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H. R. 5724

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish
a pilot Civic Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990
to establish a pilot Civic Corps.

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 “Civic Corps Act of
5 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. CIVIC CORPS.**

7 Section 122(a) of the National and Community Serv-
8 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(a)) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following:

10 “(6) PILOT CIVIC CORPS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient may
2 carry out national service programs through a
3 pilot Civic Corps that identifies and meets
4 unmet electoral and governance needs within
5 communities through activities such as those
6 described in subparagraph (B) and improves
7 performance on the indicators described in sub-
8 paragraph (C).

9 “(B) ACTIVITIES.—A pilot Civic Corps de-
10 scribed in this paragraph may carry out activi-
11 ties such as—

12 “(i) providing support to State, local,
13 or tribal election officials;

14 “(ii) improving voter and civics edu-
15 cation;

16 “(iii) providing assistance with elec-
17 tion administration activities; or

18 “(iv) providing educational opportuni-
19 ties for elementary school and secondary
20 school students to better understand the
21 rights and obligations of being an Amer-
22 ican citizen.

23 “(C) CIVIC CORPS INDICATORS.—The indi-
24 cators for a corps program described in this
25 paragraph are—

1 “(i) the rate and ease that State,
2 local, or tribal election officials are able to
3 successfully conduct elections in a timely,
4 efficient, and effective manner;

5 “(ii) the rate of student engagement,
6 including student attendance and student
7 behavior, in civic engagement educational
8 opportunities;

9 “(iii) improved staff retention in
10 State, local, or tribal election offices;

11 “(iv) the rate of participants in the
12 corps program who are from the veteran
13 community;

14 “(v) any additional indicator relating
15 to improving civic engagement that the
16 Corporation, in consultation (as appro-
17 priate) with the Election Assistance Com-
18 mission, establishes; or

19 “(vi) any additional local indicator
20 (applicable to a particular recipient and on
21 which an improvement in performance is
22 needed) relating to improving election ad-
23 ministration or voter engagement that is
24 approved by the Corporation, a State Sec-

1 retary of State, or a local or tribal election
2 official.

3 “(D) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—A pilot
4 Civic Corps described in this paragraph may
5 not carry out any of the following activities:

6 “(i) Attempting to influence legisla-
7 tion.

8 “(ii) Engaging in partisan political ac-
9 tivities, or other activities designed to in-
10 fluence the outcome of an election to any
11 public office.

12 “(iii) Participating in, or endorsing,
13 events or activities that are likely to in-
14 clude advocacy for or against political par-
15 ties, political platforms, political can-
16 didates, proposed legislation, or elected of-
17 ficials.

18 “(iv) Conducting a voter registration
19 drive, including by using funds under this
20 Act conduct such a drive.

21 “(E) TERMINATION.—A pilot Civic Corps
22 carried out under this paragraph by the recipi-
23 ent shall terminate after a 5-year period, and
24 not more than one recipient described in the

1 matter preceding paragraph (1) may carry out
2 such pilot Civic Corps.”.

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