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S. 2873

To support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 17, 2018

Mr. Hatch (for himself and Mr. Rubio) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of
- 7 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—TAX RELIEF

Sec. 101. Temporary employee payroll tax cut for residents of Puerto Rico.

Sec. 102. Equal treatment of Puerto Rican families with 1 or more children that is currently provided to families with 3 or more children.

TITLE II—FLEXIBILITY FOR PUERTO RICO IN SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 201. Short title.

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Subtitle A—Lending

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Subtitle B—Procurement

- Sec. 221. Priority for surplus property transfers.
- Sec. 222. Subcontracting incentives for protege firms that are Puerto Rico businesses.
- Sec. 223. Additional mentor-protege relationships for protege firms that are Puerto Rico businesses.

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Subtitle D—Small Business Administration Oversight

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Sec. 251. Amendment to definition of disaster for 7(b) loans.

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TITLE III—ECONOMIC STATISTICS

- Sec. 301. Definition.
- Sec. 302. Inclusion of Puerto Rico in Census surveys.
- Sec. 303. Federal Statistical Research Data Center.

TITLE IV—OFFSETS

Sec. 401. Prevention and Public Health Fund.

TITLE I—TAX RELIEF

2 SEC. 101. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PAYROLL TAX CUT FOR

- 3 RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.
- 4 (a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 5 sion of law, in the case of a qualified resident of Puerto
- 6 Rico—

1	(1) there shall be allowed a credit against the
2	tax imposed by section 1401(a) of the Internal Rev-
3	enue Code of 1986 for any taxable year which begins
4	in the payroll tax holiday period an amount equal to
5	3.1 percent of the lesser of—
6	(A) the self-employment income (as defined
7	in section 1402(b) of such Code) derived from
8	sources within Puerto Rico (as determined
9	under section 937(b) of such Code) for the tax-
10	able year, or
11	(B) the net earnings from self-employment
12	(as defined in section 1402(a) of such Code) for
13	the taxable year, and
14	(2) with respect to remuneration received dur-
15	ing the payroll tax holiday period for services per-
16	formed as an employee within Puerto Rico (except
17	amounts received for services performed as an em-
18	ployee of the United States or any agency thereof)
19	the rate of tax under 3101(a) of such Code shall be
20	3.1 percent (including for purposes of determining
21	the applicable percentage under sections 3201(a)
22	and $3211(a)(1)$ of such Code).
23	(b) Special Rules.—
24	(1) Application of rule for special re-

FUNDS.—In the case of a qualified resident of Puer-

1	to Rico to whom subsection (a)(2) applies, the first
2	sentence of section 6413(c)(1) of the Internal Rev-
3	enue Code of 1986 shall be applied by substituting
4	for "exceeds the tax with respect to the amount of
5	such wages received in such year which is equal to
6	such contribution and benefit base" the following:
7	"exceeds the sum of—
8	"(1) 3.1 percent of the lesser of—
9	"(A) the wages received in such year to
10	which section 2(a)(2) of the Puerto Rico Eco-
11	nomic Empowerment Act of 2018 applies, or
12	"(B) the contribution and benefit base,
13	plus
14	"(2) 6.2 percent of the lesser of—
15	"(A) the wages received in such year to
16	which such section does not apply, or
17	"(B) the contribution and benefits base re-
18	duced (but not below zero) by the amount of
19	wages taken into account under paragraph
20	(1).".
21	(2) Employer liability.—An employer who
22	receives an attestation from an employee, in such
23	form and manner as directed by the Secretary of the
24	Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate), that such
25	employee is a qualified resident of Puerto Rico shall

- not be liable under section 3102 or 3202 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any failure to collect taxes in excess of the rate which applies under this section unless a reasonable person would determine that such attestation is not true and correct.
 - (3) DE MINIMIS SERVICES.—For purposes of subsection (a)(2), services performed as an employee outside of Puerto Rico shall not be taken into account if such services are de minimis.

(c) Definitions.—

- (1) QUALIFIED RESIDENT.—The term "qualified resident" means, with respect to any calendar year, any individual—
 - (A) who was present in Puerto Rico for at least 183 days during the preceding calendar year, and
 - (B) who, as of the first day of the calendar year, does not have a tax home (determined under the principles of section 911(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 without regard to the second sentence thereof) outside of Puerto Rico and does not have a closer connection (determined under the principles of section 7701(b)(3)(B)(ii) of such Code) to the United

- 1 States or a foreign country than to Puerto
- 2 Rico.
- For purposes of subparagraph (A), the determina-
- 4 tion of whether a person is present for any day shall
- 5 be made under the principles of section 7701(b) of
- 6 such Code.
- 7 (2) Payroll tax holiday period.—The term
- 8 "payroll tax holiday period" means the period begin-
- 9 ning after June 30, 2018, and ending before July 1,
- 10 2020.
- 11 (d) Employer Notification.—The Secretary of
- 12 the Treasury shall notify employers of the payroll tax holi-
- 13 day period in any manner the Secretary deems appro-
- 14 priate.
- (e) Transfers of Funds.—
- 16 (1) Transfers to federal old-age and
- 17 SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are
- hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and
- 19 Survivors Trust Fund and the Federal Disability In-
- 20 surance Trust Fund established under section 201
- of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts
- 22 equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury
- by reason of the application of subsection (a).
- Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence
- shall be transferred from the general fund at such

- times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund had such amendments not been enacted.
 - (2) Transfers to social security Equivalent Benefit Account established under section 15A(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n–1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of the application of subsection (a)(2). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Account had such amendments not been enacted.
 - (3) COORDINATION WITH OTHER LAWS.—For purposes of applying any provision of law other than the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the rate of tax in effect under section 3101(a) of such Code shall be determined without regard to the reduction in such rate under this section.

1	SEC. 102. EQUAL TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICAN FAMILIES
2	WITH 1 OR MORE CHILDREN THAT IS CUR
3	RENTLY PROVIDED TO FAMILIES WITH 3 OF
4	MORE CHILDREN.
5	(a) In General.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-
6	enue Code of 1986, as amended by section 11022 of Public
7	Law 115-97, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8	lowing new subsection:
9	"(i) RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.—In the case of
10	an individual who is a bona fide resident of Puerto Ricc
11	during the entire taxable year—
12	"(1) subsection (d)(1)(B)(ii) shall be applied
13	(after application of subsection (h)), by substituting
14	'1 or more qualifying children' for '3 or more quali-
15	fying children', and
16	"(2) for purposes of subclause (I) of such sub-
17	section, such individual's social security taxes for
18	such taxable year shall be determined as if section
19	101 of the Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act
20	of 2018 did not apply.".
21	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
22	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
23	December 31, 2017.

TITLE II—FLEXIBILITY FOR 1 PUERTO RICO IN SMALL BUSI-2 **NESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-**3 **GRAMS** 4 5 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE. 6 This title may be cited as the "Puerto Rico Opportunity, Small Business Prosperity, and Economic Revital-7 ization Act of 2018". 9 SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS. 10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In this title: 11 ADMINISTRATION; ADMINISTRATOR.—The 12 terms "Administration" and "Administrator" mean 13 the Small Business Administration and the Adminis-14 trator thereof. 15 (2)PROGRAM.—The Microloan term "microloan program" means the program estab-16 17 lished under section 7(m) of the Small Business Act 18 (15 U.S.C. 636(m)). 19 (3) Oversight board termination date.— 20 The term "Oversight Board termination date" 21 means the date on which the Oversight Board estab-

lished under section 101 of the Puerto Rico Over-

sight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (48)

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U.S.C. 2121) terminates.

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1	(4) Puerto Rico.—The term "Puerto Rico"
2	means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
3	(5) Puerto rico business.—The term "Puer-
4	to Rico business" means a small business concern
5	that has its principal office located in the Common-
6	wealth of Puerto Rico.
7	(6) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
8	"small business concern" has the meaning given the
9	term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
10	U.S.C. 632).
11	(b) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—Section 3 of the Small
12	Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at
13	the end the following:
14	"(ee) Puerto Rico Business.—In this Act, the
15	term 'Puerto Rico business' means a small business con-
16	cern that has its principal office located in the Common-
17	wealth of Puerto Rico.".
18	Subtitle A—Lending
19	SEC. 211. MICROLOAN PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO SMALL
20	BUSINESS CONCERNS.
21	(a) Increase in Access to Capital for Certain
22	Intermediaries.—Section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small Busi-
23	ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)) is amended—
24	(1) by inserting "and except as provided in
25	clause (ii)" after "subsection (a)(3)";

1	(2) by striking "Notwithstanding" and insert-
2	ing the following:
3	"(i) In general.—Notwithstanding";
4	and
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(ii) Exception for certain puer-
7	TO RICO BUSINESSES.—
8	"(I) In general.—No loan shall
9	be made under this subsection if the
10	total amount outstanding and com-
11	mitted to 1 covered intermediary (ex-
12	cluding outstanding grants) from the
13	business loan and investment fund es-
14	tablished by this Act would, as a re-
15	sult of such loan, exceed \$6,000,000
16	in the remaining years of the covered
17	intermediary's participation in the
18	program.
19	"(II) Definition.—In this
20	clause, the term 'covered inter-
21	mediary' means an intermediary
22	that—
23	"(aa) is participating in the
24	program; and

1	"(bb) submits to the Admin-
2	istrator a certification that not
3	less than 20 percent of the
4	microloans made by the inter-
5	mediary under this subsection,
6	during such period as the Admin-
7	istrator may specify, will be made
8	to Puerto Rico businesses.".
9	(b) Waiver of $25/75$ Rule for Microloans to
10	PUERTO RICO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—Section
11	7(m)(4)(E) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12	636(m)(4)(E)) is amended—
13	(1) in clause (i), by striking "Each" and insert-
14	ing "Except as provided in clause (iii), each"; and
15	(2) by adding at the end the following:
16	"(iii) Exception for certain
17	INTERMEDIARIES.—The Administrator
18	shall waive the requirements of clause (i)
19	for an intermediary for which not less than
20	25 percent of the loans made by the inter-
21	mediary are made to Puerto Rico busi-
22	nesses.".
23	(c) SBA STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the
24	date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall con-
25	duct a study and submit to the Committee on Small Busi-

1	ness and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Com-
2	mittee on Small Business of the House of Representatives
3	a report on the following:
4	(1) The operations (including services provided
5	structure, size, and area of operation) of a rep-
6	resentative sample of—
7	(A) intermediaries that are eligible for par-
8	ticipation in the microloan program and that
9	participate in the microloan program; and
10	(B) intermediaries (including those oper-
11	ated for profit, operated as nonprofit organiza-
12	tions, and affiliated with a United States insti-
13	tution of higher learning (as defined in section
14	3452 of title 38, United States Code)) that are
15	so eligible and that do not participate in the
16	microloan program.
17	(2) The reasons why intermediaries described in
18	paragraph (1)(B) choose not to participate in the
19	microloan program.
20	(3) Recommendations on how to encourage in-
21	creased participation in the microloan program by
22	intermediaries described in paragraph (1)(B).
23	(4) Recommendations for increasing the num-
24	ber of intermediaries located in the territories of the

United States or in economically distressed areas (as

1	defined in section 7(m)(11)(D) of the Small Busi-
2	ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(11)(D))) that are eligi-
3	ble for participation in the microloan program.
4	(5) Recommendations on how to decrease the
5	costs associated with participation in the microloan
6	program for eligible intermediaries.
7	(d) GAO STUDY ON MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY
8	PRACTICES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-
9	actment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
10	States shall submit to the Committee on Small Business
11	and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee
12	on Small Business of the House of Representatives a re-
13	port evaluating—
14	(1) oversight of the microloan program by the
15	Administration, including oversight of intermediaries
16	participating in the microloan program; and
17	(2) the specific processes used by the Adminis-
18	tration to ensure—
19	(A) compliance by intermediaries partici-
20	pating in the microloan program; and
21	(B) the overall performance of the
22	microloan program.

Subtitle B—Procurement

2	SEC. 221. PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY TRANSFERS.
3	Section 7(j)(13)(F) of the Small Business Act (15
4	U.S.C. 636(j)(13)(F)) is amended by adding at the end
5	the following:
6	"(iii)(I) In this clause, the term 'covered period'
7	means the period beginning on the date of enact-
8	ment of this clause and ending on the date on which
9	the Oversight Board established under section 101
10	of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and
11	Economic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) termi-
12	nates.
13	"(II) The Administrator may transfer tech-
14	nology or surplus property under clause (i) on a pri-
15	ority basis to a Puerto Rico business if the Puerto
16	Rico business meets the requirements for such a
17	transfer, without regard to whether the Puerto Rico
18	business is a Program Participant.".
19	SEC. 222. SUBCONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE
20	FIRMS THAT ARE PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.
21	Section 45(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
22	657r(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
23	"(3) Puerto rico small business con-
24	CERNS.—

1	"(A) In general.—During the period be-
2	ginning on the date of enactment of this para-
3	graph and ending on the date on which the
4	Oversight Board established under section 101
5	of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and
6	Economic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) termi-
7	nates, the Administrator shall provide addi-
8	tional incentives to covered mentors, including
9	providing additional credit for subcontracts
10	awarded to covered proteges and costs incurred
11	for providing training to covered proteges.
12	"(B) Definitions.—In this paragraph—
13	"(i) the term 'covered mentor' means
14	a mentor that enters into an agreement
15	under this Act, or under any mentor-pro-
16	tege program approved under subsection
17	(b)(1), with a covered protege; and
18	"(ii) the term 'covered protege' means
19	a protege—
20	"(I) of a covered mentor; and
21	"(II) that has its principal office
22	located in the Commonwealth of Puer-
23	to Rico.".

1	SEC. 223. ADDITIONAL MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS
2	FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE PUERTO
3	RICO BUSINESSES.
4	Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act (15
5	U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting ", except
6	that such restrictions shall not apply to a relationship that
7	was entered into before the date on which the Oversight
8	Board established under section 101 of the Puerto Rico
9	Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (48
10	U.S.C. 2121) terminates and in which the principal office
11	of the protege is located in the Commonwealth of Puerto
12	Rico" after "each participant".
13	Subtitle C—Entrepreneurial
14	Development
14 15	Development SEC. 231. FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO.
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15 16	SEC. 231. FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO.
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15 16 17 18 19	SEC. 231. FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 34 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(j) FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO.— "(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator
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1	priated to carry out this subsection to provide busi-
2	ness advice and counseling to a Puerto Rico busi-
3	ness.
4	"(3) Waiver of matching requirements.—
5	The Administrator may, upon application, waive the
6	matching requirements under subsection (e)(2) for
7	an applicant that receives an award or has in effect
8	a cooperative agreement under this subsection.
9	"(4) Funding.—There is authorized to be ap-
10	propriated \$100,000 for fiscal year 2019, and each
11	fiscal year thereafter, to carry out this subsection.".
12	(b) Prospective Repeal.—Effective on the Over-
13	sight Board termination date, section 34 of the Small
14	Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d), as amended by subsection
15	(a), is amended by striking subsection (j).
16	Subtitle D—Small Business
17	Administration Oversight
18	SEC. 241. REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF
19	PUERTO RICO.
20	(a) In General.—During the period beginning on
21	the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the Over-
22	sight Board termination date, the director of the district
23	office of the Administration located in Puerto Rico shall

24 submit directly to Congress and the Administrator an an-

1	nual report on the activities of the Administration in Puer-
2	to Rico.
3	(b) COORDINATION.—In preparing each report de-
4	scribed in subsection (a), the director described in such
5	subsection shall consult with other Federal agencies to col-
6	lect data on grants, programs, and outreach activities car-
7	ried out by such agencies that affect any Puerto Rico busi-
8	ness.
9	Subtitle E—Disaster Loan Program
10	Expansion
11	SEC. 251. AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF DISASTER FOR
12	7(b) LOANS.
13	(a) In General.—Section 3(k)(2) of the Small Busi-
14	ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(2)) is amended—
15	(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" at
16	the end;
17	(2) in subparagraph (C), striking the period
18	and inserting "; and"; and
19	(3) by adding at the end the following:
20	"(D) communicable diseases for which the Fed-
21	eral Government issues a travel alert or travel warn-
22	ing.".
23	(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
24	section (a) shall apply to a communicable disease—

1	(1) for which the Federal Government issues a
2	travel alert or travel warning before, on, or after the
3	date of enactment of this Act; and
4	(2) the effects of which are experienced on or
5	after the date of enactment of this Act.
6	Subtitle F—Amendment to the
7	Investment Company Act of 1940
8	SEC. 261. TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR COMPANIES
9	IN TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.
10	(a) In General.—Section 6(a) of the Investment
11	Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-6(a)) is amended—
12	(1) by striking paragraph (1); and
13	(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
14	(5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively.
15	(b) Effective Date and Safe Harbor.—
16	(1) Effective date.—Except as provided in
17	paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection
18	(a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this
19	Act.
20	(2) Safe Harbor.—With respect to a company
21	that is exempt under section 6(a)(1) of the Invest-
22	ment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-
23	6(a)(1)), as in effect on the day before the date of
24	enactment of this Act, the amendment made by sub-

section (a) shall take effect on the date that is 3
years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) EXTENSION OF SAFE HARBOR.—The Securities and Exchange Commission, by rule and regulation upon its own motion, or by order upon application, may conditionally or unconditionally, under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–6(c)), further delay the effective date for a company described in paragraph (2) to be not later than the date that is 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act if, before the end of the initial 3-year period, the Commission determines that such a rule, regulation, motion, or order is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

TITLE III—ECONOMIC STATISTICS

18 SEC. 301. DEFINITION.

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- In this title, the term "Secretary" means the Sec-
- 20 retary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the
- 21 Bureau of the Census.
- 22 SEC. 302. INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICO IN CENSUS SUR-
- veys.
- 24 (a) Study on Inclusion in Current Population
- 25 Survey.—The Secretary shall study the feasibility of in-

1	cluding Puerto Rico in the Current Population Survey
2	conducted by the Secretary.
3	(b) Interagency Working Group on Improving
4	Data.—
5	(1) Establishment.—The Chief Statistician
6	of the United States shall establish a technical inter-
7	agency working group to study the most effective ap-
8	proach to improving the quality and availability of
9	data about or from Puerto Rico for the purpose of
10	Federal statistical programs.
11	(2) Report.—Not later than October 31,
12	2018, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the tech-
13	nical interagency working group established under
14	paragraph (1) shall submit a report on the activities
15	and findings of the working group to—
16	(A) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-
17	ate; and
18	(B) the Committee on Ways and Means of
19	the House of Representatives.
20	(e) Inclusion in Other Surveys and Programs
21	OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.—The Secretary shall
22	conduct a proof of concept for including, or expanding the
23	inclusion of, Puerto Rico in each of the following surveys
24	and programs conducted by the Secretary:

1	(1) The Census of Governments and Related
2	Annual Programs.
3	(2) The Survey of Business Owners.
4	(3) The Building Permits Survey.
5	(4) The Quarterly Workforce Indicators, de-
6	rived from the Longitudinal Employer-Household
7	Dynamics Program.
8	(5) The Statistics of U.S. Businesses.
9	SEC. 303. FEDERAL STATISTICAL RESEARCH DATA CENTER.
10	(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a fa-
11	cility, to be known as the "Federal Statistical Research
12	Data Center", in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
13	(b) DUAL CAPACITY.—The facility established under
14	subsection (a) shall serve as both—
15	(1) an office of the International Trade Man-
16	agement Division of the Bureau of the Census; and
17	(2) a research data center of the Bureau of the
18	Census.
19	TITLE IV—OFFSETS
20	SEC. 401. PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.
21	Section 4002(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-
22	fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11(b)), as amended
23	by section 53119 of Public Law 115–123, is amended—
24	(1) in paragraph (3), by striking
25	"\$900.000.000" and inserting "\$841.000.000":

1	(2) in paragraph (4), by striking
2	"\$900,000,000" and inserting "\$848,000,000";
3	(3) by striking paragraphs (5) through (8);
4	(4) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
5	graph (7); and
6	(5) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
7	lowing new paragraphs:
8	"(5) for fiscal year 2020, \$900,000,000;
9	"(6) for each fiscal year during the period of
10	fiscal years 2021 through 2027, \$700,000,000;
11	and;".

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