. 2. Volunteerism policy.

"TITLE I—NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS

"PART A—VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA

"Sec. 101. Statement of purpose.
"Sec. 102. Authority to operate VISTA program.
"Sec. 103. Selection and assignment of volunteers.
"Sec. 104. Terms and periods of service.
"Sec. 105. Support service.
"Sec. 106. Participation of beneficiaries.
"Sec. 107. Participation of younger and older persons.
"Sec. 108. Limitation.
"Sec. 110. Applications for assistance.

"PART C—SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

"Sec. 121. Statement of purpose.
"Sec. 122. Authority to establish and operate special volunteer and demonstration programs.
"Sec. 123. Technical and financial assistance.

"TITLE II—NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS

"Sec. 200. Statement of purpose.

"PART A—RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

"Sec. 201. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.

"PART B—FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

"Sec. 211. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.

"PART C—SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

"Sec. 213. Grants and contracts for volunteer service projects.

"PART D—GENERAL PROVISIONS

"Sec. 221. Promotion of National Senior Service Corps.
"Sec. 222. Payments.
"Sec. 223. Minority population participation.

"Sec. 224. Use of locally generated contributions in National Senior Service Corps.
"Sec. 225. Programs of national significance.
"Sec. 226. Adjustments to Federal financial assistance.
"Sec. 227. Multiyear grants or contracts.
"Sec. 228. Acceptance of donations.

"PART E—DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

"Sec. 231. Authority of Director.

"TITLE IV—ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION

"Sec. 403. Political activities.
"Sec. 404. Special limitations.
"Sec. 406. Labor standards.
"Sec. 408. Joint funding.
"Sec. 409. Prohibition of Federal control.
"Sec. 410. Coordination with other programs.
"Sec. 411. Prohibition.
"Sec. 412. Notice and hearing procedures for suspension and termination of financial assistance.
"Sec. 414. Distribution of benefits between rural and urban areas.
"Sec. 415. Application of Federal law.
"Sec. 416. Evaluation.
"Sec. 417. Nondiscrimination provisions.
"Sec. 418. Eligibility for other benefits.
"Sec. 419. Legal expenses.
"Sec. 421. Definitions.
"Sec. 422. Audit.
"Sec. 423. Reduction of paperwork.
"Sec. 424. Review of project renewals.
"Sec. 425. Protection against improper use.
"Sec. 426. Provisions under the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

"TITLE V—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"Sec. 501. National volunteer antipoverty programs.
"Sec. 502. National Senior Service Corps.
"Sec. 504. Administration and coordination.
"Sec. 505. Availability of appropriations.

"TITLE VI—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS AND REPEALERS

"Sec. 601. Supersedence of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of July 1, 1971.
"Sec. 602. Creditable service for civil service retirement.
"Sec. 603. Repeal of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act.
"Sec. 604. Repeal of title VI of the Older Americans Act.".

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

SEC. 4101. INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.

Section 8F(a)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993" and inserting "National and Community Service Act of 1990".

TITLE V—VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY PROGRAM

SEC. 5101. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Americans engaged in international volunteer service, and the organizations deploying them—

(A) play critical roles in responding to the needs of people living throughout the developing world; and

(B) advance the international public diplomacy of the United States.

(2) The Volunteers for Prosperity Program has successfully promoted international volunteer service by skilled American professionals.

(3) In its first 4 years, the VfP Program helped to mobilize 74,000 skilled Americans, including doctors, nurses, engineers, businesspeople, and teachers, through a network of 250 nonprofit organizations and

companies in the United States, to carry out development and humanitarian efforts for those affected by great global challenges in health, the environment, poverty, illiteracy, financial literacy, disaster relief, and other challenges.

(4) The VfP Program has undertaken activities, including—

(A) direct outreach to leading nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States;

(B) promotion of the work of skilled Americans and nonprofit organizations and companies in the United States as it relates to international volunteer service;

(C) public recognition of skilled American volunteers;

(D) support for organizations that utilize skilled Americans as volunteers;

(E) participation in the development of special initiatives to further opportunities for skilled Americans; and

(F) leadership of an innovative public-private partnership to provide eligible skilled with financial assistance for volunteer assignments.

SEC. 5102. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) VFP OFFICE.—The term "VfP Office" means the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity of the United States Agency for International Development.

(2) VFP PROGRAM.—The term "VfP Program" means the Volunteers for Prosperity Program established through Executive Order 13317.

(3) VFPSERVE.—The term "VfPServe" means a program established by the VfP Office, in cooperation with the USA Freedom Corps and the Global Giving Foundation, to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad.

SEC. 5103. OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY.

(a) FUNCTIONS.—The VfP Office shall pursue the objectives of the VfP Program described in subsection (b) by—

(1) implementing the VfPServe Program to provide eligible skilled professionals with fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living expenses of volunteering abroad with nonprofit organizations;

(2) otherwise promoting short- and long-term international volunteer service by skilled American professionals, including connecting such professionals with nonprofit organizations, to achieve such objectives;

(3) helping nonprofit organizations in the United States recruit and effectively manage additional skilled American professionals for volunteer assignments throughout the developing world;

(4) providing recognition for skilled American volunteers and the organizations deploying them;

(5) helping nonprofit organizations and corporations in the United States to identify resources and opportunities in international volunteer service utilizing skilled Americans;

(6) encouraging the establishment of international volunteer programs for employees of United States corporations; and

(7) encouraging international voluntary service by highly skilled Americans to promote health and prosperity throughout the world.

(b) VfP Program Objectives.—The objectives of the VfP Program shall be to—

(1) eliminate extreme poverty;

(2) reduce world hunger and malnutrition;

(3) increase access to safe potable water;

(4) enact universal education;

(5) reduce child mortality and childhood diseases;

(6) combat the spread of preventable diseases, including HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis;

(7) provide educational and work skill support for girls and empowering women to achieve independence;

(8) create sustainable business and entrepreneurial opportunities; and

(9) increase access to information technology.

(c) VOLUNTEERS FOR PROSPERITY SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The VfP Office may provide fixed amount stipends to offset the travel and living costs of volunteering abroad to any individual who—

(A) has skills relevant to addressing any objective described in subsection (b); and

(B) provides a dollar-for-dollar match for such stipend—

(i) through the organization with which the individual is serving; or

(ii) by raising private funds.

(2) NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—The VfP Office may not provide a stipend to an individual under paragraph (1) unless the nonprofit organization to which the individual is assigned has certified to the VfP Office that it does not discrimi-

nate with respect to any project or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, including a stipend under this title, because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, or beliefs.

(3) COMPLIANCE WITH INELIGIBLE SERVICE CATEGORIES.—Service carried out by a volunteer receiving funds under this section may not provide a direct benefit to any—

(A) business organized for profit;

(B) labor union;

(C) partisan political organization; or

(D) religious or faith-based organization for the purpose of proselytization, worship or any other explicitly religious activity.

(d) FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall make available the amounts appropriated pursuant to section 5104 to the VfP Office to pursue the objectives described in subsection (b) by carrying out the functions described in subsection (a).

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) may be used by the VfP Office to provide personnel and other resources to develop,

manage, and expand the VfP Program, under the supervision of the United States Agency for International Development.

(e) COORDINATION.—The VfP Office shall coordinate its efforts with other public and private efforts that aim to send skilled professionals to serve in developing nations.

(f) REPORT.—The VfP Office shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the VfP Office.

SEC. 5104. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) 90 percent shall be expended to expand VfPServe; and

(2) 10 percent shall be expended to manage the VfP Program.

TITLE VI—EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 6101. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Unless specifically provided otherwise, the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 6102. SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS AND AGREEMENTS.

(a) SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS.—Changes pursuant to this Act in the terms and conditions of terms of service and other service assignments under the national service laws (including the amount of the national service educational award) shall apply only to individuals who enroll in or otherwise begin service assignments later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, except when a different date is agreed upon by all interested parties.

(b) AGREEMENTS.—Changes pursuant to this Act in the terms and conditions of grants, contracts, or other agreements under the national service laws shall apply only to such agreements entered into later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, except when a different date is agreed upon by the parties to such agreements.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "national service laws" has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511).

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