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To facilitate nationwide accessibility and coordination of 211 services and 988 services in order to provide information and referral to all residents and visitors in the United States for mental health emergencies, homelessness needs, other social and human services needs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. WARREN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Human-services Emer-
3 gency Logistic Program Act of 2023” or the “HELP Act
4 of 2023”.

5 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

6 The purposes of this Act are as follows:

7 (1) To strengthen the existing 211 services and
8 to coordinate 211 and 988 services in States
9 throughout the Nation.

10 (2) To increase the availability, reliability, and
11 responsiveness of 211 and 988 services, and improve
12 information and referral through 211 and 988 serv-
13 ices, across the country, 24 hours a day, 365 days
14 a year.

15 (3) To reduce the use of 911 services for cir-
16 cumstances not related to law enforcement, fire, or
17 medical emergencies.

18 (4) To more efficiently connect individuals with
19 mental health services and other needed human serv-
20 ices.

21 (5) To reduce the arrests, incarcerations, and
22 violent interactions between law enforcement and in-
23 dividuals that sometimes occur from inappropriate
24 911 emergency referrals.

1 **SEC. 3. ALLOTMENTS TO STRENGTHEN NATIONWIDE AC-**
2 **CESSIBILITY AND COORDINATION OF 211 AND**
3 **988 SERVICES FOR INFORMATION AND RE-**
4 **FERRAL FOR HUMAN SERVICES AND MENTAL**
5 **HEALTH NEEDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Out of amounts appropriated
7 under section 4(a) that remain after application of section
8 4(b), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-
9 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”), acting through
10 the Human Services National Board, shall make an allot-
11 ment to each State, in accordance with the formula devel-
12 oped under subsection (b), to carry out a program for the
13 purposes of—

14 (1) ensuring 211 and 988 services are directly
15 accessible to all individuals in each State;

16 (2) ensuring capacity within each State for 988
17 services through the operational support of State
18 designated crisis centers within the National Suicide
19 Prevention Lifeline Network;

20 (3) strengthening the reliability, accessibility,
21 and responsiveness of methods of communication
22 through 211 and 988 services, in order to provide
23 information and referrals with respect to human
24 services provided through the respective 211 or 988
25 services, including mental health emergency re-
26 sources and suicide prevention resources provided

1 through 988 services, homelessness resources, do-
2 mestic violence resources, resources to identify and
3 address child, adult, and elder abuse and exploi-
4 tation, caregiver and child care resources, and other
5 human service needs provided through 211 services;
6 and

7 (4) reducing law enforcement interactions with
8 people with disabilities and individuals experiencing
9 human-services or mental health needs, and increas-
10 ing the capacity to divert calls from 911 or police
11 departments to mental health and human services
12 responders, as appropriate.

13 (b) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of making al-
15 lotments under this section, the Secretary shall de-
16 velop a formula for determining the allotment
17 amounts for each State. Such formula shall be based
18 on population, population density, poverty rate, and
19 other evidence-based predictive data related to the
20 needs of the State for, and access to, mental health
21 and other human services. Allotments made under
22 this section, and the services provided through such
23 allotments, shall not supplant funding otherwise
24 made available to the State for such purposes, or

1 services otherwise provided by the State for such
2 purposes.

3 (2) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—A State
4 may not be eligible for an allotment under this sec-
5 tion unless the State ensures that at least 25 per-
6 cent of the resources of the program funded by the
7 State allotment will be derived from non-Federal
8 sources, which may include in-kind contributions of
9 goods or services.

10 (3) REQUIREMENT REGARDING STATE ALLOT-
11 MENT AMOUNTS.—Of the amounts allotted to a
12 State under this section, not more than 15 percent
13 shall be allocated for evaluation, training, and tech-
14 nical assistance, and for management and adminis-
15 tration of subgrants awarded under this section.

16 (4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—From the allot-
17 ment made to a State under this subsection, the
18 State Human Services Collaborative may retain the
19 greater of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of such allotment or
20 \$50,000, for administrative costs.

21 (c) HUMAN SERVICES NATIONAL BOARD.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
23 a Human Services National Board for purposes of—

1 (A) managing and allocating funds under
 2 this section, including making allotments to
 3 States;

4 (B) reviewing State plans for implementing
 5 and maintaining 211 systems and coordinating
 6 the 211 and 988 systems;

7 (C) evaluating State 211 and 988 systems,
 8 including with respect to capacity for answering
 9 and responding to calls; and

10 (D) evaluating the coordination and col-
 11 laboration among 211, 988, and 911 services
 12 and other emergency and call center systems.

13 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Human Services
 15 National Board shall be comprised of not fewer
 16 than 19 members selected by the Secretary in
 17 accordance with subparagraph (B), of which 11
 18 shall be permanent members, and 8 shall serve
 19 3-year, rotating terms.

20 (B) MEMBERS.—

21 (i) PERMANENT MEMBERS.—The 11
 22 permanent members shall be comprised of
 23 one representative from each of—

24 (I) the Alliance of Information
 25 and Referral Systems;

1 (II) United Way Worldwide;

2 (III) the National Council on
3 Independent Living;

4 (IV) the National Association of
5 Area Agencies on Aging;

6 (V) the Bazelon Center for Men-
7 tal Health Law;

8 (VI) the Leadership Conference
9 on Civil and Human Rights;

10 (VII) the National Alliance to
11 End Homelessness;

12 (VIII) the Fraternal Order of
13 Police;

14 (IX) the National Suicide Pre-
15 vention Lifeline;

16 (X) the National Domestic Vio-
17 lence Hotline; and

18 (XI) the National Emergency
19 Number Association.

20 (ii) ROTATING MEMBERS.—The 8 ro-
21 tating members shall be selected by the
22 Secretary, with input from stakeholders
23 and advocates, and shall include—

1 (I) 1 representative of a faith-
2 based organization dedicated to pro-
3 viding human services;

4 (II) 1 representative of an orga-
5 nization dedicated to ensuring racial
6 and ethnic equity;

7 (III) 1 representative of a dis-
8 ability organization operated by a ma-
9 jority of people with disabilities;

10 (IV) 1 representative of an orga-
11 nization representing older adults;

12 (V) 1 representative of an organi-
13 zation representing Tribal and Native
14 peoples;

15 (VI) 1 representative of an orga-
16 nization representing LGBTQ+ popu-
17 lations;

18 (VII) 1 representative of a sec-
19 ular organization dedicated to pro-
20 viding human services; and

21 (VIII) 1 representative of a law
22 enforcement labor or representative
23 organization.

24 (iii) ADDITIONAL ROTATING MEM-
25 BERS.—In addition to the members ap-

pointed under clauses (i) and (ii), the Secretary may appoint to the Human Services National Board up to 4 additional rotating members to represent specific populations or issues. Each such member shall serve a 3-year term.

(iv) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—Ex officio members of the Human Services National Board shall include 1 representative from each of—

(I) the Department of Health and Human Services;

(II) the Department of Education;

(III) the Department of Homeland Security;

(IV) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(V) the Department of Commerce; and

(VI) the Department of Labor.

(3) FISCAL AGENT.—The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall be the fiscal agent of the Human Services National Board.

(4) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—

1 (A) CHAIR SELECTION.—The Chair of the
 2 Human Services National Board shall be se-
 3 lected by the Human Services National Board
 4 members, from among the permanent members
 5 described in paragraph (2)(B)(i), and shall
 6 serve a 5-year term.

7 (B) VICE CHAIR SELECTION.—The Vice
 8 Chair shall be selected by the Human Services
 9 National Board members, from among the ro-
 10 tating members described in paragraph
 11 (2)(B)(ii), and shall serve a 3-year term.

12 (d) STATE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES.—

13 (1) HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State seeking an al-
 15 lotment under this section, not later than 3
 16 months after receiving an allotment, shall ap-
 17 point a lead entity (referred to in this section
 18 as a “Human Services Collaborative”) for pur-
 19 poses of meeting the requirements of this sub-
 20 section.

21 (B) HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE.—
 22 A State lead entity shall be treated as the State
 23 Human Services Collaborative under this sub-
 24 section if the entity—

1 (i)(I) is a State entity or an independ-
 2 ently incorporated nonprofit organization
 3 serving as the lead implementing agency
 4 coordinating and managing State and re-
 5 gional projects and operations for 211 in
 6 the State—

7 (aa) under State law; or

8 (bb) by order of the State public
 9 utility commission;

10 (II) collaborates, to the extent prac-
 11 ticable, with the entities listed in clause
 12 (ii); and

13 (III) collaborates with the Adminis-
 14 trator of the National Suicide Prevention
 15 Lifeline to coordinate 988 operations with
 16 211 operations in the State; or

17 (ii) is a collaborative entity established
 18 by the State for such purpose from among
 19 representatives of—

20 (I) an informal, existing 211
 21 statewide collaborative in the State;

22 (II) crisis centers within the Na-
 23 tional Suicide Prevention Lifeline Net-
 24 work operating in the State;

25 (III) State agencies;

1 (IV) community-based organiza-
2 tions, including—

3 (aa) organizations rep-
4 resenting older adults;

5 (bb) organizations rep-
6 resenting people with disabilities;

7 (cc) where appropriate, or-
8 ganizations representing Native
9 peoples and Tribal nations;

10 (dd) organizations rep-
11 resenting people with mental
12 health disabilities; and

13 (ee) organizations led by
14 Black people, indigenous people,
15 or people of color working to end
16 racism;

17 (V) faith-based organizations
18 dedicated to providing human serv-
19 ices;

20 (VI) nonprofit organizations pro-
21 viding human services;

22 (VII) comprehensive and special-
23 ized information and referral pro-
24 viders, including area agencies on

1 aging, aging and disability resource
 2 centers, and 211 and 988 call centers;
 3 (VIII) State and regional founda-
 4 tions;
 5 (IX) businesses headquartered in,
 6 or with significant presence in, the
 7 State; and
 8 (X) law enforcement labor or rep-
 9 resentative organizations representing
 10 rank and file officers.

11 (2) HUMAN SERVICES STATE OVERSIGHT COUN-
 12 CIL.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each State receiving
 14 an allotment under this section shall establish a
 15 Human Services State Oversight Council (re-
 16 ferred to in this section as a “Council”) to pro-
 17 vide guidance and oversight of the 211 and 988
 18 systems to the State Human Services Collabo-
 19 rative.

20 (B) MEMBERS.—

21 (i) IN GENERAL.—Each Council shall
 22 be comprised of not more than 25 stake-
 23 holders and service providers appointed by
 24 the governor of the State for staggered 3-
 25 year terms, including—

- 1 (I) at least 3 representatives of
- 2 human service providers;
- 3 (II) at least 2 older adults;
- 4 (III) at least 3 people with dis-
- 5 abilities;
- 6 (IV) at least 3 additional people
- 7 with mental health disabilities;
- 8 (V) at least 1 individual with a
- 9 child under 18 years of age;
- 10 (VI) at least 1 individual caring
- 11 for an older adult;
- 12 (VII) at least 1 individual pro-
- 13 viding support for a relative with a
- 14 disability;
- 15 (VIII) at least 3 individuals who
- 16 are members of a family that receives
- 17 means tested Federal benefits, such as
- 18 temporary assistance for needy fami-
- 19 lies under part A of title IV of the So-
- 20 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et
- 21 seq.), the supplemental nutrition as-
- 22 sistance program established under
- 23 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
- 24 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), or the supple-
- 25 mental security income program es-

1 tablished under title XVI of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

3 (IX) at least 1 business rep-
4 resentative; and

5 (X) at least 1 representative of a
6 law enforcement labor or representa-
7 tive organization.

8 (ii) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—No
9 Council member may be an employee of an
10 entity that receives a subgrant from the
11 State Human Services Collaborative.

12 (iii) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—With
13 respect to each Council, the Council shall
14 select from among its members a Chair,
15 who shall be a recipient of human services,
16 and a Vice Chair, who shall be a provider
17 of human services or a business represent-
18 ative.

19 (C) DUTIES.—Each Council shall be re-
20 sponsible for—

21 (i) reviewing the annual State applica-
22 tion to the Human Services National
23 Board;

24 (ii) reviewing the annual Human
25 Services Collaborative budget;

1 (iii) identifying topics for, and ensur-
2 ing an evaluation of, the State 211 and
3 988 services, consistent with subsection
4 (h)(2);

5 (iv) monitoring the State 211 and 988
6 services to ensure that such services are
7 racially equitable; and

8 (v) making recommendations to in-
9 crease the awareness and effectiveness of
10 211 and 988 services in all parts and com-
11 munities of the State.

12 (e) APPLICATION.—The Human Services Collabo-
13 rative of a State, on behalf of each State seeking an alloca-
14 tion under this section, acting under the direction of the
15 State governor, shall submit an annual application to the
16 Human Services National Board for such an allocation,
17 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
18 mation as the Secretary may require, including the fol-
19 lowing:

20 (1) A description of how the Human Services
21 Collaborative will—

22 (A) ensure that every resident of the State
23 with phone or internet service can connect to
24 the 211 and 988 services at no charge;

1 (B) make available, throughout the State,
2 211 and 988 service information and referral
3 with respect to human services, including infor-
4 mation about the manner in which the Human
5 Services Collaborative will develop, sustain, and
6 evaluate the State's 211 and 988 services and
7 ensure sufficient State capacity for answering
8 and responding to calls to 211 and 988;

9 (C) coordinate with 911 systems and law
10 enforcement agencies to divert calls to mental
11 health and human services responders who can
12 assist individuals and link individuals with vol-
13 untary, community-based services, as appro-
14 priate; and

15 (D) use annual 211 and 988 operational
16 data to inform the Collaborative's approach to
17 assessing the program and establishing over-
18 sight metrics.

19 (2) Information on the sources of funding and
20 other resources for the State 211 and 988 services
21 for purposes of meeting the requirements under sub-
22 section (b)(2).

23 (3) Information describing how the Human
24 Services Collaborative will provide to all individuals
25 in the State, to the extent practicable, a statewide

1 database available via the internet, that will allow
 2 such individuals to search for programs or services
 3 that are available from mental health and human
 4 services providers in the State.

5 (4) Assurances that all activities and informa-
 6 tion provided by the 211 and 988 services and all
 7 entities receiving subgrants pursuant to this section
 8 will be directly accessible according to the Americans
 9 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et
 10 seq.), section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 11 (29 U.S.C. 794d), and part 1194 of title 36, Code
 12 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regula-
 13 tions).

14 (5) Any additional information the Secretary
 15 may require.

16 (f) SUBGRANTS.—

17 (1) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying out
 18 a program in a State, the State Human Services
 19 Collaborative may make subgrants to such entities
 20 as the Collaborative determines appropriate, which
 21 may include subgrants to provide funds—

22 (A) for the provision of 211 and 988 serv-
 23 ices;

24 (B) for the operation and maintenance of
 25 211 and 988 call centers;

1 (C) for the collection and display of infor-
2 mation in the statewide database;

3 (D) for increasing public awareness of 211
4 and 988 services in the State in collaboration
5 with 911 services and other emergency call cen-
6 ters;

7 (E) for coordination of the State's 211 and
8 988 services, including the collection, accessi-
9 bility, and display of information through a na-
10 tional data platform;

11 (F) to conduct statewide and regional
12 planning for 211 and 988 services;

13 (G) for start-up costs of extending 211 and
14 988 services to unserved areas, including costs
15 of software and hardware upgrades and tele-
16 communications and internet costs;

17 (H) to ensure that 211 and 988 services
18 are directly accessible, consistent with the
19 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
20 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), section 508 of the Reha-
21 bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), and
22 part 1194 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
23 tions (or any successor regulations);

24 (I) for staffing;

25 (J) for training;

1 (K) for activities related to accreditation;

2 (L) for the evaluation of State 211 and
3 988 activities and capacity;

4 (M) for internet hosting and site develop-
5 ment and maintenance for a statewide data-
6 base;

7 (N) for cloud-based data and messaging
8 capacity;

9 (O) to encourage coordination and collabo-
10 ration of 211 and 988 services within the State
11 and ensure coordination and collaboration with
12 local 911 Public Safety Answering Points;

13 (P) to integrate or share resources and
14 service-level data with national platforms hosted
15 by the Human Services National Board;

16 (Q) to prepare and submit State and na-
17 tional reporting requirements and other activi-
18 ties approved by the Human Services State
19 Oversight Council;

20 (R) to provide stipends and travel reim-
21 bursement for individuals with disabilities and
22 their family members for costs associated with
23 serving on the Human Services State Oversight
24 Council; or

1 (S) to carry out other activities approved
2 by the Human Services National Board on be-
3 half of the Secretary.

4 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding a subgrant
5 under this subsection, a lead entity shall consider—

6 (A) the ability of the entity seeking the
7 subgrant to carry out activities or provide serv-
8 ices consistent with this Act;

9 (B) the extent to which the award of the
10 subgrant will facilitate equitable geographic dis-
11 tribution of subgrants under this section to en-
12 sure that rural communities have access to 211
13 and 988 services; and

14 (C) the extent to which the recipient of the
15 subgrant will establish and maintain cooperative
16 relationships with specialized information and
17 referral centers, including Child Care Resource
18 and Referral Agencies, crisis centers, referral
19 agencies for aging or disability services, 911
20 call centers, 311 call centers, and other call
21 centers, as applicable.

22 (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a subgrant
23 under this subsection, a lead entity shall give pref-
24 erence to organizations that work with people with

1 disabilities who are Black, Indigenous, or other peo-
 2 ple of color.

3 (g) USE OF STATE ALLOTMENT AND SUBGRANT
 4 AMOUNTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts awarded as State
 6 allotments or subgrants under this section shall be
 7 used solely for either or both of the following pur-
 8 poses:

9 (A) To make available 211 and 988 serv-
 10 ices to all individuals in a State via voice, short
 11 message service or other messaging, internet, or
 12 other telecommunication methods.

13 (B) For community information and refer-
 14 ral with respect to human services, among indi-
 15 viduals, families, and agencies seeking such
 16 services and the providers of such services.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In making 211 and 988
 18 services available, the recipient of a State allotment
 19 or subgrant shall, to the maximum extent prac-
 20 ticable—

21 (A) abide by the Key Standards for 211
 22 Centers as specified in the Standards and Qual-
 23 ity Indicators for Professional Information and
 24 Referral published by the Alliance of Informa-
 25 tion and Referral Systems for 211 services;

1 (B) abide by the clinical standards and
 2 guidelines specified by the Administrator of the
 3 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for 988
 4 crisis centers that are part of the National Sui-
 5 cide Prevention Lifeline Network; and

6 (C) collaborate with public and private
 7 human services organizations and existing na-
 8 tional, regional, and local information and re-
 9 ferral systems to provide an exhaustive and
 10 comprehensive database of services from which
 11 to provide information or referrals to individ-
 12 uals using the 211 and 988 services.

13 (3) USE OF SUBGRANT FUNDS.—Amounts
 14 awarded through a subgrant under subsection (f)
 15 may be used by the subgrant recipient for the pur-
 16 poses described in subsection (f)(1).

17 (h) REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS.—

18 (1) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The State Human
 19 Services Collaborative of each State receiving an al-
 20 lotment under this section shall submit to the
 21 Human Services National Board, not later than 60
 22 days after the end of each fiscal year in which such
 23 allotment is made, a report on the program funded
 24 by the State allotment. Each report shall—

1 (A) describe the activities or services fund-
2 ed by the State allotment;

3 (B) assess the effectiveness of such activi-
4 ties and services in making available, to all resi-
5 dents of the State, 211 and 988 services for
6 emergency mental health services and informa-
7 tion and referrals with respect to human serv-
8 ices in accordance with the provisions of this
9 section;

10 (C) assess the effectiveness of collaboration
11 with human services resource and referral enti-
12 ties and service providers;

13 (D) include the percentage of calls to 911
14 or to police that were diverted to mental health
15 and other human services responders; and

16 (E) describe the services to which individ-
17 uals were linked through the 211 and 988 serv-
18 ices and any efforts to track outcomes.

19 (2) EVALUATION.—Each State Human Services
20 Collaborative shall award a contract to an inde-
21 pendent entity to conduct an evaluation of the State
22 211 and 988 systems biennially. The evaluation shall
23 address—

24 (A) any barriers to access to the State 211
25 and 988 services for residents and visitors;

1 (B) the effectiveness of the State 211 and
 2 988 services at connecting residents to needed
 3 human services;

4 (C) the effectiveness of collaborations
 5 among 211 and 988 partners;

6 (D) the effects of the State 211 and 988
 7 services on 911 law enforcement, fire, and med-
 8 ical emergency services;

9 (E) the comprehensiveness of the informa-
 10 tion in the State 211 and 988 database;

11 (F) public awareness of the State 211 and
 12 988 services;

13 (G) user satisfaction with the State 211
 14 and 988 services; and

15 (H) other topics identified by the Human
 16 Services State Oversight Councils.

17 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) 211 SERVICE.—The term “211 service”
 19 means providing residents with information and re-
 20 ferrals, via voice telephone, text telephone, short
 21 message service, text, internet phone, or other tele-
 22 communication methods, with respect to health and
 23 human services and other provider agencies.

24 (2) 988 SERVICE.—The term “988 service”
 25 means the provision of mental health or suicide cri-

1 sis support and resources through the universal tele-
2 phone number within the United States designated
3 for the purpose of the national suicide prevention
4 and mental health crisis hotline system operating
5 through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

6 (3) HUMAN SERVICES.—The term “human
7 services” means services that—

8 (A) assist individuals in becoming more
9 self-sufficient, in preventing dependency, and in
10 strengthening family relationships;

11 (B) address social determinants of health;

12 (C) support personal and social develop-
13 ment; or

14 (D) help ensure the health and well-being
15 of individuals, families, and communities.

16 (4) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—
17 The terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization”
18 have the meanings given such terms in section 4 of
19 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
20 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

21 (5) OLDER ADULT.—The term “older adult”
22 has the meaning given the term “older individual”
23 in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965
24 (42 U.S.C. 3002).

1 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means the sev-
 2 eral States, the District of Columbia, the Common-
 3 wealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Is-
 4 lands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Common-
 5 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an In-
 6 dian tribe or tribal organization.

7 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
 9 priated to carry out this Act—

10 (1) \$550,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
 11 and 2025, of which, each such fiscal year,
 12 \$350,000,000 shall be allocated for 211 services and
 13 \$200,000,000 shall be allocated for 988 services;
 14 and

15 (2) \$450,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
 16 through 2030, of which, each such fiscal year,
 17 \$300,000,000 shall be allocated for 211 services and
 18 \$150,000,000 shall be allocated for 988 services.

19 (b) RESERVATION.—Of the amount appropriated
 20 under this section for a fiscal year, the Human Services
 21 National Board may reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent for adminis-
 22 trative and national coordinating activities.

23 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant
 24 to this section shall remain available until expended.

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