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To support programs and services under the Older Americans Act of 1965 through innovation and modernization, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To support programs and services under the Older Americans Act of 1965 through innovation and modernization, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Revitalizing the Aging
5 Network Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR THE AGING NETWORK AND INFRA-**
7 **STRUCTURE.**

8 (a) APPROPRIATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts oth-
2 erwise available, there are appropriated for fiscal
3 year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
4 otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Health
5 and Human Services—

6 (A) such sums as may be necessary to
7 carry out part B of title III of the Older Ameri-
8 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030d et seq.), in-
9 cluding for—

10 (i) supportive services of the type
11 made available for fiscal year 2021 and au-
12 thorized under such part;

13 (ii) investing in the aging network for
14 the purposes of improving the availability
15 of supportive services, including investing
16 in the aging network workforce;

17 (iii) the acquisition, alteration, or ren-
18 ovation of facilities, including multipurpose
19 senior centers, intergenerational shared-
20 site models, and mobile units; and

21 (iv) construction or modernization of
22 facilities to serve as multipurpose senior
23 centers;

24 (B) such sums as may be necessary to
25 carry out part C of title III of such Act (42

1 U.S.C. 3030d–21 et seq.), including to support
2 the modernization of infrastructure and tech-
3 nology, including kitchen equipment and deliv-
4 ery vehicles, to support the provision of con-
5 gregate nutrition services and home delivered
6 nutrition services under such part;

7 (C) such sums as may be necessary to
8 carry out part E of title III of such Act (42
9 U.S.C. 3030s et seq.), including section 373(e)
10 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s–1(e));

11 (D) such sums as may be necessary to
12 carry out title VI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3057
13 et seq.), including part C of such title (42
14 U.S.C. 3057k–11 et seq.);

15 (E) such sums as may be necessary to
16 carry out the long-term care ombudsman pro-
17 gram under title VII of such Act (42 U.S.C.
18 3058 et seq.);

19 (F) such sums as may be necessary for
20 technical assistance centers or national resource
21 centers supported under such Act, including all
22 such centers that received funding under title
23 IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3031 et seq.) for fis-
24 cal year 2021, in order to support technical as-
25 sistance and resource development related to

1 culturally appropriate care management and
2 services for older individuals with the greatest
3 social need, including racial and ethnic minority
4 individuals;

5 (G) such sums as may be necessary for
6 technical assistance centers or national resource
7 centers supported under such Act that are fo-
8 cused on providing services for older individuals
9 who are underserved due to their sexual ori-
10 entation or gender identity; and

11 (H) such sums as may be necessary to
12 carry out section 417 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 3032f).

14 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated by
15 this subsection shall remain available until expended.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF FUND-
17 ING.—

18 (1) COORDINATION.—Any entity receiving
19 funds made available under this section shall coordi-
20 nate, to the extent practicable, activities with organi-
21 zations providing the same services as those funded
22 under this section, or facilitating the delivery of such
23 services, to older individuals served by the Older
24 Americans Act of 1965.

1 (2) SUBMISSION OF DATA.—An entity receiving
2 funds made available under this section shall submit
3 relevant data as the Assistant Secretary may require
4 for purposes of the evaluation conducted under sub-
5 section (c).

6 (c) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 years after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant
9 Secretary, shall by grant, contract, or interagency
10 agreement—

11 (A) evaluate the outcomes of all projects or
12 activities supported by funds made available
13 under this section; and

14 (B) submit a report on such evaluation to
15 Congress.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
17 paragraph (1) shall describe—

18 (A) the innovations in program and service
19 delivery undertaken through funds made avail-
20 able under this section;

21 (B) the impact of such innovations on the
22 communities served by such programs or serv-
23 ices and the entities providing the programs or
24 services; and

1 (C) the impact of such innovations on
 2 older individuals participating in such programs
 3 or services.

4 (d) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made
 5 available under this section shall be used to supplement,
 6 and not supplant, any Federal, State, or other funds oth-
 7 erwise available to provide programs and services to older
 8 individuals.

9 (e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIRE-
 10 MENTS.—The non-Federal contribution requirements
 11 under sections 304(d)(1)(D) and 431(a) of the Older
 12 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3024(d)(1)(D); 42
 13 U.S.C. 3033(a)), and section 373(h)(2) of such Act (42
 14 U.S.C. 3030s–1(h)(2)), shall not apply to—

15 (1) any amounts made available under this sec-
 16 tion; or

17 (2) any amounts made available under section
 18 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 19 (Public Law 117–2).

20 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “aging
 21 network”, “Assistant Secretary”, and “older individual”
 22 have the meanings given such terms in section 102 of the
 23 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

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