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To establish the National Office of New Americans, to reduce obstacles to United States citizenship, to support the integration of immigrants into the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “New Deal for New Americans Act of 2023”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND INTEGRATION

- Sec. 101. Definitions.
- Sec. 102. National Office of New Americans.
- Sec. 103. Federal Initiative on New Americans.

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- Sec. 203. Legal Services and Immigration Assistance grant program.
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TITLE III—REDUCING BARRIERS TO CITIZENSHIP

- Sec. 301. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 302. Immigration service fees.
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- Sec. 306. Family integration.
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- Sec. 308. Waiver to ensure access to citizenship.
- Sec. 309. Naturalization ceremonies.
- Sec. 310. Proud to Be a United States Citizen Program.
- Sec. 311. Mission of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Sec. 312. Automatic registration of eligible individuals.
- Sec. 313. Department of Homeland Security assistance in registration.
- Sec. 314. Voter protection and security in automatic registration.
- Sec. 315. Effective date.

TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION

- Sec. 401. Definition of Secretary.
- Sec. 402. Minimum number of refugees to be admitted.
- Sec. 403. Pre-arrival English language and work orientation training for approved refugee applicants.
- Sec. 404. Update of reception and placement grants.
- Sec. 405. Case management grant program.
- Sec. 406. Increase in cash payments.

TITLE V—PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS

- Sec. 501. Personally identifiable information.
- Sec. 502. Voluntary participation in integration and inclusion activities.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) IMMIGRANT.—The term “immigrant”
4 means an individual who—

5 (A) is not a citizen or national of the
6 United States;

7 (B) is present in the United States; and

8 (C)(i) is in any status under the immigra-
9 tion laws; or

10 (ii)(I) is not in any status under the immi-
11 gration laws; and

12 (II) intends to resident permanently in the
13 United States.

14 (2) IMMIGRATION LAWS.—The term “immigra-
15 tion laws” has the meaning given the term in section
16 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
17 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

18 (3) REFUGEE.—The term “refugee” has the
19 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Im-
20 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

21 **TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND**
22 **INTEGRATION**

23 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this title:

1 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
2 the Director of the National Office of New Ameri-
3 cans.

4 (2) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
5 agency” has the meaning given the term “agency”
6 in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

7 (3) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the
8 National Office of New Americans established by
9 section 102(a).

10 **SEC. 102. NATIONAL OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF
12 NEW AMERICANS.—There is established within the Execu-
13 tive Office of the President an office to be known as the
14 “National Office of New Americans”.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Office are the
16 following:

17 (1) To welcome and support immigrants and
18 refugees in the United States.

19 (2) To promote and support immigrant and ref-
20 ugee integration into, and inclusion in, the social,
21 cultural, economic, and civic life of the United
22 States.

23 (3) To ensure that the Federal Government and
24 Federal agencies promote the pursuit of United
25 States citizenship among immigrants and refugees.

1 (4) To ensure access to quality English lan-
2 guage learning programs that support the successful
3 integration of immigrant adults, including by en-
4 hancing—

5 (A) employment and career prospects and
6 economic integration; and

7 (B) social integration in local communities
8 and participation in civic life, including engage-
9 ment with State and local governments, schools,
10 and private and nonprofit community institu-
11 tions.

12 (5) To improve access to workforce development
13 programs, including by ensuring that such programs
14 meet the demand and the unique language, training,
15 and educational needs of immigrants and refugees.

16 (6) To coordinate the efforts of Federal, State,
17 and local entities to support the effective social, eco-
18 nomic, linguistic, and civic integration of immi-
19 grants, refugees, and the children of immigrants and
20 refugees.

21 (7) To provide advice and leadership to the
22 President, Members of Congress, and other Federal
23 Government officials on the challenges and opportu-
24 nities facing such entities with respect to immigrant
25 and refugee integration.

1 (8) To evaluate the scale, quality, and effective-
2 ness of Federal Government efforts with respect to
3 immigrant and refugee social and economic integra-
4 tion, including access to United States citizenship,
5 English language learning, education, and workforce
6 development programs.

7 (9) To identify the anticipated effects of new
8 Federal policies on existing integration efforts and
9 advise the President on how to address potential in-
10 tegration needs and the effects of such policies.

11 (10) With respect to immigrant and refugee in-
12 tegration efforts, to consult on a biannual basis with
13 State and local government officials on challenges
14 and opportunities presented by such efforts.

15 (11) With respect to the activities described in
16 paragraphs (8) through (10), to ensure the inclusion
17 of the perspectives of immigrants and refugees.

18 (12) With respect to the administration of the
19 grant programs under title II, to consult with the
20 applicable heads of Federal agencies.

21 (13) To submit to the President and the appro-
22 priate committees of Congress a biannual report
23 that describes the activities of the Office and the re-
24 sults of the consultation processes described in para-
25 graphs (10) through (12).

1 (c) DIRECTOR.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed
3 by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Presi-
4 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
5 ate.

6 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall—

7 (A) establish policies, objectives, and prior-
8 ities for the Office with respect to immigrant
9 and refugee integration;

10 (B) with the assistance of the Deputy Di-
11 rector for Citizenship and Inclusion, the Deputy
12 Director for Workforce and the Economy, the
13 Deputy Director for Children’s Integration Suc-
14 cess, and the Associate Director of State and
15 Local Affairs, carry out the purposes of the Of-
16 fice, as described in subsection (b);

17 (C) serve as the Chair of the Federal Ini-
18 tiative for New Americans established under
19 section 103;

20 (D) make recommendations to the Presi-
21 dent on changes in the organization, manage-
22 ment, programs, and budget of the Federal
23 agencies to promote the integration of immi-
24 grants and refugees;

1 (E) with respect to efforts to promote
2 United States citizenship and the integration of
3 immigrants and refugees, consult, support, and
4 coordinate with State and local governments;
5 and

6 (F) serve as a member of the Domestic
7 Policy Council and the National Economic
8 Council.

9 (3) POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.—In carrying
10 out the responsibilities under paragraph (2) and the
11 purposes under subsection (b), the Director may—

12 (A) select, appoint, employ, and fix com-
13 pensation of such officers and employees as
14 may be necessary to carry out such responsibil-
15 ities and purposes;

16 (B) with the concurrence of the head of
17 the applicable Federal agency, direct the tem-
18 porary reassignment within the Federal Govern-
19 ment of personnel employed by such Federal
20 agency;

21 (C) use for administrative purposes, on a
22 reimbursable basis, the available services, equip-
23 ment, personnel, and facilities of Federal, State,
24 and local agencies;

1 (D) procure the services of experts and
2 consultants, in accordance with section 3109 of
3 title 5, United States Code (relating to appoint-
4 ments in the Federal service) at rates of com-
5 pensation for individuals not to exceed the daily
6 equivalent of the rate of pay payable for level
7 GS-18 of the General Schedule under section
8 5332 of title 5, United States Code;

9 (E) accept and use donations of property
10 from Federal, State, and local government
11 agencies;

12 (F) use the mail in the same manner as
13 other Federal agencies; and

14 (G) monitor the implementation of immi-
15 grant and refugee integration-related activities
16 of the Federal Government, including by—

17 (i) conducting program and perform-
18 ance audits and evaluations of each Fed-
19 eral agency; and

20 (ii) requesting assistance from the In-
21 spector General of the applicable Federal
22 agency in such audits and evaluations.

23 (d) DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Office
25 a Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion, a

1 Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy,
2 and a Deputy Director for Children’s Integration
3 and Success, each of whom shall be appointed by the
4 President, in consultation with the Director.

5 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

6 (A) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CITIZENSHIP
7 AND INCLUSION.—The Deputy Director for
8 Citizenship and Inclusion shall, among other
9 duties as assigned by the Director, assist the
10 Director in promoting—

11 (i) inclusion of immigrants and refu-
12 gees in the social, economic, and civic life
13 of their communities and the United
14 States; and

15 (ii) access to United States citizen-
16 ship.

17 (B) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WORKFORCE
18 AND THE ECONOMY.—The Deputy Director for
19 Workforce and the Economy shall, among other
20 duties as assigned by the Director, assist the
21 Director in—

22 (i) promoting participation of immi-
23 grants and refugees in the United States
24 workforce; and

1 (ii) increasing the contributions of im-
2 migrants and refugees to the United States
3 economy.

4 (C) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S
5 INTEGRATION SUCCESS.—The Deputy Director
6 for Children's Integration Success shall, among
7 other duties as assigned by the Director, assist
8 the Director in ensuring that Federal policies
9 and programs intended to support the healthy
10 development and educational success of children
11 are effective in reaching and serving the chil-
12 dren of immigrant families.

13 (e) BUREAU OF STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
15 the Office a Bureau of State and Local Affairs.

16 (2) ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of State
18 and Local Affairs shall be headed by an Asso-
19 ciate Director of State and Local Affairs, who
20 shall be appointed by the President, in con-
21 sultation with the Director.

22 (B) DUTIES.—The Associate Director of
23 State and Local Affairs shall, among other du-
24 ties as assigned by the Director, assist the Di-
25 rector in coordinating the efforts of State and

1 local entities to support the economic, linguistic,
2 and civic integration of immigrants, refugees,
3 and the children of immigrants and refugees.

4 (f) LIMITATION.—An individual may not serve as Di-
5 rector, Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion,
6 Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy, Deputy
7 Director for Children’s Integration Success, or Associate
8 Director of State and Local Affairs while serving in any
9 other position in the Federal Government.

10 (g) ACCESS BY CONGRESS.—The establishment of
11 the Office within the Executive Office of the President
12 shall not affect access to the Office by a Member of Con-
13 gress or any member of a committee of the Senate or the
14 House of Representatives, including access to—

15 (1) any information, document, or study in the
16 possession of, or conducted by or at the direction of,
17 the Director; or

18 (2) personnel of the Office.

19 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL INITIATIVE ON NEW AMERICANS.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the confirmation of the Director of the Office, the Director
22 shall establish within the Office a Federal Initiative on
23 New Americans (referred to in this section as the “Initia-
24 tive”).

25 (b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Initiative are—

1 (1) to welcome and support immigrants and
2 refugees in the United States;

3 (2) to establish a coordinated Federal program
4 to respond effectively to immigrant and refugee inte-
5 gration issues; and

6 (3) to advise and assist the Director in identi-
7 fying and implementing the necessary policies to
8 carry out such program.

9 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Initiative shall be composed
10 of—

11 (1) the Director, who shall serve as chairperson;

12 (2) the Secretary of the Treasury;

13 (3) the Attorney General;

14 (4) the Secretary of Commerce;

15 (5) the Secretary of Labor;

16 (6) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
17 ices;

18 (7) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
19 opment;

20 (8) the Secretary of Education;

21 (9) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

22 (10) the Secretary of State;

23 (11) the Director of the Office of Refugee Re-
24 settlement;

1 (12) the Director of the Small Business Admin-
2 istration;

3 (13) the Director of the Office of Management
4 and Budget;

5 (14) the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
6 Financial Protection; and

7 (15) any other individual—

8 (A) invited by the Director to participate;
9 and

10 (B) who occupies a position listed under
11 level I or II of the Executive Schedule, as pro-
12 vided in sections 5312 and 5313 of title 5,
13 United States Code.

14 (d) DUTIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Initiative shall meet at
16 the call of the chairperson and perform such duties
17 as the chairperson reasonably requires.

18 (2) COORDINATED RESPONSE TO IMMIGRANT
19 AND REFUGEE ISSUES.—The Initiative shall join
20 with Federal agencies in providing a coordinated
21 Federal response to adequately address matters that
22 affect the lives of immigrant and refugee families
23 and local communities with growing immigrant and
24 refugee populations, including access to—

25 (A) English language learning;

- 1 (B) adult education and workforce train-
2 ing;
- 3 (C) occupational licensure;
- 4 (D) early childhood care and education;
- 5 (E) elementary, secondary, and postsec-
6 ondary education;
- 7 (F) health care;
- 8 (G) naturalization;
- 9 (H) civic engagement;
- 10 (I) immigration assistance and legal serv-
11 ices;
- 12 (J) economic development;
- 13 (K) language access services; and
- 14 (L) other services the Director identifies as
15 aiding the integration of immigrants and refu-
16 gees into the social, cultural, economic, and
17 civic life of the United States.

18 (3) LIAISON WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
20 Initiative shall serve as a liaison to the Federal
21 agency of the member to ensure that the Fed-
22 eral agency coordinates with and responds to
23 the recommendations of the Initiative in a time-
24 ly and meaningful manner.

1 (B) DUTIES OF A LIAISON.—The duties of
2 each member as a Federal agency liaison in-
3 clude—

4 (i) developing, for the applicable Fed-
5 eral agency, immigrant and refugee inte-
6 gration goals and indicators;

7 (ii) implementing the biannual con-
8 sultation process described in section
9 102(b)(10) by consulting with the State
10 and local counterparts of the Federal agen-
11 cy;

12 (iii) reporting to the Initiative on the
13 progress made by the Federal agency in
14 achieving the goals and indicators de-
15 scribed in clause (i); and

16 (iv) upon request by the Director and
17 subject to laws governing disclosure of in-
18 formation, providing such information as
19 may be required to carry out the respon-
20 sibilities of the Director and the functions
21 of the Office.

22 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INITIATIVE.—

23 Not later than 1 year after the date on which the
24 Initiative becomes fully operational, and every 2

1 years thereafter, the Director shall submit to Con-
2 gress a report that includes the following:

3 (A) Findings from the consultation process
4 described in section 102(b)(10), including a de-
5 scription of the immigrant and refugee integra-
6 tion opportunities offered by, and integration
7 challenges facing, State and local governments.

8 (B) An assessment of the effects of, and
9 recommendations with respect to, pending legis-
10 lation and executive branch policy proposals.

11 (C) A description of the possible effects of
12 pending legislation and executive branch policy
13 proposals on immigrant and refugee integra-
14 tion.

15 (D) An identification of any Federal pro-
16 gram or policy that has a negative impact on
17 immigrants, refugees, and local communities
18 with growing immigrant and refugee popu-
19 lations, as compared to the general population,
20 and recommendations for changes to any such
21 program or policy.

22 (E) Recommendations on legislative solu-
23 tions to better support the successful integra-
24 tion of immigrants and refugees and the chil-
25 dren of immigrants and refugees.

1 **TITLE II—PROGRAMS TO PRO-**
2 **MOTE CITIZENSHIP, INTE-**
3 **GRATION, AND PROSPERITY**

4 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) **FOUNDATION.**—The term “Foundation”
7 means the United States Citizenship and Integration
8 Foundation established under section 207.

9 (2) **SERVICE AREA.**—The term “service area”
10 means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which
11 an entity carries out activities using funds awarded
12 under this title.

13 (3) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each of
14 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
15 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
16 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
17 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

18 **SEC. 202. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ACCESS TO LEGAL**
19 **COUNSEL.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) immigration law is so complex that it is
22 nearly impossible, and therefore unjust, for immi-
23 grants to navigate the immigration system without
24 legal assistance or represent themselves in immigra-
25 tion court;

1 (2) immigrants without legal counsel are far
2 more likely, as compared to immigrants with legal
3 counsel, to be denied immigration benefits or be de-
4 ported, which may result in dire consequences, in-
5 cluding—

6 (A) the denial of lawful immigration status
7 or United States citizenship;

8 (B) loss of livelihood;

9 (C) the separation of an immigrant from,
10 or the inability of an immigrant to support, his
11 or her family;

12 (D) life-threatening danger in the country
13 of origin of an immigrant; and

14 (E) a long-term or permanent ban on reen-
15 tering the United States; and

16 (3) consistent with the United States values of
17 fairness and justice and the Fifth Amendment to the
18 Constitution of the United States, which guarantees
19 all individuals the due process of law, any individual
20 subject to immigration proceedings or the appeal of
21 a proceeding before an immigration judge or the At-
22 torney General should have the right to be rep-
23 resented by counsel, including Government-funded
24 counsel, regardless of the ability of the individual to
25 pay.

1 **SEC. 203. LEGAL SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE**

2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, acting
4 through the Director of the Executive Office for Immigra-
5 tion Review, in consultation with the Director of the Na-
6 tional Office of New Americans, shall award legal services
7 and immigration assistance grants to eligible entities.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—An entity eligible to re-
9 ceive a grant under this section is a State or unit of local
10 government, a Tribal government, a private organization,
11 a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organiza-
12 tion that—

13 (1) provides authorized direct legal assistance
14 to immigrants;

15 (2) in the case of an entity that has previously
16 been awarded a grant under this section, uses
17 matching funds from non-Federal sources, which
18 may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 per-
19 cent of the amount received under this section;

20 (3) provides immigration education, outreach,
21 and quality paralegal services to immigrants, in co-
22 ordination with immigration attorneys or representa-
23 tives accredited by the Recognition and Accredita-
24 tion Program of the Executive Office for Immigra-
25 tion Review; and

1 (4) submits to the Director of the Executive Of-
2 fice for Immigration Review an application at such
3 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
4 tion as the Director may reasonably require.

5 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
7 section shall be used to provide to eligible immi-
8 grants legal assistance relating to the immigration
9 status of such immigrants, or related services, which
10 may include—

11 (A) outreach and education to identify and
12 support immigrants in need of legal services;

13 (B) liaison services to connect immigrants
14 with trusted legal service providers, social serv-
15 ice organizations, and government representa-
16 tives;

17 (C) screening to assess the eligibility of an
18 immigrant for any status under the immigra-
19 tion laws;

20 (D) completing applications for immigra-
21 tion benefits;

22 (E) translation and interpretation services;

23 (F) gathering documents, including docu-
24 ments relating to proof of identification, em-

1 ployment, residence, family relationships, and
2 tax payment;

3 (G) completing applications for any waiver
4 under the immigration laws for which an eligi-
5 ble immigrant and qualifying family members
6 may be eligible; and

7 (H) with respect to applications relating to
8 United States citizenship, assistance with appli-
9 cation preparation and the naturalization proc-
10 ess, including preparation for the English and
11 civics exams.

12 (2) ELIGIBLE IMMIGRANTS.—An immigrant
13 shall be eligible to receive the assistance described in
14 paragraph (1) if the immigrant is seeking—

15 (A) to become a lawful permanent resident
16 or naturalized citizen of the United States;

17 (B) to establish that he or she has derived
18 or acquired United States citizenship; or

19 (C) relief from removal and authorization
20 to remain lawfully in the United States.

21 (d) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant
22 under this section, a participating entity shall—

23 (1) submit to the Attorney General a certifi-
24 cation that the proposed uses of grant funds by the
25 entity—

1 (A) are consistent with this section; and

2 (B) meet the criteria determined by the
3 Attorney General, in consultation with the Di-
4 rector of the National Office of New Americans;
5 and

6 (2) make a reasonable effort to estimate the
7 number of immigrants who live in the service area.

8 (e) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
9 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
10 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
11 ty shall submit to the Director of the Executive Office for
12 Immigration Review the following:

13 (1) A report that describes—

14 (A) each activity carried out by the entity
15 funded entirely or partially by the grant funds;

16 (B) the service area;

17 (C) the estimate made under subsection
18 (d)(2);

19 (D) the number of immigrants who re-
20 ceived legal assistance funded entirely or par-
21 tially by the grant funds;

22 (E) a disaggregation of the costs of each
23 service provided using the grant funds and the
24 average per capita cost of providing the service;
25 and

1 (F) the primary languages spoken in the
2 service area.

3 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
4 for which grant funds were used, including—

5 (A) an assessment of the effectiveness of
6 the program;

7 (B) recommendations for improving the
8 program;

9 (C) an assessment of whether the legal
10 services needs of the service area have been
11 met; and

12 (D) in the case of an assessment under
13 subparagraph (C) that such needs have not
14 been met, a description of the additional assist-
15 ance required to meet such needs.

16 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

19 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) SERVICE AREA.—The term “service area”
21 means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which
22 an entity carries out activities using funds awarded
23 under this section.

24 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
25 the several States, the District of Columbia, the

1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
2 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

4 **SEC. 204. ENGLISH AS A GATEWAY TO INTEGRATION GRANT**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Assistant Secretary for
7 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
8 ment of Education and the Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
9 ministration for Children and Families at the Department
10 of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section
11 as the “Assistant Secretaries”), in consultation with the
12 Director of the National Office of New Americans, shall
13 award English as a Gateway to Integration grants to eligi-
14 ble entities.

15 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—An entity eligible to receive a
16 grant under this section is a State or unit of local govern-
17 ment, a Tribal government, a private organization, an edu-
18 cational institution, a community-based organization, or a
19 nonprofit organization that—

20 (1) in the case of any applicant that has pre-
21 viously received a grant under this section, uses
22 matching funds from non-Federal sources, which
23 may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 per-
24 cent of the amount received from the English as a

1 Gateway to Integration program to carry out such
2 program;

3 (2) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an ap-
4 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
5 taining such information as the Assistant Secretaries
6 may reasonably require, including—

7 (A) a description of the target population
8 to be served, including demographics, literacy
9 levels, integration needs, and English language
10 levels of the target population; and

11 (B) the assessment and performance meas-
12 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
13 evaluate the integration and English language
14 learning progress of students and overall suc-
15 cess of the instruction and program;

16 (3) demonstrates collaboration with public and
17 private entities to provide the instruction and assist-
18 ance described in subsection (c)(1);

19 (4) provides integration-focused English lan-
20 guage programs that—

21 (A) teach integration and English language
22 skills to—

23 (i) lower-educated individuals;

24 (ii) limited English proficient (LEP)

25 individuals; and

1 (iii) parents and others who are care-
2 takers of young children;

3 (B) support and promote the social, eco-
4 nomic, and civic integration of adult English
5 language learners and their families; and

6 (C) equip adult English language learners
7 for ongoing independent study and learning be-
8 yond classroom or formal instruction; and

9 (5)(A) is located in 1 of the 10 States with the
10 highest rate of foreign-born residents; or

11 (B) is located in an area that has experienced
12 a large increase in the population of immigrants
13 during the most recent 10-year period relative to
14 past migration patterns, based on data compiled by
15 the Office of Immigration Statistics or the United
16 States Census Bureau.

17 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
19 section shall be used to provide English language
20 and integration knowledge and skill instruction
21 along with student guidance and navigation services
22 to learners. Such instruction shall advance the inte-
23 gration of students in order to help them—

24 (A) build their knowledge of United States
25 history and civics;

1 (B) prepare for United States citizenship
2 and the naturalization process;

3 (C) gain digital literacy;

4 (D) understand and support children's suc-
5 cess within the early childhood, K–12, and post-
6 secondary education systems;

7 (E) gain financial literacy;

8 (F) build an understanding of the housing
9 market and systems in the United States;

10 (G) learn about and access the United
11 States, State, and local health care systems;

12 (H) prepare for a high school equivalency
13 diploma or postsecondary training or education;
14 and

15 (I) prepare for and secure employment.

16 (2) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—Funds awarded
17 under this section shall be used to support program
18 designs that may include the following elements:

19 (A) English language and integration
20 knowledge and skill instruction in a classroom
21 setting, along with associated guidance and
22 navigation supports provided that such setting
23 is in a geographic location accessible to the pop-
24 ulation served.

1 (B) English language and integration
2 knowledge and skill instruction programs that
3 may incorporate online and digital components,
4 such as the use of mobile phones, computers,
5 and blended or distance learning platforms.

6 (C) Educational support and specialized
7 instruction for adult English language learners
8 with low levels of literacy in their first lan-
9 guage.

10 (D) Two-generation approaches designed
11 to support children's school success and lift
12 family integration trajectories.

13 (d) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
14 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
15 the Assistant Secretaries a certification that the proposed
16 uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this
17 section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the
18 Assistant Secretaries.

19 (e) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
20 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
21 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
22 ty shall submit to the Assistant Secretaries the following:

23 (1) A report that describes—

1 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
2 that were funded entirely or partially by the
3 grant funds;

4 (B) the service area;

5 (C) the number of immigrants in the serv-
6 ice area;

7 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
8 service area;

9 (E) the number of adult English language
10 learners receiving assistance that was funded
11 entirely or partially by grant funds received by
12 the entity under this section; and

13 (F) a breakdown of the costs of the pro-
14 gram services provided and the average per cap-
15 ita cost of providing such instruction.

16 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
17 using grant funds under this section, including—

18 (A) an assessment of—

19 (i) the effectiveness of such program
20 and recommendations for improving the
21 program; and

22 (ii) whether the English language and
23 integration knowledge and skill instruction
24 needs of the service area have been met;

1 (B) in the case of an assessment under
2 subparagraph (A)(ii) that such needs have not
3 been met, a description of the additional assist-
4 ance required to meet such needs; and

5 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
6 uation of progress or success described in sub-
7 section (b)(2)(B).

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER.—
10 The term “adult English language learner” refers to
11 an individual age 16 or older who is not enrolled in
12 secondary school and who is limited English pro-
13 ficient.

14 (2) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER; LIMITED
15 ENGLISH PROFICIENT.—The terms “English lan-
16 guage learner” and “limited English proficient” de-
17 scribe an individual who does not speak English as
18 their primary language and who has a limited ability
19 to read, speak, write, or understand English.

20 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

1 **SEC. 205. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SHARED PROS-**
2 **PERITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **DECLARATION OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the
4 United States—

5 (1) that adults shall have equitable access to
6 education and workforce programs that—

7 (A) help them learn basic skills in reading,
8 writing, mathematics, and the English lan-
9 guage; and

10 (B) equip them with occupational skills
11 needed to secure or advance in employment, fill
12 employer needs, and support themselves and
13 their families;

14 (2) to strengthen the economy by helping adults
15 with limited skills to attain recognized postsecondary
16 credentials (as defined in section 3 of the Workforce
17 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102));
18 and

19 (3) that workforce programs for adults with
20 limited skills use a pre-apprenticeship or integrated
21 education and training approach that allows adults
22 to acquire basic skills while pursuing occupational or
23 industry-specific training.

24 (b) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Assistant Secretary for
25 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
26 ment of Education and the Assistant Secretary for Em-

1 ployment and Training at the Department of Labor (re-
2 ferred to in this section as the “Assistant Secretaries”),
3 in consultation with the Director of the National Office
4 of New Americans, shall award Workforce Development
5 and Shared Prosperity grants, on a competitive basis, to
6 State, local, and Tribal governments or other qualifying
7 entities described in subsection (c), in collaboration with
8 State and local governments.

9 (c) QUALIFYING ENTITIES.—Qualifying entities
10 under this section may include—

- 11 (1) an educational institution;
- 12 (2) a private organization;
- 13 (3) a community-based organization; or
- 14 (4) a nonprofit organization.

15 (d) ELIGIBILITY.—A State, local, or Tribal govern-
16 ment or qualifying entity in collaboration with a State,
17 local, or Tribal government is eligible to receive a grant
18 under this section provided that the State, local, or Tribal
19 government or entity—

- 20 (1) supports and promotes the economic inte-
21 gration of immigrants;
- 22 (2) has expertise in workforce development and
23 adult education for the purpose of developing and
24 implementing pre-apprenticeship programs or inte-
25 grated education and training programs;

1 (3) in carrying out the grant program, includes
2 at least one entity—

3 (A) with expertise in providing training in
4 a workforce sector in which immigrant workers
5 are heavily represented or in which there is a
6 demonstrated need for immigrant workers to fill
7 jobs; and

8 (B) with expertise in providing adult basic
9 education services to immigrants;

10 (4) uses matching funds from non-Federal
11 sources, which may include in-kind contributions,
12 equal to 25 percent of the amount received from the
13 Workforce Development and Shared Prosperity
14 grants program to carry out such program; and

15 (5) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an ap-
16 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
17 taining such information as the Assistant Secretaries
18 may reasonably require, including—

19 (A) a description of the target population
20 to be served, including demographics, and
21 English proficiency, educational, and skill levels
22 of the target population;

23 (B) the specific integrated education and
24 training model to be implemented;

1 (C) how the program will be designed and
2 implemented by educators with expertise in
3 adult education, English language instruction
4 and occupational skills training;

5 (D) the occupation or industry for which
6 the program will prepare students for employ-
7 ment and the education and training progress
8 or employer-recognized credentials the program
9 is designed to support participants in achieving;

10 (E) evidence of employer demand for the
11 skills or occupational training offered by the
12 grant program;

13 (F) how the program will provide student
14 support services including guidance counseling
15 in order to promote student success; and

16 (G) the assessment and performance meas-
17 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
18 evaluate—

19 (i) the progress of adult learners in
20 acquiring basic skills such as reading, writ-
21 ing, mathematics, and the English lan-
22 guage; and

23 (ii) the success of the grant program
24 in preparing students for employment and

1 in helping them find employment or ad-
2 vance in employment.

3 (e) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
4 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
5 the Assistant Secretaries a certification that the proposed
6 uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this
7 section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the
8 Assistant Secretaries in consultation with the Director of
9 the National Office of New Americans.

10 (f) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
11 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
12 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
13 ty shall submit to the Assistant Secretaries the following:

14 (1) A report that describes—

15 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
16 that were funded entirely or partially by the
17 grant funds;

18 (B) the service area;

19 (C) the number of immigrants in the serv-
20 ice area;

21 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
22 service area; and

23 (E) a breakdown of the costs of each of
24 the services provided and the average per capita
25 cost of providing such services.

1 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
2 using grant funds under this section, including—

3 (A) an assessment of—

4 (i) the effectiveness of such program
5 and recommendations for improving the
6 program; and

7 (ii) whether the adult education and
8 workforce development needs of the service
9 area have been met and if not, what fur-
10 ther assistance is required to meet such
11 need;

12 (B) in the case of an assessment under
13 subparagraph (A)(ii) that such needs have not
14 been met, a description of the additional assist-
15 ance required to meet such needs; and

16 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
17 uation of progress or success described in sub-
18 section (d)(5)(G).

19 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ADULT EDUCATION.—The term “adult edu-
21 cation” means academic instruction and education
22 services below the postsecondary level that increase
23 an individual’s ability to read, write, and speak
24 English and perform mathematics or other activities
25 necessary for the attainment of a secondary school

1 diploma or its recognized equivalent, transition to
2 postsecondary education and training, or obtain em-
3 ployment.

4 (2) INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—

5 The term “integrated education and training”
6 means instruction that provides adult education, lit-
7 eracy and English language activities concurrently
8 and contextually with workforce preparation activi-
9 ties and workforce training for a specific occupation
10 or occupational cluster for the purpose of edu-
11 cational and career advancement.

12 (3) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The

13 term “pre-apprenticeship program” means a pro-
14 gram or set of services designed to prepare individ-
15 uals to enter and succeed in a registered apprentice-
16 ship program.

17 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is

18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

20 **SEC. 206. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS.**

21 (a) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—With

22 respect to grants administered and awarded to public or
23 private nonprofit organizations by the Secretary of Home-
24 land Security, unless otherwise required by law, in making
25 determinations about such grants, the Secretary shall not

1 consider enrollment in or use by such organizations of the
2 E-Verify Program described in section 403(a) of the Ille-
3 gal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility
4 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 to the Sec-
7 retary of Homeland Security for the Citizenship and Inte-
8 gration Grant Program of U.S. Citizenship and Immigra-
9 tion Services to award grants to public or private non-
10 profit organizations.

11 **SEC. 207. UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION**
12 **FOUNDATION.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
14 Security, acting through the Director of U.S. Citizenship
15 and Immigration Services and in coordination with the Di-
16 rector of the National Office of New Americans, shall es-
17 tablish a nonprofit corporation or a not-for-profit, public
18 benefit, or similar entity, which shall be known as the
19 “United States Citizenship and Integration Foundation”.

20 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Foundation
21 shall be—

22 (1) to spur innovation in the promotion and ex-
23 pansion of citizenship preparation programs for indi-
24 viduals lawfully admitted for permanent residence

1 (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and
2 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)));

3 (2) to evaluate and identify best practices in
4 citizenship promotion and preparation and to make
5 recommendations to the Director of U.S. Citizenship
6 and Immigration Services and the Director of the
7 National Office for New Americans about how to
8 bring such best practices to scale;

9 (3) to support direct assistance for immigrants
10 seeking lawful permanent resident status (within the
11 meaning of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
12 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)), or naturalization as a United
13 States citizen; and

14 (4) to support immigrant integration efforts in
15 partnership with State and local entities.

16 (c) GIFTS TO FOUNDATION.—To carry out the pur-
17 poses described in subsection (b), the Foundation may—

18 (1) solicit, accept, and make gifts of money and
19 other property, in accordance with section 501(c)(3)
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

21 (2) engage in coordinated work with the De-
22 partment of Homeland Security, including U.S. Citi-
23 zenship and Immigration Services, and the National
24 Office of New Americans; and

1 (3) accept, hold, administer, invest, and spend
2 any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal prop-
3 erty made to the Foundation.

4 (d) ACTIVITIES.—The Foundation shall carry out the
5 purposes described in subsection (b) by—

6 (1) making United States citizenship instruc-
7 tion and naturalization application services acces-
8 sible to low-income and other underserved lawful
9 permanent resident populations;

10 (2) developing, identifying, and sharing best
11 practices in United States citizenship promotion and
12 preparation;

13 (3) supporting innovative and creative solutions
14 to barriers faced by individuals seeking—

15 (A) to become naturalized citizens of the
16 United States; or

17 (B) to obtain certificates of citizenship;

18 (4) increasing the use of, and access to, tech-
19 nology in United States citizenship preparation pro-
20 grams;

21 (5) engaging communities in the process of
22 United States citizenship and civic integration;

23 (6) fostering public education and awareness;

24 (7) coordinating the immigrant integration ef-
25 forts of the Foundation with the integration efforts

1 of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and
2 the National Office of New Americans; and

3 (8) awarding grants to State and local govern-
4 ments consistent with such purposes.

5 (e) COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.—To the extent con-
6 sistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986, the Foundation shall have a council of di-
8 rectors (referred to in this section as the “Council”),
9 which shall be comprised of—

10 (1) the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immi-
11 gration Services;

12 (2) the Director of the National Office of New
13 Americans;

14 (3) the head of the Domestic Policy Council;
15 and

16 (4) 10 individuals from national private and
17 public nonprofit organizations that promote and as-
18 sist lawful permanent residents with naturalization.

19 (f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall appoint an
21 Executive Director of the Foundation, who shall
22 oversee the daily operations of the Foundation.

23 (2) POWERS.—The Executive Director shall
24 carry out the purposes described in subsection (b) on
25 behalf of the Foundation by—

1 (A) accepting, holding, administering, in-
2 vesting, and spending any gift, devise, or be-
3 quest of real or personal property made to the
4 Foundation;

5 (B) entering into contracts and other fi-
6 nancial assistance agreements with individuals,
7 public and private organizations, professional
8 societies, and government agencies to carry out
9 the activities of the Foundation;

10 (C) entering into such other contracts,
11 leases, cooperative agreements, and other trans-
12 actions as the Executive Director considers ap-
13 propriate to carry out the activities of the
14 Foundation; and

15 (D) charging such fees for professional
16 services provided by the Foundation as the Ex-
17 ecutive Director considers reasonable and ap-
18 propriate.

19 (g) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity shall ensure that the Foundation is established and
21 operational not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 208. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE IMMIGRANT INTE-**
2 **GRATION AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Director of the Na-
4 tional Office of New Americans (referred to in this section
5 as the “Director”), in coordination with the Assistant Sec-
6 retary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education and the
7 Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8 cation at the Department of Education, the Assistant Sec-
9 retary for Employment and Training at the Department
10 of Labor, the Assistant Secretary for the Administration
11 of Children and Families at the Department of Health and
12 Human Services, and the Chief of the Office of Citizenship
13 at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, shall estab-
14 lish a pilot program to award grants, on a competitive
15 basis, to State, local, and Tribal governments—

16 (1) to establish new immigrant councils to carry
17 out programs to integrate new immigrants; and

18 (2) to carry out programs to integrate new im-
19 migrants.

20 (b) APPLICATION.—To be considered for a grant
21 under this section, a State, local, or Tribal government
22 may submit an application to the Director at such time,
23 in such manner, and containing such information as the
24 Director may reasonably require, including—

25 (1) a proposal to carry out 1 or more activities
26 described in subsection (c);

1 (2) the number of new immigrants who live in
2 the jurisdiction of the applicant; and

3 (3) a description of the challenges presented by
4 introducing and integrating new immigrants into the
5 State, local, or Tribal community, as applicable.

6 (c) ACTIVITIES.—A grant awarded under this section
7 may be used—

8 (1) to form a new immigrant council, which
9 shall—

10 (A) consist of not fewer than 15 and not
11 more than 19 representatives of the State,
12 local, or Tribal government, as applicable;

13 (B) include, to the extent practicable, rep-
14 resentatives from—

15 (i) the business community;

16 (ii) faith-based organizations;

17 (iii) civic organizations;

18 (iv) philanthropic organizations;

19 (v) nonprofit organizations, including
20 nonprofit organizations with legal and ad-
21 vocacy experience working with immigrant
22 communities;

23 (vi) key education stakeholders, such
24 as State educational agencies, local edu-

1 cational agencies, community colleges, and
2 teachers;

3 (vii) State, local, or Tribal economic
4 development agencies;

5 (viii) State, local, or Tribal health and
6 human services agencies;

7 (ix) State, local, or Tribal early child-
8 hood coordinating councils; and

9 (x) State, local, or Tribal public li-
10 braries; and

11 (C) meet not less frequently than once
12 each quarter;

13 (2) to provide subgrants to local communities,
14 units of local government, Tribal governments, and
15 nonprofit organizations (including veterans and civic
16 organizations);

17 (3) to develop, implement, expand, or enhance
18 a comprehensive plan to introduce and integrate new
19 immigrants into the applicable State by—

20 (A) supporting English language and inte-
21 gration knowledge and skills development;

22 (B) engaging with immigrant parents and
23 other primary caretakers to support the healthy
24 development, kindergarten readiness, and edu-
25 cation success of children;

1 (C) improving and expanding access to
2 workforce training programs;

3 (D) teaching United States history, civics,
4 and citizenship rights and responsibilities;

5 (E) improving financial literacy; and

6 (F) focusing on other key areas of impor-
7 tance with respect to integration into the social,
8 cultural, economic, and civic life of the United
9 States; and

10 (4) to engage receiving communities in the citi-
11 zenship and civic integration process by—

12 (A) increasing local service capacity;

13 (B) building meaningful connections be-
14 tween newer immigrants and long-time resi-
15 dents;

16 (C) publicizing the contributions of receiv-
17 ing communities and new immigrants; and

18 (D) engaging leaders from all sectors of re-
19 ceiving communities.

20 (d) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

21 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
22 after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity
23 receives a grant under this section, the entity shall
24 submit to the Director an annual report that de-
25 scribes—

1 (A) each activity carried out by the grant
2 recipient using grant funds;

3 (B) the service;

4 (C) the number of new immigrants in the
5 service area; and

6 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
7 service area.

8 (2) ANNUAL EVALUATION.—Not later than 90
9 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an
10 entity receives a grant under this section, the Direc-
11 tor shall conduct an annual evaluation of the grant
12 program established under this section—

13 (A) to assess and improve the effectiveness
14 of the grant program;

15 (B) to assess the future needs of—

16 (i) new immigrants; and

17 (ii) with respect to immigrant integra-
18 tion, State, local, and Tribal governments;

19 and

20 (C) to ensure that grant recipients and
21 subgrantees use grant funds in accordance with
22 this section.

1 **SEC. 209. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
2 **FOUNDATION AND PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 There are authorized to be appropriated for the first
4 2 fiscal years after the date of the enactment of this Act
5 such sums as may be necessary to establish the Founda-
6 tion and the pilot program described in section 208. Such
7 amounts may be invested and any amounts resulting from
8 such investments shall remain available for the operations
9 of the Foundation and such pilot program without further
10 appropriation.

11 **TITLE III—REDUCING BARRIERS**
12 **TO CITIZENSHIP**

13 **SEC. 301. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the naturalization of immigrants—

16 (A) brings civic, economic, and social bene-
17 fits to the United States;

18 (B) enhances the richness and diversity of
19 the United States; and

20 (C) strengthens the United States;

21 (2) millions of immigrants are eligible for natu-
22 ralization but cannot access citizenship due a variety
23 of reasons, including cost barriers, language access,
24 and a lack of legal services and information;

25 (3) the inability of millions of eligible immi-
26 grants to become citizens of the United States de-

1 prives the United States and the people of the
2 United States of civic, economic, and social benefits;
3 and

4 (4) consistent with the process for naturaliza-
5 tion established by the Constitution of the United
6 States, codified by statute, and strengthened by reg-
7 ulations, the Federal Government, in coordination
8 with State and local governments, community-based
9 organizations, and other stakeholders, should estab-
10 lish policies and programs to encourage eligible im-
11 migrants to apply for naturalization and to facilitate
12 the naturalization process, with the objective of help-
13 ing 2,000,000 new Americans naturalize by the end
14 of 2024.

15 **SEC. 302. IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 286(m) of the Immigra-
17 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)) is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 “(m) IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
21 graph (2), all fees designated by the Secretary of
22 Homeland Security in regulations as ‘immigration
23 adjudication fees’ shall be deposited as offsetting re-
24 ceipts into the ‘Immigration Examinations Fee Ac-
25 count’ in the Treasury of the United States, whether

1 such fees are collected directly by the Secretary or
2 through clerks of courts.

3 “(2) GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS.—

4 “(A) GUAM.—All fees described in para-
5 graph (1) that are received by the Secretary of
6 Homeland Security from applicants residing in
7 Guam shall be remitted to the Department of
8 Revenue and Taxation of Guam.

9 “(B) VIRGIN ISLANDS.—All fees described
10 in paragraph (1) that are received by the Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security from applicants
12 residing in the United States Virgin Islands
13 shall be remitted to the Treasury Division of
14 the United States Virgin Islands.

15 “(C) RESTRICTIONS.—All fees remitted
16 pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) may not
17 be expended for costs associated with—

18 “(i) the civil revocation of naturaliza-
19 tion;

20 “(ii) Operation Second Look;

21 “(iii) Operation Janus;

22 “(iv) any activities or operations con-
23 ducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs
24 Enforcement (including Homeland Security

1 Investigations) or U.S. Customs and Bor-
2 der Protection; or

3 “(v) any other activity or operation
4 that is not directly related to immigration
5 adjudications.

6 “(3) FEES FOR ADJUDICATION AND NATU-
7 RALIZATION SERVICES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
9 graph (B), the Secretary of Homeland Security
10 may set fees for providing adjudication and nat-
11 uralization services at a level that will—

12 “(i) ensure recovery of the full costs
13 of providing such services, or a portion of
14 such services, including the costs of natu-
15 ralization and similar services provided
16 without charge to asylum applicants or
17 other immigrants; and

18 “(ii) recover the full cost of admin-
19 istering the collection of fees under this
20 paragraph, or a portion of such adminis-
21 trative costs.

22 “(B) REPORT REQUIREMENT BEFORE FEE
23 INCREASE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
24 rity may not increase any fee under this para-
25 graph above the level of such fee as of January

1 1, 2019, before the date that is 60 days after
2 the date on which the Secretary submits a re-
3 port to the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of
5 the House of Representatives that—

6 “(i) identifies the direct and indirect
7 costs associated with providing adjudica-
8 tion and naturalization services;

9 “(ii) distinguishes the costs referred
10 to in clause (i) from immigration enforce-
11 ment and national security costs;

12 “(iii) identifies the costs allocated for
13 premium processing services to business
14 customers, as prescribed under subsection
15 (u);

16 “(iv) describes the extent to which the
17 fee prescribed in subsection (u) is set at a
18 level that ensures full recovery of the costs
19 referred to in clause (iii);

20 “(v) identifies the amount of funding
21 that is being allocated for the infrastruc-
22 ture improvements in the adjudications
23 and customer-service processes prescribed
24 under subsection (u); and

1 “(vi) contains information regarding
2 the amount by which such fee will be in-
3 creased.

4 “(C) ADJUDICATIONS DELAY AND BACK-
5 LOG REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
6 curity shall submit a quarterly report to the
7 congressional committees referred to in sub-
8 paragraph (B) that identifies each instance in
9 which—

10 “(i) the processing time of more than
11 10 percent of adjudications in any single
12 category of immigration benefits surpasses
13 the agency’s stated processing goal as of
14 January 1, 2019;

15 “(ii) the processing time of more than
16 5 percent of applications for legal perma-
17 nent residence surpasses 150 days; and

18 “(iii) the processing time of more
19 than 5 percent of applications for natu-
20 ralization surpasses 150 days.

21 “(4) FEE WAIVERS FOR ADJUDICATION AND
22 NATURALIZATION SERVICES.—

23 “(A) NO FEE.—Except as provided in sub-
24 paragraph (E), if an alien’s income is less than

1 150 percent of the Federal poverty line, no fee
2 shall be charged or collected for—

3 “(i) an application, petition, appeal,
4 motion, or other service described in this
5 subsection; or

6 “(ii) the biometrics capture or back-
7 ground check associated with the items de-
8 scribed in clause (i).

9 “(B) REDUCED FEE.—If an alien’s income
10 is less than 250 percent of the Federal poverty
11 line, not more than 50 percent of the applicable
12 fee shall be charged or collected for an applica-
13 tion, petition, appeal, motion, or service de-
14 scribed in this subsection.

15 “(C) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If an
16 alien is under financial hardship due to extraor-
17 dinary expenses or other circumstances affect-
18 ing his or her financial situation to the degree
19 that he or she is unable to pay a fee, no fee
20 shall be charged or collected for—

21 “(i) an application, petition, appeal,
22 motion, or other service described in this
23 subsection; or

1 “(ii) the biometrics capture or back-
2 ground check associated with the items de-
3 scribed in clause (i).

4 “(D) NO FEE CHARGED FOR WAIVER RE-
5 QUEST.—No fee shall be charged for a fee waiv-
6 er or reduction request described in subpara-
7 graph (A), (B), or (C).

8 “(E) NO WAIVER FOR CERTAIN FEES.—
9 The fee for employment-based petitions and ap-
10 plications prescribed under subsection (u) may
11 not be waived.

12 “(F) MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS.—The
13 Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider
14 the receipt of means-tested benefits as a cri-
15 terion for the purpose of demonstrating eligi-
16 bility for a fee waiver or reduction under sub-
17 paragraph (A), (B), or (C).

18 “(G) APPLICATION FOR FEE WAIVER.—An
19 alien requesting a waiver or reduction of fees
20 under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) may sub-
21 mit—

22 “(i) a completed form, as prescribed
23 by the Secretary; or

24 “(ii) an applicant-generated, written
25 request for permission to have their immi-

1 gration benefit request processed without
2 payment of the required fee.

3 “(H) FEDERAL POVERTY LINE DE-
4 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘Federal
5 poverty line’ has the meaning given the term
6 ‘poverty line’ in section 673(2) of the Omnibus
7 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
8 9902(2)), including any revision required under
9 such section applicable to a family of the size
10 involved.”.

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that—

13 (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security should
14 set fees under section 286(m)(3) of the Immigration
15 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)(3)) at a
16 level that ensures recovery of only the direct costs
17 associated with the services described in such sec-
18 tion; and

19 (2) Congress should appropriate to the Sec-
20 retary of Homeland Security such funds as may be
21 necessary to pay for—

22 (A) the indirect costs associated with the
23 services described in such section;

24 (B) the adjudication of refugee and asylum
25 processing;

1 (C) the costs of administering the System-
2 atic Alien Verification for Entitlements Pro-
3 gram (commonly known as “SAVE”);

4 (D) the adjudication of naturalization ap-
5 plications not covered in full by the fees paid by
6 applicants;

7 (E) the reduction or elimination of fees
8 granted to fee waiver applicants; and

9 (F) grants to public and private nonprofit
10 organizations for the purposes of citizenship
11 and training.

12 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 286 of the
13 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356) is
14 amended—

15 (1) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking
16 “Service” each place such term appears and insert-
17 ing “Department of Homeland Security”;

18 (2) in subsections (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k),
19 (l), (n), (o), (q), (t), and (u), by striking “Attorney
20 General” each place such term appears and inserting
21 “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

22 (3) in subsection (k), (l), and (t), by striking
23 “Immigration and Naturalization Service” each
24 place such term appears and inserting “Department
25 of Homeland Security”; and

1 (4) in subsection (r)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Depart-
3 ment of Justice” and inserting “Department of
4 Homeland Security”; and

5 (B) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking
6 “Attorney General” each place it appears and
7 inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

8 **SEC. 303. WAIVER OF ENGLISH REQUIREMENT FOR SENIOR**
9 **NEW AMERICANS.**

10 Section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
11 (8 U.S.C. 1423) is amended by striking subsection (b) and
12 inserting the following:

13 “(b) The requirements under subsection (a) shall not
14 apply to any person who—

15 “(1) is unable to comply with such require-
16 ments because of physical or mental disability, in-
17 cluding developmental or intellectual disability; or

18 “(2) on the date on which the person’s applica-
19 tion for naturalization is filed under section 334—

20 “(A) is older than 65 years of age; and

21 “(B) has been living in the United States
22 for periods totaling at least 5 years after being
23 lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

24 “(c) The requirement under subsection (a)(1) shall
25 not apply to any person who, on the date on which the

1 person's application for naturalization is filed under sec-
2 tion 334—

3 “(1) is older than 50 years of age and has been
4 living in the United States for periods totaling at
5 least 20 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
6 manent residence;

7 “(2) is older than 55 years of age and has been
8 living in the United States for periods totaling at
9 least 15 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
10 manent residence; or

11 “(3) is older than 60 years of age and has been
12 living in the United States for periods totaling at
13 least 10 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
14 manent residence.

15 “(d) The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive,
16 on a case-by-case basis, the requirement under subsection
17 (a)(2) on behalf of any person who, on the date on which
18 the person's application for naturalization is filed under
19 section 334—

20 “(1) is older than 60 years of age; and

21 “(2) has been living in the United States for
22 periods totaling at least 10 years after being lawfully
23 admitted for permanent residence.”.

1 **SEC. 304. REDUCE FINANCIAL OBSTACLES TO NATURALIZA-**
2 **TION.**

3 Section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
6 section (g); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(f) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall im-
10 pose a fee in an amount not to exceed \$50 for the consid-
11 eration of an application for naturalization. Nothing in
12 this subsection may be construed to limit the authority
13 of the Secretary to set adjudication fees for other benefit
14 applications other than naturalization in accordance with
15 section 286(m).”.

16 **SEC. 305. NATURALIZATION FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**
17 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
19 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by
20 inserting after section 320 the following:

21 **“SEC. 321. CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**
22 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

23 “(a) REQUIREMENTS DEEMED SATISFIED.—An alien
24 described in subsection (b) shall be deemed to have satis-
25 fied the requirements under section 312(a).

1 “(b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in
2 this subsection if the alien submits an application for nat-
3 uralization under section 334 that contains—

4 “(1) transcripts from public or private schools
5 in the United States demonstrating that the alien
6 completed—

7 “(A) grades 9 through 12 in the United
8 States and was graduated with a high school di-
9 ploma; and

10 “(B) a curriculum that reflects knowledge
11 of United States history, government, and
12 civics; and

13 “(2) a copy of the alien’s high school diploma.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101
16 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating
17 to section 320 the following:

“Sec. 321. Citizenship for certain United States high school graduates.”.

18 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
19 section—

20 (1) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act; and

22 (2) shall apply to applicants for naturalization
23 who apply for naturalization on or after such date.

24 (d) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-

1 land Security shall promulgate regulations to carry out the
2 amendment made by subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 306. FAMILY INTEGRATION.**

4 Section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Na-
5 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by
6 striking “21 years of age” and inserting “18 years of
7 age”.

8 **SEC. 307. REVISION OF GROUNDS FOR DEPORTATION.**

9 Section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amended by striking paragraph
11 (5).

12 **SEC. 308. WAIVER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CITIZENSHIP.**

13 The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101
14 et seq.) is amended—

15 (1) in section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182)—

16 (A) in subsection (a)(6)(C)—

17 (i) in clause (ii)—

18 (I) by inserting “and willfully”
19 after “falsely” each place such term
20 appears; and

21 (II) in subclause (I), by striking
22 “or any other Federal or State law”;
23 and

24 (ii) by striking clause (iii); and

1 (B) in subsection (i), by amending para-
2 graph (1) to read as follows:

3 “(1) The Attorney General or the Secretary of
4 Homeland Security may, in the discretion of the At-
5 torney General or the Secretary, waive the applica-
6 tion of subsection (a)(6)(C)(ii) with respect to an
7 immigrant who is the parent, spouse, son, or daugh-
8 ter of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully
9 admitted for permanent residence, or with respect to
10 an alien granted classification under clause (iii) or
11 (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A), if the Attorney General
12 or the Secretary determines that the admission to
13 the United States of such alien would not be con-
14 trary to the national welfare, safety, or security of
15 the United States.”; and

16 (2) in section 237(a)(3)(D) (8 U.S.C.
17 1227(a)(3)(D)), by inserting “and willfully” after
18 “falsely” each place such term appears.

19 **SEC. 309. NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Office of Citizen-
21 ship of the External Affairs Directorate of U.S. Citizen-
22 ship and Immigration Services, in consultation with the
23 Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion of the Na-
24 tional Office of New Americans, the Director of the Na-
25 tional Park Service, the Archivist of the United States,

1 and other appropriate Federal officials, shall develop and
2 implement a strategy to enhance the public awareness of
3 naturalization ceremonies.

4 (b) VENUES.—In developing a strategy under sub-
5 section (a), the Chief and the Deputy Director shall con-
6 sider the use of outstanding and historic locations as
7 venues for select naturalization ceremonies.

8 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall
9 annually submit a report to Congress that describes—

10 (1) the content of the strategy developed under
11 subsection (a); and

12 (2) the progress made towards the implementa-
13 tion of such strategy.

14 **SEC. 310. PROUD TO BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN PRO-**
15 **GRAM.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1,
17 2024, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish
18 the “Proud to Be a United States Citizen Program” (re-
19 ferred to in this section as the “Program”) to promote
20 United States citizenship.

21 (b) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the
22 Program, the Secretary shall—

23 (1) develop outreach materials targeted to non-
24 citizens who have been lawfully admitted for perma-

1 nent residence to encourage such aliens to apply to
2 become citizens of the United States;

3 (2) disseminate the outreach materials devel-
4 oped pursuant to paragraph (1) through public serv-
5 ice announcements, advertisements, and such other
6 media as the Secretary determines is appropriate;

7 (3) conduct outreach activities targeted to non-
8 citizens believed to be eligible to apply for natu-
9 ralization through communications by text, email,
10 and the United States postal service, including—

11 (A) notifying individuals of their possible
12 eligibility to apply for naturalization;

13 (B) informing such individuals about the
14 requirements and benefits of United States citi-
15 zenship;

16 (C) providing such individuals with par-
17 tially completed naturalization applications,
18 using available data about such individuals and
19 instructions about how to complete the applica-
20 tion; and

21 (D) providing such individuals with infor-
22 mation about where to get free or low-cost as-
23 sistance to apply for naturalization and to pre-
24 pare for the required English and civics exams.

1 **SEC. 311. MISSION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 Section 451 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
4 (6 U.S.C. 271) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Bureau of” each place such
6 term appears and inserting “U.S.”; and

7 (2) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),
9 (4), and (5) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and
10 (6), respectively; and

11 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
12 following:

13 “(2) MISSION STATEMENT.—The mission of
14 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is to se-
15 cure America’s promise as a Nation that welcomes
16 immigrants and refugees by—

17 “(A) providing accurate and useful infor-
18 mation to its customers;

19 “(B) granting humanitarian, immigration,
20 and citizenship benefits;

21 “(C) promoting an awareness and under-
22 standing of citizenship; and

23 “(D) ensuring the integrity of the United
24 States immigration system.”.

1 **SEC. 312. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDI-**
2 **VIDUALS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and section 313:

4 (1) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM.—The
5 term “automatic registration system” means a sys-
6 tem developed by a State that—

7 (A) except as provided in subparagraph

8 (B), registers all newly naturalized individuals

9 to vote in elections for Federal office conducted

10 in such State by transferring the information

11 necessary for voter registration from the De-

12 partment of Homeland Security to the State

13 voter registration database; and

14 (B) excludes from registration—

15 (i) any individual who affirmatively

16 declines to be registered; and

17 (ii) any individual who is determined

18 to be ineligible for registration.

19 (2) NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZEN.—The term
20 “newly naturalized citizen” means an individual
21 who—

22 (A) has an approved application for natu-
23 ralization as a United States citizen;

24 (B) has taken the oath described in section
25 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
26 U.S.C. 1448); and

1 (C) has received a certificate of naturaliza-
2 tion under section 338 of such Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1449).

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

6 (b) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE
7 NEWLY NATURALIZED.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The chief election official of
9 each State shall establish and operate an automatic
10 registration system for newly naturalized citizens to
11 vote in elections for Federal office conducted in the
12 State, in accordance with this section.

13 (2) USE OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-
14 RITY RECORDS.—The chief election official of each
15 State shall—

16 (A) upon receiving information from the
17 Secretary about a newly naturalized citizen who
18 has not declined voter registration—

19 (i) ensure that such individual fulfills
20 any local or State qualifications to register
21 to vote relating to legal competency and
22 past criminal convictions; and

23 (ii) determine whether such individual
24 is subject to privacy protections for victims

1 of domestic violence or people with sen-
2 sitive or high-profile professions;

3 (B) not later than 15 days after receiving
4 information from the Secretary about an indi-
5 vidual pursuant to section 313, ensure that the
6 individual is registered to vote in elections for
7 Federal office conducted in the State unless the
8 individual is disqualified from voting by reason
9 of incompetency or past criminal conviction;

10 (C) not later than 45 days after receiving
11 information from the Secretary about an indi-
12 vidual pursuant to section 313, send written no-
13 tice to the individual, in addition to other
14 means of notice established under this section,
15 of the individual's voter registration status; and

16 (D) exclude from all public availability or
17 disclosure the voter registration records of any
18 newly naturalized citizens who are protected by
19 applicable State or local laws that prevent pub-
20 lication of the home address and other person-
21 ally identifying information about victims of do-
22 mestic violence and people with sensitive or
23 high-profile professions.

1 (c) CONTENTS OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO NEWLY
2 REGISTERED VOTERS.—The written notice required
3 under subsection (b)(2)(C) shall—

4 (1) indicate the individual has been registered
5 to vote;

6 (2) describe the substantive qualifications of an
7 elector in the State, as listed in the mail voter reg-
8 istration application form for elections for Federal
9 office prescribed pursuant to section 9 of the Na-
10 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
11 20508);

12 (3) set forth the consequences for false registra-
13 tion;

14 (4) instruct the individual to cancel his or her
15 voter registration if he or she does not meet all of
16 the qualifications referred to in paragraph (2); and

17 (5) providing instructions for—

18 (A) cancelling voter registration, if nec-
19 essary pursuant to paragraph (4); and

20 (B) correcting any erroneous information
21 in the individual's voter registration record.

22 (d) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS YOUNGER THAN
23 18 YEARS OF AGE.—A State may not refuse to register
24 a newly naturalized citizen under this section on the
25 grounds that the individual is younger than 18 years of

1 age on the date on which the Secretary receives informa-
2 tion with respect to the individual if the individual is at
3 least 16 years of age on such date.

4 **SEC. 313. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSIST-**
5 **ANCE IN REGISTRATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

7 (1) assist the chief election official of each
8 State to carry out the functions set forth in section
9 312(b) in accordance with this section; and

10 (2) provide each individual approved for natu-
11 ralization with a document that—

12 (A) informs the individual of—

13 (i) the substantive qualifications of an
14 elector in the State, as set forth in the
15 mail voter registration application form for
16 elections for Federal office prescribed pur-
17 suant to section 9 of the National Voter
18 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
19 20508); and

20 (ii) the consequences of false voter
21 registration;

22 (B) instructs the individual to decline to
23 register to vote if the individual does not meet
24 all of the qualifications referred to in subpara-
25 graph (A)(i);

1 (C) informs the individual that—

2 (i) voter registration is voluntary; and

3 (ii) registering to voter or declining to

4 register to vote—

5 (I) will not affect the individual's
6 citizenship status;

7 (II) will not affect the availability
8 of services or benefits to which the in-
9 dividual is entitled; and

10 (III) will not be used for other
11 purposes;

12 (D) informs the individual that affiliation
13 or enrollment with a political party may be re-
14 quired to participate in an election to select the
15 party's candidate in an election for Federal of-
16 fice;

17 (E) provides any individual who accepts
18 voter registration the option of affiliating or en-
19 rolling with a political party;

20 (F) informs the individual that he or she
21 will not be registered to vote if he or she—

22 (i) signs the document;

23 (ii) does not take the oath of alle-
24 giance to the United States required for
25 naturalization under section 337 of the Im-

1 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
2 1448); and

3 (iii) is not issued a certificate of natu-
4 ralization;

5 (G) instructs any individual who accepts
6 voter registration to provide his or her residen-
7 tial address or coordinates if different from his
8 or her mailing address on file with U.S. Citizen-
9 ship and Immigration Services;

10 (H) directs individuals to—

11 (i) sign in a designated space to de-
12 cline voter registration; or

13 (ii) sign in a different designated
14 space to attest that the individual—

15 (I) affirms that information pro-
16 vided on the document is true and
17 complete to the best of the individ-
18 ual's knowledge;

19 (II) will fulfill nationally applica-
20 ble age, citizenship, and residency re-
21 quirements to vote upon the individ-
22 ual's naturalization; and

23 (III) accepts voter registration if
24 determined by State election officials
25 to be eligible to register in the individ-

1 ual’s State and municipality of resi-
2 dence; and

3 (I) provides a phone number and other
4 widely accessible means of contacting U.S. Citi-
5 zenship and Immigration Services with ques-
6 tions about, or for assistance with, completing
7 sections of the document concerning automatic
8 voter registration, as set forth in subsection (d).

9 (b) INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.—

10 The Secretary shall require each individual approved for
11 naturalization to sign and submit to the Secretary the doc-
12 ument received pursuant to subsection (a)(2) at the time
13 he or she takes the oath described in section 337 of the
14 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448) to ac-
15 knowledge that he or she understands the information
16 contained in the document and will comply with the appli-
17 cable requirement.

18 (c) INFORMATION SUBMISSION.—Not later than 15
19 days after a newly naturalized citizen submits a signed
20 document to the Secretary in accordance with subsection
21 (b), unless the individual declines to be registered to vote
22 when signing the document, the Secretary shall submit to
23 the appropriate State election official, in a format compat-
24 ible with the statewide voter database maintained under

1 section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52
2 U.S.C. 21083) to the extent possible—

3 (1) the individual’s given names and surnames;

4 (2) the individual’s date of birth;

5 (3) the individual’s residential address or co-
6 ordinates;

7 (4) confirmation that the individual is a citizen
8 of the United States;

9 (5) the date on which the individual was sworn
10 in as a United States citizen;

11 (6) the individual’s signature in electronic form,
12 if available; and

13 (7) information regarding the individual’s affli-
14 ation or enrollment with a political party, if the indi-
15 vidual provides such information.

16 (d) REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
17 shall—

18 (1) publish information about, and instructions
19 for, accepting or declining automatic voter registra-
20 tion for newly naturalized citizens—

21 (A) on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigra-
22 tion Services website; and

23 (B) in materials routinely provided to ap-
24 proved applicants for United States citizenship;

25 and

1 (2) create a telephonic hotline staffed by live
2 operators to provide assistance with registration to
3 approved applicants for United States citizenship.

4 **SEC. 314. VOTER PROTECTION AND SECURITY IN AUTO-**
5 **MATIC REGISTRATION.**

6 (a) PROTECTIONS FOR ERRORS IN REGISTRATION.—

7 An individual may not be prosecuted under any Federal
8 or State law, adversely affected in any civil adjudication
9 concerning immigration status or naturalization, or sub-
10 ject to an allegation in any legal proceeding that the indi-
11 vidual is not a citizen of the United States on the ground
12 that the individual—

13 (1) is not eligible to vote in elections for Fed-
14 eral office, but—

15 (A) was automatically registered to vote
16 under this title; or

17 (B) was automatically registered to vote
18 under this title and subsequently voted without
19 willful intent to do so unlawfully;

20 (2) was automatically registered to vote under
21 this title at an incorrect address; or

22 (3) declined the opportunity to register to vote
23 or did not make an affirmation of citizenship, in-
24 cluding through automatic registration, under this
25 title.

1 (b) LIMITS ON USE OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
2 TION.—The automatic registration of any individual, an
3 individual’s declination to register to vote, or an individ-
4 ual’s failure to make an affirmation of citizenship under
5 this title may not be used as evidence against that indi-
6 vidual in any State or Federal law enforcement pro-
7 ceeding. An individual’s lack of knowledge or willfulness
8 of such registration may be conclusively demonstrated by
9 the individual’s testimony.

10 (c) CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES’ PROTECTION OF IN-
11 FORMATION.—Nothing in this title may be construed to
12 authorize the Department of Homeland Security to collect,
13 retain, transmit, or publicly disclose, except to State elec-
14 tion officials, as authorized under this title—

15 (1) an individual’s decision to decline to register
16 to vote or to not register to vote;

17 (2) an individual’s decision to not affirm his or
18 her citizenship; or

19 (3) any information that a contributing agency
20 transmits pursuant to section 313(c), except in pur-
21 suing the agency’s ordinary course of business.

22 (d) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PROHIBITED.—State elec-
23 tion officials may not publicly disclose, with respect to any
24 individual for whom any a State election official receives
25 information from the Department of Homeland Security—

1 (1) any information that is not necessary to
2 voter registration;

3 (2) any voter information otherwise shielded
4 from disclosure under State law or section 8(a) of
5 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
6 U.S.C. 20507(a));

7 (3) any portion of the individual’s Social Secu-
8 rity number;

9 (4) any portion of the individual’s motor vehicle
10 driver’s license number;

11 (5) the individual’s signature;

12 (6) the individual’s telephone number; or

13 (7) the individual’s email address.

14 **SEC. 315. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 Sections 312, 313, and 314 shall take effect on Janu-
16 ary 1, 2024.

17 **TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLE-**
18 **MENT AND INTEGRATION**

19 **SEC. 401. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**

20 In this title, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
21 retary of State.

22 **SEC. 402. MINIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE ADMIT-**
23 **TED.**

24 Section 207(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
25 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(a)(2)) is amended by inserting after

1 “as the President determines” the following: “(except that
2 in any fiscal year after fiscal year 2018, such number may
3 not be less than 125,000)”.

4 **SEC. 403. PRE-ARRIVAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND WORK**
5 **ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR APPROVED**
6 **REFUGEE APPLICANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
8 overseas refugee training programs to offer to refugees de-
9 scribed in subsection (b) optional English-as-a-second-lan-
10 guage and work orientation training before departure for
11 the United States.

12 (b) REFUGEES DESCRIBED.—Refugees described in
13 this subsection are refugees who have been—

14 (1) approved for admission to the United
15 States;

16 (2) conditionally approved for admission to the
17 United States; or

18 (3) selected at the discretion of the U.S. Ref-
19 ugee Admission Program.

20 (c) DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION.—In designing
21 and implementing the programs referred to in subsection
22 (a), the Secretary shall consult with or enter into a con-
23 tract with 1 or more nongovernmental or international or-
24 ganizations that has—

1 (1) direct affiliation with the United States ref-
2 ugee resettlement program; and

3 (2) appropriate expertise in developing cur-
4 riculum and teaching English as a second language.

5 (d) IMPACT ON PROCESSING TIMES.—The Secretary
6 shall ensure that training programs under this section—

7 (1) are offered to refugees as strictly optional;

8 (2) occur within applicable processing times;

9 and

10 (3) do not delay or prevent the departure for
11 the United States of any refugee who has been ap-
12 proved for admission to the United States.

13 (e) TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—

14 (1) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
15 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 the Secretary shall ensure that training programs
17 under this section are fully and consistently oper-
18 ational in not fewer than 3 refugee processing re-
19 gions.

20 (2) ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
21 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate com-
23 mittees of Congress that such training programs are
24 fully and consistently operational in not fewer than
25 5 refugee processing regions.

1 (f) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

2 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
3 United States shall conduct a study on the imple-
4 mentation of this section that includes—

5 (A) an assessment of—

6 (i) the quality of English-as-a-second-
7 language curricula and instruction; and

8 (ii) the benefits to refugees of the
9 work orientation and English-as-a-second-
10 language training programs; and

11 (B) recommendations on whether such pro-
12 grams should be continued, broadened, or modi-
13 fied.

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
16 General shall submit to the appropriate committees
17 of Congress a report on the findings of the study
18 under paragraph (1).

19 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion shall be construed to require a refugee to participate
21 in a training program under this section as a precondition
22 for the admission of the refugee to the United States.

1 **SEC. 404. UPDATE OF RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 Beginning in fiscal year 2023, in setting the amount
4 of reception and placement grants for refugees, the Sec-
5 retary shall ensure that—

6 (1) the grant amount is adjusted to an amount
7 that is adequate to provide for the anticipated initial
8 resettlement needs of refugees and includes adjust-
9 ments for inflation and the cost of living;

10 (2) the administrative portion of such grants
11 provided at the beginning of the fiscal year to each
12 national resettlement agency is sufficient to ensure
13 adequate local and national capacity to serve the ini-
14 tial resettlement needs of the number of refugees the
15 Secretary anticipates the agency will resettle during
16 the fiscal year; and

17 (3) additional amounts are provided to each na-
18 tional resettlement agency promptly upon the arrival
19 of refugees that, exclusive of the amounts provided
20 pursuant to paragraph (2), are sufficient to meet the
21 anticipated initial resettlement needs of such refu-
22 gees and support local and national operational costs
23 in excess of the amount described in paragraph (1).

24 **SEC. 405. CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

25 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Director of the Office of
26 Refugee Resettlement shall make grants to national reset-

1 tlement agencies to operate a case management system for
2 the purpose of offering case management to qualified indi-
3 viduals to assist in accessing any service, benefit, or assist-
4 ance for which qualified individuals are eligible provided
5 by—

- 6 (1) the Office of Refugee Resettlement;
- 7 (2) any other Federal, State, or local agency;
- 8 and
- 9 (3) a private entity or a nonprofit organization.

10 (b) PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), a qualified individual may receive case
13 management services under this section during the
14 period beginning on the date on which the qualified
15 individual was determined to be eligible for resettle-
16 ment, acculturation, or subsistence services provided
17 by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and ending on
18 the date that is 1 year after the date on which the
19 qualified individual ceases to be so eligible.

20 (2) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
22 graph (1), an individual described in subpara-
23 graph (B) may receive such case management
24 services during the period beginning on the date
25 on which such individual was determined to be

1 eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or sub-
2 sistence services provided by the Office of Ref-
3 ugee Resettlement and ending on the date that
4 is 3 years after the date on which such indi-
5 vidual ceases to be so eligible.

6 (B) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—An
7 individual described in this subparagraph is a
8 qualified individual who—

9 (i) is 65 years of age or older;

10 (ii) has extraordinary resettlement or
11 acculturation needs that impede the ability
12 of the individual to achieve durable self-
13 sufficiency;

14 (iii) is a refugee resettled from a situ-
15 ation of protracted displacement;

16 (iv) is a member of a family caring for
17 an unattached refugee minor; or

18 (v) on the date on which the indi-
19 vidual was admitted to the United
20 States—

21 (I) had a disability or serious
22 medical condition;

23 (II) had a mental health condi-
24 tion;

1 (III) was part of a household
2 headed by a single parent; or
3 (IV) was a victim of a severe
4 form of violence.

5 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall
6 be construed as affecting the authority of the Director of
7 the Office of Refugee Resettlement under section
8 412(e)(7)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
9 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7)(A)) or of any other section of such Act
10 to provide case management services to qualified individ-
11 uals who have been in the United States for longer than
12 3 years.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
15 fied individual” means an individual who was, at any
16 time, eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or sub-
17 sistence services provided by the Office of Refugee
18 Resettlement.

19 (2) RESETTLEMENT, ACCULTURATION, OR SUB-
20 SISTENCE SERVICES.—The term “resettlement, ac-
21 culturation, or subsistence services” includes each of
22 the services provided by the Office of Refugee Reset-
23 tlement to aliens (as defined in section 101(a) of the
24 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1101(a))), except the case management services
2 under this section.

3 **SEC. 406. INCREASE IN CASH PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 412 of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 “(C) Subject to the availability of funds, assist-
10 ance and social services for employment and health
11 and living expenses under this section shall be avail-
12 able to refugees for a period of not less than 1
13 year.”;

14 (B) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end
15 the following: “Subject to the availability of
16 funds, such assistance and services shall be
17 made available to refugees for a period of not
18 less than 1 year.”; and

19 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

20 (A) by striking “(1)” and inserting
21 “(1)(A)”;

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

23 “(B) Subject to the availability of funds, such
24 assistance shall be provided for not less than 1 year

1 beginning on the first day of the month in which a
2 refugee enters the United States.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is the ear-
5 lier of—

6 (1) the first day of the first fiscal year begin-
7 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

8 (2) the date on which a final rule is promul-
9 gated to implement such amendments.

10 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion or in the amendments made by this section shall be
12 construed as limiting or reducing assistance provided for
13 a period that is more than 1 year.

14 **TITLE V—PROTECTIONS FOR**
15 **IMMIGRANTS**

16 **SEC. 501. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

17 A recipient of a grant described in, or established
18 under, this title may not be required, as a condition of
19 receiving such a grant, to transmit the personally identifi-
20 able information of an immigrant, or a family member or
21 household member of an immigrant, served by the recipi-
22 ent.

1 **SEC. 502. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN INTEGRATION**
2 **AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES.**

3 The participation of an immigrant in any integration
4 or inclusion activity under this Act shall be strictly vol-
5 untary.

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