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To reauthorize the national service laws, and for other purposes.

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Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. REED, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Service
5 through AmeriCorps Act” or the “PSA Act”.

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

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TITLE I—PROGRAM MODERNIZATION Subtitle A—Program Flexibilities

SEC. 101. EXPANSION OF NATIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS WITH SHORTER PERIODS OF SERVICE.

(a) 1,500 HOUR PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 139(b)(1) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12593) is amended—

(A) by striking “position for” and inserting “position—
“(A) for”;

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 2 inserting “; or”; and

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

4 “(B) for not less than 1,500 hours during
 5 a period of not more than 1 year.”.

6 (2) EDUCATIONAL AWARD AMOUNT.—Section
 7 147 of the National and Community Service Act of
 8 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a)—

10 (i) by striking “(a) AMOUNT FOR
 11 FULL-TIME NATIONAL SERVICE.—” “Ex-
 12 cept as” and inserting the following:

13 “(a) AMOUNT FOR FULL-TIME NATIONAL SERV-
 14 ICE.—

15 “(1) 1,700-HOUR PROGRAM.—Except as”;

16 (ii) by inserting “described in section
 17 139(b)(1)(A)” after “full-time national
 18 service”; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(2) 1,500 HOUR PROGRAM.—Except as pro-
 22 vided in subsection (c) or section 149A(a)(1), an in-
 23 dividual described in section 146(a) who successfully
 24 completes a required term of full-time national serv-
 25 ice described in section 139(b)(1)(B) in an approved

1 national service position shall receive a national serv-
 2 ice educational award having a value equal to 88
 3 percent of value of the national service educational
 4 award determined under paragraph (1).”; and

5 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “sub-
 6 section (a)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)”.

7 (b) SEASON OF SERVICE.—The National and Com-
 8 munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in section 153(d) (42 U.S.C. 12613(d))—

11 (A) by striking “nine months” and insert-
 12 ing “eight weeks”; and

13 (B) by striking “such period” and insert-
 14 ing “year. A period of service performed by an
 15 individual in an originally agreed to term of
 16 service and service performed under any re-
 17 newed agreement shall constitute a single term
 18 of service for purposes of subsections (b)(1) and
 19 (c) of section 146.”; and

20 (2) in section 156(a) (42 U.S.C. 12616(a)), by
 21 striking “with between three and six weeks of”.

1 **SEC. 102. NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS TERM**
2 **EXTENSION AUTHORITY.**

3 Section 139(b)(4)(A) of the National and Community
4 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12593(b)(4)(A)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “An individual” and inserting
7 the following:

8 “(i) DISASTER RELIEF.—An indi-
9 vidual”;

10 (2) by striking “or section 153(d)”; and

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

12 “(ii) OTHER PROGRAMS.—An indi-
13 vidual in an approved national service posi-
14 tion in a program under section 152(a)
15 may, upon the approval of the Director of
16 the National Civilian Community Corps,
17 continue in a term of service for up to 180
18 days beyond the period otherwise specified
19 in section 153(d) or 90 days beyond the
20 period otherwise specified in section
21 154(c).”.

22 **SEC. 103. INCREASED AGE ELIGIBILITY RANGE FOR THE**
23 **NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS.**

24 Section 153(b)(1) of the National and Community
25 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12613(b)(1)) is amended
26 by striking “24” and inserting “26”.

1 **SEC. 104. TIMEKEEPING.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation
4 for National and Community Service and the Inspector
5 General of the Corporation for National and Community
6 Service shall each submit a report to Congress on—

7 (1) the timekeeping practices of the Corpora-
8 tion regarding service in an approved national serv-
9 ice position (as such term is defined in section 101
10 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990
11 (42 U.S.C. 12511));

12 (2) the feasibility and potential impact of re-
13 quiring that records supporting the provision of any
14 living allowance or other benefit provided for service
15 in such an approved national service position meet
16 the standards described in the portion of section
17 200.430 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, that
18 relates to standards for documentation of personnel
19 expenses (or any successor regulation) for charges to
20 Federal awards for salaries and wages as if the liv-
21 ing allowance or other benefit was such a salary or
22 wage; and

23 (3) any recommendations on improving the
24 timekeeping practices of the Corporation described
25 in paragraph (1) to ensure the appropriate use of
26 Federal funds.

1 **SEC. 105. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

2 Section 121(d) of the National and Community Serv-
 3 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in the heading, by striking “FIVE” and in-
 5 serting “TEN” ; and

6 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 7 striking “5” and inserting “10”.

8 **SEC. 106. SPENDING FLEXIBILITY.**

9 (a) REINVESTMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AND EXPIR-
 10 ING FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 196 of the National
 12 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
 13 12651g) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(d) REINVESTMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AND EXPIR-
 16 ING FUNDS.—

17 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is es-
 18 tablished in the Treasury of the United States a
 19 fund to be known as the ‘Unobligated and Expiring
 20 Amounts Fund’, referred to in this subsection as the
 21 ‘Fund’.

22 “(2) AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Any amounts appro-
 23 priated for expenses of the Corporation to carry out
 24 the national service laws that are unobligated and
 25 would otherwise expire on September 30 of a fiscal
 26 year shall, on such September 30 of that fiscal year,

1 be transferred to the Fund and remain available
 2 until expended.

3 “(3) USE OF FUND.—The Corporation may use
 4 amounts available in the Fund to—

5 “(A) administer the national service laws;

6 “(B) modernize technology used in the ad-
 7 ministration of the national service laws;

8 “(C) provide the training and technical as-
 9 sistance described in section 199N; or

10 “(D) deposit amounts in the National
 11 Service Trust established under section
 12 145(a).”.

13 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 14 145(a) of the National and Community Service Act
 15 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601(a)) is amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”;

17 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
 18 riod and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) any amounts deposited under section
 21 196(d)(3)(D).”.

22 (b) EXPENDITURE OF INVESTMENT INCOME IN THE
 23 NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 145(c) of the Na-
 2 tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
 3 U.S.C. 12601(c)) is amended—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
 5 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
 6 and indenting appropriately;

7 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 8 (A) (as so redesignated)—

9 (i) by striking “to the extent provided
 10 for in advance by appropriation” and in-
 11 serting “as described in paragraph (2)”;
 12 and

13 (ii) by striking “Amounts” and insert-
 14 ing the following:

15 “(1) USE OF AMOUNTS IN TRUST.—Amounts”;

16 and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS IN TRUST.—

19 “(A) APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts in the
 20 National Service Trust that are described in
 21 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall be avail-
 22 able under paragraph (1) of this subsection to
 23 the extent provided for in advance by appro-
 24 priation.

1 “(B) OTHER AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the
2 National Service Trust that are described in
3 paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a)
4 shall be available under paragraph (1) of this
5 subsection without further appropriation and
6 without fiscal year limitation.”.

7 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 149
8 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990
9 (42 U.S.C. 12606) is amended by striking sub-
10 section (d).

11 **SEC. 107. VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.**

12 (a) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Section 198P(f) of
13 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
14 U.S.C. 12653p(f)) is amended by striking “exceed—” and
15 all that follows through the period at the end and inserting
16 “exceed 75 percent of such cost.”.

17 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Section 198P(e) of
18 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
19 U.S.C. 12653p(e)) is amended by striking “5” and insert-
20 ing “10”.

Subtitle B—Organizational Modernization

SEC. 111. OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT.

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

“PART VI—ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

“SEC. 198T. OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Corporation an Office of Alumni Engagement. The Office of Alumni Engagement shall be headed by an Officer of Alumni Engagement, who shall be designated by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 195(b).

“(b) DUTIES.— The Officer of Alumni Engagement shall—

“(1) oversee and facilitate the interaction by alumni with current and future participants and the broader service community to promote a broader culture of service and strengthen participant recruitment and support;

“(2) reinforce pathways between national service, education, and workforce opportunities;

“(3) reinforce the relationship between national, public, and military service, in accordance with the final report and recommendations transmitted by the

1 National Commission on Military, National, and
 2 Public Service under section 555 of the National De-
 3 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub-
 4 lic Law 114–328); and

5 “(4) provide data on the long-term impacts of
 6 service on the life trajectory of alumni and to con-
 7 tinue engaging alumni beyond their term of service.

8 “(c) DEFINITION OF ALUMNI.—For purposes of the
 9 this section, the term ‘alumni’ means individuals who have
 10 successfully completed a term of service in a national serv-
 11 ice program.”.

12 **SEC. 112. CLARIFICATION REGARDING 5-YEAR TERMS FOR**
 13 **ALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTEES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 192 of the National and
 15 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) is
 16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (c), by inserting “from the
 18 date on which the member takes office” before the
 19 period; and

20 (2) in subsection (d)—

21 (A) by striking “Board, a” and inserting
 22 “Board (whether due to the expiration of the
 23 term of a member of the Board or prior to such
 24 expiration), a”; and

1 (B) by striking “serve for” and all that fol-
 2 lows through the period at the end of the first
 3 sentence and inserting “serve for a 5-year term
 4 described in subsection (c).”.

5 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
 6 subsection (a) shall apply to members of the Board of Di-
 7 rectors of the Corporation for National and Community
 8 Service appointed under section 192 of the National and
 9 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651a) on
 10 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 **TITLE II—MEMBER EXPERIENCE**

12 **SEC. 201. EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

13 (a) **REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TRANSFER RESTRIC-**
 14 **TIONS.**— Section 148(f) of the National and Community
 15 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12604(f)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)—

17 (A) by striking “(A)(i) the” and inserting
 18 “(A) the”;

19 (B) by striking “and” and inserting “or”;
 20 and

21 (C) by striking clause (ii); and

22 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “the child,
 23 foster child, or grandchild” and inserting “des-
 24 ignated individual”; and

25 (3) in paragraph (8)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
 2 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) by striking “paragraphs” and in-
 5 serting “paragraph”;

6 (ii) by striking “and (4)”;

7 (iii) by striking “; and” and inserting
 8 a period; and

9 (C) by striking subparagraph (C).

10 (b) UNIFORM SEGAL AMERICORPS EDUCATION
 11 AWARD TRANSFERABILITY.—Section 148(f)(2)(A) of the
 12 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
 13 12604(f)(2)(A)), as amended by subsection (a), is further
 14 amended by striking “a national service program that re-
 15 ceives a grant under subtitle C” and inserting “an ap-
 16 proved national service position”.

17 (c) TREATMENT OF TRANSFERRED AWARDS FOR
 18 PURPOSES OF AGGREGATE LIMIT.—Section 146(c) of the
 19 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
 20 12602(c)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “(c) LIMITATION ON RECEIPT
 22 OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—
 23 An individual” and inserting the following:

24 “(c) LIMITATION ON RECEIPT OF NATIONAL SERV-
 25 ICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (3), an individual”;

3 (2) by striking “service. The value” and insert-
4 ing the following: “service.

5 “(2) SUMMER OF SERVICE AWARDS.—The
6 value”; and

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

8 “(3) EFFECT OF TRANSFER OF AWARD.—A na-
9 tional service education award or a silver scholar
10 educational award transferred in accordance with
11 section 148(g) shall not be included, for purposes of
12 paragraph (1), in the amount received through na-
13 tional service educational awards and silver scholar
14 educational awards of the individual who received
15 such a transferred award.”.

16 **SEC. 202. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

17 (a) TIME PERIOD FOR USE OF AWARD.—Section
18 146(d) of the National and Community Service Act of
19 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602(d)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “7-year pe-
21 riod” and inserting “10-year period”;

22 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “7-year pe-
23 riod, or 10-year period, as appropriate” and insert-
24 ing “10-year period”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “seven-year
2 period” and inserting “10-year period”.

3 (b) USE OF EDUCATIONAL AWARD FOR NONTRADI-
4 TIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 148 of the National
6 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
7 12604) is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) in paragraph (4), by striking
10 “and”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking the
12 period at the end and inserting a semi-
13 colon; and

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

16 “(6) to pay expenses related to enrolling in an
17 eligible career pathway program or an eligible job
18 training program in accordance with subsection (f);
19 and”;

20 (B) by redesignating subsections (f) (as
21 amended by section 201), (g), and (h) as sub-
22 sections (g), (h), and (i), respectively; and

23 (C) by inserting after subsection (e) the
24 following:

1 “(f) USE OF EDUCATIONAL AWARD FOR EXPENSES
 2 RELATED TO A NONTRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPOR-
 3 TUNITY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall by
 5 regulation provide for the payment of national serv-
 6 ice educational awards, summer of service edu-
 7 cational awards, and silver scholar educational
 8 awards to permit eligible individuals to participate in
 9 an eligible career pathway program.

10 “(2) ELIGIBLE CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAM.—
 11 The term ‘eligible career pathway program’ means a
 12 program that—

13 “(A) meets the requirements of section
 14 484(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 15 (20 U.S.C. 1091(d)(2));

16 “(B) is listed on the provider list under
 17 section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and
 18 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d));

19 “(C) is part of a career pathway, as de-
 20 fined in section 3 of that Act (29 U.S.C. 3102);
 21 and

22 “(D) is aligned to a program of study as
 23 defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-
 24 reer and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
 25 U.S.C. 2301).”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National
2 and Community Service Act of 1990 is amended—

3 (A) in section 146(d)(3) (42 U.S.C.
4 12602(d)(3)), by striking “148(f)(8)” and in-
5 serting “148(g)(8)”; and

6 (B) in section 146A(a) (42 U.S.C.
7 12602a), by striking “148(f)(8)” and inserting
8 “148(g)(8)”.

9 **SEC. 203. INCREASING EDUCATION AWARD LIMIT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 138 of the National and
11 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12592) is
12 amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(c) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
16 acceptance into a national service program to serve
17 another term of service under section 139 shall only
18 be available to individuals who perform satisfactorily
19 in each prior term of service.

20 “(2) MAXIMUM TERMS.—Subject to paragraph
21 (3), an individual may not be selected to serve more
22 than 4 terms of full-time service described under
23 section 139(b)(1).

1 “(3) WAIVER.—The Corporation may waive the
2 limit under paragraph (2) at the request of a State
3 Commission.”.

4 (b) EDUCATION AWARD.—Section 146(c)(1) of the
5 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
6 12602(c)(1)), as designated by section 201(c), is further
7 amended by striking “2” and inserting “4”.

8 **SEC. 204. ALIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.**

9 Title I of the National and Community Service Act
10 of 1990 is amended—

11 (1) in section 139(b)(3) (42 U.S.C.
12 12593(b)(3)), by inserting “or stipend” after “edu-
13 cational award”;

14 (2) in section 141 (42 U.S.C. 12595)—

15 (A) in the heading, by inserting “**AND**
16 **STIPEND**” after “**AWARDS**”;

17 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “A par-
18 ticipant” and inserting “Except as provided in
19 subsection (c), a participant”;

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(c) PAYMENT OPTION.—A participant in a national
22 service program carried out using assistance provided to
23 an applicant under section 121 may elect to receive a sti-
24 pend described in section 149A in lieu of the national serv-
25 ice educational award.”.

1 (3) in subtitle D (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.)—

2 (A) in the subtitle heading, by inserting

3 **“or Stipend”** after **“Awards”**;

4 (B) in section 145 (42 U.S.C. 12601)—

5 (i) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking

6 “and silver scholar educational awards”

7 and inserting “silver scholar educational

8 awards, and stipends under section 149A”;

9 (ii) in subsection (c)(1), as amended

10 by section 106(b)—

11 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-

12 ing “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

13 (II) by redesignating subpara-

14 graph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

15 (III) by inserting after subpara-

16 graph (A) the following:

17 “(B) stipends under section 149A; and”;

18 and

19 (iii) in subsection (d), by striking “or

20 silver scholar awards” each place it ap-

21 pears and inserting “silver scholar edu-

22 cational awards, or stipends under section

23 149A”;

24 (C) in section 146 (29 U.S.C. 12602)—

25 (i) in subsection (a)—

1 (I) in the matter preceding para-
 2 graph (1) by striking “or silver schol-
 3 ar educational award” and inserting
 4 “silver scholar educational award, or
 5 stipends under section 149A” and

6 (II) in paragraph (2)—

7 (aa) in subparagraph (A),
 8 by striking “award,” and insert-
 9 ing “award or a stipend under
 10 section 149A(a)(1)”; and

11 (bb) in subparagraph (B), in
 12 the matter preceding clause (i),
 13 by striking “award” and insert-
 14 ing “award or stipend under sec-
 15 tion 149A(a)(2)”; and

16 (ii) in subsection (c)(1), as designated
 17 by section 201(c), by striking “and silver
 18 scholar educational awards” and inserting
 19 “silver scholar educational award, and pay-
 20 ments under section 149A”;

21 (D) in section 147 (29 U.S.C. 12603)—

22 (i) in subsection (a)(1), as designated
 23 by section 101(a)(2), by striking “sub-
 24 section (c),” and inserting “subsection (c)
 25 or section 149A(a)(1)”;

1 (ii) in subsection (b), by striking
 2 “subsection (c),” and inserting “subsection
 3 (c) or section 149A(a)(2)”; and

4 (iii) in subsection (c), by striking “If”
 5 and inserting “Except as provided in sec-
 6 tion 149A(a)(1), if”;

7 (E) in section 148 (29 U.S.C. 12604)—

8 (i) in subsection (a), as amended by
 9 section 202(b), by adding at the end the
 10 following:

11 “(7) to provide stipends under section 149A in
 12 lieu of a national service educational award.”; and

13 (ii) in subsection (h), as redesignated
 14 by section 202(b), by striking “or silver
 15 scholar educational award” and inserting
 16 “silver scholar educational award, or a sti-
 17 pend under section 149A”;

18 (F) in section 149 (29 U.S.C. 12606)—

19 (i) in subsection (b)(2)—

20 (I) in subparagraph (A), by in-
 21 serting “or stipends under section
 22 149A” after “national service edu-
 23 cational awards”; and

24 (II) in subparagraph (B), by in-
 25 serting “or stipends under section

1 149A” after “national service edu-
2 cational awards”; and

3 (ii) in subsection (d), by inserting “or
4 stipends under section 149A” after “148”;
5 and

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

7 **“SEC. 149A. STIPEND.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

9 “(1) FULL-TIME.—An individual described in
10 section 146(a) who, except as provided in paragraph
11 (2), successfully completes a required full-time term
12 of national service may elect to receive a stipend of
13 an amount described in subsection (b) in lieu of a
14 national service educational award. The Corporation
15 may not provide a stipend under this subsection to
16 an individual who receives a national service edu-
17 cational award under this subtitle for the completion
18 of such term of national service.

19 “(2) PARTIAL COMPLETION OF SERVICE.—If an
20 individual serving in an approved national service
21 position is released in accordance with section
22 139(c)(1)(A) from completing the full-time term of
23 service agreed to by the individual, the Corporation
24 may provide the individual with a stipend under
25 paragraph (1) in the amount described under sub-

1 section (b) that is applicable for the individual and
 2 that corresponds to the quantity of the term of serv-
 3 ice actually completed by the individual.

4 “(b) AMOUNT.—A stipend under subsection (a)(1)
 5 shall be for an amount that is equivalent to the rate set
 6 for stipends provided to volunteers under section 105(a)
 7 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.
 8 4955(a)).

9 “(c) TERMS.—A stipend under subsection (a)(1) shall
 10 be provided in the same manner and in accordance with
 11 any regulations prescribed with respect to stipends pro-
 12 vided to volunteers under section 105(a) of the Domestic
 13 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(a)).”.

14 **SEC. 205. NON-COMPETITIVE HIRING ELIGIBILITY.**

15 (a) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF
 16 1990.—Title I of the National and Community Service
 17 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511 et seq.) is amended by in-
 18 serting after section 189D (42 U.S.C. 12645g) the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 **“SEC. 189E. NON-COMPETITIVE HIRING ELIGIBILITY.**

21 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ means an
 23 agency, office, or other establishment in the execu-
 24 tive branch of the Federal Government.

1 “(2) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—The term ‘com-
2 petitive service’ has the meaning given the term in
3 section 2102 of title 5, United States Code.

4 “(b) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision
5 of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, governing
6 appointments in the competitive service, and under such
7 regulations as the Director of the Office of Personnel
8 Management shall prescribe, the head of any agency may,
9 in accordance with subsections (c) and (e), noncompeti-
10 tively appoint any individual who is certified under sub-
11 section (d) to a position in the competitive service for
12 which the individual is otherwise qualified.

13 “(c) APPOINTMENT IN PERMANENT POSITION.—Any
14 person appointed to a permanent position under sub-
15 section (a) shall—

16 “(1) become a career-conditional employee, un-
17 less the employee has otherwise completed the serv-
18 ice requirements for career tenure; and

19 “(2) acquire competitive status upon completion
20 of any prescribed probationary period.

21 “(d) CERTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Executive Offi-
23 cer may certify an individual under this subsection
24 if the individual successfully completed—

1 “(A) a term of national service as a Team
 2 Leader or Member, as described in paragraph
 3 (1) or (4) of section 155(b), in the AmeriCorps
 4 National Civilian Community Corps program
 5 component described in section 153;

6 “(B) a period of service of not less than
 7 one year as a volunteer or designated volunteer
 8 leader under part A of title I of the Domestic
 9 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950
 10 et seq.); or

11 “(C) not less than 1,700 hours of service
 12 under section 139(b)(1) as a participant under
 13 section 137.

14 “(2) RELIANCE ON OTHER CERTIFICATIONS.—
 15 In making any certification under paragraph (1), the
 16 Chief Executive Officer may rely on a certification
 17 made by the entity that selected the individual for,
 18 and supervised the individual in, the activity de-
 19 scribed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of such
 20 paragraph.

21 “(3) ERRONEOUS OR INCORRECT CERTIFI-
 22 CATION.—If the Chief Executive Officer determines
 23 that a certification under paragraph (1) is erroneous
 24 or incorrect, the Corporation shall, after considering
 25 the full facts and circumstances surrounding the er-

1 roneous or incorrect certification, take action as per-
 2 mitted under law.

3 “(e) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—The head of any
 4 agency may make an appointment of an individual under
 5 subsection (b)—

6 “(1) not later than 1 year after the date of
 7 completion by the individual of an activity described
 8 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection
 9 (d)(1); or

10 “(2) not later than 3 years after such date in
 11 the case of an individual who, following such service,
 12 was engaged—

13 “(A) in military service,

14 “(B) in the pursuit of studies at a recog-
 15 nized institution of higher learning, or

16 “(C) in other activities that, as determined
 17 by the head of such agency, warrant an ex-
 18 tended time period.”.

19 (b) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF
 20 1973.— Section 415 of the Domestic Volunteer Service
 21 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5055) is amended by striking sub-
 22 section (d).

1 **TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS**
 2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 301. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**

4 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the National
 5 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501
 6 note) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the item relating to section 141
 8 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 141. National service educational awards and Stipends.”;

9 (2) by striking the item relating to subtitle D
 10 of title I and inserting the following:

“Subtitle D—National Service Trust and Provision of Educational Awards or
 Stipends”;

11 (3) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 12 tion 149 the following:

“Sec. 149A. Stipend.”;

13 (4) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 14 tion 189D the following:

“Sec. 189E. Non-competitive hiring eligibility.”; and

15 (5) by inserting at the end of the item relating
 16 to subtitle H of title I the following:

“PART VI—ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

“Sec. 198T. Office of Alumni Engagement”.

17 **SEC. 302. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 (a) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF
 19 1990.—Section 501 of the National and Community Serv-
 20 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking “title
2 I—” and all that follows through the period at the
3 end and inserting “title I such sums as may be nec-
4 essary for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.”;
5 and

6 (2) by striking “2010 through 2014” each place
7 it appears and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

8 (b) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF
9 1973.—Title V of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of
10 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5081 et seq.) is amended—

11 (1) in section 501(a) (42 U.S.C. 5081(a))—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “title I”
13 and all that follows through the period at the
14 end and inserting “title I such sums as may be
15 necessary for each of fiscal years 2025 through
16 2029.”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “2010
18 through 2014” and inserting “2025 through
19 2029”;

20 (2) in section 502 (42 U.S.C. 5082)—

21 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “title II”
22 and all that follows through the period at the
23 end and inserting “title II such sums as may be
24 necessary for each of fiscal years 2025 through
25 2029.”;

1 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “title II”
 2 and all that follows through the period at the
 3 end and inserting “title II such sums as may be
 4 necessary for each of fiscal years 2025 through
 5 2029.”;

6 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “title II”
 7 and all that follows through the period at the
 8 end and inserting “title II such sums as may be
 9 necessary for each of fiscal years 2025 through
 10 2029.”; and

11 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “2010
 12 through 2014” and inserting “2025 through
 13 2029”; and

14 (3) in section 504 (42 U.S.C. 5084), by striking
 15 “2010 through 2014” each place it appears and in-
 16 serting “2025 through 2029”.

17 **SEC. 303. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
 19 shall apply to participants who are selected to serve in an
 20 approved national service position (as such term is defined
 21 in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act
 22 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511)) on or after the date of enact-
 23 ment of this Act.

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