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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

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 “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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