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To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Larson of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________

A BILL

To establish a National and Community Service Administration to carry out the national and volunteer service programs, to expand participation in such programs, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “America’s Call To Improve Opportunities Now for National Service Act” or the “ACTION for National Service Act”.


SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES.

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

Sec. 1. Short title.
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Sec. 3. Establishment of National and Community Service Administration.
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Sec. 5. Director.
Sec. 6. National Service Educational Award.
Sec. 7. Interagency working group.
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Sec. 9. 21st Century American Service Outreach Program.
Sec. 10. Living allowance amounts.
Sec. 11. Authorized benefits for corps members.
Sec. 13. Exclusion from gross income of national service educational awards.
Sec. 15. Conforming amendments to the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, wherever in this Act 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 that section or other provision of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION.

Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended—

(1) by striking “a Corporation for National and Community Service” and inserting “the National and Community Service Administration, an independent agency in the executive branch,”; and
(2) by striking “The Corporation shall be a Government corporation, as defined in section 103” and inserting “The Administration shall have the same status as an executive department listed in section 101”.

SEC. 4. ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) ADVISORY BOARD.—

“(A) INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.—

“(i) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ELECTING TO SERVE.—There shall be in the Administration an Advisory Board initially composed of the voting members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service (as in existence the day before the date of enactment of the ACTION for National Service Act) who elect to serve on the Advisory Board.

“(ii) APPOINTED INITIAL MEMBERS.—

If fewer than seven members of the Board
of Directors elect to serve, the Administrator shall appoint additional members to achieve a total of seven members of the Advisory Board, to serve for the term of their predecessors. For purposes of this section, members appointed under this clause shall be treated as if they had been voting members described in clause (i).

“(iii) BOARD OF SEVEN MEMBERS.—

After the expiration of the terms of the members described in clauses (i) and (ii), and the seven appointments set forth in subparagraph (B), the Advisory Board shall be composed of seven members.

“(B) APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT MEMBERS.—Upon the expiration of the term of any of the first seven members of the Advisory Board whose term shall expire, a new member of the Advisory Board shall be appointed as follows:

“(i) The first three members shall be appointed by the President, and shall include—

“(I) an individual not younger than 18 or older than 25 who—
“(aa) has served in a school-based or community-based service-learning program; or

“(bb) is or was a participant or a supervisor in a program; and

“(II) an individual who—

“(aa) is age 55 or older; and

“(bb) has served in the National Senior Service Corps, in a program carried out under title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.) or served in a service-based or community-based program under subtitle B of title I.

“(ii) The next member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

“(iii) The next member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(iv) The next member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.
“(v) The next member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

“(C) Expiration of the term of remaining initial members.—Upon the expiration of the terms on the Advisory Board of the remaining members (after the first seven) who served on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service (as in effect the day before the date of enactment of the ACTION for National Service Act), no new members shall be appointed to replace those remaining members.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking “the Board” and inserting “the Advisory Board (referred to in this subtitle as the”Board“)”; and

(2) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and inserting the following:

“(c) Terms.—Members appointed in accordance with any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection (a)(1)(B) or under subsection (d) shall serve for a term of 5 years.

“(d) Appointment of new members and vacancies.—When the term of a member appointed in accordance with any of clauses (i) through (v) of subsection (a)(1)(B) expires, or if a vacancy occurs on the Advisory
Board, a new member shall be appointed by the appointing individual and in the manner described in that clause, and, in the case of a vacancy, shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of such member was appointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Board.”.

(b) MEETINGS AND DUTIES.—Section 192A (42 U.S.C. 12651b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “3 times each year” and inserting “four times each year, with one of the four meetings being an annual meeting to review the Administration’s long-term and strategic goals,”; and

(2) by striking subsection (e), (f), and (g) and inserting the following:

“(e) ADVISORY DUTIES.—The Board shall have responsibility for making recommendations to the Director concerning the programs and activities of the Administration and the overall policy for the Administration and shall—

“(1) advise the Director with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Director’s functions, duties, or responsibilities under this Act;
“(2) advise the Director on establishing requirements and criteria for qualifying service programs, and on monitoring and evaluating the performance of personnel in carrying out programs and activities;

“(3) review applications of service programs for approval under this Act and make recommendations to the Director with respect to the approval of each program and the amount of financial assistance (if any) to provide to each program;

“(4) review and make recommendations to the Director—

“(A) with respect to any grants, allotments, contracts, financial assistance, or other payment of the Administration; and

“(B) regarding the regulations, standards, policies, procedures, programs, and initiatives of the Administration;

“(5) review, and advise the Director regarding, the actions of the Director with respect to the personnel of the Administration, and with respect to such standards, policies, procedures, programs, and initiatives as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the programs and activities of the Administration, including those carried out under the national
service laws on the day before the date of enactment of the ACTION for National Service Act;

“(6) make recommendations relating to a program of research for the Administration with respect to national and community service programs;

“(7) ensure effective dissemination of information regarding the programs and activities of the Administration;

“(8) prepare and make recommendations to the Director and the appropriate committees of Congress for changes in the national service laws resulting from the studies and demonstrations conducted by the Administration, which recommendations shall be submitted to the Director and the appropriate committees of Congress not later than January 1 of each year;

“(9) make recommendations to the Director on candidates to serve on the Board of the National Service Foundation described in section 199P; and

“(10) advise on such other matters as the Director may request.”.

SEC. 5. DIRECTOR.

(a) APPOINTMENT.—Section 193(a) (42 U.S.C. 12651c) is amended—
(1) by striking “an individual who shall serve as
Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, and”
and inserting “a Director,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “and
who shall hold the same rank and status as the head
of an executive department listed in section 101 of
title 5, United States Code.”.

(b) INTERIM DIRECTOR.—Until a Director is ap-
pointed and confirmed in accordance with the amendments
made by subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of the
Corporation for National and Community Service (as in
existence the day before the date of enactment of this Act)
may, at the election of the Chief Executive Officer, serve
as interim Director.

SEC. 6. NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARD.

Section 147(a) (42 U.S.C. 12603(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Except as provided” and in-
serting “(1) Except as provided”; and

(2) by striking “shall receive a national service
educational award” and all that follows through “ap-
propriations)” and inserting “shall be entitled to a
national service educational award equal to the
amount set forth in paragraph (2)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:
“(2) BENEFIT AMOUNT.—The benefit described in paragraph (1) payable to an individual described in such paragraph shall be in an amount—

“(A) equal to twice the amount of tuition of the institution of higher education where the individual is enrolled or accepted to be enrolled;

and

“(B) not to exceed twice the average in-State tuition at a State institution of higher education in the State where the individual is enrolled or accepted to be enrolled.

“(3) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby appropriated to the National Service Foundation established under subtitle K, for the first full fiscal year after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, and subsequent fiscal years, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.”.

SEC. 7. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

The Director of the National and Community Service Administration, using funds made available under section 501(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(5)), shall establish an inter-agency working group to—
(1) evaluate and make recommendations regarding a process for evaluating the eligibility, for national service educational awards, of individuals who have participated in national service programs that are not administered under this Act but are described in section 123(2) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 12573(2));

(2) evaluate the feasibility and advisability of granting Federal hiring preference under chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, to an individual who has completed at least 1 year of service and is entitled to the award authorized under section 147(a)(2) of that Act (as amended by section 6 of this Act) for that service; and

(3) not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to Congress a report containing the results of the evaluations described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

SEC. 8. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.

(a) ELIMINATION OF CURRENT AUTHORITY FOR DONATIONS OF PROPERTY.—Section 196(a) (42 U.S.C. 12651g(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (2);

(2) by redesignating clause (iii) of paragraph (1)(C) as paragraph (2); and
(3) in paragraph (2), as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection, by striking all that precedes "this term" and inserting the following:

"(2) Inherently governmental function.—As used in this subsection,"

(b) Foundation.—Title I (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

"Subtitle K—National Service Foundation

"SEC. 199P. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.

"(a) Establishment.—In order to encourage private gifts of real and personal property or any income from that property or other interest in that property for the benefit of, or in connection with, the Administration, and its activities, services, or former participants, and through those gifts to further the mission and purpose of the Administration and to provide greater opportunities for volunteer service, there is established a charitable and nonprofit corporation to be known as the National Service Foundation (referred to in this subtitle as the ‘Foundation’) to accept and administer such gifts.

"(b) Board of the Foundation.—

"(1) In general.—The National Service Foundation shall consist of a Board of the Founda-
tion, having as members the Director of the Administration, as an ex officio, nonvoting member, and not less than six individuals, who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government, appointed by the Director after considering the recommendations of the Advisory Board described in section 192.

“(2) TERMS.—

“(A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—The terms of the initial members of the Board of the Foundation shall be staggered to assure continuity of administration.

“(B) SUBSEQUENT MEMBERS.—A subsequent member shall serve for a term of 6 years.

“(C) VACANCIES.—If a vacancy occurs on the Board of the Foundation, a new member shall be appointed by Director and serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of such member was appointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Board of the Foundation.

“(3) CHAIRMAN.—The Director shall be the Chairman of the Board of the Foundation.
“(4) STATUS.—Members and staff of the Board of the Foundation shall not be considered to be officers or employees of the Federal Government.

“(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Board of the Foundation serving at any one time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Foundation shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

“(6) MEETINGS.—The Board of the Foundation shall meet at the call of the Chairman, and not less often than once each year.

“(7) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

“(A) COMPENSATION.—A member of the Board of the Foundation shall serve without compensation. Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Board may accept and use voluntary and uncompensated services as the Commission determines necessary.

“(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the Board shall be allowed travel expenses (out of Foundation funds), including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chap-
ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the member’s home or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Board.

“(c) Authorization to Accept and Use Gifts and Bequests.—The Foundation is authorized to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gifts, devises, or bequests, either absolutely or in trust of real or personal property or any income from the property or other interest in the property for the benefit of or in connection with, the Administration, its activities, or its services. The Foundation may not accept any such gift, devise, or bequest that entails any expenditure other than from the resources of the Foundation. An interest in such real property includes, among other things, easements or other rights for preservation, conservation, protection, or enhancement by and for the public of natural, scenic, historic, scientific, educational, inspirational, or recreational resources. A gift, devise, or bequest relating to property may be accepted by the Foundation even though the property is encumbered, restricted, or subject to beneficial interests of private persons, if any current or future interest in the property is for the benefit of the Administration, its activities, or its services.

“(d) Use of Funds, Investment.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise required by the instrument of transfer to the Foundation, the Foundation may sell, lease, invest, reinvest, retain, or otherwise dispose of or deal with any property transferred to the Foundation or income from the property as the Board of the Foundation may from time to time determine to be appropriate. The Foundation shall not engage in any business, nor shall the Foundation make any investment, that may not lawfully be engaged in or made by a trust company in the District of Columbia, except that the Foundation may make any investment authorized by the instrument of transfer, and may retain any property accepted by the Foundation.

“(2) SERVICES AND FACILITIES.—The Foundation may utilize the services and facilities of the Administration, and such services and facilities may be made available on request to the extent practicable without reimbursement.

“(e) SUCCESSION, LIABILITY, AND POWERS.—

“(1) SUCCESSION.—The Foundation shall have perpetual succession, with all the usual powers and obligations of a corporation acting as a trustee, including the power to sue and to be sued in its own name.
“(2) LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the members of the Board of the Foundation shall not be personally liable for acts or omissions related to the Foundation, except for malfeasance.

“(3) POWERS.—The Foundation shall have the power to enter into contracts, to execute instruments, and generally to do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to its purposes.

“(f) BYLAWS.—In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Board of the Foundation may adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations necessary for the administration of its functions and enter into contracts for any necessary services.

“(g) TAX EXEMPT STATUS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation and any income or property received or owned by it, and all transactions relating to such income or property, shall be exempt from all Federal, State, and local taxation.

“(2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The Foundation may, however, in the discretion of the Board of the Foundation—

“(A) contribute toward the costs of local government in amounts not in excess of those costs that it would be obligated to pay such
government if it were not exempt from taxation
because of this subsection or because of its sta-
tus as a charitable and nonprofit corporation;
and
“(B) agree to so contribute property trans-
ferred to the Foundation and the income de-
rived from the property if such agreement is a
condition of the transfer.
“(3) Use of the United States.—Contribu-
tions, gifts, and other transfers made to or for the
use of the Foundation shall be regarded as contribu-
tions, gifts, or transfers to or for the use of the
United States.
“(h) Nonliability of United States.—The
United States shall not be liable for any debts, defaults,
acts, or omissions of the Foundation.
“(i) Reports.—The Foundation shall, as soon as
practicable after the end of each fiscal year, prepare and
submit to Congress an annual report on its proceedings
and activities, including a full and complete statement of
its receipts, expenditures, and investments.
“(j) Initial Funding.—For the purposes of assist-
ing the Foundation in establishing an office and meeting
initial administrative, project, and other startup expenses,
there is authorized to be appropriated $2,500,000 for fis-
cal year 2020. Such funds shall remain available to the
Foundation until they are expended for authorized pur-
poses.”.

SEC. 9. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH
PROGRAM.

Subtitle F of title I (42 U.S.C. 12631 et seq.) is
amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 189E. 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN SERVICE OUTREACH
PROGRAM.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-
ered individual’ means an individual who is not
younger than age 17 or older than age 30.

“(2) NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.—The term
‘national service program’ means a program under—

“(A) the National and Community Service
Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.); or

“(B) title I of the Domestic Volunteer
Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951 et seq.).

“(b) PROGRAM.—In order to ensure that every cov-
ered individual who may want to participate in service pro-
grams is informed of the opportunities to participate, the
Administration shall—
“(1) determine how the Administration will work with, and then work with, Federal or State agencies and other entities to—

“(A) contact each covered individual upon such individual’s 17th birthday to notify the individual about—

“(i) the individual’s eligibility to participate in national service programs;

“(ii) the national service programs and how to apply for a specific program;

“(iii) other service programs for which the individual may be eligible, including service with the Peace Corps (as established by the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.)) and military service; and

“(iv) the individual’s option to opt out of receiving any notifications, or just notifications in a paper format, under this paragraph; and

“(B) after contacting a covered individual under subparagraph (A), notify the individual every 2 years thereafter of the information described in clauses (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A), unless—
“(i) the individual is serving in a national service program or other program described in subparagraph (A); or

“(ii) the individual has opted out of receiving such notifications under subparagraph (A)(iv);

“(2) determine how the Administration will enable covered individuals to, and then enable eligible individuals to, apply for a specific national service program and ensure that such application process is the most effective process for the purpose of applying for such a program; and

“(3) develop a long-term strategy to gradually increase the number of opportunities in national service programs so that any covered individual who applies to and is eligible to participate in a national service program will be offered at least one service position.”.

SEC. 10. LIVING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS.

(a) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.—Section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “95 percent” and inserting “150 percent”; and
(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “105 percent” and inserting “210 percent”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4)(A) A stipend or allowance under this sub-section shall not be increased as a result of amendments made by the ACTION for National Service Act, or any other amendment made to this sub-section unless the funds appropriated for carrying out this part are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal year in question a number of participants to serve under this part at least equal to the number of such participants serving during the preceding fiscal year.

“(B) In the event that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year are not available to increase any such stipend or allowance provided to the minimum amount specified in paragraph (2), the Director shall increase the stipend or allowance to such amount as appropriations for such year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).”.

(b) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF

1990.—

(1) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS

LIVING ALLOWANCES.—Section 158(b) (42 U.S.C. 12618(b)) is amended—
(A) by striking “The Director” the first place it appears and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director”;

(B) by striking “100 percent” and inserting “200 percent”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) INCREASES LIMITED BY APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(A) LIMIT ON INCREASES.—An allowance under this subsection or section 140 shall not be increased as a result of amendments made by the ACTION for National Service Act, or any other amendment made to this subsection or section 140, respectively, unless the funds appropriated for carrying out this subtitle or subtitle C, respectively, are sufficient to maintain for the fiscal year in question a number of participants to serve under this subtitle or subtitle C, respectively, at least equal to the number of such participants serving during the preceding fiscal year.

“(B) PARTIAL INCREASE.—In the event that sufficient appropriations for any fiscal year are not available to increase an allowance under this subsection above the amount provided for
fiscal year 2019 or under section 140 to the
minimum amount specified in section 140, re-
spectively, the Director shall increase the allow-
ance to such amount as appropriations for such
year permit consistent with subparagraph (A).”.

(2) GRANTS.—Section 189 (42 U.S.C. 12645c)
is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking
“$18,000” and inserting “$30,000”;

(B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking
“$19,500” and inserting “$39,000”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.—Notwith-
standing the increased limitation on grant amounts per
full-time equivalent position described in subsection (a)
and the increased limitation described in subsection (e)(1)
as a result of amendments made by the ACTION for Na-
tional Service Act, or any other amendment made to this
section, the amount of funds per full-time equivalent posi-
tion approved by the Corporation for a grant, as described
in those subsections, shall not be increased unless the
funds appropriated for carrying out this subtitle are suffi-
cient to make such increase while maintaining for the fis-
cal year in question a number of approved national service
positions at least equal to the number of such positions
during the preceding fiscal year.’’.

SEC. 11. AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide for
members of the National Civilian Community Corps to re-
ceive benefits authorized by this section.

(b) LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The Director shall provide
a living allowance to members of the Corps for the period
during which such members are engaged in training or
any activity on a Corps project. The Director shall estab-
lish the amount of the allowance at any amount not in
excess of the amount equal to 200 percent of the poverty
line that is applicable to a family of two (as defined by
the Office of Management and Budget and revised annu-
ally in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community
Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
ing the following:

‘‘(2) SUBTITLES C AND D.—

“(A) SUBTITLE C.—There are authorized
to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2020
through fiscal year 2029, such sums as may be
necessary to provide financial assistance under subtitle C of title I for the number of participants in programs and activities under subtitle C for fiscal year 2019.

“(B) SUBTITLE D.—There are authorized to be appropriated, and there are appropriated, for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary to provide national service educational awards under subtitle D of title I for the number of participants for whom the Administration recorded an obligation under section 149(a)(1)(B) for fiscal year 2019.”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) SUBTITLE K.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year to carry out subtitle K of title I.”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(3) by adding after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administration to carry out its programs and functions, including the programs and activities carried out under this Act and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.), such additional sums as may be necessary to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph (2).

“(2) TEN-YEAR GOAL.—It is the sense of Congress that sums appropriated under paragraph (1) should be sufficient to provide or facilitate the provision of national service programs and activities under the national service laws (in addition to programs and activities funded under subsection (a) for fiscal year 2020) for not fewer than 1,000,000 participants per year by September 30, 2029.

“(3) PLAN FOR APPROVED NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS.—The Administration shall—

“(A) prepare a plan to—

“(i) establish the number of the approved national service positions as 250,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

“(ii) increase the number of the approved positions in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2029, so that the number of approved positions in fiscal year
2029 is sufficient to support the goal in paragraph (2);

“(B) ensure that the increases described in subparagraph (A)(ii) are achieved through an appropriate balance of full- and part-time service positions;

“(C) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the ACTION for National Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing committees on the status of the plan described in subparagraph (A);

“(D) not later than 8 years after the date of enactment of the ACTION for National Service Act, submit a report to the authorizing committees on the progress of the Administration towards the goal described in paragraph (2), and the potential for exceeding that goal in fiscal year 2029 and beyond; and

“(E) subject to the availability of appropriations and quality service opportunities, implement the plan described in subparagraph (A).”.
SEC. 13. EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

(a) In General.—Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to qualified scholarships) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) National Service Educational Awards.—Gross income shall not include any national service educational award described in subtitle D of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.).”.

(b) Exclusion of Discharge of Student Loan Debt.—Subsection (f) of section 108 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) Payments under National Service Educational Award Programs.—In the case of an individual, gross income shall not include any amount received a national service educational award under subtitle D of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.).”.

(c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.
SEC. 14. INCOME TAX EXCLUSION FOR LIVING ALLOWANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 139G the following new section:

“SEC. 139H. LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.

“Gross income does not include the amount of any living allowance provided under section 140 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 139G the following new item:

“Sec. 139H. Living allowance for national service participants.”.

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

SEC. 15. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (9) and inserting the following:

“(9) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the National and Community Service Administration appointed under section 193.”;
(2) by striking paragraph (12) and inserting the following:

“(12) ADMINISTRATION.—The term ‘Administration’ means the National and Community Service Administration established under section 191.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (12), (1) through (8), (10), (11), and (9) as paragraphs (1) through (12), respectively; and

(4) by transferring the redesignated paragraphs so the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

(b) SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS.—

(1) Section 113(a) (42 U.S.C. 12525(a)), section 114(c) (42 U.S.C. 12526(c)), and section 116(a) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)) are amended, in the subsection headings, by striking “Corporation” and inserting “Administration”.

(2) Section 116(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 12528(a)(2)) is amended, in the paragraph heading, by striking “NONCORPORATION” and inserting “NON-ADMINISTRATION”.

(c) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM.—

(1) Section 121 is amended—

(A) in subsection (e)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 12571(e)(5)(B)), in the subparagraph heading,
by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

(B) by striking subsection (f).

(2) Section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572) is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)(1), in the paragraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

(B) in subsection (f)(1)(A)—

(i) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

(ii) by striking “the strategic plan approved under section 192A(g)(1,)” and inserting “the strategic plan recommended by the Board during consultation under section 193A(b)(1),”.

(3) Section 129A(b) (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) and section 131(f) (42 U.S.C. 12583(f)) are amended, in the subsection headings, by striking “Corporation” and inserting “Administration”.

(d) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—Section 145 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended, in subsections (a)(2) and (d)(1), by striking “section 196(a)(2)” and inserting “section 199P”.

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(c) NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.—

(1) Section 159 (42 U.S.C. 12619) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, including those recommended by the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board,”; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) at the election of the Director, carry out any other activities recommended by the Board.”;

and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking paragraph (3).

(2) Section 165(1) (42 U.S.C. 12626(1)) is amended by striking “Board of Directors” and inserting “Advisory Board”.

(f) ADMINISTRATION.—
(1) Section 172(b) (42 U.S.C. 12632(b)) is amended, in the subsection heading, by striking “Corporation” and inserting “Administration”.

(2) Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(3), in the paragraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”; and

(B) in subsection (j)(1), in the paragraph heading, by striking “CORPORATION” and inserting “ADMINISTRATION”.

(g) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) Subtitle G of title I (42 U.S.C. 12651 et seq.) is amended by striking the subtitle heading and inserting the following:

“Subtitle G—National and Community Service Administration”.

(2) Section 191 (42 U.S.C. 12651) is amended in the section heading by striking “corporation for national and community service” and inserting “national and community service administration”.

(3) Section 192 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is amended by striking the section heading and inserting the following:
“SEC. 192. ADVISORY BOARD.”.

(4) Section 192A (42 U.S.C. 12651b) is amended by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 192A. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.”.

(5) Section 193 (42 U.S.C. 12651c) and section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) are amended, in the section headings, by striking “chief executive officer” and inserting “director”.

(6) Section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(7) Section 193B (42 U.S.C. 12651e) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “in select,” and inserting “in consultation with the Board,”;

(B) in subsection (d), by striking “by the Board,” and inserting “by the Board, after consultation with the Board,”;

(C) in subsection (f), by striking “in select,” and inserting “in consultation with the Board,”;

(8) Section 193C (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(9) Section 193D (42 U.S.C. 12651g) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(10) Section 193E (42 U.S.C. 12651h) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(11) Section 193F (42 U.S.C. 12651i) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(12) Section 193G (42 U.S.C. 12651j) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(13) Section 193H (42 U.S.C. 12651k) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(14) Section 193I (42 U.S.C. 12651l) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(15) Section 193J (42 U.S.C. 12651m) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(16) Section 193K (42 U.S.C. 12651n) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(17) Section 193L (42 U.S.C. 12651o) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(18) Section 193M (42 U.S.C. 12651p) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(19) Section 193N (42 U.S.C. 12651q) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(20) Section 193O (42 U.S.C. 12651r) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(21) Section 193P (42 U.S.C. 12651s) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “that are not reserved to the Board,” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3)(A), (4)(A), and (8) by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(2)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;
(iii) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(3)” and inserting “a proposal recommended by the Board during consultation under subparagraph (A)”;

(iv) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “an approved proposal under section 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “a plan recommended by the Board during consultation under paragraph (A)”;

(v) in paragraph (7), by striking “prepare and submit to the authorizing committees and the Board” and inserting “after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”;

(vi) in paragraph (9)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “approved by the Board under section 192A(g)(1)” and inserting “recommended by the Board during consultation under paragraph (1)”;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking “approved by the Board under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 192A(g)”
and inserting “recommended by the Board during consultation under paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)”; and

(III) in clause (iii), by striking “approved by the Board under section 192A(g)(4)” and inserting “recommended by the Board during consultation under paragraph (4)(A)”;

(vii) in paragraph (10)(A), by striking “the services referred to in paragraph (1), and the money and property referred to in paragraph (2), of section 196(a)” and inserting “the services referred to in section 196(a)(1), and the money and property referred to in section 199P,”;

(viii) in paragraph (11), by striking “prepare and submit to the Board” and inserting “, after consultation with the Board, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees”; and

(ix) in paragraph (12)—

(I) by striking “members of the Board and”;

(II) by striking “each member of the Board and”; and
(III) by striking “such member of the Board or”; and

(C) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (3).

(7) Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amended—

(A) in subsection (e), in the subsection heading, by striking “Corporation” and inserting “Administration”; and

(B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “The Chief Executive Officer, acting upon the recommendation of the Board, may establish advisory committees in the Corporation to advise the Board” and inserting “The Director may establish advisory committees in the Corporation to advise the Director”.

(8) Sections 196A (42 U.S.C. 12651h) and 198 (42 U.S.C. 12653) are amended in the section headings by striking “corporation” and inserting “administration”.

(h) INVESTMENT FOR QUALITY AND INNOVATION.—

Part I of subtitle H of title I (42 U.S.C. 12653 et seq.) is amended by striking the part heading and inserting the following:
“PART I—ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION

ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.


(j) Global References to Corporation.—Except in section 101(21)(A)(ii), section 132(b), or section 601(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(21)(A)(ii), 12584(b)), and except as provided in the table of contents or any heading of the Act, the Act is amended by striking “Corporation” each place it appears and inserting “Administration”.

(k) Global References to Chief Executive Officer.—Except as provided in the table of contents or any heading of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, the Act is amended by striking “Chief Executive Officer” each place it appears and inserting “Director”.

(l) Table of Contents.—The table of contents in section 1(b) (42 U.S.C. 12501 note) is amended—

(1) in the items relating to subtitle G of title I—

(A) by striking the item relating to the subtitle heading for subtitle G and inserting the following:
“Subtitle G—National and Community Service Administration”;

(B) by striking the item relating to section 191 and inserting the following:

“SEC. 191. NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION.”;

(C) by striking the item relating to section 193 and inserting the following:

“SEC. 193. DIRECTOR.”;

(D) by striking the item relating to section 193A and inserting the following:

“SEC. 193A. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.”;

and

(E) by striking the item relating to section 196A and inserting the following:

“SEC. 196A. ADMINISTRATION STATE OFFICES.”;

(2) in the items relating to part I of subtitle H of title I—

(A) by striking the item relating to the part heading and inserting the following:

“Part I--Additional Administration Activities To Support National Service”; and

(B) by striking the item relating to section 198 and inserting the following:
SEC. 198. ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE.; and

(3) in the items relating to title I, by adding at the end the following:

“Subtitle K—National Service Foundation

SEC. 199P. NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION.”.


(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 421 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5061) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of the National and Community Service Administration appointed under section 193 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990;”;

(2) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the following:

“(7) the term ‘Administration’ means the National and Community Service Administration established under section 191 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990;”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (20), (1), (8), (9), (10), (11), (13), (12), (3), (4), (6), (5),
(14), (15), (16), (17), (2), (18), and (19) as paragraphs (1) through (20), respectively; and

(4) transferring such redesignated paragraphs so that the paragraphs appear in numerical order.

(b) REFERENCES TO NAMES.—The Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 is amended—

(1) in section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 4950(b)), by striking “Corporation for National and Community Service” and inserting “Director of the National and Community Service Administration”; and

(2) except as provided in subsection (a) and paragraph (1) of this subsection, by striking “Corporation” each place it appears and inserting “Administration”; and

(3) in section 201(h) (42 U.S.C. 5001(h)), by striking “Chief Executive Officer” and inserting “Director”.
