

#### 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. 269

To protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations.

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 30, 2019

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

# A BILL

To protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations.

- 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 "Social Security 2100
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title.
  - Sec. 2. Table of contents.

#### TITLE I—STRENGTHENING BENEFITS

Sec. 101. Across-the-board benefit increase.

- Sec. 102. More accurate cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security beneficiaries.
- Sec. 103. Increase in minimum benefit for lifetime low earners based on years in the workforce.
- Sec. 104. Increase in threshold amounts and rate for inclusion of Social Security benefits in income.
- Sec. 105. Holding SSI, Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries harmless.

#### TITLE II—STRENGTHENING THE TRUST FUND

- Sec. 201. Determination of wages and self-employment income above contribution and benefit base after 2019.
- Sec. 202. Inclusion of earnings over \$400,000 in Social Security benefit formula.
- Sec. 203. Adjustment to the Social Security insurance contribution.
- Sec. 204. Social Security Trust Fund established.

## TITLE I—STRENGTHENING

### 2 **BENEFITS**

- 3 SEC. 101. ACROSS-THE-BOARD BENEFIT INCREASE.
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(a)(1)(A)(i) of the So-
- 5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)(A)(i)) is amended
- 6 by striking "90 percent" and inserting "93 percent".
- 7 (b) Effective Date.—
- 8 (1) In General.—The amendment made by
- 9 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to monthly
- insurance benefits payable for any month after De-
- 11 cember 2019.

- 12 (2) Recomputation of Primary insurance
- AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding section 215(f) of the
- Social Security Act, the Commissioner of Social Se-
- curity shall recompute primary insurance amounts
- originally computed for months prior to January
- 17 2020 to the extent necessary to carry out the
- amendments made by this section.

1	SEC. 102. MORE ACCURATE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT
2	FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES.
3	(a) In General.—Section 215(i)(1) of the Social Se-
4	curity Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(1)) is amended by adding
5	at the end the following new subparagraph:
6	"(H) the term 'Consumer Price Index' means
7	the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers
8	(CPI-E, as published by the Bureau of Labor Sta-
9	tistics of the Department of Labor).".
10	(b) Application to Pre-1979 Law.—
11	(1) In general.—Section 215(i)(1) of the So-
12	cial Security Act as in effect in December 1978, and
13	as applied in certain cases under the provisions of
14	such Act as in effect after December 1978, is
15	amended by adding at the end the following new
16	subparagraph:
17	"(D) the term 'Consumer Price Index' means
18	the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers
19	(CPI-E, as published by the Bureau of Labor Sta-
20	tistics of the Department of Labor).".
21	(2) Conforming Change.—Section 215(i)(4)
22	of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(4)) is
23	amended by inserting "and by section 102 of the So-
24	cial Security 2100 Act" after "1986".
25	(c) No Effect on Adjustments Under Other
26	Laws.—Section 215(i) of the Social Security Act (42

- 1 U.S.C. 415(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 "(6) Any provision of law (other than in this title,
- 4 title VIII, or title XVI) which provides for adjustment of
- 5 an amount based on a change in benefit amounts resulting
- 6 from a determination made under this subsection shall be
- 7 applied and administered without regard to the amend-
- 8 ments made by subsections (a) and (b) of section 102 of
- 9 the Social Security 2100 Act.".
- 10 (d) Publication of Consumer Price Index for
- 11 ELDERLY CONSUMERS.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 12 of the Department of Labor shall prepare and publish an
- 13 index for each calendar month to be known as the "Con-
- 14 sumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers' that indicates
- 15 changes over time in expenditures for consumption which
- 16 are typical for individuals in the United States who have
- 17 attained age 62.
- (e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 19 this section shall apply to determinations made with re-
- 20 spect to cost-of-living computation quarters (as defined in
- 21 section 215(i)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
- 22 415(i)(1)(B))) ending on or after September 30 of the cal-
- 23 endar year in which this Act is enacted.

1	SEC. 103. INCREASE IN MINIMUM BENEFIT FOR LIFETIME
2	LOW EARNERS BASED ON YEARS IN THE
3	WORKFORCE.
4	(a) In General.—Section 215(a)(1) of the Social
5	Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)) is amended—
6	(1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
7	paragraph (E); and
8	(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
9	lowing new subparagraph:
10	"(D)(i) Effective with respect to the benefits of indi-
11	viduals who become eligible for old-age insurance benefits
12	or disability insurance benefits (or die before becoming so
13	eligible) after 2019, no primary insurance amount com-
14	puted under subparagraph (A) may be less than the great-
15	er of—
16	"(I) the minimum monthly amount computed
17	under subparagraph (C); or
18	``(II) in the case of an individual who has more
19	than 10 years of work (as defined in clause $(iv)(I)$ ),
20	the alternative minimum amount determined under
21	clause (ii).
22	"(ii)(I) The alternative minimum amount determined
23	under this clause is the applicable percentage of $\frac{1}{12}$ of
24	the annual dollar amount determined under clause (iii) for
25	the year in which the amount is determined.

- 1 (II) For purposes of subclause (I), the applicable
- 2 percentage is the percentage specified in connection with
- 3 the number of years of work, as set forth in the following
- 4 table:

If the number of years	The applicable
of work is:	percentage is:
11	6.25 percent
12	12.50 percent
13	18.75 percent
14	25.00 percent
15	31.25 percent
16	37.50 percent
17	43.75 percent
18	50.00 percent
19	56.25 percent
20	62.50 percent
21	68.75 percent
22	75.00 percent
23	81.25 percent
24	87.50 percent
25	93.75 percent
26	100.00 percent
27	106.25 percent
28	112.50 percent
29	118.75 percent
30 or more	125.00 percent.

- 5 "(iii) The annual dollar amount determined under
- 6 this clause is—
- 7 "(I) for calendar year 2020, the poverty guide-
- 8 line for 2019; and
- 9 "(II) for any calendar year after 2020, the an-
- nual dollar amount for 2020 multiplied by the ratio
- 11 of—
- 12 "(aa) the national average wage index (as
- defined in section 209(k)(1)) for the second cal-

endar year preceding the calendar year for 1 2 which the determination is made, to 3 "(bb) the national average wage index (as 4 so defined) for 2018. 5 "(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph— 6 "(I) the term 'year of work' means, with re-7 spect to an individual, a year to which 4 quarters of 8 coverage have been credited based on such individ-9 ual's wages and self-employment income; and 10 "(II) the term 'poverty guideline for 2019' 11 means the annual poverty guideline for 2019 (as up-12 dated annually in the Federal Register by the De-13 partment of Health and Human Services under the 14 authority of section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget 15 Reconciliation Act of 1981) as applicable to a single individual.". 16 17 RECOMPUTATION.—Notwithstanding (b) section 18 215(f)(1) of the Social Security Act, the Commissioner of 19 Security shall recompute primary Social 20 amounts originally computed for months prior to Novem-21 ber 2019 to the extent necessary to carry out the amend-22 ments made by this section. 23 (c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 209(k)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 409(k)(1)) is amended by inserting "215(a)(1)(E)," after "215(a)(1)(D),". 25

1	SEC. 104. INCREASE IN THRESHOLD AMOUNTS AND RATE
2	FOR INCLUSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENE-
3	FITS IN INCOME.
4	(a) In General.—Subsection (a) of section 86 of the
5	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as fol-
6	lows:
7	"(a) In General.—Gross income for the taxable
8	year of any taxpayer described in subsection (b) (notwith-
9	standing section 207 of the Social Security Act) includes
10	Social Security benefits in an amount equal to the lesser
11	of—
12	"(1) 85 percent of the Social Security benefits
13	received during the taxable year, or
14	"(2) one-half of the excess described in sub-
15	section $(b)(1)$ .".
16	(b) Base Amount.—Subsection (c) of section 86 of
17	such Code is amended to read as follows:
18	"(c) Base Amount.—For purposes of this section,
19	the term 'base amount' means—
20	"(1) except as otherwise provided in this para-
21	graph, \$50,000,
22	(2) \$100,000 in the case of a joint return, and
23	"(3) zero in the case of a taxpayer who—
24	"(A) is married as of the close of the tax-
25	able year (within the meaning of section 7703)

- but does not file a joint return for such year,
- 2 and
- 3 "(B) does not live apart from his spouse at
- 4 all times during the taxable year.".
- 5 (c) Hospital Insurance Trust Fund Held
- 6 Harmless.—Section 121(e)(1) of the Social Security
- 7 Amendments of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 401 note) is amended
- 8 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
- 9 "(C) The amounts appropriated to the hospital
- insurance trust fund by subparagraph (B) shall be
- determined, and transferred from the general fund,
- at such times and in such manner so as to replicate,
- to the extent possible, the appropriations and trans-
- 14 fers which would have occurred with respect to such
- trust fund had subsections (a) and (b) of section
- 16 104 of the Social Security 2100 Act not been en-
- 17 acted.".
- 18 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 20 December 31, 2019.
- 21 SEC. 105. HOLDING SSI, MEDICAID, AND CHIP BENE-
- 22 FICIARIES HARMLESS.
- For purposes of determining the income of an indi-
- 24 vidual to establish eligibility for, and the amount of, bene-
- 25 fits payable under title XVI of the Social Security Act,

1	eligibility for medical assistance under the State plan
2	under title XIX (or a waiver of such plan), or eligibility
3	for child health assistance under the State child health
4	plan under title XXI (or a waiver of the plan), the amount
5	of any benefit to which the individual is entitled under
6	title II of such Act shall be deemed not to exceed the
7	amount of the benefit that would be determined for such
8	individual under such title as in effect on the day before
9	the date of the enactment of this Act.
10	TITLE II—STRENGTHENING THE
11	TRUST FUND
12	SEC. 201. DETERMINATION OF WAGES AND SELF-EMPLOY-
13	MENT INCOME ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND
13 14	MENT INCOME ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.
14	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.
14 15	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBU-
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li></ul>	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li></ul>	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—  (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE
14 15 16 17 18	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—  (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—  (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—  (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—  (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—  (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after "such cal-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.  (a) DETERMINATION OF WAGES ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2019.—  (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—  (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after "such calendar year." the following: "The preceding sen-

- such calendar years, only to the extent remuneration paid to such employee by such employer with respect to employment does not exceed \$400,000.".
  - (B) Conforming amendment.—Paragraph (1) of section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "Act) to" and inserting "Act), or in excess of \$400,000, to".
  - (2) Amendment to the social security Act.—Section 209(a)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 409(a)(1)(I)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: "except that this subparagraph shall apply only to calendar years for which the contribution and benefit base (as so determined) is less than \$400,000, and, for such calendar years, only to the extent remuneration paid to such employee by such employer with respect to employment does not exceed \$400,000".
  - (3) Effective date.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to remuneration paid in calendar years after 2019.

1	(b) Determination of Self-Employment In-
2	COME ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER
3	2019.—
4	(1) Amendments to the internal revenue
5	CODE.—
6	(A) In general.—Paragraph (1) of sec-
7	tion 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
8	1986 is amended to read as follows:
9	"(1) in the case of the tax imposed by section
10	1401(a), an amount equal to—
11	"(A) \$400,000, reduced (but not below
12	zero) by
13	"(B) the sum of—
14	"(i) the part of the net earnings from
15	self-employment (if any) which is not in
16	excess of—
17	"(I) the amount equal to the con-
18	tribution and benefit base (as deter-
19	mined under section 230 of the Social
20	Security Act) which is effective for the
21	calendar year in which such taxable
22	year begins, minus
23	"(II) the amount of the wages
24	paid to such individual during such
25	taxable year, plus

1	"(ii) the amount of the wages paid to
2	such individual during such taxable year
3	which is in excess of the amount in clause
4	(i)(I); or".
5	(B) Phaseout.—Subsection (b) of section
6	1402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
7	amended by adding at the end the following:
8	"Paragraph (1) shall apply only to taxable
9	years beginning in calendar years for which the
10	contribution and benefit base (as determined
11	under section 230 of the Social Security Act) is
12	less than \$400,000.".
13	(2) Amendments to the social security
14	ACT.—
15	(A) In General.—Section 211(b)(1) of
16	the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 411(b)) is
17	amended—
18	(i) in subparagraph (I)—
19	(I) by inserting "and before
20	2019" after "1974"; and
21	(II) by striking "or" at the end;
22	and
23	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
24	lowing:

1	"(J) For any taxable year beginning in any
2	calendar year after 2019, an amount equal to—
3	"(i) \$400,000, reduced (but not below
4	zero) by
5	"(ii) the sum of—
6	"(I) the part of the net earnings
7	from self-employment (if any) which is
8	not in excess of—
9	"(aa) the amount equal to
10	the contribution and benefit base
11	(as determined under section
12	230) which is effective for the
13	calendar year in which such tax-
14	able year begins, minus
15	"(bb) the amount of the
16	wages paid to such individual
17	during such taxable year, plus
18	"(II) the amount of the wages
19	paid to such individual during such
20	taxable year which is in excess of the
21	amount in subclause (I)(aa); or".
22	(B) Phaseout.—Section 211(b) of the
23	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 411(b)) is
24	amended by adding at the end the following:
25	"Paragraph (1) shall apply only to taxable

1	years beginning in calendar years for which the
2	contribution and benefit base (as determined
3	under section 230) is less than \$400,000.".
4	(3) Effective date.—The amendments made
5	by this subsection shall apply to net earnings from
6	self-employment derived, and remuneration paid, in
7	calendar years after 2019.
8	SEC. 202. INCLUSION OF EARNINGS OVER \$400,000 IN SO-
9	CIAL SECURITY BENEFIT FORMULA.
10	(a) Inclusion of Earnings Over \$400,000 in De-
11	TERMINATION OF PRIMARY INSURANCE AMOUNTS.—Sec-
12	tion 215(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
13	415(a)(1)(A)) is amended—
14	(1) in clause (ii), by striking "and" at the end;
15	(2) in clause (iii), by inserting "and" at the
16	end; and
17	(3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:
18	"(iv) 2 percent of the individual's excess aver-
19	age indexed monthly earnings (as defined in sub-
20	section $(b)(5)(A)$ .".
21	(b) Definition of Excess Average Indexed
22	Monthly Earnings.—Section 215(b) of the Social Secu-
23	rity Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)) is amended—
24	(1) by striking "wages" and "self-employment
25	income" each place such terms appear and inserting

1	"basic wages" and "basic self-employment income",
2	respectively; and
3	(2) by adding at the end the following:
4	"(5)(A) An individual's excess average indexed
5	monthly earnings shall be equal to the amount of the indi-
6	vidual's average indexed monthly earnings that would be
7	determined under this subsection by substituting 'excess
8	wages' for 'basic wages' and 'excess self-employment in-
9	come' for 'basic self-employment income' each place such
10	terms appear in this subsection (except in this paragraph).
11	"(B) For purposes of this subsection—
12	"(i) the term 'basic wages' means that portion
13	of the wages of an individual paid in a year that
14	does not exceed the contribution and benefit base for
15	the year;
16	"(ii) the term 'basic self-employment income'
17	means that portion of the self-employment income of
18	an individual credited to a year that does not exceed
19	an amount equal to the contribution and benefit
20	base for the year minus the amount of the wages
21	paid to the individual in the year;
22	"(iii) the term 'excess wages' means that por-
23	tion of the wages of an individual paid in a year
24	after 2019 in excess of the higher of \$400,000 or
25	the contribution and benefit base for the year and

- 1 "(iv) the term 'excess self-employment income'
- 2 means that portion of the self-employment income of
- an individual credited to a year after 2019 in excess
- 4 of the higher of \$400,000 or such contribution and
- 5 benefit base.".
- 6 (c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 215(e)(1)
- 7 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(e)(1)) is amend-
- 8 ed by inserting "and before 2020" after "after 1974".
- 9 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 10 this section shall apply with respect to individuals who ini-
- 11 tially become eligible (within the meaning of section
- 12 215(a)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act) for old-age or dis-
- 13 ability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Secu-
- 14 rity Act, or who die (before becoming eligible for such ben-
- 15 efits), in any calendar year after 2019.
- 16 SEC. 203. ADJUSTMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY INSUR-
- 17 ANCE CONTRIBUTION.
- 18 (a) Tax on Employees.—Subsection (a) of section
- 19 3101 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
- 20 by striking "6.2 percent of the wages (as defined in section
- 21 3121(a)) received by the individual with respect to employ-
- 22 ment (as defined in section 3121(b))" and inserting "the
- 23 following percentages of the wages (as defined in section
- 24 3121(a)) received by the individual with respect to employ-
- 25 ment (as defined in section 3121(b)):

"In cases of wages	The rate of tax	
received during:	shall be:	
any calendar year after 1989 and before 2020	6.20 percent	
2020	I	
2021	6.30 percent	
2022	6.35 percent	
2023	6.40 percent	
2024	6.45 percent	
2025	6.50 percent	
2026	6.55 percent	
2027	6.60 percent	
2028	6.65 percent	
2029	6.70 percent	
2030	6.75 percent	
2031	6.80 percent	
2032	6.85 percent	
2033	6.90 percent	
2034	6.95 percent	
2035	7.00 percent	
2036	7.05 percent	
2037	7.10 percent	
2038	7.15 percent	
2039	7.20 percent	
2040	7.25 percent	
2041	7.30 percent	
2042	7.35 percent	
any calendar year after 2042	7.40 percent.".	
(b) Tax on Employers.—Subsection (a) of section		
3111 of the Internal Revenue Code of 198	6 is amended	
by striking "6.2 percent of the wages (as defi	ned in section	
3121(a)) paid by the employer with respect to employment		
(as defined in section $3121(b)$ )" and inserting "the fol-		
lowing percentages of the wages (as defin	ed in section	
3121(a)) paid by the employer with respect to employment		

"In cases of wages received during:	The rate of tax shall be:
any calendar year after 1989 and before 2020	. 6.20 percent
2020	. 6.25 percent
2021	. 6.30 percent
2022	. 6.35 percent
2023	. 6.40 percent
2024	. 6.45 percent
2025	. 6.50 percent

8 (as defined in section 3121(b)):

"In cases of wages received during:	The rate of tax shall be:
2026	. 6.55 percent
2027	. 6.60 percent
2028	. 6.65 percent
2029	. 6.70 percent
2030	. 6.75 percent
2031	. 6.80 percent
2032	. 6.85 percent
2033	. 6.90 percent
2034	. 6.95 percent
2035	. 7.00 percent
2036	. 7.05 percent
2037	. 7.10 percent
2038	. 7.15 percent
2039	. 7.20 percent
2040	. 7.25 percent
2041	. 7.30 percent
2042	. 7.35 percent
any calendar year after 2042	. 7.40 percent.".

- 1 (c) Self-Employment Income.—Subsection (a) of
- 2 section 1401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
- 3 amended by striking "12.4 percent of the amount of the
- 4 self-employment income for such taxable year" and insert-
- 5 ing "the following percentages of the amount of the self-
- 6 employment income for such taxable year:

"In cases of wages received during:	The rate of tax shall be:
any calendar year after 1989 and before 2020	. 12.40 percent
2020	. 12.50 percent
2021	. 12.60 percent
2022	. 12.70 percent
2023	. 12.80 percent
2024	. 12.90 percent
2025	. 13.00 percent
2026	. 13.10 percent
2027	. 13.20 percent
2028	. 13.30 percent
2029	. 13.40 percent
2030	. 13.50 percent
2031	. 13.60 percent
2032	. 13.70 percent
2033	. 13.80 percent
2034	. 13.90 percent
2035	. 14.00 percent
2036	. 14.10 percent
2037	. 14.20 percent

"In cases of wages received during:	The rate of tax shall be:
2038	14.30 percent
2039	14.40 percent
2040	14.50 percent
2041	14.60 percent
2042	14.70 percent
any calendar year after 2042	14.80 percent.".

- 1 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to remuneration received, and tax-
- 3 able years beginning, after December 31, 2019.

#### 4 SEC. 204. SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED.

- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(a) of the Social Secu-
- 6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 401(a)) is amended to read as follows:
- 7 "(a) There is hereby created on the books of the
- 8 Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known
- 9 as the 'Social Security Trust Fund'. The Social Security
- 10 Trust Fund shall consist of the securities held by the Sec-
- 11 retary of the Treasury for the Federal Old-Age and Sur-
- 12 vivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability
- 13 Insurance Trust Fund and the amount standing to the
- 14 credit of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
- 15 Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
- 16 Fund on the books of the Treasury on January 1 of the
- 17 first calendar year beginning after the date of the enact-
- 18 ment of section 204 of the Social Security 2100 Act, which
- 19 securities and amount the Secretary of the Treasury is
- 20 authorized and directed to transfer to the Social Security
- 21 Trust Fund, and, in addition, such gifts and bequests as

- 1 may be made as provided in subsection (i)(1), and such
- 2 amounts as may be appropriated to, or deposited in, the
- 3 Social Security Trust Fund as hereinafter provided. There
- 4 is hereby appropriated to the Social Security Trust Fund
- 5 for the first fiscal year that begins after date of the enact-
- 6 ment of section 204 of the Social Security 2100 Act, and
- 7 for each fiscal year thereafter, out of any moneys in the
- 8 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, amounts equivalent
- 9 to 100 percent of—
- 10 "(1) the taxes imposed by chapter 21 (other
- than sections 3101(b) and 3111(b)) of the Internal
- Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to wages (as de-
- fined in section 3121 of such Code) reported to the
- 14 Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to subtitle F of
- the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as determined
- by the Secretary of the Treasury by applying the ap-
- 17 plicable rates of tax under such chapter (other than
- sections 3101(b) and 3111(b)) to such wages, which
- wages shall be certified by the Commissioner of So-
- cial Security on the basis of the records of wages es-
- tablished and maintained by such Commissioner in
- accordance with such reports; and
- "(2) the taxes imposed by chapter 2 (other than
- section 1401(b)) of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 25 1986 with respect to self-employment income (as de-

1 fined in section 1402 of such Code) reported to the 2 Secretary of the Treasury on tax returns under sub-3 title F of such Code, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury by applying the applicable rate of 5 tax under such chapter (other than section 1401(b)) 6 to such self-employment income, which self-employ-7 ment income shall be certified by the Commissioner 8 of Social Security on the basis of the records of self-9 employment income established and maintained by 10 the Commissioner of Social Security in accordance 11 with such returns. 12 The amounts appropriated by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be transferred from time to time from the general fund in the Treasury to the Social Security Trust Fund, such 14 15 amounts to be determined on the basis of estimates by the Secretary of the Treasury of the taxes, specified in 16 paragraphs (1) and (2), paid to or deposited into the 17 18 Treasury; and proper adjustments shall be made in 19 amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior esti-20 mates were in excess of or were less than the taxes speci-21 fied in such paragraphs (1) and (2). All amounts transferred to the Social Security Trust Fund under the pre-23 ceding sentence shall be invested by the Managing Trustee in the same manner and to the same extent as the other assets of the Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the preceding

- 1 sentence, in any case in which the Secretary of the Treas-
- 2 ury determines that the assets of the Trust Fund would
- 3 otherwise be inadequate to meet the Trust Fund's obliga-
- 4 tions for any month, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
- 5 transfer to the Trust Fund on the first day of such month
- 6 the total amount which would have been transferred to
- 7 the Trust Fund under this section as in effect on October
- 8 1, 1990; and the Trust Fund shall pay interest to the gen-
- 9 eral fund on the amount so transferred on the first day
- 10 of any month at a rate (calculated on a daily basis, and
- 11 applied against the difference between the amount so
- 12 transferred on such first day and the amount which would
- 13 have been transferred to the Trust Fund up to that day
- 14 under the procedures in effect on January 1, 1983) equal
- 15 to the rate earned by the investments of the Trust Fund
- 16 in the same month under subsection (d).".
- 17 (b) REQUIRED ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS.—Section
- 18 201(c) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking
- 19 the fourth sentence in the matter following paragraph (5)
- 20 and inserting the following: "Such report shall also include
- 21 actuarial analysis of the benefit cost with respect to dis-
- 22 abled beneficiaries and their auxiliaries, to retired bene-
- 23 ficiaries and their auxiliaries, and to survivor bene-
- 24 ficiaries.".
- (c) Board of Trustees.—

- (1) Board of trustees of social security TRUST FUND.—Section 201(c) of the Social Security Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section, is further amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (hereinafter in this title called the 'Trust Funds')" and inserting "the Social Security Trust Fund (in this title referred to as the 'Trust Fund')''.
  - (2) Continuity of Board of Trustees.—
    The Board of Trustees of the Social Security Trust
    Fund created by the amendment made by subsection
    (a) shall be a continuous body with the Board of
    Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund in operation prior to the effective date of such amendment. Individuals serving as
    members of the Board of Trustees of the Federal
    Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and
    the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund as of
    the effective date of such amendment shall serve the
    remainder of their term as members of the Board of
    Trustees of the Social Security Trust Fund.

1	(d) Conforming Amendments Related to So-
2	CIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND.—
3	(1) AMENDMENT TO SECTION HEADING.—The
4	section heading for section 201 of the Social Secu-
5	rity Act is amended to read as follows: "SOCIAL SE-
6	CURITY TRUST FUND".
7	(2) Board of Trustees.—Section 201(c) of
8	such Act, as amended by subsections (b) and (c)(1),
9	is further amended—
10	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
11	by striking "Board of Trustees of the Trust
12	Funds" and inserting "Board of Trustees of
13	the Trust Fund";
14	(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "Trust
15	Funds" and inserting "Trust Fund";
16	(C) in paragraph (2)—
17	(i) by striking "Trust Funds" and in-
18	serting "Trust Fund"; and
19	(ii) by striking "their" and inserting
20	"its";
21	(D) in paragraph (3), by striking "either
22	of the Trust Funds" and inserting "the Trust
23	Fund";
24	(E) in paragraph (5)—

1	(i) by striking "managing the Trust
2	Funds" and inserting "managing the
3	Trust Fund"; and
4	(ii) by striking "Trust Funds are"
5	and inserting "Trust Fund is";
6	(F) in the matter following paragraph (5),
7	by striking "Trust Funds" each place it ap-
8	pears and inserting "Trust Fund"; and
9	(G) in the second sentence in the matter
10	following paragraph (5), by striking "whether
11	the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
12	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
13	ance Trust Fund, individually and collectively,
14	are" and inserting "whether the Social Security
15	Trust Fund is".
16	(3) Investments.—Section 201 of such Act is
17	amended in subsections (d) and (e) by striking
18	"Trust Funds" each place it appears and inserting
19	"Trust Fund".
20	(4) Crediting of interest and proceeds
21	TO TRUST FUNDS.—Section 201(f) of such Act is
22	amended—
23	(A) by striking "the Federal Old-Age and
24	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Fed-
25	eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund shall be

1	credited to and form a part of the Federal Old-
2	Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and
3	the Disability Insurance Trust Fund, respec-
4	tively" and inserting "the Social Security Trust
5	Fund shall be credited to and form a part of
6	the Social Security Trust Fund";
7	(B) by striking "either of the Trust
8	Funds" and inserting "the Trust Fund"; and
9	(C) by striking "such Trust Fund" and in-
10	serting "the Trust Fund".
11	(5) Administrative costs.—Section 201(g) of
12	such Act is amended—
13	(A) in paragraph (1)—
14	(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
15	"Of the amounts authorized to be made
16	available out of the Federal Old-Age and
17	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
18	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund
19	under the preceding sentence" and all that
20	follows through "(Public Law 103–296).";
21	(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i)—
22	(I) by striking subclauses (II)
23	and (III) and inserting the following:

1	"(II) the portion of such costs which
2	should have been borne by the Social Security
3	Trust Fund,"; and
4	(II) by redesignating subclauses
5	(IV) and (V) as subclauses (III) and
6	(IV);
7	(B) in paragraph (2)—
8	(i) by striking "Trust Funds" and in-
9	serting "Trust Fund"; and
10	(ii) by striking the last sentence; and
11	(C) in paragraph (4), by striking "Trust
12	Funds" each place it appears and inserting
13	"Trust Fund".
14	(6) Benefit payments.—Section 201(h) of
15	such Act is amended to read as follows:
16	"(h) All benefit payments required to be made under
17	this title shall be made only from the Social Security Trust
18	Fund.".
19	(7) Gifts.—Section 201(i) of such Act is
20	amended—
21	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "the
22	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
23	Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
24	Fund" and inserting "the Social Security Trust
25	Fund"; and

1	(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking "the
2	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
3	Fund" and inserting "the Social Security Trust
4	Fund".
5	(8) Travel expenses.—Section 201(j) of such
6	Act is amended by striking "the Federal Old-Age
7	and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, or the Federal
8	Disability Insurance Trust Fund (as determined ap-
9	propriate by the Commissioner of Social Security)"
10	and inserting "the Social Security Trust Fund".
11	(9) Demonstration projects.—Section
12	201(k) of such Act is amended by striking "the Fed-
13	eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund and the Fed-
14	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund,
15	as determined appropriate by the Commissioner of
16	Social Security" and inserting "the Social Security
17	Trust Fund".
18	(10) Benefit Checks.—Section 201(m) of
19	such Act is amended—
20	(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "each of
21	the Trust Funds" and inserting "the Social Se-
22	curity Trust Fund'';
23	(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "one of
24	the Trust Funds' and inserting "the Trust
25	Fund"; and

1	(C) by striking "such Trust Fund" each
2	place it appears and inserting "the Trust
3	Fund".
4	(11) Conforming Repeals.—
5	(A) In General.—Section 201 of such
6	Act is amended by striking subsections (b), (l),
7	and (n).
8	(B) Redesignations.—Section 201 of
9	such Act is further amended—
10	(i) by redesignating subsections (c)
11	through (j) as subsections (b) through (i),
12	respectively;
13	(ii) by redesignating subsection (k) as
14	subsection (j); and
15	(iii) by redesignating subsection (m)
16	as subsection (k).
17	(C) References to redesignated sec-
18	TIONS.—
19	(i) Section 201(a) of such Act, as
20	amended by subsection (a) of this section,
21	is further amended—
22	(I) by striking "subsection
23	(i)(1)" and inserting "subsection
24	(h)(1)"; and

1	(II) by striking "subsection (d)"
2	and inserting "subsection (c)".
3	(ii) Section 1131(b)(1) of such Act is
4	amended by striking "section 201(g)(1)"
5	and inserting "section 201(f)(1)".
6	(e) Other Conforming Amendments to Social
7	SECURITY ACT.—
8	(1) Title II.—Title II of the Social Security
9	Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) is amended—
10	(A) in section 202(x)(3)(B)(iii), by striking
11	"the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
12	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
13	ance Trust Fund, as appropriate," and insert-
14	ing "the Social Security Trust Fund";
15	(B) in section 206(d)(5), by striking "the
16	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
17	Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
18	Trust Fund, as appropriate" and inserting "the
19	Social Security Trust Fund";
20	(C) in section 206(e)(3)(B), by striking
21	"the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
22	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
23	ance Trust Fund" and inserting "the Social Se-
24	curity Trust Fund";

1	(D) in section $208(b)(5)(A)$ , by striking
2	"the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
3	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
4	ance Trust Fund, as appropriate" and inserting
5	"the Social Security Trust Fund";
6	(E) in section 215(i)(1)(F)—
7	(i) in clause (i)—
8	(I) by striking "the combined
9	balance in the Federal Old-Age and
10	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and
11	the Federal Disability Insurance
12	Trust Fund" and inserting "the bal-
13	ance in the Social Security Trust
14	Fund"; and
15	(II) by striking "and reduced by
16	the outstanding amount of any loan
17	(including interest thereon) thereto-
18	fore made to either such Fund from
19	the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
20	Fund under section 201(l)"; and
21	(ii) in clause (ii)—
22	(I) by striking "the Federal Old-
23	Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
24	Fund and the Federal Disability In-
25	surance Trust Fund" and inserting

1	"the Social Security Trust Fund";
2	and
3	(II) by striking "(other than pay-
4	ments" and all that follows through
5	"from that Account";
6	(F) in section 217(g)(2), by inserting after
7	the first sentence the following: "For purposes
8	of any such revision of the amount determined
9	under paragraph (1) that occurs in a year after
10	2015, any reference in such paragraph to the
11	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
12	Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
13	Fund shall be deemed to be a reference to the
14	Social Security Trust Fund.";
15	(G) in section 221(e)—
16	(i) by striking "Trust Funds" each
17	place it appears and inserting "Trust
18	Fund''; and
19	(ii) by striking the last sentence;
20	(H) in section 221(f), by striking "Trust
21	Funds" and inserting "Trust Fund";
22	(I) in section 222(d)—
23	(i) in the section heading, by striking
24	"Trust Funds" and inserting "Trust
25	Fund";

1	(ii) in paragraph (1), by striking "to
2	the end that savings will accrue to the
3	Trust Funds as a result of rehabilitating
4	such individuals, there are authorized to be
5	transferred from the Federal Old-Age and
6	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
7	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund"
8	and inserting "to the end that savings will
9	accrue to the Trust Fund as a result of re-
10	habilitating such individuals, there are au-
11	thorized to be transferred from the Social
12	Security Trust Fund"; and
13	(iii) by amending paragraph (4) to
14	read as follows:
15	"(4) The Commissioner of Social Security shall deter-
16	mine according to such methods and procedures as the
17	Commissioner may deem appropriate the total amount to
18	be reimbursed for the cost of services under this sub-
19	section.";
20	(J) in section 228(g)—
21	(i) in the section heading, by striking
22	"Federal Old-Age and Survivors In-
23	SURANCE TRUST FUND" and inserting
24	"Social Security Trust Fund": and

1	(ii) in the matter preceding paragraph
2	(1), by striking "Federal Old-Age and Sur-
3	vivors Insurance Trust Fund" and insert-
4	ing "Social Security Trust Fund";
5	(K) in section 231(c), by striking "Trust
6	Funds" each place it appears and inserting
7	"Trust Fund"; and
8	(L) in section 234(a)(1), by striking
9	"Trust Funds" and inserting "Trust Fund".
10	(2) TITLE VII.—Title VII of the Social Security
11	Act (42 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended—
12	(A) in section 703(j), by striking "Federal
13	Disability Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal
14	Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund,"
15	and inserting "Social Security Trust Fund";
16	(B) in section 708(c), by striking "the
17	'OASDI trust fund ratio' under section 201(l),"
18	after "computing";
19	(C) in section 709—
20	(i) in subsection (a), by striking "Fed-
21	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
22	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability In-
23	surance Trust Fund" and inserting "Social
24	Security Trust Fund"; and
25	(ii) in subsection (b)—

1	(I) in paragraph (1), by striking
2	"section 201(l) or"; and
3	(II) in paragraph (2), by striking
4	"Federal Old-Age and Survivors In-
5	surance Trust Fund and the Federal
6	Disability Insurance Trust Fund" and
7	inserting "Social Security Trust
8	Fund"; and
9	(D) in section 710—
10	(i) in subsection (a), by striking "Fed-
11	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
12	Trust Fund and the Federal Disability In-
13	surance Trust Fund" and inserting "Social
14	Security Trust Fund"; and
15	(ii) in subsection (b)—
16	(I) by striking "any Trust Fund
17	specified in subsection (a)" and in-
18	serting "the Social Security Trust
19	Fund"; and
20	(II) by striking "payments from
21	any such Trust Fund" and inserting
22	"payments from the Social Security
23	Trust Fund".
24	(3) Title XI.—Title XI of the Social Security
25	Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

1	(A) in section 1106(b), by striking "the
2	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
3	Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
4	Fund" and inserting "the Social Security Trust
5	Fund";
6	(B) in section 1129(e)(2)(A), by striking
7	"the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
8	Trust Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance
9	Trust Fund, as determined appropriate by the
10	Secretary" and inserting "the Social Security
11	Trust Fund";
12	(C) in sections $1131(b)(2)$ and $1140(c)(2)$ ,
13	by striking "the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
14	Insurance Trust Fund" and inserting "the So-
15	cial Security Trust Fund";
16	(D) in section 1145(c)—
17	(i) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2)
18	and inserting the following:
19	"(1) the Social Security Trust Fund;"; and
20	(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
21	and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
22	tively; and
23	(E) in section 1148(j)(1)(A)—
24	(i) in the first sentence, by striking
25	"the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insur-

1	ance Trust Fund and the Federal Dis-
2	ability Insurance Trust Fund" and insert-
3	ing "the Social Security Trust Fund"; and
4	(ii) by striking the second sentence.
5	(4) TITLE XVIII.—Title XVIII of the Social Se-
6	curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395) is amended—
7	(A) in section 1817(g), by striking "Fed-
8	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
9	Fund and from the Federal Disability Insur-
10	ance Trust Fund" and inserting "Social Secu-
11	rity Trust Fund";
12	(B) in section $1840(a)(2)$ , by striking
13	"Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
14	Trust Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance
15	Trust Fund" and inserting "Social Security
16	Trust Fund'; and
17	(C) in section 1841(f), by striking "Fed-
18	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
19	Fund and from the Federal Disability Insur-
20	ance Trust Fund" and inserting "Social Secu-
21	rity Trust Fund".
22	(f) Conforming Amendments Outside of Social
23	SECURITY ACT.—
24	(1) Budget.—

1	(A) Off-budget exemption.—Section
2	405(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of
3	1974 (2 U.S.C. 655(a)) is amended by striking
4	"Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and
5	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds" and
6	inserting "Social Security Trust Fund".
7	(B) SEQUESTRATION EXEMPTION.—Sec-
8	tion 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and
9	Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
10	U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by striking
11	"Payments to Social Security Trust Funds"
12	and inserting "Payments to the Social Security
13	Trust Fund".
14	(2) Tax.—
15	(A) Taxable wages.—Section 3121(l)(4)
16	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
17	amended by striking "Federal Old-Age and
18	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Fed-
19	eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund" and in-
20	serting "Social Security Trust Fund".
21	(B) Overpayments.—
22	(i) Section 6402(d)(3)(C) of the Inter-
23	nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
24	striking "Federal Old-Age and Survivors
25	Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal Dis-

1	ability Insurance Trust Fund, whichever is
2	certified to the Secretary as appropriate by
3	the Commissioner of Social Security' and
4	inserting "Social Security Trust Fund".
5	(ii) Subsection (f)(2)(B) of section
6	3720A of title 31, United States Code, is
7	amended by striking "Federal Old-Age and
8	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the
9	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund,
10	whichever is certified to the Secretary of
11	the Treasury as appropriate by the Com-
12	missioner of Social Security" and inserting
13	"Social Security Trust Fund".
14	(3) False claims penalties.—Subsection
15	(g)(2) of section 3806 of title 31, United States
16	Code, is amended—
17	(A) in subparagraph (B)—
18	(i) by striking "Secretary of Health
19	and Human Services" and inserting "Com-
20	missioner of Social Security'; and
21	(ii) by striking "Federal Old-Age and
22	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund" and in-
23	serting "Social Security Trust Fund"; and
24	(B) in subparagraph (C)—

1	(i) by striking "Secretary of Health
2	and Human Services" and inserting "Com-
3	missioner of Social Security'; and
4	(ii) by striking "Federal Disability In-
5	surance Trust Fund" and inserting "Social
6	Security Trust Fund".
7	(4) Railroad retirement board.—Section 7
8	of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C.
9	231f) is amended—
10	(A) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "Fed-
11	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
12	Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
13	Trust Fund" and inserting "Social Security
14	Trust Fund";
15	(B) in subsection (e)(2)—
16	(i) by striking "Secretary of Health,
17	Education, and Welfare" each time it ap-
18	pears and inserting "Commissioner of So-
19	cial Security"; and
20	(ii) by striking "Federal Old-Age and
21	Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Fed-
22	eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund,"
23	each time it appears and inserting "Social
24	Security Trust Fund"; and

1	(C) in subsection $(c)(4)$ , by striking "Fed-
2	eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
3	Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
4	Fund," and inserting "Social Security Trust
5	Fund".

- 6 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Effective beginning
  7 on January 1 of the first calendar year beginning after
  8 the date of the enactment of this section, any reference
  9 in law to the "Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
  10 Trust Fund" or the "Federal Disability Insurance Trust
  11 Fund" is deemed to be a reference to the Social Security
  12 Trust Fund.
- 13 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by 14 this section shall take effect on January 1 of the first cal-15 endar year beginning after the date of the enactment of 16 this section.

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