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To establish the National Office of New Americans, to reduce obstacles to United States citizenship, to support the integration of immigrants and refugees into the social, cultural, economic and civic life of our shared Nation, and for other purposes.

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, House Administration, Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “New Deal for New
3 Americans Act of 2019”.

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1 **TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND** 2 **INTEGRATION**

3 **SEC. 101. NATIONAL OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF
5 NEW AMERICANS.—There is established in the Executive
6 Office of the President the “National Office of New Amer-
7 icans” (in this title referred to as the “Office”).

8 (b) OFFICE LEADERSHIP.—

9 (1) There shall be at the head of the Office a
10 Director of the National Office of New Americans.

11 (2) There shall be in the Office a Deputy Direc-
12 tor for Citizenship and Inclusion and a Deputy Di-
13 rector for Workforce and Economy.

14 (c) BUREAU OF STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.—There
15 is established a Bureau of State and Local Affairs within
16 the Office which shall be headed by an Associate Director
17 of State and Local Affairs.

18 (d) ACCESS BY CONGRESS.—The location of the Of-
19 fice for New Americans in the Executive Office of the
20 President shall not be construed as affecting access by the
21 Congress or Committees of the House or Senate to—

1 (1) information, documents and studies in the
2 possession of, or conducted by or at the direction of
3 the Director; or

4 (2) personnel of the National Office of New
5 Americans.

6 **SEC. 102. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF DIRECTOR, DEP-**
7 **UTY DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.**

8 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Director shall be appointed by
9 the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
10 Senate.

11 (b) DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—The Deputy Directors
12 and Associate Director shall be appointed by the President
13 in consultation with the Director.

14 (c) LIMITATION.—No person shall serve as Director,
15 Deputy Director or Associate Director while serving in any
16 other position in the Federal Government.

17 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

18 (1) The Director shall—

19 (A) establish policies, objectives and prior-
20 ities with regard to immigrant and refugee inte-
21 gration for the Office;

22 (B) with the assistance of the Deputy Di-
23 rectors and Associate Director, carry out the
24 functions of the Office as described in para-
25 graph (e);

1 (C) serve as the Chair of the Initiative for
2 New Americans;

3 (D) make recommendations to the Presi-
4 dent regarding changes in the organization,
5 management, programs and budget of the Fed-
6 eral departments and agencies in order to pro-
7 mote the integration of immigrants and refu-
8 gees;

9 (E) consult, support and coordinate with
10 State and local governments in their efforts to
11 promote United States citizenship and integra-
12 tion of immigrants and refugees; and

13 (F) serve as a member of the Domestic
14 Policy Council and the National Economic
15 Council.

16 (2) The Deputy Director for Citizenship and
17 Inclusion shall, among other duties as assigned by
18 the Director, assist the Director to promote access
19 to United States citizenship and inclusion of immi-
20 grants and refugees in the social, economic and civic
21 life of their communities and the Nation.

22 (3) The Deputy Director for Workforce and
23 Economy shall, among other duties as assigned by
24 the Director, assist the Director to promote the par-
25 ticipation of immigrants and refugees in the United

1 States workforce and increase the contributions of
2 immigrants and refugees to the United States econ-
3 omy.

4 (4) The Associate Director of State and Local
5 Affairs shall, among other duties as assigned by the
6 Director, assist the Director in coordinating the ef-
7 forts of State and local entities to support the eco-
8 nomic, linguistic and civic integration of immigrants,
9 refugees and their children.

10 (e) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Office are—

11 (1) to promote and support immigrant and ref-
12 ugee integration and inclusion in society;

13 (2) to ensure the Federal Government and its
14 agencies and departments promote the pursuit of
15 United States citizenship among immigrants and
16 refugees;

17 (3) to ensure access to quality English language
18 learning programs that increase for adult English
19 language learners their—

20 (A) employment and career prospects and
21 economic integration; and

22 (B) social integration in their local commu-
23 nities and participation in civic life, including
24 their engagement with State and local govern-

1 ments, schools, and private and nonprofit com-
2 munity institutions;

3 (4) to provide equal access to workforce devel-
4 opment programs, including by ensuring that such
5 programs meet the demand and unique language,
6 training and educational needs of immigrants and
7 refugees;

8 (5) to oversee and coordinate the efforts of
9 Federal, State, and local entities to ensure the effec-
10 tive social, economic, linguistic, and civic integration
11 of immigrants, refugees and their children;

12 (6) to provide advice and leadership to the
13 President, Congress, and other Federal Government
14 officials on the challenges and opportunities facing
15 such entities with regards to immigrant and refugee
16 integration;

17 (7) to cooperate closely with the Office of Man-
18 agement and Budget and other relevant executive
19 agencies and departments to analyze the impact of
20 immigration policies of immigrant and refugee inte-
21 gration on the Federal budget;

22 (8) to evaluate the scale, quality, and effective-
23 ness of Federal Government efforts concerning im-
24 migrant and refugee social and economic integration,
25 including access to United States citizenship,

1 English language learning and workforce develop-
2 ment programs;

3 (9) to identify the anticipated effects of new
4 Federal policies on existing integration efforts and
5 advise the President on how to address any potential
6 integration needs or impacts resulting from such
7 policies;

8 (10) to consult on a biannual basis with State
9 and local government officials on the immigrant and
10 refugee integration challenges and opportunities fac-
11 ing States and units of local government;

12 (11) to consult with the Secretaries and Direc-
13 tors identified in title II on the administration of the
14 grant programs established by such title; and

15 (12) to submit to the President and the appro-
16 priate congressional committees a biannual report
17 that describes the activities of the Office and the re-
18 sults of the consultation process provided in para-
19 graphs (10) and (11).

20 (f) POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.—In carrying out the
21 responsibilities in subsection (d) and the functions of the
22 office in subsection (e), the Director may—

23 (1) select, appoint, employ, and fix compensa-
24 tion of such officers and employees as may be nec-

1 essary to carry out the functions of the Office under
2 this title;

3 (2) direct, with the concurrence of the Sec-
4 retary of a department or head of an agency, the
5 temporary reassignment within the Federal Govern-
6 ment of personnel employed by such department or
7 agency;

8 (3) use for administrative purposes, on a reim-
9 bursable basis, the available service, equipment, per-
10 sonnel, and facilities of Federal, State, and local
11 agencies;

12 (4) procure the services of experts and consult-
13 ants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5,
14 United States Code, relating to appointments in the
15 Federal service, at rates of compensation for individ-
16 uals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of
17 pay payable for GS-18 of the General Schedule
18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code;

19 (5) accept and use donations of property from
20 Federal, State and local government agencies;

21 (6) use the mail in the same manner as other
22 departments and agencies of the executive branch;
23 and

1 (7) monitor the implementation of the Federal
2 Government’s integration-related activities, includ-
3 ing—

4 (A) conducting program and performance
5 audits and evaluations; and

6 (B) requesting assistance from the Inspec-
7 tor General of the relevant agency in such au-
8 dits and evaluations.

9 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL INITIATIVE ON NEW AMERICANS.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish
12 within the National Office of New Americans a Fed-
13 eral Initiative on New Americans (in this title re-
14 ferred to as the “Initiative”).

15 (2) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The Ini-
16 tiative shall be fully operational not later than 6
17 months after the confirmation of the Director of the
18 Office.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Initiative are—

20 (1) to establish a coordinated Federal program
21 to respond effectively to immigrant and refugee inte-
22 gration issues; and

23 (2) to advise and assist the Director in identi-
24 fying and implementing the necessary policies to
25 carry out such program.

1 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Initiative shall be composed
2 of—

3 (1) the Director, who shall serve as Chair of the
4 Initiative;

5 (2) the Secretary of the Treasury;

6 (3) the Attorney General;

7 (4) the Secretary of Commerce;

8 (5) the Secretary of Labor;

9 (6) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
10 ices;

11 (7) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
12 opment;

13 (8) the Secretary of Education;

14 (9) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

15 (10) the Secretary of State;

16 (11) the Director of the Office of Refugee Re-
17 settlement;

18 (12) the Director of the Small Business Admin-
19 istration;

20 (13) the Director of the Office of Management
21 and Budget;

22 (14) the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
23 Financial Protection; and

24 (15) any other individual the Director of the
25 National Office of New Americans invites to partici-

1 pate who occupies a position listed under level I or
2 II of the Executive Schedule, as provided in sections
3 5312 and 5313 of title 5, United States Code.

4 (d) DUTIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Initiative shall meet at
6 the call of the Chair and perform such duties as the
7 Chair reasonably requires.

8 (2) COORDINATED RESPONSE TO IMMIGRANT
9 AND REFUGEE ISSUES.—The Initiative shall work
10 with executive agencies and departments to provide
11 a coordinated Federal response to adequately ad-
12 dress issues that affect the lives of new immigrants
13 and refugees and local communities with growing
14 immigrant and refugee populations, including—

15 (A) English language learning;

16 (B) adult education and workforce train-
17 ing;

18 (C) occupational licensure;

19 (D) early childhood care and education;

20 (E) elementary, secondary and postsec-
21 ondary education;

22 (F) health care;

23 (G) naturalization;

24 (H) civic engagement;

1 (I) access to immigration assistance and
2 legal services;

3 (J) economic development; and

4 (K) other services the Director identifies as
5 aiding the integration of immigrants and refu-
6 gees to the United States.

7 (3) LIAISON WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
9 Initiative shall serve as a liaison to the respec-
10 tive agency of the member to ensure that the
11 agency coordinates with and responds to the
12 recommendations of the Initiative in a timely
13 and meaningful manner.

14 (B) DUTIES OF A LIAISON.—The duties of
15 each member as an agency liaison include—

16 (i) creating immigrant and refugee in-
17 tegration goals within the agency;

18 (ii) creating immigration integration
19 indicators within the agency;

20 (iii) implementing the biannual con-
21 sultation process described in section
22 102(e)(10) by consulting with the State
23 and local counterparts of the agency;

24 (iv) reporting to the Initiative on the
25 progress made by the agency in achieving

1 the goals and indicators described in
2 clauses (i) and (ii); and

3 (v) providing the Director, upon re-
4 quest of the Director and subject to laws
5 governing disclosure of information, such
6 information as may be required to carry
7 out the responsibilities of the Director and
8 the functions of the Office.

9 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INITIATIVE.—

10 (A) REPORT.—The Director of the Initia-
11 tive shall submit to Congress a report that in-
12 cludes the following:

13 (i) Findings from the consultation
14 process described in section 102(e)(10), in-
15 cluding a description of the immigrant and
16 refugee integration challenges and opportu-
17 nities facing States and units of local gov-
18 ernment.

19 (ii) Assessment of the effects of and
20 recommendations with regard to pending
21 legislation and executive branch policy pro-
22 posals and their possible impacts on immi-
23 grant and refugee integration.

24 (iii) Suggestions for changes to Fed-
25 eral programs or policies that have a nega-

1 tive impact on immigrants, refugees and
2 local communities with growing immigrant
3 and refugee populations, in comparison to
4 the general population.

5 (iv) Recommendations on legislative
6 solutions to promote immigrant and ref-
7 ugee integration.

8 (B) REPORTING DEADLINE.—The Initia-
9 tive shall submit a report required by subpara-
10 graph (A) not later than 12 months after the
11 Initiative is fully operational and every two
12 years thereafter.

13 **TITLE II—PROGRAMS TO PRO-**
14 **MOTE CITIZENSHIP, INTE-**
15 **GRATION, AND PROSPERITY**

16 **SEC. 200. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ACCESS TO**
17 **COUNSEL.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that—

19 (1) immigration law is so complex that it is
20 nearly impossible and therefore unjust for individ-
21 uals to navigate the immigration system without
22 legal assistance or represent themselves in immigra-
23 tion court;

24 (2) noncitizens without legal counsel are far
25 more likely to be denied immigration benefits or be

1 deported, which can result in dire consequences, in-
2 cluding the denial of legal status or U.S. citizenship,
3 loss of livelihood, separation from or the inability to
4 support one's family, life-threatening danger in one's
5 country of origin and a long-term or permanent ban
6 from being able to re-enter the United States; and

7 (3) consistent with the American values of fair-
8 ness and justice and the Fifth Amendment to the
9 U.S. Constitution which guarantees everyone due
10 process of law, anyone subject to proceedings or the
11 appeal thereof before an immigration judge or the
12 Attorney General should have the right of being rep-
13 resented by counsel, including government-funded
14 counsel, regardless of one's ability to pay.

15 **SEC. 201. LEGAL SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE**
16 **GRANTS.**

17 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Attorney General, acting
18 through the Director of the Executive Office for Immigra-
19 tion Review, in consultation with the Director of the Na-
20 tional Office of New Americans, shall award Legal Serv-
21 ices and Immigration Assistance grants to eligible entities.

22 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—An entity eligible to receive a
23 grant under this section is a unit of local government, pri-
24 vate organization, community-based organization, or not-
25 for-profit organization—

1 (1) that provides authorized direct legal assist-
2 ance to immigrants and refugees in the United
3 States;

4 (2) in the case of any applicant who has pre-
5 viously received a grant under this section, that uses
6 matching funds from non-Federal sources, which
7 may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 per-
8 cent of amount received under this section;

9 (3) that provides immigration education, out-
10 reach and quality paralegal services to immigrants
11 and refugees, in coordination with immigration at-
12 torneys or representatives accredited by the Recogni-
13 tion and Accreditation Program of the Department
14 of Justice Executive Office of Immigration Review;
15 and

16 (4) that submits to the Director of the Execu-
17 tive Office for Immigration Review an application at
18 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
19 formation as such Director may reasonably require.

20 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
22 section may be used to provide to an eligible indi-
23 vidual legal assistance relating to the immigration
24 status of such individual, or related services. Such
25 assistance may include—

1 (A) outreach and education to identify and
2 support those in need of legal services;

3 (B) liaison services to connect individuals
4 with trusted legal service providers, social serv-
5 ice organizations and government representa-
6 tives;

7 (C) screening to assess the eligibility of
8 any individual regarding any status under the
9 immigration laws;

10 (D) completing immigration applications;

11 (E) translation services;

12 (F) gathering of documents such as proof
13 of identification, employment, residence, family
14 relationships and tax payment;

15 (G) applying for any waivers for which an
16 applicant and qualifying family members may
17 be eligible; and

18 (H) assisting an applicant for United
19 States citizenship with application preparation
20 and the citizenship application process, includ-
21 ing support for the English and civics exams.

22 (2) IMMIGRANTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.—

23 A non-citizen is eligible to receive the assistance de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1) if such non-citizen is—

1 (A) seeking to become a permanent resi-
2 dent or naturalized citizen; or

3 (B) seeking relief from removal and au-
4 thorization to remain in the United States law-
5 fully and permanently.

6 (d) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
7 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
8 the Attorney General a certification that the proposed uses
9 of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this sec-
10 tion and meet all necessary criteria determined by the At-
11 torney General in consultation with the Director of the
12 National Office of New Americans.

13 (e) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
14 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
15 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
16 ty shall submit to the Director of Citizenship and Immi-
17 gration Services the following:

18 (1) A report that describes—

19 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
20 that were funded entirely or partially by the
21 grant funds;

22 (B) the geographic area or areas served by
23 the grant funds;

24 (C) an estimate of the number of non-citi-
25 zens living in the jurisdiction or service area of

1 the entity, which demonstrates that the entity
2 made a reasonable effort to determine such
3 number;

4 (D) the number of non-citizens receiving
5 assistance that was funded entirely or partially
6 by grant funds received by the entity;

7 (E) a breakdown of the costs of each of
8 the services provided and the average per capita
9 cost of providing such assistance; and

10 (F) the primary languages spoken in the
11 jurisdiction or service area of the entity.

12 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
13 using grant funds under this section, including an
14 assessment of—

15 (A) the effectiveness of such program and
16 recommendations for improving the program;
17 and

18 (B) whether or not the legal services needs
19 of the geographic area served have been met
20 and if not, what further assistance is required
21 to meet such need.

22 (f) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
23 “State” means each of the several States, the District of
24 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United

1 States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2021 through 2022.

6 **SEC. 202. ENGLISH AS A GATEWAY GRANTS.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
8 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
9 ment of Education, in consultation with the Director of
10 the National Office of New Americans, shall award
11 English as a Gateway to Integration grants to eligible en-
12 tities.

13 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—An entity eligible to receive a
14 grant under this section is a State or unit of local govern-
15 ment, private organization, educational institution, com-
16 munity-based organization, or not-for-profit organiza-
17 tion—

18 (1) in the case of any applicant who has pre-
19 viously received a grant under this section, that uses
20 matching funds from non-Federal sources, which
21 may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 per-
22 cent of amount received from the English as a Gate-
23 way to Integration program;

24 (2) that submits to the Assistant Secretary an
25 application at such time, in such manner, and con-

1 taining such information as the Assistant Secretary
2 may reasonably require, including—

3 (A) a description of the target population
4 to be served, including demographics, literacy
5 levels and English language levels of the target
6 population; and

7 (B) the assessment and performance meas-
8 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
9 evaluate the English language learning progress
10 of students and overall success of the instruc-
11 tion and program;

12 (3) demonstrate collaboration with public and
13 private entities to provide the instruction and assist-
14 ance described in subsection (c)(1);

15 (4) provide English language programs that
16 teach English language skills to—

17 (A) lower-educated individuals;

18 (B) Limited English Proficient (LEP) in-
19 dividuals;

20 (C) parents who are caretakers of young
21 children;

22 (D) that supports and promotes the social,
23 economic and civic integration of adult English
24 language learners and their families;

1 (E) that equips adult English language
2 learners for ongoing, independent study and
3 learning beyond the classroom or formal in-
4 struction provided by the entity; and

5 (F) that incorporates the use of technology
6 to help students develop digital literacy skills;

7 (5) are 1 of the 10 States with the highest rate
8 of foreign-born residents; or

9 (6) have experienced a large increase in the
10 population of immigrants during the most recent 10-
11 year period relative to past migration patterns,
12 based on data compiled by the Office of Immigration
13 Statistics or the United States Census Bureau.

14 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this
16 section shall be used to provide English language in-
17 struction to adult English language learners. Such
18 instruction shall advance the integration of students
19 in order to help them—

20 (A) build their knowledge of United States
21 history and civics;

22 (B) to prepare for United States citizen-
23 ship and the naturalization process;

24 (C) gain digital literacy;

1 (D) understand and navigate the early
2 childhood, K–12 and postsecondary education
3 systems;

4 (E) gain financial literacy;

5 (F) build an understanding of the housing
6 market and systems in the United States;

7 (G) learn about and access the United
8 States, State, and local health care systems;

9 (H) prepare for a high school equivalency
10 diploma or post-secondary training or edu-
11 cation; and

12 (I) prepare for and secure employment.

13 (2) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—Funds awarded
14 under this section shall be used to support an in-
15 structional program that may include the following
16 elements:

17 (A) English language instruction in a
18 classroom setting, provided that such setting is
19 in a geographic location accessible to the popu-
20 lation served.

21 (B) Online English language instruction
22 and distance learning platforms.

23 (C) Educational support and specialized
24 instruction for English language learners with
25 low levels of literacy in their first language.

1 (D) Other online and digital components,
2 including the use of mobile phones.

3 (d) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
4 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
5 the Assistant Secretary a certification that the proposed
6 uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this
7 section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the
8 Assistant Secretary.

9 (e) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
10 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
11 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
12 ty shall submit to the Assistant Secretary the following:

13 (1) A report that describes—

14 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
15 that were funded entirely or partially by the
16 grant funds;

17 (B) the geographic area or areas served by
18 the grant funds;

19 (C) the number of immigrants in such
20 areas;

21 (D) the primary languages spoken in such
22 areas;

23 (E) the number of adult English language
24 learners receiving assistance that was funded

1 entirely or partially by grant funds received by
2 the entity; and

3 (F) a breakdown of the costs of the in-
4 struction services provided and the average per
5 capita cost of providing such instruction.

6 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
7 using grant funds under this section, including an
8 assessment of—

9 (A) the effectiveness of such program and
10 recommendations for improving the program;

11 (B) whether or not the English language
12 instruction needs of the geographic area served
13 have been met and if not, what further assist-
14 ance is required to meet such need; and

15 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
16 uation of progress or success described in sub-
17 section (b)(3)(B).

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
19 nitions apply:

20 (1) The term “State” means each of the several
21 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
22 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
23 Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of
24 the Northern Mariana Islands.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2021 through 2022.

15 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
16 United States—

19 (A) help them learn basic skills in reading,
20 writing, math and the English language; and

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1 (2) to strengthen the economy by helping adults
2 with limited skills to attain industry-recognized post-
3 secondary credentials; and

4 (3) that workforce programs for adults with
5 limited skills incorporate an integrated education
6 and training approach that allow adults to acquire
7 basic skills while pursuing occupational or industry
8 specific training.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
10 Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Depart-
11 ment of Education (referred to as the Assistant Secretary
12 in this section), in consultation with the Director of the
13 National Office of New Americans, shall award Workforce
14 Development and Shared Prosperity grants, on a competi-
15 tive basis, to States and local governments or other quali-
16 fying entities described in subsection (c), in collaboration
17 with State and local governments.

18 (c) QUALIFYING ENTITIES.—Qualifying entities
19 under this section may include—

- 20 (1) an educational institution;
21 (2) a private organization;
22 (3) a community-based organization; or
23 (4) a not-for-profit organization.

24 (d) ELIGIBILITY.—A State or local government or
25 qualifying entity in collaboration with a State or local gov-

1 ernment is eligible to receive a grant under this section
2 provided that the State or local government or entity—

3 (1) supports and promotes the economic inte-
4 gration of immigrants and refugees and their fami-
5 lies;

6 (2) has expertise in workforce development and
7 adult education for the purpose of developing and
8 implementing State or local programs of integrated
9 education and training;

10 (3) in carrying out the grant program, includes
11 at least one entity—

12 (A) with expertise in workforce develop-
13 ment for immigrants and refugees; and

14 (B) with expertise in adult education of
15 immigrants and refugees;

16 (4) uses matching funds from non-Federal
17 sources, which may include in-kind contributions,
18 equal to 25 percent of the amount received from the
19 Workforce Development and Shared Prosperity
20 grants program; and

21 (5) submits to the Assistant Secretary an appli-
22 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing
23 such information as the Assistant Secretary may
24 reasonably require, including—

1 (A) a description of the target population
2 to be served, including demographics, English
3 language levels, educational levels, and skill lev-
4 els of the target population;

5 (B) the specific integrated education and
6 training instructional model to be implemented;

7 (C) how the program will be designed and
8 implemented by educators with expertise in
9 adult education, English language instruction
10 and occupational skills training;

11 (D) how the program will prepare students
12 to receive a high school equivalency credential;

13 (E) how the program will prepare students
14 to receive a postsecondary credential;

15 (F) the occupations or industry for which
16 the program will prepare students for employ-
17 ment;

18 (G) evidence of employer demand for the
19 skills or occupational training offered by the
20 grant program;

21 (H) the extent to which the program re-
22 duces the time required for students to acquire
23 English and workforce skills;

24 (I) how the program will increase digital
25 literacy skills;

1 (J) how the program will provide student
2 support services including guidance counseling
3 in order to promote student success; and

4 (K) the assessment and performance meas-
5 ures that the grant recipient plans to use to
6 evaluate—

7 (i) the progress of adult learners in
8 acquiring basic skills such as reading, writ-
9 ing, math and the English language; and

10 (ii) the success of the grant program
11 to prepare students for employment and to
12 help them find employment or advance in
13 employment.

14 (e) CERTIFICATION.—In order to receive a payment
15 under this section, a participating entity shall submit to
16 the Assistant Secretary a certification that the proposed
17 uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this
18 section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the
19 Assistant Secretary in consultation with the Director of
20 the National Office of New Americans.

21 (f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Assistant Sec-
22 retary shall provide technical assistance to adult education
23 providers on how to provide integrated education and
24 training.

1 (g) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later
2 than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which
3 an entity receives grant funds under this section, the enti-
4 ty shall submit to the Assistant Secretary the following:

5 (1) A report that describes—

6 (A) the activities undertaken by the entity
7 that were funded entirely or partially by the
8 grant funds;

9 (B) the geographic area or areas served by
10 the grant funds;

11 (C) the number of immigrants in such
12 areas;

13 (D) the primary languages spoken in such
14 areas; and

15 (E) a breakdown of the costs of each of
16 the services provided and the average per capita
17 cost of providing such services.

18 (2) An evaluation of any program of the entity
19 using grant funds under this section, including an
20 assessment of—

21 (A) the effectiveness of such program and
22 recommendations for improving the program;

23 (B) whether or not the legal services needs
24 of the geographic area served have been met

1 and if not, what further assistance is required
2 to meet such need; and

3 (C) the results of any assessment or eval-
4 uation of progress or success described in sub-
5 section (c)(5)(I).

6 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
7 nitions apply:

8 (1) The term “State” means each of the several
9 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
10 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
11 Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of
12 the Northern Mariana Islands.

13 (2) The term “integrated education and train-
14 ing” means instruction that provides adult edu-
15 cation, literacy and English language activities con-
16 currently and contextually with workforce prepara-
17 tion activities and workforce training for a specific
18 occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of
19 educational and career advancement.

20 (3) The term “adult education” means aca-
21 demic instruction and education services below the
22 postsecondary level that increase an individual’s abil-
23 ity to read, write, and speak English and perform
24 mathematics or other activities necessary for the at-
25 tainment of a secondary school diploma or its recog-

1 nized equivalent, transition to postsecondary edu-
2 cation and training, or obtain employment.

3 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2021 through 2022.

6 **SEC. 204. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED FOR EXISTING**
7 **CITIZENSHIP GRANTS.**

8 There are authorized to be awarded by the Depart-
9 ment of Homeland Security to public or private nonprofit
10 organizations for the purpose of Citizenship Education
11 and Training (under the Catalog of Federal Domestic As-
12 sistance Number 97.010) an amount not less than
13 \$25,000,000.

14 **SEC. 205. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.**

15 With regard to grants administered and awarded to
16 public or private nonprofit organizations by the Depart-
17 ment of Homeland Security, unless otherwise required by
18 law, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity, when making determinations about such grants, shall
20 not consider the enrollment in or use by such organiza-
21 tions of E-Verify, the web-based system that the Depart-
22 ment administers for employers that enroll in the system
23 to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the
24 United States.

1 **SEC. 206. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-**
2 **SHIP AND INTEGRATION FOUNDATION.**

3 The Secretary, acting through the Director of United
4 States Citizenship and Immigration Services and in co-
5 ordination with National Office of New Americans, is au-
6 thorized to establish a nonprofit corporation or a not-for-
7 profit, public benefit, or similar entity, which shall be
8 known as the “United States Citizenship and Integration
9 Foundation” (in this title referred to as the “Founda-
10 tion”).

11 **SEC. 207. GIFTS TO FOUNDATION.**

12 In order to carry out the purposes set forth in section
13 208, the Foundation may—

14 (1) solicit, accept, and make gifts of money and
15 other property in accordance with section 501(c)(3)
16 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

17 (2) engage in coordinated work with the De-
18 partment, including United States Citizenship and
19 Immigration Services and the National Office of
20 New Americans; and

21 (3) accept, hold, administer, invest, and spend
22 any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal prop-
23 erty made to the Foundation.

24 **SEC. 208. PURPOSES.**

25 The purposes of the Foundation are—

1 (1) to spur innovation in the promotion and ex-
2 pansion of citizenship preparation programs for law-
3 ful permanent residents;

4 (2) to evaluate and identify best practices in
5 citizenship promotion and preparation and to make
6 recommendations to the Department and the Na-
7 tional Office for New Americans about how to bring
8 such best practices to scale;

9 (3) to support direct assistance for noncitizens
10 seeking lawful permanent resident status, or natu-
11 ralization as a United States citizen; and

12 (4) to coordinate immigrant integration with
13 State and local entities.

14 **SEC. 209. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**

15 The Foundation shall carry out its purpose by—

16 (1) making United States citizenship instruc-
17 tion and naturalization application services acces-
18 sible to low-income and other underserved lawful
19 permanent resident populations;

20 (2) developing, identifying, and sharing best
21 practices in United States citizenship promotion and
22 preparation;

23 (3) supporting innovative and creative solutions
24 to barriers faced by those seeking naturalization;

1 (4) increasing the use of, and access to, tech-
2 nology in United States citizenship preparation pro-
3 grams;

4 (5) engaging receiving communities in the
5 United States citizenship and civic integration proc-
6 ess;

7 (6) administering the New Citizens Award Pro-
8 gram to recognize, in each calendar year, not more
9 than 10 United States citizens who—

10 (A) have made outstanding contributions
11 to the United States; and

12 (B) have been naturalized during the 10-
13 year period ending on the date of such recogni-
14 tion;

15 (7) fostering public education and awareness;

16 (8) coordinating its immigrant integration ef-
17 forts with United States Citizenship and Immigra-
18 tion Services and the National Office of New Ameri-
19 cans; and

20 (9) awarding grants to State and local govern-
21 ments under section 208.

22 **SEC. 210. COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.**

23 (a) MEMBERS.—To the extent consistent with section
24 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the
25 Foundation shall have a Council of Directors (in this title

1 referred to as the “Council”, which shall be comprised
2 of—

3 (1) the Director of United States Citizenship
4 and Immigration Services;

5 (2) the Director of the National Office of New
6 Americans; and

7 (3) 10 directors, appointed by the ex-officio di-
8 rectors designated in paragraphs (1) and (2), from
9 national private and public nonprofit organizations
10 that promote and assist permanent residents with
11 naturalization.

12 (b) APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The
13 Council shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall
14 oversee the day-to-day operations of the Foundation.

15 **SEC. 211. POWERS.**

16 The Executive Director is authorized to carry out the
17 purposes set forth in section 208 on behalf of the Founda-
18 tion by—

19 (1) accepting, holding, administering, investing,
20 and spending any gift, devise, or bequest of real or
21 personal property made to the Foundation;

22 (2) entering into contracts and other financial
23 assistance agreements with individuals, public or pri-
24 vate organizations, professional societies, and gov-

1 ernment agencies to carry out the functions of the
2 Foundation;

3 (3) entering into such other contracts, leases,
4 cooperative agreements, and other transactions as
5 the Executive Director considers appropriate to
6 carry out the activities of the Foundation; and

7 (4) charging such fees for professional services
8 furnished by the Foundation as the Executive Direc-
9 tor determines reasonable and appropriate.

10 **SEC. 212. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The Foundation shall be established and operational
12 within 12 months of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 213. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
14 **FOUNDATION AND PILOT PROGRAM.**

15 There is authorized to be appropriated for the first
16 two fiscal years after the date of enactment of this Act
17 such sums as may be necessary to establish the Founda-
18 tion and the pilot program as described in section 212 of
19 this Act. Such amounts may be invested and any amounts
20 resulting from such investments shall remain available for
21 the operations of the Foundation and the pilot program
22 without further appropriation.

1 **SEC. 214. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE IMMIGRANT INTE-**
2 **GRATION AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Chief of the United
4 States Citizenship and Immigration Services’ Office of
5 Citizenship, in coordination with the National Office of
6 New Americans (in this title referred to as the “Chief”),
7 shall establish a pilot program through which the Chief
8 may award grants, on a competitive basis, to States and
9 local governments or other qualifying entities, in collabora-
10 tion with State and local governments—

11 (1) to establish New Immigrant Councils to
12 carry out programs to integrate new immigrants; or

13 (2) to carry out programs to integrate new im-
14 migrants.

15 (b) APPLICATION.—A State or local government de-
16 siring a grant under this section shall submit an applica-
17 tion to the Chief at such time, in such manner, and con-
18 taining such information as the Chief may reasonably re-
19 quire, including—

20 (1) a proposal to meet an objective or combina-
21 tion of objectives set forth in subsection (d)(3);

22 (2) the number of new immigrants in the appli-
23 cant’s jurisdiction; and

24 (3) a description of the challenges in intro-
25 ducing and integrating new immigrants into the
26 State or local community.

1 (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—A grant awarded
2 under this subsection may be used—

3 (1) to form a New Immigrant Council, which
4 shall—

5 (A) consist of between 15 and 19 individ-
6 uals, inclusive, from the State, local govern-
7 ment, or qualifying organization;

8 (B) include, to the extent practicable, rep-
9 resentatives from—

10 (i) business;

11 (ii) faith-based organizations;

12 (iii) civic organizations;

13 (iv) philanthropic organizations;

14 (v) nonprofit organizations, including
15 those with legal and advocacy experience
16 working with immigrant communities;

17 (vi) key education stakeholders, such
18 as State educational agencies, local edu-
19 cational agencies, community colleges, and
20 teachers;

21 (vii) State adult education offices;

22 (viii) State or local public libraries;

23 and

24 (ix) State or local governments; and

1 (C) meet not less frequently than once
2 each quarter;

3 (2) to provide subgrants to local communities,
4 city governments, municipalities, nonprofit organiza-
5 tions (including veterans' and patriotic organiza-
6 tions), or other qualifying entities;

7 (3) to develop, implement, expand, or enhance
8 a comprehensive plan to introduce and integrate new
9 immigrants into the State by—

10 (A) improving English language skills;

11 (B) engaging caretakers with limited
12 English proficiency in their child's education
13 through interactive parent and child literacy ac-
14 tivities;

15 (C) improving and expanding access to
16 workforce training programs;

17 (D) teaching United States history, civics
18 education, citizenship rights, and responsibil-
19 ities;

20 (E) promoting an understanding of the
21 form of government and history of the United
22 States and the principles of the Constitution;

23 (F) improving financial literacy; and

24 (G) focusing on other key areas of impor-
25 tance to integration in our society; and

1 (4) to engage receiving communities in the citi-
2 zenship and civic integration process by—

3 (A) increasing local service capacity;

4 (B) building meaningful connections be-
5 tween newer immigrants and long-time resi-
6 dents;

7 (C) communicating the contributions of re-
8 ceiving communities and new immigrants; and

9 (D) engaging leaders from all sectors of
10 the community.

11 (d) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

12 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each grant recipient
13 shall submit an annual report to the Chief that de-
14 scribes—

15 (A) the activities undertaken by the grant
16 recipient, including how such activities meet the
17 goals of the Office, the Foundation, and the
18 comprehensive plan described in subsection
19 (d)(3);

20 (B) the geographic areas being served;

21 (C) the number of immigrants in such
22 areas; and

23 (D) the primary languages spoken in such
24 areas.

1 (2) ANNUAL EVALUATION.—The Chief shall
 2 conduct an annual evaluation of the grant program
 3 established under this section—

4 (A) to assess and improve the effectiveness
 5 of such grant program;

6 (B) to assess the future needs of immi-
 7 grants and of State and local governments re-
 8 lated to immigrants; and

9 (C) to ensure that grantees recipients and
 10 subgrantees are acting within the scope and
 11 purpose of this subchapter.

12 **TITLE III—REDUCING BARRIERS** 13 **TO CITIZENSHIP**

14 **SEC. 301. IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (m) of section 286 of
 16 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m))
 17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(m) IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 20 graph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision
 21 of law, all adjudication fees as are designated by the
 22 Secretary of Homeland Security in regulations shall
 23 be deposited as offsetting receipts into a separate ac-
 24 count entitled ‘Immigration Examinations Fee Ac-
 25 count’ in the Treasury of the United States, whether

1 collected directly by the Secretary or through clerks
2 of courts.

3 “(2) VIRGIN ISLANDS AND GUAM.—All fees re-
4 ceived by the Secretary of Homeland Security from
5 applicants residing in the Virgin Islands of the
6 United States, or in Guam, under this subsection
7 shall be paid over to the treasury of the Virgin Is-
8 lands or to the treasury of Guam, respectively.

9 “(3) RESTRICTIONS.—All fees received by the
10 Secretary of Homeland Security from applicants re-
11 siding in the Virgin Islands of the United States, or
12 in Guam, under this subsection shall be prohibited
13 for use to cover the cost associated with—

14 “(A) the civil revocation of naturalization;

15 “(B) Operation Second Look;

16 “(C) Operation Janus;

17 “(D) any and all activities and operations
18 conducted by Immigration and Customs En-
19 forcement, Customs and Border Protection and
20 Homeland Security Investigations; and

21 “(E) any other activity or operation that is
22 not directly related to adjudications for immi-
23 gration benefits.

24 “(4) FEES FOR ADJUDICATION AND NATU-
25 RALIZATION SERVICES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), the Secretary of Homeland Security
3 may set fees for providing adjudication and nat-
4 uralization services at a level that will—

5 “(i) ensure recovery of the full costs
6 of providing such services, or a portion
7 thereof, including the costs of naturaliza-
8 tion and similar services provided without
9 charge to asylum applicants or other immi-
10 grants; and

11 “(ii) recover the full cost of admin-
12 istering the collection of fees under this
13 paragraph, or a portion thereof.

14 “(B) REPORT REQUIREMENT BEFORE FEE
15 INCREASE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
16 rity may not increase any fee under this para-
17 graph above the level of such fee on January 1,
18 2019, until—

19 “(i) the Secretary submits to the
20 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
21 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
22 House of Representatives a report that—

23 “(I) identifies the direct and indi-
24 rect costs associated with providing
25 adjudication and naturalization serv-

1 ices, and distinguishes such costs
2 from immigration enforcement and
3 national security costs;

4 “(II) identifies the costs allocable
5 to providing premium processing serv-
6 ices to business customers prescribed
7 by section 286(u) of this Act; de-
8 scribes the extent to which the fee
9 prescribed in that section is set at a
10 level that ensures full recovery of
11 those costs; and identifies the amount
12 of funding that is being allocated for
13 the infrastructure improvements in
14 the adjudications and customer-service
15 processes as prescribed by that sec-
16 tion; and

17 “(III) contains information re-
18 garding the amount the fee will be in-
19 creased; and

20 “(ii) a period of 60 days has expired
21 beginning on the date that the report in
22 clause (i) is received by the committees de-
23 scribed in such clause.

24 “(C) ADJUDICATIONS DELAY AND BACK-
25 LOG REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-

1 security shall report to the Committee on the Ju-
 2 diciary of the Senate and the Committee on the
 3 Judiciary of the House of Representatives on a
 4 quarterly basis the following—

5 “(i) for adjudications, when the proc-
 6 essing time of more than ten percent of
 7 any single category of immigration benefits
 8 surpasses the agency’s stated processing
 9 goal as of January 1, 2019;

10 “(ii) when the processing time of more
 11 than 5 percent of applications for legal
 12 permanent residence surpass 150 days;
 13 and

14 “(iii) when the processing time of
 15 more than 5 percent of applications for
 16 naturalization surpass 150 days.

17 “(5) FEE WAIVERS FOR ADJUDICATION AND
 18 NATURALIZATION SERVICES.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
 20 provisions of this Act or any other law, the fol-
 21 lowing fee waivers shall apply:

22 “(i) In the case of an alien whose in-
 23 come is less than 150 percent of the Fed-
 24 eral poverty line, no fee shall be charged or
 25 collected for an application, petition, ap-

1 peal, motion, service or other service de-
2 scribed in section 286(m) or for the bio-
3 metrics capture or background check asso-
4 ciated with such services.

5 “(ii) In the case of an alien whose in-
6 come is less than 250 percent of the Fed-
7 eral poverty line, not more than 50 percent
8 of the applicable fee shall be charged or
9 collected for an application, petition, ap-
10 peal, motion, service or service described in
11 section 286(m).

12 “(iii) In the case of an alien under fi-
13 nancial hardship due to extraordinary ex-
14 penses or other circumstances affecting his
15 or her financial situation to the degree
16 that he or she is unable to pay the fee, no
17 fee shall be charged or collected for an ap-
18 plication, petition, appeal, motion, service
19 or other service described in section
20 286(m) or for the biometrics capture or
21 background check associated with such
22 services.

23 “(B) NO FEE CHARGED FOR WAIVER RE-
24 QUEST.—No fee shall be charged for a fee waiv-
25 er request described in subparagraph (A).

1 “(C) NO WAIVER FOR CERTAIN FEES.—
2 The fee for employment-based petitions and ap-
3 plications prescribed by subsection (u) may not
4 be waived.

5 “(D) MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS.—Not-
6 withstanding any other provision of law, the
7 Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider
8 the receipt of means-tested benefits as a cri-
9 terion for the purpose of demonstrating eligi-
10 bility for a fee waiver under subparagraph (A).

11 “(E) APPLICATION FOR FEE WAIVER.—An
12 alien requesting a waiver of fees under subpara-
13 graph (A) may submit either a form as pre-
14 scribed by the Secretary or an applicant-gen-
15 erated, written request for permission to have
16 their immigration benefit request processed
17 without payment of the required fee.

18 “(F) FEDERAL POVERTY LINE DEFINED.—
19 In this subsection, the term ‘Federal poverty
20 line’ has the meaning given such term by the
21 Director of the Office of Management and
22 Budget, as revised annually by the Secretary of
23 Health and Human Services in accordance with
24 section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Rec-
25 onciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902).”.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security should
4 set fees under section 286(m)(34) of the Immigra-
5 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)(3)), as
6 amended by subsection (a) of this section, at a level
7 that ensures recovery of only the direct costs associ-
8 ated with the services described in such section
9 286(m)(34); and

10 (2) Congress should appropriate to the Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security such funds as may be
12 necessary to cover—

13 (A) the indirect costs associated with the
14 services described in such section 286(m)(3);

15 (B) the adjudication of refugee and asylum
16 processing;

17 (C) the costs of administering the System-
18 atic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE)
19 Program;

20 (D) the adjudication of naturalization ap-
21 plications not covered in full by the fees paid by
22 applicants;

23 (E) the reduction or elimination of fees
24 granted to fee waiver applicants; and

1 (F) grants to public and private nonprofits
 2 for the purposes of citizenship and training.

3 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 286 of the
 4 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356) is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in subsections (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k),
 7 (l), (n), (o), (q), (t), and (u), by striking “Attorney
 8 General” each place it appears and inserting “Sec-
 9 retary of Homeland Security”; and

10 (2) in subsection (r)—

11 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Depart-
 12 ment of Justice” and inserting “Department of
 13 Homeland Security”; and

14 (B) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking
 15 “Attorney General” each place it appears and
 16 inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

17 **SEC. 302. REDUCE FINANCIAL OBSTACLES TO NATURALIZA-**
 18 **TION.**

19 Section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
 20 is amended by inserting after subsection (e) (and redesign-
 21 ating all that follows):

22 “(f) FEE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
 23 shall impose a fee of no more than \$50 for the consider-
 24 ation of an application for naturalization. Nothing in this
 25 paragraph shall be construed to limit the authority of the

1 Secretary to set adjudication fees for other benefit applica-
2 tions other than naturalization in accordance with section
3 286(m).”.

4 **SEC. 303. WAIVER OF ENGLISH REQUIREMENT FOR SENIOR**
5 **NEW AMERICANS.**

6 Section 312 (8 U.S.C. 1423) is amended by striking
7 subsection (b) and inserting the following:

8 “(b) The requirements under subsection (a) shall not
9 apply to any person who—

10 “(1) is unable to comply with such require-
11 ments because of physical or mental disability, in-
12 cluding developmental or intellectual disability; or

13 “(2) on the date on which the person’s applica-
14 tion for naturalization is filed under section 334—

15 “(A) is older than 65 years of age; and

16 “(B) has been living in the United States
17 for periods totaling at least 5 years after being
18 lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

19 “(c) The requirement under subsection (a)(1) shall
20 not apply to any person who, on the date on which the
21 person’s application for naturalization is filed under sec-
22 tion 334—

23 “(1) is older than 50 years of age and has been
24 living in the United States for periods totaling at

1 least 20 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
2 manent residence;

3 “(2) is older than 55 years of age and has been
4 living in the United States for periods totaling at
5 least 15 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
6 manent residence; or

7 “(3) is older than 60 years of age and has been
8 living in the United States for periods totaling at
9 least 10 years after being lawfully admitted for per-
10 manent residence.

11 “(d) The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive,
12 on a case-by-case basis, the requirement under subsection
13 (a)(2) on behalf of any person who, on the date on which
14 the person’s application for naturalization is filed under
15 section 334—

16 “(1) is older than 60 years of age; and

17 “(2) has been living in the United States for
18 periods totaling at least 10 years after being lawfully
19 admitted for permanent residence.”.

20 **SEC. 304. NATURALIZATION FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**
21 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
23 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by
24 inserting after section 320 the following:

1 **“SEC. 321. CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES**
2 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

3 “(a) REQUIREMENTS DEEMED SATISFIED.—In the
4 case of an alien described in subsection (b), the alien shall
5 be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of section
6 312(a).

7 “(b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in
8 this subsection if the alien submits an application for nat-
9 uralization under section 334 that contains the following:

10 “(1) Transcripts from public or private schools
11 in the United States that demonstrate the following:

12 “(A) The alien completed grades 9 through
13 12 in the United States and was graduated
14 with a high school diploma.

15 “(B) The alien completed a curriculum
16 that reflects knowledge of United States his-
17 tory, Government, and civics.

18 “(2) A copy of the alien’s high school di-
19 ploma.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
21 for the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by
22 inserting after the item relating to section 320 the fol-
23 lowing:

“Sec. 321. Citizenship for certain United States high school graduates.”.

24 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
25 section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of

1 this Act and shall apply to applicants for naturalization
 2 who apply for naturalization on or after such date.

3 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
 4 curity shall promulgate regulations to carry out this sec-
 5 tion and the amendments made by this section not later
 6 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 305. FAMILY INTEGRATION.**

8 Section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
 9 (8 U.S.C. 1151) is amended by striking in subsection
 10 (b)(2)(A)(i) the number “21” and inserting the number
 11 “18”.

12 **SEC. 306. REVISION OF GROUNDS FOR DEPORTATION.**

13 Section 237(5) of the Immigration and Nationality
 14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(5)) is repealed.

15 **SEC. 307. WAIVER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CITIZENSHIP.**

16 The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101
 17 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 237(a)(3)(D) (8 U.S.C.
 19 1227(a)(3)(D)), by inserting “and willfully” after
 20 “falsely” each place such term appears;

21 (2) in section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) (8 U.S.C.
 22 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)), by inserting “and willfully” after
 23 “falsely” each place such term appears;

1 (3) in section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C.
2 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), by striking “or any other Fed-
3 eral or State law”;

4 (4) in section 212(a)(6)(C)(iii) (8 U.S.C.
5 1182(a)(6)(C)(iii)), by striking “of clause (i)”;

6 (5) by amending section 212(i)(1) (8 U.S.C.
7 1182(i)(1)) to read as follows:

8 “(1) The Attorney General or the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security may, in the discretion of the At-
10 torney General or the Secretary, waive the applica-
11 tion of subsection (a)(6)(C)(ii) in the case of an im-
12 migrant who is the parent, spouse, son, or daughter
13 of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully ad-
14 mitted for permanent residence, or an alien granted
15 classification under clause (iii) or (iv) of section
16 204(a)(1)(A), if it is established to the satisfaction
17 of the Attorney General or the Secretary that the
18 admission to the United States of such alien would
19 not be contrary to the national welfare, safety, or se-
20 curity of the United States.”.

21 **SEC. 308. NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Office of Citizen-
23 ship in United States Citizenship and Immigration Serv-
24 ices, in consultation with the Deputy Director for Citizen-
25 ship and Inclusion of the National Office of New Ameri-

1 cans as established in title I of this Act, the Director of
2 the National Park Service, the Archivist of the United
3 States, and other appropriate Federal officials, shall de-
4 velop and implement a strategy to enhance the public
5 awareness of naturalization ceremonies.

6 (b) VENUES.—In developing the strategy under sub-
7 section (a), the Chief and the Deputy Director shall con-
8 sider the use of outstanding and historic locations as
9 venues for select naturalization ceremonies.

10 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall
11 annually submit a report to Congress that contains—

12 (1) the content of the strategy developed under
13 subsection (a); and

14 (2) the progress made towards the implementa-
15 tion of such strategy.

16 **SEC. 309. NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
19 2020, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall es-
20 tablish a program to promote United States citizen-
21 ship.

22 (2) DESIGNATION.—The program required by
23 paragraph (1) shall be known as the “Proud to Be
24 a United States Citizen Program” (in this section
25 referred to as the “Program”).

1 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—As part of the Program
2 required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Se-
3 curity shall carry out outreach activities in accordance
4 with subsection (c).

5 (c) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity shall—

7 (1) develop outreach materials targeted to non-
8 citizens who have been lawfully admitted for perma-
9 nent residence to encourage such aliens to apply to
10 become citizens of the United States;

11 (2) make such outreach materials available
12 through—

13 (A) public service announcements;

14 (B) advertisements; and

15 (C) such other media as the Secretary de-
16 termines is appropriate;

17 (3) conduct outreach activities targeted to non-
18 citizens eligible to apply for naturalization that in-
19 clude a communication by text, email and the United
20 States postal service that includes on paper or in
21 electronic form—

22 (A) notice that the individual is possibly el-
23 igible to apply for naturalization;

24 (B) information about the requirements of
25 United States citizenship;

1 (C) information about the benefits of
2 United States citizenship;

3 (D) a pre-filled naturalization application
4 containing the data the agency already has
5 about the individual;

6 (E) instructions about how to complete the
7 application; and

8 (F) information about where to get free or
9 low-cost assistance to apply for naturalization
10 and to prepare for the English and civics
11 exams.

12 **SEC. 310. MISSION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND**
13 **IMMIGRATION SERVICES.**

14 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
15 271(a)) is amended by inserting after section 271(a)(1)
16 the following:

17 “(2) MISSION.—The mission statement of
18 United States citizenship and immigration services
19 shall read, ‘USCIS secures America’s promise as a
20 Nation that welcomes of immigrants and refugees by
21 providing accurate and useful information to our
22 customers, granting humanitarian, immigration and
23 citizenship benefits, promoting an awareness and un-
24 derstanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integ-
25 rity of our immigration system.’”.

1 **SEC. 311. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**
2

3 (a) REQUIRING STATES TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE
4
5 NEWLY NATURALIZED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The chief State election official of each State shall establish and operate a system of automatic registration for newly naturalized
7
8 individuals to vote for elections for Federal office in
9 the State, in accordance with the provisions of this
10 part.
11

12 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section:
13

14 (A) The term “automatic registration” means a system that registers an individual to
15
16 vote in elections for Federal office in a State, if eligible, by transferring the information necessary for registration from the Department of
17
18 Homeland Security to election officials of the State so that, unless the individual affirmatively
19
20 declines to be registered or is determined to be ineligible for registration, the individual will be
21
22 registered to vote in such elections.
23

24 (B) The term “newly naturalized” refers to an individual with an approved application
25
26 for naturalization admitted for United States

1 citizenship who has taken the oath described in
2 section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality
3 Act (8 U.S.C. 1448) and received a certificate
4 of naturalization under section 338 of the Im-
5 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1449).

6 (b) REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BASED ON DEPART-
7 MENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RECORDS.—The chief
8 State election official shall—

9 (1) upon receiving information from the Sec-
10 retary of the Department of Homeland Security con-
11 cerning a person who has received a certificate of
12 naturalization pursuant to section 338 of the Immi-
13 gration and Nationality Act and who has not de-
14 clined such registration—

15 (A) ensure that such person fulfills any
16 local or State qualifications to register to vote
17 related to legal competency and to past criminal
18 convictions; and

19 (B) determine whether such person is sub-
20 ject to privacy protections for victims of domes-
21 tic violence or for people with sensitive or high-
22 profile professions;

23 (2) not later than 15 days after the Secretary
24 of the Department of Homeland Security has trans-
25 mitted information with respect to an individual pur-

1 suant to section 312, ensure that the individual is
2 registered to vote in elections for Federal office in
3 the State if the individual is not disqualified from
4 voting by reason of incompetency or past criminal
5 conviction;

6 (3) not later than 45 days after the Secretary
7 has transmitted such information with respect to the
8 individual, send written notice to the individual, in
9 addition to other means of notice established by this
10 part, of the individual's voter registration status;
11 and

12 (4) exclude from all public availability or disclo-
13 sure the voter registration records of any such indi-
14 viduals who are protected by applicable State or
15 local laws that prevent publication of the home ad-
16 dress and other personally identifying information
17 about victims of domestic violence and people with
18 sensitive or high-profile professions.

19 (c) CONTENTS OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO NEWLY
20 REGISTERED VOTERS.—The written notice chief State
21 election officials shall promptly send each individual whose
22 information is transmitted by the Secretary of Homeland
23 Security pursuant to this part shall include—

24 (1) notice that the individual has been reg-
25 istered to vote;

1 (2) the substantive qualifications of an elector
2 in the State as listed in the mail voter registration
3 application form for elections for Federal office pre-
4 scribed pursuant to section 9 of the National Voter
5 Registration Act of 1993, the consequences of false
6 registration, and a statement that the individual
7 should cancel registration if the individual does not
8 meet all those qualifications, and instructions for
9 cancelling registration; and

10 (3) instructions for correcting any erroneous in-
11 formation in the individual's voter registration
12 record.

13 (d) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS
14 OF AGE.—A State may not refuse to treat an individual
15 as an eligible individual for purposes of this part on the
16 grounds that the individual is less than 18 years of age
17 at the time the Secretary receives information with respect
18 to the individual, so long as the individual is at least 16
19 years of age at such time.

20 **SEC. 312. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSIST-**
21 **ANCE IN REGISTRATION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this part, the
23 Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security shall
24 assist the State's chief election official in registering to

1 vote all newly naturalized individuals sworn in and issued
2 a naturalization certificate by the Secretary.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY.—

4 (1) INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
5 TION.—The Secretary require each individual ap-
6 proved for naturalization to submit an executed doc-
7 ument at the time of taking of the oath described in
8 section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
9 that—

10 (A) informs the individual of the sub-
11 stantive qualifications of an elector in the State
12 as listed in the mail voter registration applica-
13 tion form for elections for Federal office pre-
14 scribed pursuant to section 9 of the National
15 Voter Registration Act of 1993, the con-
16 sequences of false registration, and that the in-
17 dividual should decline to register if the indi-
18 vidual does not meet all those qualifications;

19 (B) informs the individual that voter reg-
20 istration is voluntary, and neither registering
21 nor declining to register to vote will in any way
22 affect the individual's citizenship status or
23 availability of services or benefits, nor be used
24 for other purposes;

1 (C) informs the individual that affiliation
2 or enrollment with a political party may be re-
3 quired in order to participate in an election to
4 select the party's candidate in an election for
5 Federal office, and offers the option to individ-
6 uals accepting voter registration of affiliating or
7 enrolling with a political party;

8 (D) states that if the individual executes
9 the document but does not take an oath of alle-
10 giance to the United States and is not issued a
11 certificate of naturalization, the individual shall
12 not be registered to vote;

13 (E) instructs individuals who accept voter
14 registration to provide their residential address
15 or coordinates if different from their mailing
16 address on file with USCIS;

17 (F) directs individuals to either sign in a
18 designated space to decline voter registration,
19 or to sign in a different designated space to at-
20 test that the individual—

21 (i) affirms that information provided
22 on the document is true and complete to
23 the best of the individual's knowledge;

24 (ii) will fulfill nationally applicable
25 age, citizenship, and residency require-

ments to vote upon the individual's naturalization; and

(iii) accepts voter registration if determined by State election officials to be eligible to register in the individual's State and municipality of residence; and

(G) provides a phone number and other widely accessible means of contacting USCIS with questions about or for assistance with completing sections of the document concerning automatic voter registration, as set forth in subsection (b)(3) of this section.

(2) INFORMATION TRANSMITTAL.—Before or upon the expiration of the 15-day period which begins on the date a newly naturalized individual returns an executed document described in paragraph (1) to the Secretary, the Secretary shall transmit to the appropriate State election official, in a format compatible with the statewide voter database maintained under section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083) whenever possible, the following information, unless the individual declines to be registered to vote when executing the document:

1 (A) The individual's given name(s) and
2 surname(s).

3 (B) The individual's date of birth.

4 (C) The individual's residential address or
5 coordinates.

6 (D) Confirmation that the individual is a
7 citizen of the United States.

8 (E) The date on which the individual was
9 sworn in as a United States citizen.

10 (F) If available, the individual's signature
11 in electronic form.

12 (G) Information regarding the individual's
13 affiliation or enrollment with a political party,
14 if the individual provides such information.

15 (3) REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-
16 retary shall publish information about and instruc-
17 tions for accepting or declining automatic voter reg-
18 istration for newly naturalized United States citizens
19 on the USCIS website and in materials routinely
20 provided to approved applicants for United States
21 citizenship; and create a telephonic hotline staffed by
22 live operators to provide assistance with registration
23 to approved applicants for United States citizenship.

1 **SEC. 313. VOTER PROTECTION AND SECURITY IN AUTO-**
2 **MATIC REGISTRATION.**

3 (a) PROTECTIONS FOR ERRORS IN REGISTRATION.—

4 An individual shall not be prosecuted under any Federal
5 or State law, adversely affected in any civil adjudication
6 concerning immigration status or naturalization, or sub-
7 ject to an allegation in any legal proceeding that the indi-
8 vidual is not a citizen of the United States on any of the
9 following grounds:

10 (1) The individual is not eligible to vote in elec-
11 tions for Federal office but—

12 (A) was automatically registered to vote
13 under this title; or

14 (B) was automatically registered to vote
15 under this part and subsequently voted without
16 willful intent to do so unlawfully.

17 (2) The individual was automatically registered
18 to vote under this part at an incorrect address.

19 (3) The individual declined the opportunity to
20 register to vote or did not make an affirmation of
21 citizenship, including through automatic registration,
22 under this part.

23 (b) LIMITS ON USE OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
24 TION.—The automatic registration of any individual or the
25 fact that an individual declined the opportunity to register
26 to vote or did not make an affirmation of citizenship (in-

cluding through automatic registration) under this part may not be used as evidence against that individual in any State or Federal law enforcement proceeding, and an individual's lack of knowledge or willfulness of such registration may be demonstrated by the individual's testimony alone.

(c) CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES' PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Nothing in this part authorizes the Department of Homeland Security to collect, retain, transmit, or publicly disclose any of the following, except to State election officials as directed in this part:

(1) An individual's decision to decline to register to vote or not to register to vote.

(2) An individual's decision not to affirm his or her citizenship.

(3) Any information that a contributing agency transmits pursuant to section 312(b)(3), except in pursuing the agency's ordinary course of business.

(d) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PROHIBITED.—With respect to any individual for whom any State election official receives information from the Department of Homeland Security, the State election officials shall not publicly disclose any of the following:

(1) Any information not necessary to voter registration.

1 (2) Any voter information otherwise shielded
 2 from disclosure under State law or section 8(a) of
 3 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
 4 U.S.C. 20507(a)).

5 (3) Any portion of the individual’s social secu-
 6 rity number.

7 (4) Any portion of the individual’s motor vehicle
 8 driver’s license number.

9 (5) The individual’s signature.

10 (6) The individual’s telephone number.

11 (7) The individual’s email address.

12 **SEC. 314. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 Sections 312, 313, and 314 shall go into effect begin-
 14 ning January 1, 2021.

15 **TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLE-**
 16 **MENT AND INTEGRATION**

17 **SEC. 401. MINIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE ADMIT-**
 18 **TED.**

19 Section 207(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
 20 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(a)) is amended by inserting after “in
 21 any fiscal year after fiscal year 1982 shall be such number
 22 as the President determines,” the following: “except that
 23 in any fiscal year after fiscal year 2018, such number may
 24 not be less than 110,000”.

1 **SEC. 402. PRE-ARRIVAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND WORK**
2 **ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR APPROVED**
3 **REFUGEE APPLICANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall es-
5 tablish overseas refugee training programs to offer
6 English as a second language and work orientation train-
7 ing options for refugees who have been approved for ad-
8 mission to the United States before their departure for
9 the United States.

10 (b) DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION.—In designing
11 and implementing the programs referred to in subsection
12 (a), the Secretary shall consult with or use—

13 (1) nongovernmental or international organiza-
14 tions with direct ties to the United States refugee
15 resettlement program; and

16 (2) nongovernmental or international organiza-
17 tions with appropriate expertise in developing cur-
18 riculum and teaching English as a second language.

19 (c) IMPACT ON PROCESSING TIMES.—The Secretary
20 shall ensure that such training programs are strictly op-
21 tional, occur within applicable processing times and do not
22 delay or prevent the departure for the United States of
23 refugees who have been approved for admission to the
24 United States.

25 (d) TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—

1 (1) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
2 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary shall ensure that such training pro-
4 grams are fully and continually operational in at
5 least 3 refugee processing regions.

6 (2) ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
7 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate con-
9 gressional committees that such training programs
10 are fully and consistently operational in 5 refugee
11 processing regions.

12 (e) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
14 of the United States shall conduct a study on the imple-
15 mentation of this section, including an assessment of the
16 quality of English as a second language curriculum and
17 instruction, the benefits of the work orientation and
18 English as a second language training program to refu-
19 gees, and recommendations on whether such programs
20 should be continued, broadened, or modified, and shall
21 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
22 port on the findings of such study.

23 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion shall be construed to require that a refugee partici-

1 pate in such a training program as a precondition for the
2 admission to the United States of such refugee.

3 **SEC. 403. UPDATE OF RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Beginning with fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of
6 State shall, when setting the amount of the reception and
7 placement grants for refugees, ensure that—

8 (1) the grant amount is adjusted so that it is
9 adequate to provide for the anticipated initial resettlement
10 needs of refugees, including adjusting the
11 amount for inflation and the cost of living;

12 (2) the administrative proportion of the grant is
13 provided at the beginning of the fiscal year to each
14 national resettlement agency that is sufficient to ensure
15 adequate local and national capacity to serve
16 the initial resettlement needs of refugees the Secretary
17 anticipates the agency will resettle throughout
18 the fiscal year; and

19 (3) additional amounts are provided to each national
20 resettlement agency promptly upon the arrival
21 of refugees that, exclusive of the amounts provided
22 pursuant to paragraph (2), are sufficient to meet the
23 anticipated initial resettlement needs of such refugees
24 and support local and national operational costs

1 in excess of the estimates described in paragraph
2 (1).

3 **SEC. 404. CASE MANAGEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—

6 The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement
7 shall make grants to national resettlement agencies
8 to operate a case management system to assist
9 qualified individuals in accessing services, benefits,
10 and assistance for which they are eligible that are
11 provided by—

12 (A) the Office of Refugee Resettlement
13 (the “Office”);

14 (B) other Federal, State, or local agencies;
15 and

16 (C) private or nonprofit organizations.

17 (2) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.—Subject to para-
18 graphs (3) and (4), any individual who was at any
19 time eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or sub-
20 sistence services provided by the Office shall be
21 qualified to receive the case management services de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1).

23 (3) PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION.—Except as
24 provided in paragraph (4), an individual described in
25 paragraph (2) shall be qualified to receive the case

1 management services described in paragraph (1)
2 during the period beginning on the date such indi-
3 vidual was determined to be eligible for resettlement,
4 acculturation, or subsistence services provided by the
5 Office, and continuing for 1 year after the date on
6 which such individual ceases to be eligible for such
7 resettlement, acculturation, or subsistence service.

8 (4) EXCEPTIONS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIR-
9 CUMSTANCES.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
11 graph (3), an individual described in subpara-
12 graph (B) shall be qualified to receive the case
13 management services described in paragraph
14 (1) during the period beginning on the date on
15 which such individual was determined eligible
16 for resettlement, acculturation, or subsistence
17 services provided by the Office, and continuing
18 for 3 years after the date on which such indi-
19 vidual ceases to be eligible for such resettle-
20 ment, acculturation, or subsistence services.

21 (B) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—An
22 individual described in paragraph (2) may be
23 treated in accordance with subparagraph (A) if
24 such individual—

25 (i) is elderly;

1 (ii) has extraordinary resettlement or
2 acculturation needs that impede such indi-
3 vidual's ability to achieve durable self-suffi-
4 ciency;

5 (iii) is a refugee who was resettled
6 from a situation of protracted displace-
7 ment;

8 (iv) is a member of a family caring for
9 an unattached refugee minor; or

10 (v) at the time of entry—

11 (I) had a disability or serious
12 medical condition;

13 (II) had mental health condi-
14 tions;

15 (III) was part of a household
16 headed by a single parent; or

17 (IV) had been the victim of a se-
18 vere form of violence.

19 (5) DEFINITION OF RESETTLEMENT, ACCUL-
20 TURATION, OR SUBSISTENCE SERVICES.—For the
21 purposes of this section, the term, “resettlement, ac-
22 culturation, or subsistence services” shall include all
23 of the services provided by the Office to aliens, with
24 the exception of the case management services pro-
25 vided under paragraph (1).

1 (b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall
2 be construed as affecting the authority of the Director
3 under section 412(e)(7)(A) of the Immigration and Na-
4 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7)(A)), or of any other
5 section of such Act, to provide case management services
6 to individuals who have been in the United States for
7 longer than 36 months.

8 **SEC. 405. INCREASE IN CASH PAYMENTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 412 of the Immigration
10 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(B), by adding at the
12 end the following:

13 “(iv) Subject to the availability of
14 funds appropriated for this purpose, assist-
15 ance and social services for employment,
16 health and living expenses shall be avail-
17 able for a period of not less than 12
18 months.”;

19 (2) in subsection (a)(5), by adding at the end
20 the following: “Subject to the availability of funds
21 appropriated for this purpose, assistance and serv-
22 ices shall be made available to refugees for a period
23 of not less than 12 months.”; and

24 (3) in subsection (e)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “(1)” and inserting
2 “(1)(A)”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(B) Subject to the availability of funds
5 appropriated for this purpose, such assistance
6 shall be provided for a minimum of 12 months
7 beginning with the first month in which such
8 refugee entered the United States.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 subsection (a) shall become effective on the earlier of—

11 (1) the first day of the first fiscal year that be-
12 gins after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

13 (2) the date on which a final rule is promul-
14 gated to implement this section.

15 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The 12-month speci-
16 fication contained in the amendments made by subsection
17 (a) is a minimum standard for the provision of services
18 to the refugee community. No part of this Act shall be
19 interpreted as limiting or reducing assistance already pro-
20 vided for a period longer than 12 months.

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