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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.

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BUSH, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, House Administration, Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

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

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

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 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.

TITLE II—PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE CITIZENSHIP, INTEGRATION,
AND PROSPERITY

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levels.

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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
 11 immigration laws; and

12 (II) intends to reside perma-
 13 nently in the 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)).

1 **TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND**
2 **INTEGRATION**

3 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this title:

5 (1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means
6 the Director of the National Office of New Ameri-
7 cans.

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

11 (3) **OFFICE.**—The term “Office” means the
12 National Office of New Americans established by
13 section 102(a).

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

15 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF**
16 **NEW AMERICANS.**—There is established within the Execu-
17 tive Office of the President an office to be known as the
18 “National Office of New Americans”.

19 (b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Office are the
20 following:

21 (1) To welcome and support immigrants and
22 refugees in the United States.

23 (2) To promote and support immigrant and ref-
24 ugee integration into, and inclusion in, the social,

1 cultural, economic, and civic life of the United
2 States.

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

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

10 (A) employment and career prospects and
11 economic integration; and

12 (B) social integration in local communities
13 and participation in civic life, including engage-
14 ment with State and local governments, schools,
15 and private and nonprofit community institu-
16 tions.

17 (5) To improve access to workforce development
18 programs, including by ensuring that such programs
19 meet the demand and the unique language, training,
20 and educational needs of immigrants and refugees.

21 (6) To coordinate the efforts of Federal, State,
22 and local entities to support the effective social, eco-
23 nomic, linguistic, and civic integration of immi-
24 grants, refugees, and the children of immigrants and
25 refugees.

1 (7) To provide advice and leadership to the
2 President, Members of Congress, and other Federal
3 Government officials on the challenges and opportu-
4 nities facing such entities with respect to immigrant
5 and refugee integration.

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

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

16 (10) With respect to immigrant and refugee in-
17 tegration efforts, to consult on a biannual basis with
18 State and local government officials on challenges
19 and opportunities presented by such efforts.

20 (11) With respect to the activities described in
21 paragraphs (8) through (10), to ensure the inclusion
22 of the perspectives of immigrants and refugees.

23 (12) With respect to the administration of the
24 grant programs under title II, to consult with the
25 applicable heads of Federal agencies.

1 (13) To submit to the President and the appro-
2 priate committees of Congress a biannual report
3 that describes the activities of the Office and the re-
4 sults of the consultation processes described in para-
5 graphs (10) through (12).

6 (c) DIRECTOR.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed
8 by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Presi-
9 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
10 ate.

11 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall—

12 (A) establish policies, objectives, and prior-
13 ities for the Office with respect to immigrant
14 and refugee integration;

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

22 (C) serve as the Chair of the Federal Ini-
23 tiative for New Americans established under
24 section 103;

1 (D) make recommendations to the Presi-
2 dent on changes in the organization, manage-
3 ment, programs, and budget of the Federal
4 agencies to promote the integration of immi-
5 grants and refugees;

6 (E) with respect to efforts to promote
7 United States citizenship and the integration of
8 immigrants and refugees, consult, support, and
9 coordinate with State and local governments;
10 and

11 (F) serve as a member of the Domestic
12 Policy Council and the National Economic
13 Council.

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

17 (A) select, appoint, employ, and fix com-
18 pensation of such officers and employees as
19 may be necessary to carry out such responsibil-
20 ities and purposes;

21 (B) with the concurrence of the head of
22 the applicable Federal agency, direct the tem-
23 porary reassignment within the Federal Govern-
24 ment of personnel employed by such Federal
25 agency;

1 (C) use for administrative purposes, on a
2 reimbursable basis, the available services, equip-
3 ment, personnel, and facilities of Federal, State,
4 and local agencies;

5 (D) procure the services of experts and
6 consultants, in accordance with section 3109 of
7 title 5, United States Code (relating to appoint-
8 ments in the Federal service) at rates of com-
9 pensation for individuals not to exceed the daily
10 equivalent of the rate of pay payable for level
11 GS-18 of the General Schedule under section
12 5332 of title 5, United States Code;

13 (E) accept and use donations of property
14 from Federal, State, and local government
15 agencies;

16 (F) use the mail in the same manner as
17 other Federal agencies; and

18 (G) monitor the implementation of immi-
19 grant and refugee integration-related activities
20 of the Federal Government, including by—

21 (i) conducting program and perform-
22 ance audits and evaluations of each Fed-
23 eral agency; and

1 (ii) requesting assistance from the In-
2 specter General of the applicable Federal
3 agency in such audits and evaluations.

4 (d) DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Office
6 a Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion, a
7 Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy,
8 and a Deputy Director for Children’s Integration
9 and Success, each of whom shall be appointed by the
10 President, in consultation with the Director.

11 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

12 (A) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CITIZENSHIP
13 AND INCLUSION.—The Deputy Director for
14 Citizenship and Inclusion shall, among other
15 duties as assigned by the Director, assist the
16 Director in promoting—

17 (i) inclusion of immigrants and refu-
18 gees in the social, economic, and civic life
19 of their communities and the United
20 States; and

21 (ii) access to United States citizen-
22 ship.

23 (B) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WORKFORCE
24 AND THE ECONOMY.—The Deputy Director for
25 Workforce and the Economy shall, among other

1 duties as assigned by the Director, assist the
2 Director in—

3 (i) promoting participation of immi-
4 grants and refugees in the United States
5 workforce; and

6 (ii) increasing the contributions of im-
7 migrants and refugees to the United States
8 economy.

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

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

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

21 (2) ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of State
23 and Local Affairs shall be headed by an Asso-
24 ciate Director of State and Local Affairs, who

1 shall be appointed by the President, in con-
2 sultation with the Director.

3 (B) DUTIES.—The Associate Director of
4 State and Local Affairs shall, among other du-
5 ties as assigned by the Director, assist the Di-
6 rector in coordinating the efforts of State and
7 local entities to support the economic, linguistic,
8 and civic integration of immigrants, refugees,
9 and the children of immigrants and refugees.

10 (f) LIMITATION.—An individual may not serve as Di-
11 rector, Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion,
12 Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy, Deputy
13 Director for Children’s Integration Success, or Associate
14 Director of State and Local Affairs while serving in any
15 other position in the Federal Government.

16 (g) ACCESS BY CONGRESS.—The establishment of
17 the Office within the Executive Office of the President
18 shall not affect access to the Office by a Member of Con-
19 gress or any member of a committee of the Senate or the
20 House of Representatives, including access to—

21 (1) any information, document, or study in the
22 possession of, or conducted by or at the direction of,
23 the Director; or

24 (2) personnel of the Office.

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

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
3 the confirmation of the Director of the Office, the Director
4 shall establish within the Office a Federal Initiative on
5 New Americans (referred to in this section as the “Initia-
6 tive”).

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

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

10 (2) to establish a coordinated Federal program
11 to respond effectively to immigrant and refugee inte-
12 gration issues; and

13 (3) to advise and assist the Director in identi-
14 fying and implementing the necessary policies to
15 carry out such program.

16 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Initiative shall be composed
17 of—

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

19 (2) the Secretary of the Treasury;

20 (3) the Attorney General;

21 (4) the Secretary of Commerce;

22 (5) the Secretary of Labor;

23 (6) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
24 ices;

25 (7) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
26 opment;

1 (8) the Secretary of Education;

2 (9) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

3 (10) the Secretary of State;

4 (11) the Director of the Office of Refugee Re-
5 settlement;

6 (12) the Director of the Small Business Admin-
7 istration;

8 (13) the Director of the Office of Management
9 and Budget;

10 (14) the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
11 Financial Protection; and

12 (15) any other individual—

13 (A) invited by the Director to participate;
14 and

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

19 (d) DUTIES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Initiative shall meet at
21 the call of the chairperson and perform such duties
22 as the chairperson reasonably requires.

23 (2) COORDINATED RESPONSE TO IMMIGRANT
24 AND REFUGEE ISSUES.—The Initiative shall join
25 with Federal agencies in providing a coordinated

1 Federal response to adequately address matters that
2 affect the lives of immigrant and refugee families
3 and local communities with growing immigrant and
4 refugee populations, including access to—

5 (A) English language learning;

6 (B) adult education and workforce train-
7 ing;

8 (C) occupational licensure;

9 (D) early childhood care and education;

10 (E) elementary, secondary, and postsec-
11 ondary education;

12 (F) health care;

13 (G) naturalization;

14 (H) civic engagement;

15 (I) immigration assistance and legal serv-
16 ices;

17 (J) economic development;

18 (K) language access services; and

19 (L) other services the Director identifies as
20 aiding the integration of immigrants and refu-
21 gees into the social, cultural, economic, and
22 civic life of the United States.

23 (3) LIAISON WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
25 Initiative shall serve as a liaison to the Federal

1 agency of the member to ensure that the Fed-
2 eral agency coordinates with and responds to
3 the recommendations of the Initiative in a time-
4 ly and meaningful manner.

5 (B) DUTIES OF A LIAISON.—The duties of
6 each member as a Federal agency liaison in-
7 clude—

8 (i) developing, for the applicable Fed-
9 eral agency, immigrant and refugee inte-
10 gration goals and indicators;

11 (ii) implementing the biannual con-
12 sultation process described in section
13 102(b)(10) by consulting with the State
14 and local counterparts of the Federal agen-
15 cy;

16 (iii) reporting to the Initiative on the
17 progress made by the Federal agency in
18 achieving the goals and indicators de-
19 scribed in clause (i); and

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

1 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INITIATIVE.—

2 Not later than 1 year after the date on which the
3 Initiative becomes fully operational, and every 2
4 years thereafter, the Director shall submit to Con-
5 gress a report that includes the following:

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

11 (B) An assessment of the effects of, and
12 recommendations with respect to, pending legis-
13 lation and executive branch policy proposals.

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

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

1 (E) Recommendations on legislative solu-
2 tions to better support the successful integra-
3 tion of immigrants and refugees and the chil-
4 dren of immigrants and refugees.

5 **TITLE II—PROGRAMS TO PRO-**
6 **MOTE CITIZENSHIP, INTE-**
7 **GRATION, AND PROSPERITY**

8 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this title:

10 (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
11 means the United States Citizenship and Integration
12 Foundation established under section 207.

13 (2) SERVICE AREA.—The term “service area”
14 means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which
15 an entity carries out activities using funds awarded
16 under this title.

17 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
18 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
20 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

22 **SEC. 202. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ACCESS TO LEGAL**
23 **COUNSEL.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) immigration law is so complex that it is
2 nearly impossible, and therefore unjust, for immi-
3 grants to navigate the immigration system without
4 legal assistance or represent themselves in immigra-
5 tion court;

6 (2) immigrants without legal counsel are far
7 more likely, as compared to immigrants with legal
8 counsel, to be denied immigration benefits or be de-
9 ported, which may result in dire consequences, in-
10 cluding—

11 (A) the denial of lawful immigration status
12 or United States citizenship;

13 (B) loss of livelihood;

14 (C) the separation of an immigrant from,
15 or the inability of an immigrant to support, his
16 or her family;

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

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

21 (3) consistent with the United States values of
22 fairness and justice and the Fifth Amendment to the
23 Constitution of the United States, which guarantees
24 all individuals the due process of law, any individual
25 subject to immigration proceedings or the appeal of

1 a proceeding before an immigration judge or the At-
2 torney General should have the right to be rep-
3 resented by counsel, including Government-funded
4 counsel, regardless of the ability of the individual to
5 pay.

6 **SEC. 203. LEGAL SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE**
7 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

13 (b) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—An entity eligible to re-
14 ceive a grant under this section is a State or unit of local
15 government, a Tribal government, a private organization,
16 a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organiza-
17 tion that—

18 (1) provides authorized direct legal assistance
19 to immigrants;

20 (2) in the case of an entity that has previously
21 been awarded 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 under this section;

1 (3) provides immigration education, outreach,
2 and quality paralegal services to immigrants, in co-
3 ordination with immigration attorneys or representa-
4 tives accredited by the Recognition and Accredita-
5 tion Program of the Executive Office for Immigra-
6 tion Review; and

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

11 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
13 section shall be used to provide to eligible immi-
14 grants legal assistance relating to the immigration
15 status of such immigrants, or related services, which
16 may include—

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

19 (B) liaison services to connect immigrants
20 with trusted legal service providers, social serv-
21 ice organizations, and government representa-
22 tives;

23 (C) screening to assess the eligibility of an
24 immigrant for any status under the immigra-
25 tion laws;

1 (D) completing applications for immigra-
2 tion benefits;

3 (E) translation and interpretation services;

4 (F) gathering documents, including docu-
5 ments relating to proof of identification, em-
6 ployment, residence, family relationships, and
7 tax payment;

8 (G) completing applications for any waiver
9 under the immigration laws for which an eligi-
10 ble immigrant and qualifying family members
11 may be eligible; and

12 (H) with respect to applications relating to
13 United States citizenship, assistance with appli-
14 cation preparation and the naturalization proc-
15 ess, including preparation for the English and
16 civics exams.

17 (2) ELIGIBLE IMMIGRANTS.—An immigrant
18 shall be eligible to receive the assistance described in
19 paragraph (1) if the immigrant is seeking—

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

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

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

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

3 (1) submit to the Attorney General a certifi-
4 cation that the proposed uses of grant funds by the
5 entity—

6 (A) are consistent with this section; and

7 (B) meet the criteria determined by the
8 Attorney General, in consultation with the Di-
9 rector of the National Office of New Americans;
10 and

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

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

18 (1) A report that describes—

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

21 (B) the service area;

22 (C) the estimate made under subsection

23 (d)(2);

1 (D) the number of immigrants who re-
2 ceived legal assistance funded entirely or par-
3 tially by the grant funds;

4 (E) a disaggregation of the costs of each
5 service provided using the grant funds and the
6 average per capita cost of providing the service;
7 and

8 (F) the primary languages spoken in the
9 service area.

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

12 (A) an assessment of the effectiveness of
13 the program;

14 (B) recommendations for improving the
15 program;

16 (C) an assessment of whether the legal
17 services needs of the service area have been
18 met; and

19 (D) in the case of an assessment under
20 subparagraph (C) that such needs have not
21 been met, a description of the additional assist-
22 ance required to meet such needs.

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
25 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) SERVICE AREA.—The term “service area”
3 means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which
4 an entity carries out activities using funds awarded
5 under this section.

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
7 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
8 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
9 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
10 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

11 **SEC. 204. ENGLISH AS A GATEWAY TO INTEGRATION GRANT**
12 **PROGRAM.**

13 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
14 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
15 ment of Education and the Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
16 ministration for Children and Families at the Department
17 of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section
18 as the “Assistant Secretaries”), in consultation with the
19 Director of the National Office of New Americans, shall
20 award English as a Gateway to Integration grants to eligi-
21 ble entities.

22 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—An entity eligible to receive a
23 grant under this section is a State or unit of local govern-
24 ment, a Tribal government, a private organization, an edu-

1 cational institution, a community-based organization, or a
2 nonprofit organization that—

3 (1) in the case of any applicant that has pre-
4 viously received a grant under this section, uses
5 matching funds from non-Federal sources, which
6 may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 per-
7 cent of the amount received from the English as a
8 Gateway to Integration program to carry out such
9 program;

10 (2) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an ap-
11 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
12 taining such information as the Assistant Secretaries
13 may reasonably require, including—

14 (A) a description of the target population
15 to be served, including demographics, literacy
16 levels, integration needs, and English language
17 levels of the target population; and

18 (B) the assessment and performance meas-
19 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
20 evaluate the integration and English language
21 learning progress of students and overall suc-
22 cess of the instruction and program;

23 (3) demonstrates collaboration with public and
24 private entities to provide the instruction and assist-
25 ance described in subsection (c)(1);

1 (4) provides integration-focused English lan-
2 guage programs that—

3 (A) teach integration and English language
4 skills to—

5 (i) lower-educated individuals;

6 (ii) limited English proficient (LEP)
7 individuals; and

8 (iii) parents and others who are care-
9 takers of young children;

10 (B) support and promote the social, eco-
11 nomic, and civic integration of adult English
12 language learners and their families; and

13 (C) equip adult English language learners
14 for ongoing independent study and learning be-
15 yond classroom or formal instruction; and

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

18 (B) is located in an area that has experienced
19 a large increase in the population of immigrants
20 during the most recent 10-year period relative to
21 past migration patterns, based on data compiled by
22 the Office of Immigration Statistics or the United
23 States Census Bureau.

24 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
2 section shall be used to provide English language
3 and integration knowledge and skill instruction
4 along with student guidance and navigation services
5 to learners. Such instruction shall advance the inte-
6 gration of students in order to help them—

7 (A) build their knowledge of United States
8 history and civics;

9 (B) prepare for United States citizenship
10 and the naturalization process;

11 (C) gain digital literacy;

12 (D) understand and support children’s suc-
13 cess within the early childhood, K–12, and post-
14 secondary education systems;

15 (E) gain financial literacy;

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

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

20 (H) prepare for a high school equivalency
21 diploma or postsecondary training or education;

22 and

23 (I) prepare for and secure employment.

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

4 (A) English language and integration
5 knowledge and skill instruction in a classroom
6 setting, along with associated guidance and
7 navigation supports provided that such setting
8 is in a geographic location accessible to the pop-
9 ulation served.

10 (B) English language and integration
11 knowledge and skill instruction programs that
12 may incorporate online and digital components,
13 such as the use of mobile phones, computers,
14 and blended or distance learning platforms.

15 (C) Educational support and specialized
16 instruction for adult English language learners
17 with low levels of literacy in their first lan-
18 guage.

19 (D) Two-generation approaches designed
20 to support children's school success and lift
21 family integration trajectories.

22 (d) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
23 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
24 the Assistant Secretaries a certification that the proposed
25 uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this

1 section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the
2 Assistant Secretaries.

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

7 (1) A report that describes—

8 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
9 that were funded entirely or partially by the
10 grant funds;

11 (B) the service area;

12 (C) the number of immigrants in the serv-
13 ice area;

14 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
15 service area;

16 (E) the number of adult English language
17 learners receiving assistance that was funded
18 entirely or partially by grant funds received by
19 the entity under this section; and

20 (F) a breakdown of the costs of the pro-
21 gram services provided and the average per cap-
22 ita cost of providing such instruction.

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

25 (A) an assessment of—

1 (i) the effectiveness of such program
2 and recommendations for improving the
3 program; and

4 (ii) whether the English language and
5 integration knowledge and skill instruction
6 needs of the service area have been met;

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

11 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
12 uation of progress or success described in sub-
13 section (b)(2)(B).

14 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

20 (2) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER; LIMITED
21 ENGLISH PROFICIENT.—The terms “English lan-
22 guage learner” and “limited English proficient” de-
23 scribe an individual who does not speak English as
24 their primary language and who has a limited ability
25 to read, speak, write, or understand English.

1 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

4 **SEC. 205. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SHARED PROS-**
5 **PERITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
7 United States—

8 (1) that adults shall have equitable access to
9 education and workforce programs that—

10 (A) help them learn basic skills in reading,
11 writing, mathematics, and the English lan-
12 guage; and

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

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

22 (3) that workforce programs for adults with
23 limited skills use a pre-apprenticeship or integrated
24 education and training approach that allows adults

1 to acquire basic skills while pursuing occupational or
2 industry-specific training.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
4 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
5 ment of Education and the Assistant Secretary for Em-
6 ployment and Training at the Department of Labor (re-
7 ferred to in this section as the “Assistant Secretaries”),
8 in consultation with the Director of the National Office
9 of New Americans, shall award Workforce Development
10 and Shared Prosperity grants, on a competitive basis, to
11 State, local, and Tribal governments or other qualifying
12 entities described in subsection (c), in collaboration with
13 State and local governments.

14 (c) QUALIFYING ENTITIES.—Qualifying entities
15 under this section may include—

- 16 (1) an educational institution;
- 17 (2) a private organization;
- 18 (3) a community-based organization; or
- 19 (4) a nonprofit organization.

20 (d) ELIGIBILITY.—A State, local, or Tribal govern-
21 ment or qualifying entity in collaboration with a State,
22 local, or Tribal government is eligible to receive a grant
23 under this section provided that the State, local, or Tribal
24 government or entity—

1 (1) supports and promotes the economic inte-
2 gration of immigrants;

3 (2) has expertise in workforce development and
4 adult education for the purpose of developing and
5 implementing pre-apprenticeship programs or inte-
6 grated education and training programs;

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

9 (A) with expertise in providing training in
10 a workforce sector in which immigrant workers
11 are heavily represented or in which there is a
12 demonstrated need for immigrant workers to fill
13 jobs; and

14 (B) with expertise in providing adult basic
15 education services to immigrants;

16 (4) uses matching funds from non-Federal
17 sources, which may include in-kind contributions,
18 equal to 25 percent of the amount received from the
19 Workforce Development and Shared Prosperity
20 grants program to carry out such program; and

21 (5) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an ap-
22 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
23 taining such information as the Assistant Secretaries
24 may reasonably require, including—

1 (A) a description of the target population
2 to be served, including demographics, and
3 English proficiency, educational, and skill levels
4 of the target population;

5 (B) the specific integrated education and
6 training model to be implemented;

7 (C) how the program will be designed and
8 implemented by educators with expertise in
9 adult education, English language instruction
10 and occupational skills training;

11 (D) the occupation or industry for which
12 the program will prepare students for employ-
13 ment and the education and training progress
14 or employer-recognized credentials the program
15 is designed to support participants in achieving;

16 (E) evidence of employer demand for the
17 skills or occupational training offered by the
18 grant program;

19 (F) how the program will provide student
20 support services including guidance counseling
21 in order to promote student success; and

22 (G) the assessment and performance meas-
23 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
24 evaluate—

1 (i) the progress of adult learners in
2 acquiring basic skills such as reading, writ-
3 ing, mathematics, and the English lan-
4 guage; and

5 (ii) the success of the grant program
6 in preparing students for employment and
7 in helping them find employment or ad-
8 vance in employment.

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

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

20 (1) A report that describes—

21 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
22 that were funded entirely or partially by the
23 grant funds;

24 (B) the service area;

1 (C) the number of immigrants in the serv-
2 ice area;

3 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
4 service area; and

5 (E) a breakdown of the costs of each of
6 the services provided and the average per capita
7 cost of providing such services.

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

10 (A) an assessment of—

11 (i) the effectiveness of such program
12 and recommendations for improving the
13 program; and

14 (ii) whether the adult education and
15 workforce development needs of the service
16 area have been met and if not, what fur-
17 ther assistance is required to meet such
18 need;

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

23 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
24 uation of progress or success described in sub-
25 section (d)(5)(G).

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ADULT EDUCATION.—The term “adult edu-
3 cation” means academic instruction and education
4 services below the postsecondary level that increase
5 an individual’s ability to read, write, and speak
6 English and perform mathematics or other activities
7 necessary for the attainment of a secondary school
8 diploma or its recognized equivalent, transition to
9 postsecondary education and training, or obtain em-
10 ployment.

11 (2) INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—
12 The term “integrated education and training”
13 means instruction that provides adult education, lit-
14 eracy and English language activities concurrently
15 and contextually with workforce preparation activi-
16 ties and workforce training for a specific occupation
17 or occupational cluster for the purpose of edu-
18 cational and career advancement.

19 (3) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The
20 term “pre-apprenticeship program” means a pro-
21 gram or set of services designed to prepare individ-
22 uals to enter and succeed in a registered apprentice-
23 ship program.

1 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

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

5 (a) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—With
6 respect to grants administered and awarded to public or
7 private nonprofit organizations by the Secretary of Home-
8 land Security, unless otherwise required by law, in making
9 determinations about such grants, the Secretary shall not
10 consider enrollment in or use by such organizations of the
11 E-Verify Program described in section 403(a) of the Ille-
12 gal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility
13 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 to the Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security for the Citizenship and Inte-
17 gration Grant Program of U.S. Citizenship and Immigra-
18 tion Services to award grants to public or private non-
19 profit organizations.

20 **SEC. 207. UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION**
21 **FOUNDATION.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
23 Security, acting through the Director of U.S. Citizenship
24 and Immigration Services and in coordination with the Di-
25 rector of the National Office of New Americans, shall es-

1 tablish a nonprofit corporation or a not-for-profit, public
2 benefit, or similar entity, which shall be known as the
3 “United States Citizenship and Integration Foundation”.

4 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Foundation
5 shall be—

6 (1) to spur innovation in the promotion and ex-
7 pansion of citizenship preparation programs for indi-
8 viduals lawfully admitted for permanent residence
9 (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and
10 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)));

11 (2) to evaluate and identify best practices in
12 citizenship promotion and preparation and to make
13 recommendations to the Director of U.S. Citizenship
14 and Immigration Services and the Director of the
15 National Office for New Americans about how to
16 bring such best practices to scale;

17 (3) to support direct assistance for immigrants
18 seeking lawful permanent resident status (within the
19 meaning of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)), or naturalization as a United
21 States citizen; and

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

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

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

4 (2) engage in coordinated work with the De-
5 partment of Homeland Security, including U.S. Citi-
6 zenship and Immigration Services, and the National
7 Office of New Americans; and

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

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

13 (1) making United States citizenship instruc-
14 tion and naturalization application services acces-
15 sible to low-income and other underserved lawful
16 permanent resident populations;

17 (2) developing, identifying, and sharing best
18 practices in United States citizenship promotion and
19 preparation;

20 (3) supporting innovative and creative solutions
21 to barriers faced by individuals seeking—

22 (A) to become naturalized citizens of the
23 United States; or

24 (B) to obtain certificates of citizenship;

1 (4) increasing the use of, and access to, tech-
2 nology in United States citizenship preparation pro-
3 grams;

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

6 (6) fostering public education and awareness;

7 (7) coordinating the immigrant integration ef-
8 forts of the Foundation with the integration efforts
9 of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and
10 the National Office of New Americans; and

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

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

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

20 (2) the Director of the National Office of New
21 Americans;

22 (3) the head of the Domestic Policy Council;
23 and

1 (4) 10 individuals from national private and
2 public nonprofit organizations that promote and as-
3 sist lawful permanent residents with naturalization.

4 (f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall appoint an
6 Executive Director of the Foundation, who shall
7 oversee the daily operations of the Foundation.

8 (2) POWERS.—The Executive Director shall
9 carry out the purposes described in subsection (b) on
10 behalf of the Foundation by—

11 (A) accepting, holding, administering, in-
12 vesting, and spending any gift, devise, or be-
13 quest of real or personal property made to the
14 Foundation;

15 (B) entering into contracts and other fi-
16 nancial assistance agreements with individuals,
17 public and private organizations, professional
18 societies, and government agencies to carry out
19 the activities of the Foundation;

20 (C) entering into such other contracts,
21 leases, cooperative agreements, and other trans-
22 actions as the Executive Director considers ap-
23 propriate to carry out the activities of the
24 Foundation; and

1 (D) charging such fees for professional
2 services provided by the Foundation as the Ex-
3 ecutive Director considers reasonable and ap-
4 propriate.

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

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

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

24 (1) to establish new immigrant councils to carry
25 out programs to integrate new immigrants; and

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

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

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

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

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

15 (c) ACTIVITIES.—A grant awarded under this section
16 may be used—

17 (1) to form a new immigrant council, which
18 shall—

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

22 (B) include, to the extent practicable, rep-
23 resentatives from—

24 (i) the business community;

25 (ii) faith-based organizations;

- 1 (iii) civic organizations;
- 2 (iv) philanthropic organizations;
- 3 (v) nonprofit organizations, including
- 4 nonprofit organizations with legal and ad-
- 5 vocacy experience working with immigrant
- 6 communities;
- 7 (vi) key education stakeholders, such
- 8 as State educational agencies, local edu-
- 9 cational agencies, community colleges, and
- 10 teachers;
- 11 (vii) State, local, or Tribal economic
- 12 development agencies;
- 13 (viii) State, local, or Tribal health and
- 14 human services agencies;
- 15 (ix) State, local, or Tribal early child-
- 16 hood coordinating councils; and
- 17 (x) State, local, or Tribal public li-
- 18 braries; and
- 19 (C) meet not less frequently than once
- 20 each quarter;
- 21 (2) to provide subgrants to local communities,
- 22 units of local government, Tribal governments, and
- 23 nonprofit organizations (including veterans and civic
- 24 organizations);

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

4 (A) supporting English language and inte-
5 gration knowledge and skills development;

6 (B) engaging with immigrant parents and
7 other primary caretakers to support the healthy
8 development, kindergarten readiness, and edu-
9 cation success of children;

10 (C) improving and expanding access to
11 workforce training programs;

12 (D) teaching United States history, civics,
13 and citizenship rights and responsibilities;

14 (E) improving financial literacy; and

15 (F) focusing on other key areas of impor-
16 tance with respect to integration into the social,
17 cultural, economic, and civic life of the United
18 States; and

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

21 (A) increasing local service capacity;

22 (B) building meaningful connections be-
23 tween newer immigrants and long-time resi-
24 dents;

1 (C) publicizing the contributions of receiv-
2 ing communities and new immigrants; and

3 (D) engaging leaders from all sectors of re-
4 ceiving communities.

5 (d) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

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

11 (A) each activity carried out by the grant
12 recipient using grant funds;

13 (B) the service;

14 (C) the number of new immigrants in the
15 service area; and

16 (D) the primary languages spoken in the
17 service area.

18 (2) ANNUAL EVALUATION.—Not later than 90
19 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an
20 entity receives a grant under this section, the Direc-
21 tor shall conduct an annual evaluation of the grant
22 program established under this section—

23 (A) to assess and improve the effectiveness
24 of the grant program;

25 (B) to assess the future needs of—

- 1 (i) new immigrants; and
2 (ii) with respect to immigrant integra-
3 tion, State, local, and Tribal governments;
4 and
5 (C) to ensure that grant recipients and
6 subgrantees use grant funds in accordance with
7 this section.

8 **SEC. 209. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
9 **FOUNDATION AND PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated for the first
11 2 fiscal years after the date of the enactment of this Act
12 such sums as may be necessary to establish the Founda-
13 tion and the pilot program described in section 208. Such
14 amounts may be invested and any amounts resulting from
15 such investments shall remain available for the operations
16 of the Foundation and such pilot program without further
17 appropriation.

18 **TITLE III—REDUCING BARRIERS**
19 **TO CITIZENSHIP**

20 **SEC. 301. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that—
22 (1) the naturalization of immigrants—
23 (A) brings civic, economic, and social bene-
24 fits to the United States;

1 (B) enhances the richness and diversity of
2 the United States; and

3 (C) strengthens the United States;

4 (2) millions of immigrants are eligible for natu-
5 ralization but cannot access citizenship due a variety
6 of reasons, including cost barriers, language access,
7 and a lack of legal services and information;

8 (3) the inability of millions of eligible immi-
9 grants to become citizens of the United States de-
10 prives the United States and the people of the
11 United States of civic, economic, and social benefits;
12 and

13 (4) consistent with the process for naturaliza-
14 tion established by the Constitution of the United
15 States, codified by statute, and strengthened by reg-
16 ulations, the Federal Government, in coordination
17 with State and local governments, community-based
18 organizations, and other stakeholders, should estab-
19 lish policies and programs to encourage eligible im-
20 migrants to apply for naturalization and to facilitate
21 the naturalization process, with the objective of help-
22 ing 2,000,000 new Americans naturalize by the end
23 of 2024.

1 **SEC. 302. IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.**

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

5 “(m) IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), all fees designated by the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security in regulations as ‘immigration
9 adjudication fees’ shall be deposited as offsetting re-
10 cepts into the ‘Immigration Examinations Fee Ac-
11 count’ in the Treasury of the United States, whether
12 such fees are collected directly by the Secretary or
13 through clerks of courts.

14 “(2) GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS.—

15 “(A) GUAM.—All fees described in para-
16 graph (1) that are received by the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security from applicants residing in
18 Guam shall be remitted to the Department of
19 Revenue and Taxation of Guam.

20 “(B) VIRGIN ISLANDS.—All fees described
21 in paragraph (1) that are received by the Sec-
22 retary of Homeland Security from applicants
23 residing in the United States Virgin Islands
24 shall be remitted to the Treasury Division of
25 the United States Virgin Islands.

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

4 “(i) the civil revocation of naturaliza-
5 tion;

6 “(ii) Operation Second Look;

7 “(iii) Operation Janus;

8 “(iv) any activities or operations con-
9 ducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement (including Homeland Security
11 Investigations) or U.S. Customs and Bor-
12 der Protection; or

13 “(v) any other activity or operation
14 that is not directly related to immigration
15 adjudications.

16 “(3) FEES FOR ADJUDICATION AND NATU-
17 RALIZATION SERVICES.—

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

22 “(i) ensure recovery of the full costs
23 of providing such services, or a portion of
24 such services, including the costs of natu-
25 ralization and similar services provided

1 without charge to asylum applicants or
2 other immigrants; and

3 “(ii) recover the full cost of admin-
4 istering the collection of fees under this
5 paragraph, or a portion of such adminis-
6 trative costs.

7 “(B) REPORT REQUIREMENT BEFORE FEE
8 INCREASE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity may not increase any fee under this para-
10 graph above the level of such fee as of January
11 1, 2019, before the date that is 60 days after
12 the date on which the Secretary submits a re-
13 port to the Committee on the Judiciary of the
14 Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of
15 the House of Representatives that—

16 “(i) identifies the direct and indirect
17 costs associated with providing adjudica-
18 tion and naturalization services;

19 “(ii) distinguishes the costs referred
20 to in clause (i) from immigration enforce-
21 ment and national security costs;

22 “(iii) identifies the costs allocated for
23 premium processing services to business
24 customers, as prescribed under subsection
25 (u);

1 “(iv) describes the extent to which the
2 fee prescribed in subsection (u) is set at a
3 level that ensures full recovery of the costs
4 referred to in clause (iii);

5 “(v) identifies the amount of funding
6 that is being allocated for the infrastruc-
7 ture improvements in the adjudications
8 and customer-service processes prescribed
9 under subsection (u); and

10 “(vi) contains information regarding
11 the amount by which such fee will be in-
12 creased.

13 “(C) ADJUDICATIONS DELAY AND BACK-
14 LOG REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
15 curity shall submit a quarterly report to the
16 congressional committees referred to in sub-
17 paragraph (B) that identifies each instance in
18 which—

19 “(i) the processing time of more than
20 10 percent of adjudications in any single
21 category of immigration benefits surpasses
22 the agency’s stated processing goal as of
23 January 1, 2019;

1 “(ii) the processing time of more than
2 5 percent of applications for legal perma-
3 nent residence surpasses 150 days; and

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

7 “(4) FEE WAIVERS FOR ADJUDICATION AND
8 NATURALIZATION SERVICES.—

9 “(A) NO FEE.—Except as provided in sub-
10 paragraph (E), if an alien’s income is less than
11 150 percent of the Federal poverty line, no fee
12 shall be charged or collected for—

13 “(i) an application, petition, appeal,
14 motion, or other service described in this
15 subsection; or

16 “(ii) the biometrics capture or back-
17 ground check associated with the items de-
18 scribed in clause (i).

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

1 “(C) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If an
2 alien is under financial hardship due to extraor-
3 dinary expenses or other circumstances affect-
4 ing his or her financial situation to the degree
5 that he or she is unable to pay a fee, no fee
6 shall be charged or collected for—

7 “(i) an application, petition, appeal,
8 motion, or other service described in this
9 subsection; or

10 “(ii) the biometrics capture or back-
11 ground check associated with the items de-
12 scribed in clause (i).

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

17 “(E) NO WAIVER FOR CERTAIN FEES.—
18 The fee for employment-based petitions and ap-
19 plications prescribed under subsection (u) may
20 not be waived.

21 “(F) MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS.—The
22 Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider
23 the receipt of means-tested benefits as a cri-
24 terion for the purpose of demonstrating eligi-

1 bility for a fee waiver or reduction under sub-
2 paragraph (A), (B), or (C).

3 “(G) APPLICATION FOR FEE WAIVER.—An
4 alien requesting a waiver or reduction of fees
5 under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) may sub-
6 mit—

7 “(i) a completed form, as prescribed
8 by the Secretary; or

9 “(ii) an applicant-generated, written
10 request for permission to have their immi-
11 gration benefit request processed without
12 payment of the required fee.

13 “(H) FEDERAL POVERTY LINE DE-
14 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘Federal
15 poverty line’ has the meaning given the term
16 ‘poverty line’ in section 673(2) of the Omnibus
17 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
18 9902(2)), including any revision required under
19 such section applicable to a family of the size
20 involved.”.

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

23 (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security should
24 set fees under section 286(m)(3) of the Immigration
25 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)(3)) at a

1 level that ensures recovery of only the direct costs
2 associated with the services described in such sec-
3 tion; and

4 (2) Congress should appropriate to the Sec-
5 retary of Homeland Security such funds as may be
6 necessary to pay for—

7 (A) the indirect costs associated with the
8 services described in such section;

9 (B) the adjudication of refugee and asylum
10 processing;

11 (C) the costs of administering the System-
12 atic Alien Verification for Entitlements Pro-
13 gram (commonly known as “SAVE”);

14 (D) the adjudication of naturalization ap-
15 plications not covered in full by the fees paid by
16 applicants;

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

19 (F) grants to public and private nonprofit
20 organizations for the purposes of citizenship
21 and training.

22 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 286 of the
23 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356) is
24 amended—

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

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

8 (3) in subsection (k), (l), and (t), by striking
9 “Immigration and Naturalization Service” each
10 place such term appears and inserting “Department
11 of Homeland Security”; and

12 (4) in subsection (r)—

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

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

19 **SEC. 303. WAIVER OF ENGLISH REQUIREMENT FOR SENIOR**
20 **NEW AMERICANS.**

21 Section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
22 (8 U.S.C. 1423) is amended by striking subsection (b) and
23 inserting the following:

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

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

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

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

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

10 “(c) The requirement under subsection (a)(1) shall
11 not apply to any person who, on the date on which the
12 person’s application for naturalization is filed under sec-
13 tion 334—

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

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

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

1 “(d) The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive,
2 on a case-by-case basis, the requirement under subsection
3 (a)(2) on behalf of any person who, on the date on which
4 the person’s application for naturalization is filed under
5 section 334—

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

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

10 **SEC. 304. REDUCE FINANCIAL OBSTACLES TO NATURALIZA-**
11 **TION.**

12 Section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
13 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
15 section (g); and

16 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(f) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall im-
19 pose a fee in an amount not to exceed \$50 for the consid-
20 eration of an application for naturalization. Nothing in
21 this subsection may be construed to limit the authority
22 of the Secretary to set adjudication fees for other benefit
23 applications other than naturalization in accordance with
24 section 286(m).”.

1 **SEC. 305. NATURALIZATION FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**

2 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

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

6 **“SEC. 321. CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**

7 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

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

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

14 “(1) transcripts from public or private schools
15 in the United States demonstrating that the alien
16 completed—

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

20 “(B) a curriculum that reflects knowledge
21 of United States history, government, and
22 civics; and

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

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101

1 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating
2 to section 320 the following:

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

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
4 section—

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

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

9 (d) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
11 land Security shall promulgate regulations to carry out the
12 amendment made by subsection (a).

13 **SEC. 306. FAMILY INTEGRATION.**

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

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

19 Section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
20 Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amended by striking paragraph
21 (5).

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

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

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

1 (A) in subsection (a)(6)(C)—

2 (i) in clause (ii)—

3 (I) by inserting “and willfully”
4 after “falsely” each place such term
5 appears; and

6 (II) in subclause (I), by striking
7 “or any other Federal or State law”;
8 and

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

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

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

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

4 **SEC. 309. NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Office of Citizen-
6 ship of the External Affairs Directorate of U.S. Citizen-
7 ship and Immigration Services, in consultation with the
8 Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion of the Na-
9 tional Office of New Americans, the Director of the Na-
10 tional Park Service, the Archivist of the United States,
11 and other appropriate Federal officials, shall develop and
12 implement a strategy to enhance the public awareness of
13 naturalization ceremonies.

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

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

20 (1) the content of the strategy developed under
21 subsection (a); and

22 (2) the progress made towards the implementa-
23 tion of such strategy.

1 **SEC. 310. PROUD TO BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1,
4 2024, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish
5 the “Proud to Be a United States Citizen Program” (re-
6 ferred to in this section as the “Program”) to promote
7 United States citizenship.

8 (b) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the
9 Program, the Secretary shall—

10 (1) develop outreach materials targeted to non-
11 citizens who have been lawfully admitted for perma-
12 nent residence to encourage such aliens to apply to
13 become citizens of the United States;

14 (2) disseminate the outreach materials devel-
15 oped pursuant to paragraph (1) through public serv-
16 ice announcements, advertisements, and such other
17 media as the Secretary determines is appropriate;

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

22 (A) notifying individuals of their possible
23 eligibility to apply for naturalization;

24 (B) informing such individuals about the
25 requirements and benefits of United States citi-
26 zenship;

1 (C) providing such individuals with par-
2 tially completed naturalization applications,
3 using available data about such individuals and
4 instructions about how to complete the applica-
5 tion; and

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

10 **SEC. 311. MISSION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION**
11 **SERVICES.**

12 Section 451 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
13 (6 U.S.C. 271) is amended—

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

16 (2) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),
18 (4), and (5) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and
19 (6), respectively; and

20 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
21 following:

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

1 “(A) providing accurate and useful infor-
2 mation to its customers;

3 “(B) granting humanitarian, immigration,
4 and citizenship benefits;

5 “(C) promoting an awareness and under-
6 standing of citizenship; and

7 “(D) ensuring the integrity of the United
8 States immigration system.”.

9 **SEC. 312. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDI-**
10 **VIDUALS.**

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

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

15 (A) except as provided in subparagraph
16 (B), registers all newly naturalized individuals
17 to vote in elections for Federal office conducted
18 in such State by transferring the information
19 necessary for voter registration from the De-
20 partment of Homeland Security to the State
21 voter registration database; and

22 (B) excludes from registration—

23 (i) any individual who affirmatively
24 declines to be registered; and

1 (ii) any individual who is determined
2 to be ineligible for registration.

3 (2) NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZEN.—The term
4 “newly naturalized citizen” means an individual
5 who—

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

8 (B) has taken the oath described in section
9 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
10 U.S.C. 1448); and

11 (C) has received a certificate of naturaliza-
12 tion under section 338 of such Act (8 U.S.C.
13 1449).

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

16 (b) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE
17 NEWLY NATURALIZED.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The chief election official of
19 each State shall establish and operate an automatic
20 registration system for newly naturalized citizens to
21 vote in elections for Federal office conducted in the
22 State, in accordance with this section.

23 (2) USE OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-
24 RITY RECORDS.—The chief election official of each
25 State shall—

1 (A) upon receiving information from the
2 Secretary about a newly naturalized citizen who
3 has not declined voter registration—

4 (i) ensure that such individual fulfills
5 any local or State qualifications to register
6 to vote relating to legal competency and
7 past criminal convictions; and

8 (ii) determine whether such individual
9 is subject to privacy protections for victims
10 of domestic violence or people with sen-
11 sitive or high-profile professions;

12 (B) not later than 15 days after receiving
13 information from the Secretary about an indi-
14 vidual pursuant to section 313, ensure that the
15 individual is registered to vote in elections for
16 Federal office conducted in the State unless the
17 individual is disqualified from voting by reason
18 of incompetency or past criminal conviction;

19 (C) not later than 45 days after receiving
20 information from the Secretary about an indi-
21 vidual pursuant to section 313, send written no-
22 tice to the individual, in addition to other
23 means of notice established under this section,
24 of the individual's voter registration status; and

1 (D) exclude from all public availability or
2 disclosure the voter registration records of any
3 newly naturalized citizens who are protected by
4 applicable State or local laws that prevent pub-
5 lication of the home address and other person-
6 ally identifying information about victims of do-
7 mestic violence and people with sensitive or
8 high-profile professions.

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

12 (1) indicate the individual has been registered
13 to vote;

14 (2) describe the substantive qualifications of an
15 elector in the State, as listed in the mail voter reg-
16 istration application form for elections for Federal
17 office prescribed pursuant to section 9 of the Na-
18 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
19 20508);

20 (3) set forth the consequences for false registra-
21 tion;

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

25 (5) providing instructions for—

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

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

5 (d) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS YOUNGER THAN
6 18 YEARS OF AGE.—A State may not refuse to register
7 a newly naturalized citizen under this section on the
8 grounds that the individual is younger than 18 years of
9 age on the date on which the Secretary receives informa-
10 tion with respect to the individual if the individual is at
11 least 16 years of age on such date.

12 **SEC. 313. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSIST-**
13 **ANCE IN REGISTRATION.**

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

15 (1) assist the chief election official of each
16 State to carry out the functions set forth in section
17 312(b) in accordance with this section; and

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

20 (A) informs the individual of—

21 (i) the substantive qualifications of an
22 elector in the State, as set forth in the
23 mail voter registration application form for
24 elections for Federal office prescribed pur-
25 suant to section 9 of the National Voter

1 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
2 20508); and

3 (ii) the consequences of false voter
4 registration;

5 (B) instructs the individual to decline to
6 register to vote if the individual does not meet
7 all of the qualifications referred to in subpara-
8 graph (A)(i);

9 (C) informs the individual that—

10 (i) voter registration is voluntary; and

11 (ii) registering to voter or declining to
12 register to vote—

13 (I) will not affect the individual's
14 citizenship status;

15 (II) will not affect the availability
16 of services or benefits to which the in-
17 dividual is entitled; and

18 (III) will not be used for other
19 purposes;

20 (D) informs the individual that affiliation
21 or enrollment with a political party may be re-
22 quired to participate in an election to select the
23 party's candidate in an election for Federal of-
24 fice;

1 (E) provides any individual who accepts
2 voter registration the option of affiliating or en-
3 rolling with a political party;

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

6 (i) signs the document;

7 (ii) does not take the oath of alle-
8 giance to the United States required for
9 naturalization under section 337 of the Im-
10 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
11 1448); and

12 (iii) is not issued a certificate of natu-
13 ralization;

14 (G) instructs any individual who accepts
15 voter registration to provide his or her residen-
16 tial address or coordinates if different from his
17 or her mailing address on file with U.S. Citizen-
18 ship and Immigration Services;

19 (H) directs individuals to—

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

22 (ii) sign in a different designated
23 space to attest that the individual—

24 (I) affirms that information pro-
25 vided on the document is true and

1 complete to the best of the individ-
2 ual's knowledge;

3 (II) will fulfill nationally applica-
4 ble age, citizenship, and residency re-
5 quirements to vote upon the individ-
6 ual's naturalization; and

7 (III) accepts voter registration if
8 determined by State election officials
9 to be eligible to register in the individ-
10 ual's State and municipality of resi-
11 dence; and

12 (I) provides a phone number and other
13 widely accessible means of contacting U.S. Citi-
14 zenship and Immigration Services with ques-
15 tions about, or for assistance with, completing
16 sections of the document concerning automatic
17 voter registration, as set forth in subsection (d).

18 (b) INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.—
19 The Secretary shall require each individual approved for
20 naturalization to sign and submit to the Secretary the doc-
21 ument received pursuant to subsection (a)(2) at the time
22 he or she takes the oath described in section 337 of the
23 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448) to ac-
24 knowledge that he or she understands the information

1 contained in the document and will comply with the appli-
2 cable requirement.

3 (c) INFORMATION SUBMISSION.—Not later than 15
4 days after a newly naturalized citizen submits a signed
5 document to the Secretary in accordance with subsection
6 (b), unless the individual declines to be registered to vote
7 when signing the document, the Secretary shall submit to
8 the appropriate State election official, in a format compat-
9 ible with the statewide voter database maintained under
10 section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52
11 U.S.C. 21083) to the extent possible—

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

13 (2) the individual’s date of birth;

14 (3) the individual’s residential address or co-
15 ordinates;

16 (4) confirmation that the individual is a citizen
17 of the United States;

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

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

22 (7) information regarding the individual’s affili-
23 ation or enrollment with a political party, if the indi-
24 vidual provides such information.

1 (d) REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
2 shall—

3 (1) publish information about, and instructions
4 for, accepting or declining automatic voter registra-
5 tion for newly naturalized citizens—

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

8 (B) in materials routinely provided to ap-
9 proved applicants for United States citizenship;
10 and

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

14 **SEC. 314. VOTER PROTECTION AND SECURITY IN AUTO-**
15 **MATIC REGISTRATION.**

16 (a) PROTECTIONS FOR ERRORS IN REGISTRATION.—
17 An individual may not be prosecuted under any Federal
18 or State law, adversely affected in any civil adjudication
19 concerning immigration status or naturalization, or sub-
20 ject to an allegation in any legal proceeding that the indi-
21 vidual is not a citizen of the United States on the ground
22 that the individual—

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

1 (A) was automatically registered to vote
2 under this title; or

3 (B) was automatically registered to vote
4 under this title and subsequently voted without
5 willful intent to do so unlawfully;

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

8 (3) declined the opportunity to register to vote
9 or did not make an affirmation of citizenship, in-
10 cluding through automatic registration, under this
11 title.

12 (b) LIMITS ON USE OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
13 TION.—The automatic registration of any individual, an
14 individual’s declination to register to vote, or an individ-
15 ual’s failure to make an affirmation of citizenship under
16 this title may not be used as evidence against that indi-
17 vidual in any State or Federal law enforcement pro-
18 ceeding. An individual’s lack of knowledge or willfulness
19 of such registration may be conclusively demonstrated by
20 the individual’s testimony.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (2) any voter information otherwise shielded
15 from disclosure under State law or section 8(a) of
16 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
17 U.S.C. 20507(a));

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

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

22 (5) the individual’s signature;

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

24 (7) the individual’s email address.

1 **SEC. 315. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

4 **TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLE-**
5 **MENT AND INTEGRATION**

6 **SEC. 401. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**

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

9 **SEC. 402. MINIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE ADMIT-**
10 **TED.**

11 Section 207(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
12 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(a)(2)) is amended by inserting after
13 “as the President determines” the following: “(except that
14 in any fiscal year after fiscal year 2018, such number may
15 not be less than 125,000)”.

16 **SEC. 403. PRE-ARRIVAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND WORK**
17 **ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR APPROVED**
18 **REFUGEE APPLICANTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
20 overseas refugee training programs to offer to refugees de-
21 scribed in subsection (b) optional English-as-a-second-lan-
22 guage and work orientation training before departure for
23 the United States.

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

1 (1) approved for admission to the United
2 States;

3 (2) conditionally approved for admission to the
4 United States; or

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

7 (c) DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION.—In designing
8 and implementing the programs referred to in subsection
9 (a), the Secretary shall consult with or enter into a con-
10 tract with 1 or more nongovernmental or international or-
11 ganizations that has—

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

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

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

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

19 (2) occur within applicable processing times;
20 and

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

24 (e) TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—

1 (1) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
2 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary shall ensure that training programs
4 under this section are fully and consistently oper-
5 ational in not fewer than 3 refugee processing re-
6 gions.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
8 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate com-
10 mittees of Congress that such training programs are
11 fully and consistently operational in not fewer than
12 5 refugee processing regions.

13 (f) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

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

17 (A) an assessment of—

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

20 (ii) the benefits to refugees of the
21 work orientation and English-as-a-second-
22 language training programs; and

23 (B) recommendations on whether such pro-
24 grams should be continued, broadened, or modi-
25 fied.

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

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

10 **SEC. 404. UPDATE OF RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT**
11 **GRANTS.**

12 Beginning in fiscal year 2023, in setting the amount
13 of reception and placement grants for refugees, the Sec-
14 retary shall ensure that—

15 (1) the grant amount is adjusted to an amount
16 that is adequate to provide for the anticipated initial
17 resettlement needs of refugees and includes adjust-
18 ments for inflation and the cost of living;

19 (2) the administrative portion of such grants
20 provided at the beginning of the fiscal year to each
21 national resettlement agency is sufficient to ensure
22 adequate local and national capacity to serve the ini-
23 tial resettlement needs of the number of refugees the
24 Secretary anticipates the agency will resettle during
25 the fiscal year; and

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

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

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Office of
10 Refugee Resettlement shall make grants to national reset-
11 tlement agencies to operate a case management system for
12 the purpose of offering case management to qualified indi-
13 viduals to assist in accessing any service, benefit, or assist-
14 ance for which qualified individuals are eligible provided
15 by—

- 16 (1) the Office of Refugee Resettlement;
17 (2) any other Federal, State, or local agency;
18 and
19 (3) a private entity or a nonprofit organization.

20 (b) PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), a qualified individual may receive case
23 management services under this section during the
24 period beginning on the date on which the qualified
25 individual was determined to be eligible for resettlement.

1 ment, acculturation, or subsistence services provided
2 by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and ending on
3 the date that is 1 year after the date on which the
4 qualified individual ceases to be so eligible.

5 (2) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
7 graph (1), an individual described in subpara-
8 graph (B) may receive such case management
9 services during the period beginning on the date
10 on which such individual was determined to be
11 eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or sub-
12 sistence services provided by the Office of Ref-
13 ugee Resettlement and ending on the date that
14 is 3 years after the date on which such indi-
15 vidual ceases to be so eligible.

16 (B) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—An
17 individual described in this subparagraph is a
18 qualified individual who—

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

20 (ii) has extraordinary resettlement or
21 acculturation needs that impede the ability
22 of the individual to achieve durable self-
23 sufficiency;

24 (iii) is a refugee resettled from a situ-
25 ation of protracted displacement;

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

3 (v) on the date on which the indi-
4 vidual was admitted to the United
5 States—

6 (I) had a disability or serious
7 medical condition;

8 (II) had a mental health condi-
9 tion;

10 (III) was part of a household
11 headed by a single parent; or

12 (IV) was a victim of a severe
13 form of violence.

14 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall
15 be construed as affecting the authority of the Director of
16 the Office of Refugee Resettlement under section
17 412(e)(7)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7)(A)) or of any other section of such Act
19 to provide case management services to qualified individ-
20 uals who have been in the United States for longer than
21 3 years.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
24 fied individual” means an individual who was, at any
25 time, eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or sub-

1 sistence services provided by the Office of Refugee
2 Resettlement.

3 (2) RESETTLEMENT, ACCULTURATION, OR SUB-
4 SISTENCE SERVICES.—The term “resettlement, ac-
5 culturation, or subsistence services” includes each of
6 the services provided by the Office of Refugee Reset-
7 tlement to aliens (as defined in section 101(a) of the
8 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1101(a))), except the case management services
10 under this section.

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

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

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
16 the following:

17 “(C) Subject to the availability of funds,
18 assistance and social services for employment
19 and health and living expenses under this sec-
20 tion shall be available to refugees for a period
21 of not less than 1 year.”;

22 (B) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end
23 the following: “Subject to the availability of
24 funds, such assistance and services shall be

1 made available to refugees for a period of not
2 less than 1 year.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

4 (A) by striking “(1)” and inserting
5 “(1)(A)”; and

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

7 “(B) Subject to the availability of funds,
8 such assistance shall be provided for not less
9 than 1 year beginning on the first day of the
10 month in which a refugee enters the United
11 States.”.

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

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

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

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

1 **TITLE V—PROTECTIONS FOR**
2 **IMMIGRANTS**

3 **SEC. 501. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

4 A recipient of a grant described in, or established
5 under, this title may not be required, as a condition of
6 receiving such a grant, to transmit the personally identifi-
7 able information of an immigrant, or a family member or
8 household member of an immigrant, served by the recipi-
9 ent.

10 **SEC. 502. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN INTEGRATION**
11 **AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES.**

12 The participation of an immigrant in any integration
13 or inclusion activity under this Act shall be strictly vol-
14 untary.

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