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To amend the Peace Corps Act to reauthorize the Peace Corps, better support current and returned volunteers, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. MENG, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. CASE, and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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

To amend the Peace Corps Act to reauthorize the Peace Corps, better support current and returned volunteers, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2021”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Funding for the Peace Corps; integration of information age volunteer opportunities.
- Sec. 3. Readjustment allowances; expedited re-enrollment and transition assistance.
- Sec. 4. Health care continuation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 5. Access to antimalarial drugs and menstrual products for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 6. Whistleblower protections for volunteers.
- Sec. 7. Peace Corps National Advisory Council.
- Sec. 8. Use of official seal, emblem, and name of the Peace Corps.
- Sec. 9. Codification of certain Executive order relating to existing noncompetitive eligibility Federal hiring status for returning volunteers.
- Sec. 10. Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State.
- Sec. 11. Clarification regarding eligibility of United States nationals.
- Sec. 12. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 13. Workers compensation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 14. Technical and conforming amendments.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR THE PEACE CORPS; INTEGRATION OF**
 2 **INFORMATION AGE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNI-**
 3 **TIES.**

4 Section 3 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502)
 5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
 8 “\$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2000,
 9 \$298,000,000 for fiscal year 2001,
 10 \$327,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and
 11 \$365,000,000 for fiscal year 2003” and insert-
 12 ing “\$450,000,000 for fiscal years 2021 and
 13 2022, \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023,
 14 \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, and
 15 \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2025”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “that fis-
 2 cal year and the subsequent fiscal year” and in-
 3 serting “obligation through the end of the sub-
 4 sequent fiscal year”;

5 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 6 section (e); and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 8 section:

9 “(f) In recognition of the transformative power of
 10 internet access in developing countries, the Peace Corps
 11 shall be administered to give particular attention to those
 12 programs, projects, training, and other activities which le-
 13 verage the internet, as appropriate, for development, edu-
 14 cation, and social and economic mobility and to develop
 15 positions for volunteers that include such programs,
 16 projects, training, and other activities.”.

17 **SEC. 3. READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES; EXPEDITED RE-EN-**
 18 **ROLLMENT AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE.**

19 (a) VOLUNTEERS.—Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act
 20 (22 U.S.C. 2504) is amended—

21 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by in-
 22 serting “, safety” after “health”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in the first sentence, by striking
 25 “\$125” and inserting “\$417”;

1 (B) by striking “his” each place it appears
2 and inserting “the volunteer’s”; and

3 (C) by striking “he” and inserting “the
4 volunteer”;

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (p)
6 as subsections (d) through (o), respectively;

7 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, in the
8 first sentence, by striking “subsection (f)” and in-
9 serting “subsection (e)”;

10 (5) by amending subsection (e), as so redesign-
11 ated, to read as follows:

12 “(e) The Director of the Peace Corps shall—

13 “(1) consult with health experts outside the
14 Peace Corps, including experts licensed in the field
15 of mental health, and follow guidance by the Centers
16 for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the
17 prescription of medications to a volunteer; and

18 “(2) provide mental health care as an eligible
19 health care service to such volunteers during and
20 after their service.”;

21 (6) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by
22 striking “he” and inserting “the President”;

23 (7) in subsection (m), as so redesignated—

24 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) by striking “subsection (e)” each
2 place it appears and inserting “subsection
3 (d)”;

4 (ii) by striking “he” and inserting
5 “the President”;

6 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “sub-
7 section (1)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”;

8 (8) in subsection (n), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “his” each place it appears and inserting
10 “the volunteer’s”; and

11 (9) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 sections:

13 “(p) Notwithstanding this section, with respect to
14 Peace Corps volunteers and trainees whose service ended
15 involuntarily as a result of an emergency, suspension of
16 operations, or otherwise through no fault of the volunteer,
17 the Director of the Peace Corps shall—

18 “(1) waive all non-medical application require-
19 ments for the re-enrollment of each such volunteer
20 during the 1-year period beginning on the date of
21 such involuntary end of service;

22 “(2) expedite the medical clearance for each
23 such volunteer to facilitate re-enrollment;

24 “(3) permit each such volunteer, to the extent
25 possible, to resume the activity of each such volun-

1 teer at the time of the involuntary end of service;
2 and

3 “(4) provide each such volunteer, beginning on
4 the date of re-enrollment, with the compensation, al-
5 lowances, benefits, and other terms and conditions of
6 service to which the volunteer is entitled under this
7 Act.

8 “(q) The Director of the Peace Corps shall authorize
9 a payout allowance, in an amount determined by the Di-
10 rector, to Peace Corps volunteers and trainees whose serv-
11 ice ended involuntarily as a result of an emergency, sus-
12 pension of operations, or otherwise through no fault of the
13 volunteer.”.

14 (b) VOLUNTEER LEADERS.—Section 6 of the Peace
15 Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2505) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$125” and
17 inserting “\$417”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “he” and in-
19 serting “the President”.

20 **SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE CONTINUATION FOR PEACE CORPS**
21 **VOLUNTEERS.**

22 Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
23 2504(e)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(e)(1) Volunteers shall receive such health care (in-
2 cluding, if necessary, for volunteers and trainees, services
3 under section 8B of this title) during their service.

4 “(2) Applicants for enrollment shall receive
5 such health examinations preparatory to their serv-
6 ice, applicants for enrollment who have accepted an
7 invitation to begin a period of training under section
8 8A of this title shall receive, preparatory to their
9 service, such immunization, dental care, and infor-
10 mation on prescription options and potential inter-
11 actions, as necessary and appropriate and in accord-
12 ance with subsection (f).

13 “(3) Returned volunteers shall receive such
14 health examinations within six months after termi-
15 nation of their service, including services provided in
16 accordance with section 8B of this title (except that
17 the six-month limitation shall not apply in the case
18 of such services), as the President may deem nec-
19 essary or appropriate. Subject to such conditions as
20 the President may prescribe, such health care may
21 be provided in any facility of any agency of the
22 United States Government, and in such cases the
23 appropriation for maintaining and operating such fa-
24 cility shall be reimbursed from appropriations avail-
25 able under this chapter. Health care may not be pro-

1 vided under this subsection in a manner inconsistent
2 with the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of
3 1997.

4 “(4) Returned volunteers shall receive—

5 “(A) three months of health care upon
6 their return to the United States; and

7 “(B) an opportunity to extend for an addi-
8 tional 3 months such health care, at the ex-
9 pense of such volunteer.

10 “(5) Not later than 30 days before the date on
11 which the period of service of a volunteer or trainee
12 terminates, the Director of the Peace Corps, in con-
13 sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
14 Services, shall provide general guidance to such vol-
15 unteer or trainee on options for health care after
16 termination other than health care provided by the
17 Peace Corps, including information regarding—

18 “(A) the application process and eligibility
19 requirements for medical assistance through
20 State plans under title XIX of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act (or waiver of State plans);

22 “(B) the qualified health plans (as defined
23 in section 1301(a) of the Patient Protection
24 and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18021(a)))
25 offered through an Exchange established under

1 title I of such Act, including the enrollment pe-
 2 riods for enrolling in such plans; and

3 “(C) if such volunteer or trainee is 25
 4 years of age or younger, the eligibility of such
 5 volunteer or trainee to enroll as a dependent
 6 child in a group health plan or health insurance
 7 coverage in which the parent of such volunteer
 8 or trainee is enrolled if such plan or coverage
 9 offers such dependent coverage.

10 “(6) Paragraphs (4) and (5) shall apply to vol-
 11 unteers and trainees whose periods of service were
 12 subject to early termination as a result of an emer-
 13 gency or otherwise through no fault of the volunteer
 14 or trainee.”.

15 **SEC. 5. ACCESS TO ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS AND MEN-**
 16 **STRUAL PRODUCTS FOR PEACE CORPS VOL-**
 17 **UNTEERS.**

18 Section 5A of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504a)
 19 is amended—

20 (1) by striking subsections (c) and (e);

21 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
 22 section (e); and

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 24 lowing new subsections:

25 “(c) ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace
2 Corps shall consult with experts at the Centers for
3 Disease Control and Prevention regarding rec-
4 ommendations for prescribing malaria prophylaxis,
5 in order to provide the best standard of care within
6 the context of the Peace Corps environment.

7 “(2) CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Director of the
8 Peace Corps shall ensure that each Peace Corps
9 medical officer serving in a malaria-endemic country
10 receives training in the recognition of the side effects
11 of such medications.

12 “(d) ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
15 the Director of the Peace Corps shall establish a
16 comprehensive policy to ensure Peace Corps volun-
17 teers who require menstrual products are able to ac-
18 cess such products by—

19 “(A) increasing stipends for such volun-
20 teers to purchase such products; or

21 “(B) providing such volunteers with such
22 products in the generic product types selected
23 by such volunteer.

24 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—The policy required
25 under paragraph (1) shall take into consideration

1 the availability for purchase locally of menstrual
2 products, the price of such products, and cultural
3 norms regarding menstruation.

4 “(3) COST.—If stipends are increased pursuant
5 to the policy required under paragraph (1), the Di-
6 rector of the Peace Corps shall ensure that such in-
7 crease covers fully the cost of menstrual products
8 purchased by Peace Corps volunteers described in
9 such paragraph.”.

10 **SEC. 6. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

11 Section 8G of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507g)
12 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 sections:

14 “(d) PROHIBITION AGAINST REPRISAL.—

15 “(1) No volunteer may be subject to a reprisal
16 by any Peace Corps employee, volunteer, volunteer
17 supervisor, contractor, subcontractor, agent, or out-
18 side party that receives funds from the Peace Corps
19 for making a report pursuant to section 8G(a) or for
20 reporting waste, fraud, abuse of authority, gross
21 mismanagement, violations of law, discrimination or
22 a threat to health and safety to persons or bodies
23 identified covered identified in section 4712(a)(2) of
24 title 41, United States Code.

1 “(2) The Inspector General for the Peace Corp
2 shall conduct the investigation pursuant to section
3 4712(b) of such title, and order relief as permitted
4 pursuant to section 4712(c)(1) of such title.

5 “(3) A volunteer may appeal any action of the
6 Peace Corp Inspector General or otherwise seek ju-
7 dicial review pursuant to paragraphs (2) through (7)
8 of section 4712(c) of such title.

9 “(4) The Peace Corp Inspector General shall
10 ensure that volunteers are informed of their rights
11 under this provision consistent with the posting re-
12 quirements in section 4712(d) of such title.

13 “(e) DISPUTE MEDIATION.—The Peace Corps shall
14 offer an opportunity to resolve the dispute through medi-
15 ation in procedures consistent with the Administrative
16 Dispute Resolution Act (Public Law 101–552; 104 Stat.
17 2736), as amended.

18 “(f) RESPONDENT.—The Peace Corps shall—

19 “(1) be considered a respondent in all actions
20 filed pursuant to this section; and

21 “(2) ensure all compensation or other forms of
22 relief are promptly provided to the volunteer.”.

23 **SEC. 7. PEACE CORPS NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

24 Section 12 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2511)
25 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
3 (A), by striking “conduct on-site inspections,
4 and make examinations, of the activities of the
5 Peace Corps in the United States and in other
6 countries in order to”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
8 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

9 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
10 subparagraph (G); and

11 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
12 the following new subparagraphs:

13 “(D) make recommendations for utilizing
14 the expertise of returned Peace Corps volun-
15 teers in fulfilling the goals of the Peace Corps;

16 “(E) make recommendations for increasing
17 recruitment of volunteers from diverse back-
18 grounds and better supporting such volunteers
19 during their training and enrollment in the
20 Peace Corps;

21 “(F) make recommendations to reduce any
22 financial barriers to application, training, or en-
23 rollment in the Peace Corps, including a volun-
24 teer’s medical expenses and other out-of-pocket
25 costs; and”;

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2)—

3 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

4 (I) in the first sentence—

5 (aa) by striking “fifteen”

6 and inserting “seven”; and

7 (bb) by striking “President,

8 by and with the advice and con-

9 sent of the Senate” and inserting

10 “Director of the Peace Corps”;

11 and

12 (II) by striking the second sen-

13 tence and inserting the following new

14 sentence: “At least four of such mem-

15 bers shall be returned Peace Corps

16 volunteers, and not more than four of

17 such members may be members of the

18 same political party.”;

19 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to

20 read as follows:

21 “(B) No member appointed under this

22 paragraph may be an officer or employee of the

23 Peace Corps.”;

24 (iii) by amending subparagraph (D) to

25 read as follows:

1 “(D) The members of the council shall be
2 appointed to 2-year terms.”; and

3 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (E),
4 (F), (G), (H), and (I); and

5 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
6 follows:

7 “(3) The Director of the Peace Corps shall des-
8 ignate one of the voting members of the Council as
9 Chair, who shall serve in such capacity for a term
10 of two years.”;

11 (3) in subsection (g)—

12 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “At
13 its first meeting and at its first regular meeting
14 in each calendar year thereafter” and inserting
15 “At its first meeting each calendar year”; and

16 (B) in the second sentence, by inserting
17 before the period at the end the following: “,
18 and shall each serve in that capacity for a term
19 of two years. The Director may renew the term
20 of a voting member appointed as Chair under
21 the preceding sentence.”;

22 (4) in subsection (h)(1), by striking “The Coun-
23 cil” and all that follows through the period at the
24 end and inserting the following: “The Council shall
25 hold a regular meeting during each calendar quarter

1 at a date and time to be determined by the Chair
2 of the Council or at the call of the Director of the
3 Peace Corps.”; and

4 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 sections:

6 “(k) INDEPENDENCE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—
7 None of the activities or functions of the Council under
8 subsection (b)(2) may undermine the independence or su-
9 percede the duties of the Inspector General of the Peace
10 Corps.

11 “(l) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal
12 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
13 to the Council.

14 “(m) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.—The
15 Director of the Peace Corps may accept donations of
16 funds, gifts, and in-kind contributions and use such dona-
17 tions without further appropriation for administrative ex-
18 penses relating to the functions of the Council.

19 “(n) MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT.—The Director of
20 the Peace Corps may enter into a multi-year agreement
21 with a nonprofit organization that supports current and
22 returned Peace Corps volunteers, authorizing such non-
23 profit organization to solicit donations, on behalf of the
24 Peace Corps, solely to support the administrative expenses
25 relating to the functions of the Council. Any agreement

1 under this subsection shall require the nonprofit organiza-
2 tion at issue to transfer all donated funds received under
3 such agreement to the Peace Corps for use under sub-
4 section (m).”.

5 **SEC. 8. USE OF OFFICIAL SEAL, EMBLEM, AND NAME OF**
6 **THE PEACE CORPS.**

7 Section 19 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2518)
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “he” and in-
10 serting “the President”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before
13 the period at the end the following: “, except
14 that the official seal or emblem and the name
15 ‘Peace Corps’ may be used on any death an-
16 nouncement, gravestone, plaque, or other grave
17 marker of any person who served as a volunteer
18 or as an officer or employee of the Peace Corps
19 under such rules as may be prescribed by the
20 Director”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,
22 by inserting “or in accordance with the excep-
23 tion specified in paragraph (1),” before “shall
24 be fined”.

1 **SEC. 9. CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDER RE-**
 2 **LATING TO EXISTING NONCOMPETITIVE ELI-**
 3 **GIBILITY FEDERAL HIRING STATUS FOR RE-**
 4 **TURNING VOLUNTEERS.**

5 The Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) is
 6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating sections 26 through 28 as
 8 sections 27 through 29, respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after section 25 the following
 10 new section:

11 “CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAT-
 12 ING TO EXISTING NONCOMPETITIVE ELIGIBILITY
 13 FEDERAL HIRING STATUS FOR RETURNING VOLUN-
 14 TEERS

15 “SEC. 26. (a) Executive Order 11103 (28 Fed. Reg.
 16 3571; Apr. 10, 1963), as amended by Executive Order
 17 12107 (44 Fed. Reg. 1055; Dec. 28, 1978), as in effect
 18 on the day before the date of the enactment of this section,
 19 shall remain in effect and have the full force and effect
 20 of law, consistent with subsection (b).

21 “(b)(1) The period of eligibility for noncompetitive
 22 appointment to the civil service provided to an individual
 23 by operation of subsection (a), including any individual
 24 who is so eligible on the date of enactment of this section,
 25 shall be extended by the total number of days that, during
 26 such period—

1 “(A) a hiring freeze for civilian employees of
2 the executive branch is in effect by order of the
3 President with respect to any Executive agency at
4 which the individual has applied for employment;

5 “(B) there is a lapse in appropriations with re-
6 spect to any Executive agency at which the indi-
7 vidual has applied for employment; or

8 “(C) the individual is receiving disability com-
9 pensation under section 8142 of title 5, United
10 States Code, based on their service as a Peace Corp
11 volunteer, retroactive to the date the individual ap-
12 plied for such compensation.

13 “(2) The period of eligibility for noncompetitive ap-
14 pointment status to the civil service by operation of sub-
15 section (a) shall apply to a Peace Corps volunteer—

16 “(A) whose service ended involuntarily as the
17 result of a suspension of volunteer operations by the
18 Director of the Peace Corps, but shall not last
19 longer than 12 months from the date on which such
20 service ended involuntarily; or

21 “(B) who re-enrolls as a volunteer in the Peace
22 Corps after completion of a term of service.

23 “(3) In this subsection:

24 “(A) The term ‘hiring freeze’ means any memo-
25 randum, Executive order, or other action by the

1 President that prohibits an Executive agency from
2 filling vacant Federal civilian employee positions or
3 creating new such positions.

4 “(B) The term ‘Executive agency’ has the
5 meaning given that term in section 105 of title 5,
6 United States Code, and includes the United States
7 Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commis-
8 sion, but does not include the Government Account-
9 ability Office.”.

10 **SEC. 10. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU OF**
11 **DIPLOMATIC SECURITY OF THE DEPART-**
12 **MENT OF STATE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days from the
14 date of the enactment of this Act and at least once every
15 five years thereafter, the Director of the Peace Corps, in
16 coordination with the Assistant Secretary of State for Dip-
17 lomatic Security, shall review the Memorandum of Agree-
18 ment between the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the
19 Department of State and the Peace Corps relating to secu-
20 rity support and protection of Peace Corps volunteers and
21 staff members abroad and update such Memorandum of
22 Agreement, as appropriate.

23 (b) NOTIFICATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace
25 Corps and the Assistant Secretary of State for Dip-

1 lomatic Security shall jointly submit to the Com-
2 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
4 tions of the Senate a written notification relating to
5 an update to the Memorandum of Agreement made
6 pursuant to subsection (a).

7 (2) TIMING OF NOTIFICATION.—A written noti-
8 fication submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
9 be submitted not later than 30 days before the up-
10 date referred to in such paragraph shall takes effect.

11 (c) SECURITY SUPPORT AND PROTECTION PLAN.—
12 Not later than 180 days after the date on which the
13 Memorandum of Agreement is reviewed pursuant to sub-
14 section (a) and all future updates including a new stand-
15 ing directive, each Director of a Peace Corps country pro-
16 gram and the corresponding Regional Security Officer of
17 the United States Diplomatic Security Service shall jointly
18 develop a Peace Corps volunteer security support and pro-
19 tection plan for each Peace Corps country program.

20 **SEC. 11. CLARIFICATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF**
21 **UNITED STATES NATIONALS.**

22 The Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) is
23 amended—

1 (1) in section 7(a)(5), by striking “United
2 States citizens” each place such term appears and
3 inserting “nationals of the United States”;

4 (2) in section 8(b), by striking “citizens” and
5 inserting “nationals of the United States”;

6 (3) in section 10(b), by striking “citizens” and
7 inserting “nationals of the United States”;

8 (4) in section 12(g), by striking “citizens” and
9 inserting “nationals of the United States”; and

10 (5) in section 27, as so redesignated—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
12 through (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), re-
13 spectively; and

14 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(5) The term ‘national of the United States’
17 has the meaning given such term in section
18 101(a)(22)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
19 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)(B)).”.

20 **SEC. 12. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

21 (a) PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION.—Not later than 180
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Direc-
23 tor of the Peace Corps shall submit to the Committee on
24 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the

1 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
2 on—

3 (1) the presence of the Peace Corps in the Pa-
4 cific Islands region; and

5 (2) a strategy to expand such presence, as ap-
6 propriate, including—

7 (A) outcomes of consultations with regional
8 allies and partners on areas in which coopera-
9 tion can reduce factors limiting Peace Corps ex-
10 pansion; and

11 (B) timelines for expanding and reopening
12 country programs in the Pacific Islands region.

13 (b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 8I(a) of the Peace Corps
14 Act (22 U.S.C. 2507i(a)) is amended by striking—

15 (1) “President” and inserting “Director”;

16 (2) “September 30, 2018” and inserting “Sep-
17 tember 30, 2025”; and

18 (3) “and the Committee on Appropriations”
19 each place it appears.

20 (c) GAO REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
23 troller General of the United States shall submit to
24 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
25 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Re-

1 lations of the Senate a report relating to the post-
2 service health care delivery and insurance coverage
3 pursuant to sections 5(d) and 8B.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
5 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) Information relating to examinations,
7 counseling, and other mental health care serv-
8 ices provided by the Peace Corp to returned vol-
9 unteers in the 6 months following the end of
10 the term of service of such volunteers.

11 (B) Recommendations relating to—

12 (i) better protection of patient con-
13 fidentially for returned Peace Corps volun-
14 teers for metal health care services;

15 (ii) improved access to mental health
16 providers that will accept payment from
17 the Peace Corps; and

18 (iii) whether such mental health care
19 services for returned volunteers would be
20 better provided under the Short-term
21 Health Insurance For Transition and
22 Travel plan or a similar commercially
23 available insurance plan to be paid for by
24 the Peace Corps.

1 **SEC. 13. WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR PEACE CORPS**
2 **VOLUNTEERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8142 of title 5, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “GS–7”
7 and inserting “GS–11”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

9 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
10 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and
11 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “subsection
12 (c)(3)” and inserting “subsection (c)(2)”.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
14 section (a)(1)(A) shall apply to any volunteer (as that
15 term is defined in subsection (a) of section 8142 of title
16 5, United States Code) with respect to whom benefits
17 under chapter 81 of such title commence, by operation of
18 such section, on or after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act.

20 **SEC. 14. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

21 The Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) is
22 amended—

23 (1) by amending section 1 to read as follows:

24 **“SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

25 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
26 ‘Peace Corps Act’.

- 1 “(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents
2 for this Act is as follows:

“TITLE I—THE PEACE CORPS

- “Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- “Sec. 2. Declaration of purpose.
- “Sec. 2A. Peace Corps as an independent agency.
- “Sec. 3. Authorization.
- “Sec. 4. Director of the Peace Corps and delegation of functions.
- “Sec. 5. Peace Corps volunteers.
- “Sec. 6. Peace Corps volunteer leaders.
- “Sec. 7. Peace Corps employees.
- “Sec. 8. Volunteer training.
- “Sec. 8A. Sexual assault risk-reduction and response training.
- “Sec. 8B. Sexual assault policy.
- “Sec. 8C. Office of victim advocacy.
- “Sec. 8D. Establish of sexual assault advisory council.
- “Sec. 8E. Volunteer feedback and Peace Corps review.
- “Sec. 8F. Establishment of a policy on stalking.
- “Sec. 8G. Establishment of a confidentiality protection policy.
- “Sec. 8H. Removal and assessment and evaluation.
- “Sec. 8I. Reporting requirements.
- “Sec. 9. Participation of foreign nationals.
- “Sec. 10. General powers and authorities.
- “Sec. 11. Reports.
- “Sec. 12. Peace Corps national advisory council.
- “Sec. 13. Experts and consultants.
- “Sec. 14. Detail of personnel to foreign governments and international organizations.
- “Sec. 15. Utilization of funds.
- “Sec. 16. Foreign currency fluctuations account.
- “Sec. 17. Use of foreign currencies.
- “Sec. 18. Activities promoting Americans’ understanding of other peoples.
- “Sec. 19. Exclusive right to seal and name.
- “Sec. 20. Repealed.
- “Sec. 21. Repealed.
- “Sec. 22. Security investigations.
- “Sec. 23. Universal military training and service act.
- “Sec. 24. Foreign language proficiency act.
- “Sec. 25. Nonpartisan appointments.
- “Sec. 26. Codification of certain Executive order relating to existing non-competitive eligibility Federal hiring status for returning volunteers.
- “Sec. 27. Definitions.
- “Sec. 28. Construction.
- “Sec. 29. Effective date.

“TITLE II—AMENDMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

- “Sec. 201. Repealed.
- “Sec. 202. Repealed.

“TITLE III—ENCOURAGEMENT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE
PROGRAMS.

“Sec. 301. ”.

1 (2) in section 4(b)—

2 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the
3 Director”; and

4 (B) by striking “of his subordinates” and
5 all that follows through “functions.” and insert-
6 ing “subordinate of the Director the authority
7 to perform any such functions.”;

8 (3) in section 7—

9 (A) in subsection (a), by moving the mar-
10 gins of paragraphs (7) and (8) two ems to the
11 left; and

12 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
13 section (b);

14 (4) in section 8A(d)(2), by inserting “the” be-
15 fore “information”;

16 (5) in section 8C, in the heading of subsection
17 (a), by striking “VICTIMS” and inserting “VICTIM”;

18 (6) in section 8E—

19 (A) in subsection (b), by striking “sub-
20 section (c),,” and inserting “subsection (c),”;
21 and

22 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(F), by striking
23 “Corp’s” and inserting “Corps’”;

1 (7) in section 9, by striking “Act proceedings”
2 and inserting “Act. Removal proceedings”;

3 (8) in section 10(d), by striking “section 3709”
4 and all that follows through “1949” and inserting
5 “sections 3101(a), 3101(c), 3104, 3106, 3301(b)(2),
6 and 6101 of title 41, United States Code”;

7 (9) in section 15(c), in the first sentence, by
8 striking “that Act” and inserting “such sub-
9 chapter”;

10 (10) in section 23, by striking “Universal Mili-
11 tary Training and Service Act” and inserting “Mili-
12 tary Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.)”;

13 (11) in section 24, by striking—

14 (A) “his” and inserting “the volunteer’s”;
15 and

16 (B) “he” each place it appears and insert-
17 ing “the volunteer”; and

18 (12) in section 27, as so redesignated—

19 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
20 through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), re-
21 spectively;

22 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
23 following new paragraph:

24 “(2) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
25 the Peace Corps.”;

- 1 (C) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated,
2 by striking “5(m)” and inserting “5(n)”; and
3 (D) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated—
4 (i) by redesignating clauses (i) and
5 (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
6 tively; and
7 (ii) in subparagraph (A), as so redes-
8 ignated, by striking “section 5(f)” and in-
9 serting “section 5(e)”.

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