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S. 440

To provide continued funding for services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continued Funding
5 for Senior Services During COVID–19 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED FUNDING FOR SERVICES UNDER THE**
7 **OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of
9 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for

1 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, for an addi-
 2 tional amount for “Aging and Disability Services Pro-
 3 grams” within the Administration for Community Living,
 4 for activities authorized under the Older Americans Act
 5 of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), \$1,529,500,000, to re-
 6 main available until expended, of which—

7 (1) \$480,000,000 shall be available for pro-
 8 viding supportive services under part B of title III
 9 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
 10 3030d et seq.), including—

11 (A) for efforts to ensure that older individ-
 12 uals have access to legal assistance by sup-
 13 porting the network of legal services in the
 14 State for older individuals, which may include—

15 (i) supporting the State in maintain-
 16 ing or developing a legal hotline for older
 17 individuals; and

18 (ii) supporting other legal assistance
 19 services authorized under part B of title
 20 III of such Act;

21 (B) for efforts to provide services to sup-
 22 port older individuals with limited English pro-
 23 ficiency in addressing concerns as a result of
 24 COVID-19;

1 (C) for efforts related to COVID–19 vac-
2 cination outreach, including education, commu-
3 nication, transportation, and other activities to
4 facilitate vaccination of older individuals; and

5 (D) for prevention and mitigation activities
6 related to COVID–19 focused on addressing ex-
7 tended social isolation among older individuals,
8 including activities for investments in techno-
9 logical equipment and solutions or other strate-
10 gies aimed at alleviating negative health effects
11 of social isolation due to long-term stay-at-home
12 recommendations for older individuals for the
13 duration of the COVID–19 public health emer-
14 gency;

15 (2) \$750,000,000 shall be available for pro-
16 viding nutrition services under subparts 1 and 2 of
17 part C of title III of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3030e et
18 seq.);

19 (3) \$44,000,000 shall be available for providing
20 evidence-based disease prevention and health pro-
21 motion services and information under part D of
22 title III of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3030m et seq.);

23 (4) \$145,000,000 shall be available for pro-
24 viding caregiver services under part E of title III of
25 such Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s et seq.);

1 (5) \$75,500,000 shall be available for providing
 2 activities for health, independence, and longevity
 3 under titles II and IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3011
 4 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 3031 et seq.), of which—

5 (A) \$500,000 shall be available for car-
 6 rying out section 417 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 7 3032f); and

8 (B) \$75,000,000 shall be available for the
 9 Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation Cen-
 10 ter for the Aging Network under section 201(g)
 11 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3011(g));

12 (6) \$25,000,000 shall be available for providing
 13 supportive services, including nutrition services,
 14 under title VI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3057 et seq.);
 15 and

16 (7) \$10,000,000 shall be available to carry out
 17 the long-term care ombudsman program under title
 18 VII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3058 et seq.).

19 (b) INAPPLICABILITY OF MATCHING REQUIRE-
 20 MENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 21 State matching requirements under sections 304(d)(1)(D)
 22 and 309(b)(2) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
 23 U.S.C. 3024(d)(1)(D); 42 U.S.C. 3029(b)(2)) shall not
 24 apply to any funds made available under subsection (a).

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “older
2 individual” and “State” have the meanings given such
3 terms in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965
4 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

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