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To reauthorize funding for programs to prevent, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NEAL (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, and the Judiciary, 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

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## A BILL

To reauthorize funding for programs to prevent, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Elder Justice Reau-  
5 thorization and Modernization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS**  
2 **TO PREVENT AND INVESTIGATE ELDER**  
3 **ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION.**

4 (a) NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.—  
5 Section 2041 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1397m) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 2041. NURSING HOME WORKER TRAINING GRANTS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

9 “(1) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall be  
11 entitled to receive from the Secretary for each  
12 fiscal year specified in subsection (e)(1) a grant  
13 in an amount equal to the amount allotted to  
14 the State under subparagraph (B).

15 “(B) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses  
17 (ii) and (iii), the amount allotted to a  
18 State under this subparagraph for a fiscal  
19 year shall be—

20 “(I) the number of State resi-  
21 dents who have attained 65 years of  
22 age or have a disability (as defined in  
23 section 216(i)(1)), as determined by  
24 the Secretary using the most recent  
25 version of the American Community  
26 Survey published by the Bureau of the

1 Census or a successor data set; di-  
2 vided by

3 “(II) the total number of such  
4 residents of all States.

5 “(ii) LIMITATION.—The amount allot-  
6 ted to a State under this subparagraph for  
7 a fiscal year shall be not less than 0.25  
8 percent of the available amount for the fis-  
9 cal year.

10 “(iii) ADJUSTMENT OF STATE ALLOT-  
11 MENTS.—Subject to clause (ii), the Sec-  
12 retary shall proportionately increase or de-  
13 crease the amounts allotted under this sub-  
14 paragraph for a fiscal year as necessary to  
15 ensure that the available amount for the  
16 fiscal year is allotted among the States.

17 “(iv) REDETERMINATIONS.—

18 “(I) FREQUENCY.—The Sec-  
19 retary shall make the determination  
20 referred to in clause (i)(I) every 5  
21 years.

22 “(II) LIMITATION.—Subject to  
23 clause (ii), the amount allotted to a  
24 State under this subparagraph, on the  
25 basis of such a determination, for a

1 fiscal year after fiscal year 2028 shall  
2 be—

3 “(aa) not less than 90 per-  
4 cent of the amount of the grant  
5 made to the State under this  
6 subparagraph for the then pre-  
7 ceding fiscal year; and

8 “(bb) not more than 110  
9 percent of the amount referred to  
10 in item (aa).

11 “(2) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL  
12 ORGANIZATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-  
14 sultation with the Secretary of the Interior,  
15 shall make grants in accordance with this sec-  
16 tion to Indian tribes and tribal organizations  
17 who operate at least 1 eligible setting.

18 “(B) GRANT FORMULA.—The Secretary, in  
19 consultation with the Secretary of the Interior,  
20 shall devise a formula for distributing among  
21 Indian tribes and tribal organizations the  
22 amount required to be reserved by subsection  
23 (e)(1) for each fiscal year.

24 “(3) SUB-GRANTS.—A State, Indian tribe, or  
25 tribal organization to which an amount is paid under

1 this section may use the amount to make sub-grants  
2 to local organizations, including community organi-  
3 zations, local non-profits, elder rights and justice  
4 groups, and workforce development boards for any  
5 purpose described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
6 section (b).

7 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 “(1) REQUIRED USES.—A State to which an  
9 amount is paid under this section shall use the  
10 amount to—

11 “(A) provide wage subsidies to eligible in-  
12 dividuals;

13 “(B) provide tuition assistance to, and di-  
14 rectly pay the cost of applicable licensing exam  
15 fees for, eligible individuals for a degree or cer-  
16 tification in a field relevant to their position re-  
17 ferred to in subsection (f)(1)(A);

18 “(C) provide, subsidize, or facilitate access  
19 to child care for eligible individuals, including  
20 help with referrals, co-pays, or other direct as-  
21 sistance as needed; and

22 “(D) provide assistance where necessary  
23 with obtaining appropriate transportation, in-  
24 cluding public transportation if available, or gas  
25 money or transit vouchers for ride share, taxis,

1 and similar types of transportation if public  
2 transportation is unavailable or impractical  
3 based on work hours or location.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZED USES.—A State to which an  
5 amount is paid under this section may use the  
6 amount to—

7 “(A) establish a reserve fund for financial  
8 assistance to eligible individuals in emergency  
9 situations;

10 “(B) provide in-kind resource donations,  
11 such as interview clothing and conference at-  
12 tendance fees;

13 “(C) provide assistance with programs and  
14 activities, including legal assistance, deemed  
15 necessary to address arrest or conviction  
16 records that are an employment barrier;

17 “(D) support employers operating an eligi-  
18 ble setting in the State in providing employees  
19 with not less than 2 weeks of paid leave per  
20 year; or

21 “(E) provide other support services the  
22 Secretary deems necessary to allow for success-  
23 ful recruitment and retention of workers.

24 “(3) PROVISION OF FUNDS ONLY FOR THE  
25 BENEFIT OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN ELIGIBLE

1       SETTINGS.—A State to which an amount is paid  
2       under this section may provide the amount to only  
3       an eligible individual or a partner organization serv-  
4       ing an eligible individual.

5           “(4) NONSUPPLANTATION.—A State to which  
6       an amount is paid under this section shall not use  
7       the amount to supplant the expenditure of any State  
8       funds for recruiting, supporting, or retaining em-  
9       ployees in an eligible setting.

10          “(5) OBLIGATION DEADLINE.—A State, Indian  
11       tribe, or tribal organization shall remit to the Sec-  
12       retary for reallocation under this section any amount  
13       paid under this section for a fiscal year that is not  
14       obligated within 2 years after the end of the fiscal  
15       year.

16          “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—A State to which a grant is  
17       made under this section shall reserve not more than 10  
18       percent of the grant to—

19           “(1) administer subgrants in accordance with  
20       this section;

21           “(2) provide technical assistance and support  
22       for applying for and accessing such a subgrant op-  
23       portunity;

24           “(3) publicize the availability of the subgrants;

1           “(4) carry out activities to increase the supply  
2 of eligible individuals; and

3           “(5) provide technical assistance to help sub-  
4 grantees find and train individuals to provide the  
5 services for which they are contracted.

6           “(d) REPORTS.—

7           “(1) STATE REPORTS.—Not less frequently  
8 than annually, each State to which a grant has been  
9 made under this section shall transmit to the Sec-  
10 retary a written report describing the activities un-  
11 dertaken by the State pursuant to this section dur-  
12 ing the period covered by the report, which shall in-  
13 clude a specification of—

14           “(A) the total amount expended in the  
15 State for each type of use described in para-  
16 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

17           “(B) the total number of non-State organi-  
18 zations in the State to which grant funds were  
19 provided, and the amount so provided to each  
20 such organization;

21           “(C) the change in the number of individ-  
22 uals working in each job category described in  
23 subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible setting in the  
24 State due to programs or services funded with  
25 grants under this section;



1           “(D) the average duration of employment  
2           for each such job category for individuals re-  
3           ceiving, or who previously received, services or  
4           supports from a grant under this section;

5           “(E) wages of workers in each job category  
6           described in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible  
7           setting in the State with support from grants  
8           under this section, as compared to all other  
9           workers in the same eligible setting in the  
10          State;

11          “(F) the average amount of paid time off  
12          to which a worker in each job category de-  
13          scribed in subsection (f)(1)(A) in an eligible set-  
14          ting in the State is entitled by their contract  
15          among workers with support from a grant  
16          under this section, as compared to all workers  
17          in eligible settings in the State; and

18          “(G) such other data elements as the Sec-  
19          retary deems relevant.

20          “(2) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Not later  
21          than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this  
22          section, and every 4 years thereafter, the Secretary  
23          shall submit to the Congress a written report out-  
24          lining how the States have used the grants made

1 under this section during the period covered by the  
2 report, which shall include—

3 “(A) the total amount expended in each  
4 State for each type of use described in para-  
5 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b);

6 “(B) the total number of non-State organi-  
7 zations in each State to which grant funds were  
8 provided, and the amount so provided to each  
9 such organization;

10 “(C) an analysis of the data provided in  
11 the State reports; and

12 “(D) such other data elements as the Sec-  
13 retary deems relevant.

14 “(e) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the  
15 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-  
16 priated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal  
17 years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this section, of  
18 which 2 percent shall be reserved for grants to Indian  
19 tribes and tribal organizations.

20 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) AVAILABLE AMOUNT.—The term ‘available  
22 amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, the  
23 amount specified in subsection (e) that remains after  
24 the reservation required by such subsection for the  
25 fiscal year, plus all amounts remitted to the Sec-

1       retary under subsection (b)(5) that have not been  
2       reallotted under subsection (a)(1)(B)(iii).

3               “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible  
4       individual’ means an individual who—

5               “(A)(i) is a qualified home health aide, as  
6       defined in section 484.80(a) of title 42, Code of  
7       Federal Regulations;

8               “(ii) is a nurse aide approved by the State  
9       as meeting the requirements of sections  
10       483.150 through 483.154 of such title, and is  
11       listed in good standing on the State nurse aide  
12       registry;

13               “(iii) is a personal care aide approved by  
14       the State, and furnishes personal care services,  
15       as defined in section 440.167 of such title;

16               “(iv) is a qualified hospice aide, as defined  
17       in section 418.76 of such title;

18               “(v) is a licensed practical nurse or a li-  
19       censed or certified social worker; or

20               “(vi) is receiving training to be certified or  
21       licensed as such an aide, nurse, or social work-  
22       er; and

23               “(B) provides (or, in the case of a trainee,  
24       intends to provide) services as such an aide,  
25       nurse, or social worker in an eligible setting.

1           “(3) ELIGIBLE SETTING.—The term ‘eligible  
2 setting’ means—

3           “(A) a skilled nursing facility, as defined  
4 in section 1819;

5           “(B) a nursing facility, as defined in sec-  
6 tion 1919;

7           “(C) a home health agency, as defined in  
8 section 1891;

9           “(D) a facility approved to deliver home or  
10 community-based services authorized under  
11 State options described in subsection (c) or (i)  
12 of section 1915 or, as relevant, demonstration  
13 projects authorized under section 1115;

14           “(E) a hospice, as defined in section 1814;  
15 or

16           “(F) a tribal assisted living facility.

17           “(4) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘tribal  
18 organization’ has the meaning given the term in sec-  
19 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
20 cation Assistance Act.”.

21           (b) ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNCTIONS AND  
22 GRANT PROGRAMS.—

23           (1) DIRECT FUNDING; STATE ENTITLEMENT.—

24           Section 2042 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 1397m–1) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-  
2 graph (2) and inserting the following:

3 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
4 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
5 appropriated to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of  
6 fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this sec-  
7 tion.”;

8 (B) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “the  
10 availability of appropriations and”; and

11 (ii) by striking paragraph (5) and in-  
12 serting the following:

13 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
14 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
15 appropriated to the Secretary \$400,000,000 for each  
16 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this  
17 section.”; and

18 (C) in subsection (c), by striking para-  
19 graph (6) and inserting the following:

20 “(6) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
21 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
22 appropriated to the Secretary \$75,000,000 for each  
23 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this  
24 section.”.

1           (2) STATE ENTITLEMENT; GRANTS TO INDIAN  
2           TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 2042  
3           of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–1) is amended—

4                   (A) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking  
5                   “State and local” and inserting “State, local,  
6                   and tribal”;

7                   (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “the  
8                   Secretary shall annually award grants to States  
9                   in the amounts calculated under paragraph (2)”  
10                  and inserting “each State shall be entitled to  
11                  annually receive from the Secretary in the  
12                  amounts calculated under paragraph (2), and  
13                  the Secretary may annually award to each In-  
14                  dian tribe and tribal organization in accordance  
15                  with paragraph (3), grants”;

16                  (C) in subsection (b)(2)—

17                          (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-  
18                          serting “FOR A STATE” after “PAYMENT”;

19                          (ii) by inserting “that remains after  
20                          the reservation under paragraph (3)(B)”  
21                          before “multiplied”; and

22                          (iii) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

23                                  (I) by inserting “that so re-  
24                                  mains” after “such year”; and

1 (II) by inserting “amount so ap-  
2 propriated” and inserting “remaining  
3 amount”; and

4 (D) in subsection (b), by redesignating  
5 paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4)  
6 through (6), respectively, and inserting after  
7 paragraph (2) the following:

8 “(3) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT TO INDIAN TRIBE  
9 OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-  
11 sultation with Indian tribes and tribal organiza-  
12 tions, shall determine the amount of any grant  
13 to be made to each Indian tribe and tribal orga-  
14 nization from the amount reserved under sub-  
15 paragraph (B) of this paragraph. Paragraphs  
16 (4) and (5) shall apply to grantees under this  
17 paragraph in the same manner in which the  
18 paragraphs apply to States.

19 “(B) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Sec-  
20 retary shall reserve 2 percent of the amount  
21 made available by subsection (b)(6) for each fis-  
22 cal year for grants under this paragraph.”;  
23 (3) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to  
2 States” and inserting “to States, Indian tribes,  
3 and tribal organizations”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
6 graph (A), by inserting “and Indian tribes  
7 and tribal organizations” after “govern-  
8 ment”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting  
10 “or Indian tribe or tribal organization, as  
11 the case may be” after “government”;

12 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or In-  
13 dian tribe or tribal organization” after “a  
14 State” the first place it appears; and

15 (D) in paragraph (5)—

16 (i) by inserting “or Indian tribe or  
17 tribal organization” after “Each State”;  
18 and

19 (ii) by inserting “or Indian tribe or  
20 tribal organization, as the case may be”  
21 after “the State”; and

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

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS OF INDIAN TRIBE AND TRIBAL  
24 ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the terms ‘Indian tribe’



1 and ‘tribal organization’ have the meanings given the  
2 terms in section 419.”.

3 (c) LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM  
4 GRANTS AND TRAINING.—Section 2043 of the Social Se-  
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397m–2) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2)  
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
9 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
10 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sub-  
11 section—

12 “(A) \$22,500,000 for fiscal year 2024; and

13 “(B) \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
14 2025 and 2026.”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2)  
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
18 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
19 appropriated to the Secretary \$30,000,000 for each  
20 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this  
21 subsection.”.

22 (d) INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING  
23 STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PROVIDING HEALTH AND  
24 HUMAN SERVICES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Part II of subtitle B of title  
2           XX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 397m–5)  
3           is amended by adding at the end the following:

4           **“SEC. 2047. INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPING AND SUS-**  
5   **TAINING STRUCTURAL COMPETENCY IN PRO-**  
6   **VIDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

7           “(a) GRANTS TO STATES TO SUPPORT LINKAGES TO  
8           LEGAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNER-  
9           SHIPS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 2 years after the  
11           date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
12           shall establish and administer a program of grants  
13           to States to support the development or adoption of  
14           approaches to maintain or improve linkages between  
15           health services, human services, and legal services  
16           for older adults and adults with disabilities, includ-  
17           ing through the following:

18                                   “(A) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS.—  
19           The establishment and support of medical-legal  
20           partnerships, the incorporation of the partner-  
21           ships in the elder justice framework and health  
22           and human services safety net, and the imple-  
23           mentation and operation of such a partnership  
24           by an eligible grantee—

1 “(i) at the option of a State, in con-  
2 junction with an area agency on aging;

3 “(ii) in a solo provider practice in a  
4 health professional shortage area (as de-  
5 fined in section 332(a) of the Public  
6 Health Service Act), a medically under-  
7 served community (as defined in section  
8 399V of such Act), or a rural area (as de-  
9 fined in section 330J of such Act);

10 “(iii) in a minority-serving institution  
11 of higher learning with health, law, and so-  
12 cial services professional programs;

13 “(iv) in a federally qualified health  
14 center, as described in section 330 of the  
15 Public Health Service Act, or look-alike, as  
16 described in section 1905(l)(2)(B) of this  
17 Act; or

18 “(v) in certain hospitals that are crit-  
19 ical access hospitals, Medicare-dependent  
20 hospitals, sole community hospitals, rural  
21 emergency hospitals, or that serve a high  
22 proportion of Medicare or Medicaid pa-  
23 tients.

24 “(B) LEGAL HOTLINES DEVELOPMENT OR  
25 EXPANSION.—The provision of incentives to de-

1           velop, enhance, and integrate platforms, such as  
2           legal assistance hotlines, that help to facilitate  
3           the identification of older adults and adults  
4           with disabilities who could benefit from linkages  
5           to available legal services such as those de-  
6           scribed in subparagraph (A).

7           “(2) STATE REPORTS.—Each State to which a  
8           grant is made under this subsection shall submit to  
9           the Secretary biannual reports on the activities car-  
10          ried out by the State pursuant to this subsection,  
11          which shall include assessments of the effectiveness  
12          of the activities with respect to—

13                 “(A) the number of unique individuals  
14                 identified through the mechanism outlined in  
15                 paragraph (1)(B) who are referred to services  
16                 described in paragraph (1)(A), and the average  
17                 time period associated with resolving issues;

18                 “(B) the success rate for referrals to com-  
19                 munity-based resources; and

20                 “(C) other factors determined relevant by  
21                 the Secretary.

22           “(3) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Every 4  
23          years, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a  
24          written report on the activities conducted under this  
25          subsection.

1           “(4) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
2           the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
3           appropriated to the Secretary \$125,000,000 for each  
4           of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this  
5           subsection.

6           “(5) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Support  
7           provided to area agencies on aging, State units on  
8           aging, eligible entities, or other community-based or-  
9           ganizations pursuant to this subsection shall be used  
10          to supplement and not supplant any other Federal,  
11          State, or local funds expended to provide the same  
12          or comparable services described in this subsection.

13          “(b) GRANTS AND TRAINING TO SUPPORT AREA  
14          AGENCIES ON AGING OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED OR-  
15          GANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL ISOLATION AMONG  
16          OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.—

17                 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make  
18                 grants to eligible area agencies on aging or other  
19                 community-based organizations for the purpose of—

20                         “(A) conducting outreach to individuals at  
21                         risk for, or already experiencing, social isolation  
22                         or loneliness, through established screening  
23                         tools or other methods identified by the Sec-  
24                         retary;

1           “(B) developing community-based interven-  
2           tions for the purposes of mitigating loneliness  
3           or social isolation (including evidence-based pro-  
4           grams, as defined by the Secretary, developed  
5           with multi-stakeholder input for the purposes of  
6           promoting social connection, mitigating social  
7           isolation or loneliness, or preventing social iso-  
8           lation or loneliness) among at-risk individuals;

9           “(C) connecting at-risk individuals with  
10          community social and clinical supports; and

11          “(D) evaluating the effect of programs de-  
12          veloped and implemented under subparagraphs  
13          (B) and (C).

14          “(2) TRAINING.—

15                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
16                 establish programs to provide and improve  
17                 training for area agencies on aging or commu-  
18                 nity-based organizations with respect to ad-  
19                 dressing and preventing social isolation and  
20                 loneliness among older adults and adults with  
21                 disabilities.

22                 “(B) PRIORITIZATION AUTHORITY.—For  
23                 purposes of connecting at-risk individuals with  
24                 existing community social and clinical supports,  
25                 the Secretary may, in carrying out subpara-

1 graph (A), prioritize models that incorporate  
2 training and service delivery in coordination  
3 with medical-legal partnerships.

4 “(3) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years  
5 after the date of the enactment of this section and  
6 every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit  
7 to the Congress a written report which assesses the  
8 extent to which the programs established under this  
9 subsection address social isolation and loneliness  
10 among older adults and adults with disabilities.

11 “(4) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
12 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are  
13 appropriated to the Secretary \$62,500,000 for each  
14 of fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to carry out this  
15 subsection.

16 “(5) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-  
17 ordinate with resource centers, grant programs, or  
18 other funding mechanisms established under section  
19 411(a)(18) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 3032(a)(18)), section 417(a)(1) of such Act (42  
21 U.S.C. 3032F(a)(1)), or other programs as deter-  
22 mined by the Secretary.

23 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) AREA AGENCY ON AGING.—The term ‘area  
25 agency on aging’ means an area agency on aging

1 designated under section 305 of the Older Ameri-  
2 cans Act of 1965.

3 “(2) SOCIAL ISOLATION.—The term ‘social iso-  
4 lation’ means objectively being alone, or having few  
5 relationships or infrequent social contact.

6 “(3) LONELINESS.—The term ‘loneliness’  
7 means subjectively feeling alone, or the discrepancy  
8 between one’s desired level of social connection and  
9 one’s actual level of social connection.

10 “(4) SOCIAL CONNECTION.—The term ‘social  
11 connection’ means the variety of ways one can con-  
12 nect to others socially, through physical, behavioral,  
13 social-cognitive, and emotional channels.

14 “(5) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The  
15 term ‘community-based organization’ includes, ex-  
16 cept as otherwise provided by the Secretary, a non-  
17 profit community-based organization, a consortium  
18 of nonprofit community-based organizations, a na-  
19 tional nonprofit organization acting as an inter-  
20 mediary for a community-based organization, or a  
21 community-based organization that has a fiscal  
22 sponsor that allows the organization to function as  
23 an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the  
24 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from  
25 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.”.



1           (2) CLARIFICATION THAT MEDICAL-LEGAL  
2 PARTNERSHIPS ARE AUTHORIZED ADULT PROTEC-  
3 TIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES.—Section 2011 of such  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j) is amended—

5           (A) in paragraph (2)(D), by inserting “,  
6 including through a medical-legal partnership”  
7 before the period; and

8           (B) by redesignating paragraphs (16)  
9 through (22) as paragraphs (17) through (23),  
10 respectively, and inserting after paragraph (15)  
11 the following:

12           “(16) MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP.—The  
13 term ‘medical-legal partnership’ means an arrange-  
14 ment in a health care or human services setting  
15 which integrates lawyers and social workers to ad-  
16 dress the needs of an individual patient related to  
17 social determinants of health, and to help clinicians,  
18 case managers, and social workers address struc-  
19 tural problems at the root of many health inequities,  
20 including a multidisciplinary team integrated into  
21 such a setting to address the needs and establish  
22 and maintain structural competence within clini-  
23 cians, case managers, and social workers to best ad-  
24 dress structural problems at the root of many health  
25 inequities.”.

1 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2011(12)(A)  
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j(12)(A)) is  
3 amended by striking “450b” and inserting “5304”.

4 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT REPORTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than  
7 once every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Health and  
8 Human Services shall submit a report to the Committee  
9 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and  
10 the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on  
11 Aging of the Senate on the programs, coordinating bodies,  
12 registries, and activities established or authorized under  
13 subtitle B of title XX of the Social Security Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 1397l et seq.) or section 6703(b) of the Patient  
15 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–  
16 3a(b)). Each such report shall assess the extent to which  
17 such programs, coordinating bodies, registries, and activi-  
18 ties have improved access to, and the quality of, resources  
19 available to older adults, adults with disabilities, and their  
20 caregivers to ultimately prevent, detect, and treat abuse,  
21 neglect, and exploitation, and shall include, as appro-  
22 priate, recommendations to Congress on funding levels  
23 and policy changes to help these programs, coordinating  
24 bodies, registries, and activities better prevent, detect, and

1 treat abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults and  
2 adults with disabilities.

3 (b) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the  
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-  
5 priated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
6 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027  
7 to carry out this section.

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