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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2021

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Committee on Education and Labor discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 1, 2021]

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 2022”.*

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. Authorization of appropriations; integration of information age Peace Corps 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. Codification of Executive Order 11103.

Sec. 7. Volunteers providing virtual services for the Peace Corps.

Sec. 8. Protection of Peace Corps volunteers against reprisal or retaliation.

Sec. 9. Comprehensive illegal drug use policy with respect to Peace Corps volunteers.

Sec. 10. Peace Corps National Advisory Council.

Sec. 11. Peace Corps volunteers serving within the United States at the request of another agency.

Sec. 12. Use of official seal, emblem, and name of the Peace Corps.

Sec. 13. Clarification regarding eligibility of United States nationals.

Sec. 14. Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State.

Sec. 15. Reports to Congress.

Sec. 16. Workers compensation for Peace Corps volunteers.

Sec. 17. Technical and conforming edits.

8 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; INTEGRA-**
 9 **TION OF INFORMATION AGE PEACE CORPS**
 10 **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**

11 *Section 3 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502) is*
 12 *amended—*

13 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
2 “\$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$298,000,000
3 for fiscal year 2001, \$327,000,000 for fiscal year
4 2002, and \$365,000,000 for fiscal year 2003”
5 and inserting “\$450,000,000 for each of fiscal
6 years 2021 and 2022, \$500,000,000 for fiscal
7 year 2023, and \$550,000,000 for fiscal year
8 2024”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “that fis-
10 cal year and the subsequent fiscal year” and in-
11 serting “obligation and expenditure through the
12 end of the subsequent fiscal year”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection
14 (e); and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(f) In recognition of the transformative power of
18 internet access in international development efforts, and, as
19 exemplified by its virtual service pilot initiative, the Peace
20 Corps shall be administered to—

21 “(1) give particular attention to the expansion of
22 those programs, projects, training, and other activi-
23 ties that leverage the internet, as appropriate, for de-
24 velopment, education, and social and economic mobil-
25 ity; and

1 “(2) develop positions for Peace Corps volunteers
2 that include such programs, projects, training, and
3 other activities.”.

4 **SEC. 3. READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES; EXPEDITED RE-EN-**
5 **ROLLMENT AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE.**

6 (a) *VOLUNTEERS*.—Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act
7 (22 U.S.C. 2504) is amended—

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

10 (2) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “\$125”
12 and inserting “\$375”;

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

15 (C) by striking “he” and inserting “the vol-
16 unteer”;

17 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (p)
18 as subsections (d) through (o), respectively;

19 (4) by amending subsection (e), as so redesign-
20 nated—

21 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
22 “AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE” after “PRESCRIP-
23 TION OF MEDICATIONS”; and

24 (B) by inserting “concerning the mental
25 health care provided to volunteers during their

1 *service,” after “experts licensed in the field of*
 2 *mental health,”;*

3 *(5) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by strik-*
 4 *ing “subsequent”;*

5 *(6) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by strik-*
 6 *ing “he” and inserting “the Director”;*

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

8 *(A) in paragraph (2)—*

9 *(i) by striking “subsection (e)” each*
 10 *place it appears and inserting “subsection*
 11 *(d)”;* *and*

12 *(ii) by striking “he” and inserting “the*
 13 *President”;* *and*

14 *(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “sub-*
 15 *section (1)” and inserting “subsection (k)”;*

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

19 *(9) by adding at the end the following new sub-*
 20 *sections:*

21 *“(p) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-*
 22 *tion, with respect to Peace Corps volunteers and trainees*
 23 *whose service ended involuntarily as a result of an emer-*
 24 *gency, suspension of operations, or otherwise through no*

1 *fault of the volunteer or trainee, the Director of the Peace*
2 *Corps shall—*

3 “(1) *waive such non-medical or non-security ap-*
4 *plication requirements as the Director may determine*
5 *for the re-enrollment of each such volunteer and train-*
6 *ee during the 2-year period beginning on the date of*
7 *such involuntary end of service;*

8 “(2) *prioritize the medical clearance for each*
9 *such volunteer and trainee to facilitate re-enrollment;*
10 *and*

11 “(3) *permit each such volunteer and trainee, to*
12 *the extent practicable and in consideration of the*
13 *needs of overseas posts and the suitability of the vol-*
14 *unteer or trainee to meet those needs, to resume the*
15 *activity of each such volunteer and trainee at the time*
16 *of the involuntary end of service.*

17 “(q) *The Director of the Peace Corps may authorize*
18 *separation allowances, in amounts determined by the Direc-*
19 *tor, to Peace Corps volunteers and trainees whose service*
20 *ended involuntarily as a result of an emergency, suspension*
21 *of operations, or otherwise through no fault of the volunteer*
22 *or trainee.”.*

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

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$125” and in-
 2 serting “\$375”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the Di-
 5 rector”; and

6 (B) by striking “in section 5(e)” each place
 7 it appears and inserting “in section 5(d)”.

8 **SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE CONTINUATION FOR PEACE CORPS**
 9 **VOLUNTEERS.**

10 Subsection (d) of section 5 of the Peace Corps Act (22
 11 U.S.C. 2504), as redesignated pursuant to section 4, is
 12 amended to read as follows:

13 “(d)(1) Volunteers and trainees shall receive such
 14 health care (including, if necessary, for volunteers and
 15 trainees, services under section 8B) during their service, as
 16 the Director of the Peace Corps may determine to be nec-
 17 essary or appropriate.

18 “(2) Applicants for enrollment shall receive such health
 19 examinations preparatory to their service, applicants for
 20 enrollment who have accepted an invitation to begin a pe-
 21 riod of training under section 8(a) shall receive, pre-
 22 paratory to their service, such immunization, dental care,
 23 and information on prescription options and potential
 24 interactions, as necessary and appropriate and in accord-
 25 ance with subsection (e).

1 “(3) *Returned volunteers shall receive such health ex-*
2 *aminations within six months after termination of their*
3 *service, including services provided in accordance with sec-*
4 *tion 8B (except that the six-month limitation shall not*
5 *apply in the case of such services).*

6 “(4) *Subject to such conditions as the President may*
7 *prescribe, such health care may be provided in any facility*
8 *of any agency of the United States Government, and in such*
9 *cases the appropriation for maintaining and operating*
10 *such facility shall be reimbursed from appropriations avail-*
11 *able under this Act. Health care may not be provided under*
12 *this subsection in a manner inconsistent with the Assisted*
13 *Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–*
14 *12).*

15 “(5) *Returned volunteers, including those whose period*
16 *of service is subject to early termination as the result of*
17 *an emergency, shall receive upon termination of their serv-*
18 *ice with the Peace Corps two months of short-term non-serv-*
19 *ice-related health insurance for transition and travel*
20 *(SHIFTT), to provide coverage for a 60-day period within*
21 *which such volunteer will be advised to obtain qualifying*
22 *health insurance, and an opportunity to extend for an addi-*
23 *tional 1 month such SHIFTT insurance, at the expense of*
24 *such volunteer.*

1 “(6) Not later than 30 days before the date on which
2 the period of service of a volunteer or trainee terminates,
3 or 30 days after the date of such termination if such termi-
4 nation is the result of an emergency, the Director of the
5 Peace Corps, in consultation with the Secretary of Health
6 and Human Services, shall provide detailed information to
7 such volunteer or trainee on options for health care after
8 termination other than health care provided by the Peace
9 Corps, including—

10 “(A) where additional, detailed information, in-
11 cluding on the application process and eligibility re-
12 quirements for medical assistance through State plans
13 under title XIX of the Social Security Act (or waiver
14 of State plans), may be obtained, including through
15 external health care ‘navigators’ or health care option
16 identification services available within the public and
17 private sectors;

18 “(B) where detailed information on qualified
19 health plans may be obtained, including through ex-
20 ternal health care ‘navigators’ or health care option
21 identification services available within the public and
22 private sectors; and

23 “(C) if such volunteer or trainee is 25 years of
24 age or younger, detailed information regarding the
25 eligibility of such volunteer or trainee to enroll as a

1 *dependent child in a group health plan or health in-*
 2 *surance coverage in which the parent of such volun-*
 3 *teer or trainee is enrolled if such plan or coverage of-*
 4 *fers such dependent coverage.”.*

5 **SEC. 5. ACCESS TO ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS AND MENSTRUAL**
 6 **PRODUCTS FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.**

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

9 *(1) by striking subsections (c) and (e);*

10 *(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*
 11 *(e);*

12 *(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following*
 13 *new subsections:*

14 *“(c) ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS.—*

15 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace*
 16 *Corps shall consult with experts at the Centers for*
 17 *Disease Control and Prevention regarding rec-*
 18 *ommendations for prescribing malaria prophylaxis,*
 19 *and implement such recommendations to the extent*
 20 *practicable, in order to provide the best standard of*
 21 *care within the context of the Peace Corps environ-*
 22 *ment.*

23 *“(2) CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Director of the*
 24 *Peace Corps shall ensure that each Peace Corps med-*
 25 *ical officer serving in a malaria-endemic country re-*

1 *ceives training in the recognition of the side effects of*
2 *such medications.*

3 “(d) *ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.*—

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days
5 *after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the*
6 *Director of the Peace Corps shall establish a com-*
7 *prehensive policy to ensure Peace Corps volunteers*
8 *who require menstrual products are able to access*
9 *such products by—*

10 “(A) *increasing stipends for such volunteers*
11 *to purchase such products; or*

12 “(B) *providing such volunteers with such*
13 *products in the generic product types selected by*
14 *such volunteer, if available in the country of*
15 *service.*

16 “(2) *CONSIDERATION.*—The policy required
17 *under paragraph (1) shall take into consideration the*
18 *availability for purchase locally of menstrual prod-*
19 *ucts, the price of such products, and cultural norms*
20 *regarding menstruation.*

21 “(3) *COST.*—If stipends are increased pursuant
22 *to the policy required under paragraph (1), the Direc-*
23 *tor of the Peace Corps shall ensure that such increase*
24 *is sufficient to cover the average cost within the coun-*

1 *try of service of menstrual products required by vol-*
 2 *unteers.”; and*

3 *(4) in paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (e), as so*
 4 *redesignated, by inserting “, patient confidentiality*
 5 *standards” before “, and guidelines”.*

6 **SEC. 6. CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11103.**

7 *The Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after sec-*
 8 *tion 5A (22 U.S.C. 2504a) the following new section:*

9 **“SEC. 5B. CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11103.**

10 *“(a) Executive Order 11103 (22 U.S.C. 2504 note; 28*
 11 *Fed. Reg. 3571; relating to Providing for the Appointment*
 12 *of Former Peace Corps Volunteers to the Civilian Career*
 13 *Services), as amended by Executive Order 12107 (44 Fed.*
 14 *Reg. 1055; relating to the Civil Service Commission and*
 15 *Labor-Management in the Federal Service), as in effect on*
 16 *the day before the date of the enactment of this section, shall*
 17 *remain in effect and have the full force and effect of law,*
 18 *consistent with subsection (b).*

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

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

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

8 “(C) the individual is receiving disability com-
9 *penetration under section 8142 of title 5, United States*
10 *Code, based on their service as a Peace Corps volun-*
11 *teer, retroactive to the date the individual applied for*
12 *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 re-*
17 *sult of a suspension of volunteer operations by the Di-*
18 *rector of the Peace Corps, but shall not last longer*
19 *than 12 months from the date on which such service*
20 *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 mean-*
5 *ing given that term in section 105 of title 5, United*
6 *States Code, and includes the United States Postal*
7 *Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission, but*
8 *does not include the Government Accountability Of-*
9 *fice.*

10 “(c) *Subject to subsection (b), Executive Order 11103*
11 *(22 U.S.C. 2504 note; 28 Fed. Reg. 3571; relating to Pro-*
12 *viding for the Appointment of Former Peace Corps Volun-*
13 *teers to the Civilian Career Services), as amended by Execu-*
14 *tive Order 12107 (44 Fed. Reg. 1055; relating to the Civil*
15 *Service Commission and Labor-Management in the Federal*
16 *Service), as in effect on the day before the date of the enact-*
17 *ment of this section, shall, except as set forth herein, remain*
18 *in effect and have the full force and effect of law. In the*
19 *event of a conflict between the language herein and Execu-*
20 *tive Order 11103, the language herein shall prevail.*

21 “(d) *Any volunteer whose service terminated after Jan-*
22 *uary 1, 2020, and who has been certified by the Director*
23 *as having served satisfactorily as a volunteer under the Act*
24 *may, for two years after their separation from the Peace*
25 *Corps, be appointed to a position in any United States de-*

1 *partment, agency, or establishment in the competitive serv-*
 2 *ice under title 5, United States Code without competitive*
 3 *examination and in accordance with such regulations and*
 4 *conditions consistent with this subsection as may be pre-*
 5 *scribed by the Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-*
 6 *ment.”.*

7 **SEC. 7. VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING VIRTUAL SERVICES FOR**
 8 **THE PEACE CORPS.**

9 *The Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after sec-*
 10 *tion 5B, as added by section 6 of this Act, the following*
 11 *new section:*

12 **“SEC. 5C. VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING VIRTUAL SERVICES**
 13 **FOR THE PEACE CORPS.**

14 *“(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress declares*
 15 *that the Peace Corps has a demonstrated ability to deliver*
 16 *information, training, and technical assistance virtually*
 17 *through the internet and other electronic means to commu-*
 18 *nities abroad.*

19 *“(b) AUTHORITY.—The Director of the Peace Corps is*
 20 *authorized to recruit individuals, who may be located with-*
 21 *in the United States or third countries, to provide services*
 22 *virtually by electronic means to communities in host coun-*
 23 *tries to flexibly meet the expressed needs of those countries.*

24 *“(c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The Director of*
 25 *the Peace Corps—*

1 “(1) may recruit, train, and accept, on such
2 terms and conditions as the Director may determine
3 necessary or appropriate, the services of individuals,
4 especially those individuals who face barriers to serv-
5 ing physically in a host country, who shall serve on
6 a part-time basis as virtual service volunteers to meet
7 the expressed needs of host countries, such as informa-
8 tion, training, and technical assistance, through the
9 internet or other electronic or virtual means; and

10 “(2) may provide for incidental expenses of such
11 individuals, as determined by the Director to be ap-
12 propriate for the nature of the assignments.

13 “(d) *INDIVIDUALS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED VOLUN-*
14 *TEERS.*—An individual who provides services under the au-
15 *thority of this section shall not be considered to be a volun-*
16 *teer for purposes of section 5 unless the Director of the Peace*
17 *Corps requires the individual to physically serve in the host*
18 *country on a temporary basis.*

19 “(e) *INDIVIDUALS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED FEDERAL*
20 *EMPLOYEES.*—An individual who provides services under
21 *the authority of this section shall not be considered a Fed-*
22 *eral employee except for the purposes described in section*
23 *5(h).’’.*

1 **SEC. 8. PROTECTION OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS**
 2 **AGAINST REPRISAL OR RETALIATION.**

3 *Section 8G of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507g)*
 4 *is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-*
 5 *section:*

6 “(d) *PROHIBITION AGAINST REPRISAL OR RETALIA-*
 7 *TION.—*

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace*
 9 *Corps shall take all reasonable measures, including*
 10 *through the development and implementation of a*
 11 *comprehensive policy, to prevent and address reprisal*
 12 *or retaliation against a volunteer by any Peace Corps*
 13 *officer or employee, or any other person with super-*
 14 *visory authority over the volunteer during the volun-*
 15 *teer’s period of service.*

16 “(2) *REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION; RELIEF.—*
 17 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—A volunteer may report*
 18 *a complaint or allegation of reprisal or retalia-*
 19 *tion—*

20 “(i) *directly to the Inspector General of*
 21 *the Peace Corps, and the Inspector General*
 22 *may conduct such investigations and make*
 23 *such recommendations with respect to the*
 24 *complaint or allegation as the Inspector*
 25 *General considers appropriate; and*

1 “(ii) through other channels provided
 2 by the Peace Corps, including through the
 3 process for confidential reporting required
 4 in subsection (a).

5 “(B) *RELIEF.*—*The Director of the Peace*
 6 *Corps—*

7 “(i) may order any relief for an af-
 8 firmative finding of a proposed or final res-
 9 olution of a complaint or allegation of re-
 10 prisal or retaliation in accordance with
 11 policies, rules, and procedures of the Peace
 12 Corps; and

13 “(ii) shall ensure such relief is prompt-
 14 ly provided to the volunteer.

15 “(3) *APPEAL.*—

16 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A volunteer may ap-*
 17 *peal to the Director of the Peace Corps any pro-*
 18 *posed or final resolution of a complaint or alle-*
 19 *gation of reprisal or retaliation.*

20 “(B) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in*
 21 *this paragraph may be construed to affect any*
 22 *other right of recourse a volunteer may have*
 23 *under any other provision of law.*

24 “(4) *NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND REM-*
 25 *EDIES.*—*The Director of the Peace Corps shall ensure*

1 *that volunteers are informed in writing of the rights*
2 *and remedies provided under this section.*

3 “(5) *DISPUTE MEDIATION.*—*The Director of the*
4 *Peace Corps shall offer the opportunity for volunteers*
5 *to resolve disputes concerning a complaint or allega-*
6 *tion of reprisal or retaliation through mediation in*
7 *accordance with procedures developed by the Peace*
8 *Corps.*

9 “(6) *STAFF MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER COOPERA-*
10 *TION.*—*The Director of the Peace Corps may take*
11 *such disciplinary or other administrative action, in-*
12 *cluding termination of service or finding of ineligi-*
13 *bility for re-employment or reinstatement, with re-*
14 *spect to a staff member or volunteer who unreason-*
15 *ably refuses to cooperate with an investigation con-*
16 *ducted by the Inspector General of the Peace Corps*
17 *into a complaint or allegation of reprisal or retalia-*
18 *tion.*

19 “(7) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection:*

20 “(A) *REPRISAL OR RETALIATION.*—*The*
21 *term ‘reprisal or retaliation’ means taking,*
22 *threatening to take, or initiating adverse admin-*
23 *istrative action against a volunteer because the*
24 *volunteer made a report pursuant to subsection*
25 *(a) or otherwise disclosed to a covered official or*

1 *office any information pertaining to waste,*
2 *fraud, abuse of authority, misconduct, mis-*
3 *management, violations of law, or a significant*
4 *threat to health and safety, whenever the activity*
5 *or occurrence complained of is based upon the*
6 *reasonable belief of the volunteer that it has*
7 *taken place.*

8 “(B) COVERED OFFICIAL OR OFFICE.—The
9 *term ‘covered official or office’ means any of the*
10 *following:*

11 “(i) *Any Peace Corps employee, in-*
12 *cluding an employee of the Office of Inspec-*
13 *tor General.*

14 “(ii) *A Member of Congress or a rep-*
15 *resentative of a committee of Congress.*

16 “(iii) *An Inspector General (other than*
17 *the Peace Corps Inspector General).*

18 “(iv) *The Government Accountability*
19 *Office.*

20 “(v) *An authorized official of the De-*
21 *partment of Justice or other law enforce-*
22 *ment agency.*

23 “(vi) *A United States court or grand*
24 *jury.”.*

1 **SEC. 9. COMPREHENSIVE ILLEGAL DRUG USE POLICY WITH**
 2 **RESPECT TO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.**

3 *The Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after sec-*
 4 *tion 8I (22 U.S.C. 2507i) the following new section:*

5 **“SEC. 8J. COMPREHENSIVE ILLEGAL DRUG USE POLICY**
 6 **WITH RESPECT TO PEACE CORPS VOLUN-**
 7 **TEERS.**

8 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall develop and*
 9 *implement a comprehensive drug use policy with respect to*
 10 *Peace Corps volunteers. Such policy shall—*

11 *“(1) establish a zero tolerance policy regarding*
 12 *volunteer or trainee involvement with illegal drugs;*
 13 *and*

14 *“(2) require that every case of volunteer or train-*
 15 *ee illegal drug involvement be brought immediately to*
 16 *the attention of relevant Peace Corps leadership, in-*
 17 *cluding the Director, and be reported expeditiously by*
 18 *the Peace Corps to the Office of the Inspector General.*

19 *“(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the policy de-*
 20 *scribed in subsection (a), the Director may consult with and*
 21 *incorporate, as appropriate, the recommendations and*
 22 *views of experts in the field of substance abuse, and shall*
 23 *consult with the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House*
 24 *of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations*
 25 *of the Senate.*

1 “(c) *REPORT*.—Not later than one year after the date
 2 of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to
 3 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Represent-
 4 atives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
 5 ate a report on the illegal drug use policy required to be
 6 developed and implemented under this section.”.

7 **SEC. 10. PEACE CORPS NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
 12 President and”;

13 (B) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 15 graph (A), by striking “conduct on-site in-
 16 spections, and make examinations, of the
 17 activities of the Peace Corps in the United
 18 States and in other countries in order to”;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

20 (I) by striking “the President, the
 21 Director of the Peace Corps, and, as
 22 the Council considers appropriate, the
 23 Congress,” and inserting “the Director
 24 and, as the Council considers appro-
 25 priate, the Congress”; and

1 (II) by striking “and” after the
2 semicolon at the end;

3 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
4 (D) as subparagraph (G); and

5 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
6 (C) the following new subparagraphs:

7 “(D) make recommendations for utilizing
8 the expertise of returned Peace Corps volunteers
9 in fulfilling the goals of the Peace Corps;

10 “(E) make recommendations for increasing
11 recruitment of volunteers from diverse back-
12 grounds and better supporting such volunteers
13 during their training and enrollment in the
14 Peace Corps;

15 “(F) make recommendations to reduce any
16 financial barriers to application, training, or
17 enrollment in the Peace Corps, including a vol-
18 unteer’s medical expenses and other out-of-pocket
19 costs; and”;

20 (2) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (I) in the first sentence—

24 (aa) by striking “fifteen”
25 and inserting “seven”; and

1 (bb) by striking “the Presi-
2 dent, by and with the advice and
3 consent of the Senate” and insert-
4 ing “the Director of the Peace
5 Corps”; and

6 (II) by striking the second sen-
7 tence and inserting the following new
8 sentence: “At least four of such mem-
9 bers shall be returned Peace Corps vol-
10 unteers, and not more than four of
11 such members may be members of the
12 same political party.”;

13 (ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to
14 read as follows:

15 “(C) No member of the Council appointed under this
16 paragraph may be an officer or employee of the Peace
17 Corps.”;

18 (iii) by amending subparagraph (D) to
19 read as follows:

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

22 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (E),
23 (F), (G), (H), and (I); and

24 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(3) *The Director of the Peace Corps shall designate*
2 *one of the members of the Council as Chair, who shall serve*
3 *in such capacity for a term of two years.*”;

4 (3) *in subsection (d)(1)(B), by striking “his or*
5 *her” and inserting “the member’s”;*

6 (4) *in subsection (g)—*

7 (A) *in the first sentence, by striking “At its*
8 *first meeting and at its first regular meeting in*
9 *each calendar year thereafter” and inserting “At*
10 *its first meeting each calendar year”;* and

11 (B) *in the second sentence, by inserting be-*
12 *fore the period at the end the following: “, and*
13 *each shall serve in that capacity for a term of*
14 *two years. The Director of the Peace Corps may*
15 *renew, not more than once per member, the term*
16 *of a voting member appointed as Chair of the*
17 *Council under the preceding sentence”;*

18 (5) *in subsection (h)(1), by striking “The Coun-*
19 *cil” and all that follows through the period at the end*
20 *and inserting the following: “The Council shall hold*
21 *a regular meeting during each calendar quarter at a*
22 *date and time to be determined by the Chair of the*
23 *Council or at the call of the Director of the Peace*
24 *Corps.”;*

25 (6) *in subsection (i)—*

1 (A) by striking “the President and” (in-
 2 cluding in the subsection heading) each place
 3 such term appears;

4 (B) by striking “the President shall” and
 5 inserting “the Director shall”; and

6 (C) by striking “the President or”; and

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

9 “(k) *INDEPENDENCE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.*—None
 10 of the activities or functions of the Council under subsection
 11 (b)(2) may undermine the independence or supersede the
 12 duties of the Inspector General of the Peace Corps.

13 “(l) *NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.*—The Federal Advi-
 14 sory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the
 15 Council.

16 “(m) *FUNDING OF THE COUNCIL.*—The Council shall
 17 be fully funded from amounts made available to the Peace
 18 Corps to carry out this Act.”.

19 **SEC. 11. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITHIN THE**
 20 **UNITED STATES AT THE REQUEST OF AN-**
 21 **OTHER AGENCY.**

22 (a) *DECLARATION OF POLICY.*—Congress declares that
 23 the Peace Corps provided emergency disaster relief in re-
 24 sponse to Hurricane Katrina in 2006 and provided
 25 COVID–19 relief in 2021 at the request of the Federal

1 *Emergency Management Agency and therefore it is the pol-*
 2 *icy of the United States that the Peace Corps be authorized*
 3 *to recruit volunteers to serve within the United States at*
 4 *the request of another agency.*

5 (b) *RECRUITMENT OF DOMESTIC VOLUNTEERS.—The*
 6 *Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after section 14*
 7 *(22 U.S.C. 2513) the following new section:*

8 **“SEC. 14A. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITHIN**
 9 **THE UNITED STATES AT THE REQUEST OF AN-**
 10 **OTHER AGENCY.**

11 *“The Director may recruit, train, and accept, for lim-*
 12 *ited periods of time, on such terms and conditions as the*
 13 *Director may determine necessary or appropriate, the serv-*
 14 *ices of individuals who are not then serving outside the*
 15 *United States as volunteers or trainees (unless such ap-*
 16 *pointment is made with the consent of the volunteer or*
 17 *trainee serving outside the United States as an extension*
 18 *of such service), who shall serve without compensation as*
 19 *domestic volunteers within the United States to provide as-*
 20 *sistance at the request of any Federal Government agency*
 21 *with authority to do so. Such service within the United*
 22 *States may be initiated by the Director following the request*
 23 *from the other agency and a determination by the Director*
 24 *that such action is in the best interests of the United States*
 25 *and the Peace Corps. Domestic volunteers shall not be con-*

1 *sidered volunteers under section 5 and shall not be deemed*
 2 *a Federal employee except for the purposes described in sec-*
 3 *tion 5(h). The Director may provide for incidental expenses*
 4 *of domestic volunteers, as determined by the Director to be*
 5 *appropriate for the nature of the assignments.”.*

6 **SEC. 12. USE OF OFFICIAL SEAL, EMBLEM, AND NAME OF**
 7 **THE PEACE CORPS.**

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

10 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

11 *(A) by striking “The President” and insert-*
 12 *ing “The Director of the Peace Corps”; and*

13 *(B) by striking “he” and inserting “the Di-*
 14 *rector”; and*

15 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

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

24 *(B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,*
 25 *by inserting “or in accordance with the excep-*

1 *tion specified in paragraph (1),” before “shall be*
 2 *fined”.*

3 **SEC. 13. CLARIFICATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF**
 4 **UNITED STATES NATIONALS.**

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

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

10 *(2) in section 8(b), by striking “citizens” and in-*
 11 *serting “nationals”;*

12 *(3) in section 10(b), by striking “citizen or resi-*
 13 *dent” and inserting “national”;*

14 *(4) in section 12(g), by striking “citizens” and*
 15 *inserting “nationals”; and*

16 *(5) in section 26—*

17 *(A) by redesignating paragraphs (5)*
 18 *through (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), re-*
 19 *spectively; and*

20 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-*
 21 *lowing new paragraph:*

22 *“(5) The term ‘national of the United States’ has*
 23 *the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of*
 24 *the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.*
 25 *1101(a)(22)).”.*

1 **SEC. 14. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU OF**
2 **DIPLOMATIC SECURITY OF THE DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF STATE.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and at least once every
6 five years thereafter, the Director of the Peace Corps, in co-
7 ordination with the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplo-
8 matic Security, shall review the Memorandum of Agreement
9 between the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Depart-
10 ment of State and the Peace Corps relating to security sup-
11 port and protection of Peace Corps volunteers and staff
12 members abroad and update such Memorandum of Agree-
13 ment, as appropriate.

14 (b) *NOTIFICATION.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Director of the Peace
16 Corps and the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplo-
17 matic Security shall jointly submit to the Committee
18 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
19 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
20 a written notification relating to an update to the
21 Memorandum of Agreement made pursuant to sub-
22 section (a).

23 (2) *TIMING OF NOTIFICATION.*—A written notifi-
24 cation submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
25 submitted not later than 30 days before the update re-
26 ferred to in such paragraph shall take effect.

1 **SEC. 15. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) *AMENDMENTS.—The Peace Corps Act is amend-*
 3 *ed—*

4 (1) *in section 8E (22 U.S.C. 2507e)—*

5 (A) *by striking “President” and inserting*
 6 *“Director” each place it appears;*

7 (B) *in subsection (c), by striking “Sep-*
 8 *tember 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30,*
 9 *2025”; and*

10 (C) *in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking*
 11 *“September 30, 2018” and inserting “September*
 12 *30, 2025”; and*

13 (2) *in section 8I (22 U.S.C. 2507i)—*

14 (A) *in subsection (a), by striking “Sep-*
 15 *tember 30, 2018” and inserting “September 30,*
 16 *2025”; and*

17 (B) *in subsection (c), by striking “Presi-*
 18 *dent” each place it appears and inserting “Di-*
 19 *rector”.*

20 (b) *GAO REPORT.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after*
 22 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller*
 23 *General of the United States shall submit to the Com-*
 24 *mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-*
 25 *tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the*
 26 *Senate a report relating to the post-service health care*

1 *delivery and insurance coverage pursuant to sub-*
2 *section (d) of section 5 of the Peace Corps Act (22*
3 *U.S.C. 2504), as amended by section 4 of this Act,*
4 *and section 8B of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.*
5 *2507b).*

6 (2) *ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-*
7 *graph (1) shall include the following:*

8 (A) *Information relating to examinations,*
9 *counseling, and other mental health care services*
10 *provided by the Peace Corps to returned volun-*
11 *teers in the six months following the end of the*
12 *term of service of such volunteers.*

13 (B) *Recommendations relating to—*

14 (i) *better protection of patient con-*
15 *fidentially for returned Peace Corps volun-*
16 *teers for mental health care services;*

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

20 (iii) *whether such mental health care*
21 *services for returned volunteers would be*
22 *better provided under the Short-term Health*
23 *Insurance For Transition and Travel*
24 *(SHIFTT) plan or a similar commercially*

1 *available insurance plan to be paid for by*
2 *the Peace Corps.*

3 (c) *REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION*
4 *STANDARDS.*—*Not later than one year after the date of the*
5 *enactment of this Act, the Director of the Peace Corps shall*
6 *submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House*
7 *of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations*
8 *of the Senate a report on the guidelines and standards used*
9 *to evaluate the mental health of Peace Corps applicants*
10 *prior to service. Such report shall include—*

11 (1) *a detailed description of mental health*
12 *screening guidelines and evaluation standards used*
13 *by the Peace Corps to determine medical eligibility of*
14 *applicants for service, including a description of the*
15 *most common mental health conditions of applicants;*

16 (2) *specific standards in the mental health*
17 *screening process that could lead to an applicant's*
18 *disqualification from service, and a description of*
19 *how these determinations are made;*

20 (3) *a description of any expedited mental health*
21 *clearance process for severe or recent symptom presen-*
22 *tation;*

23 (4) *a description of periods of stability related to*
24 *certain mental health conditions and symptoms rec-*
25 *ommended prior to an applicant's clearance to serve;*

1 (5) *an assessment of the impact of updated men-*
2 *tal health evaluation guidance, including a compari-*
3 *son of mental health related volunteer medevacs in*
4 *years before and after updated guidelines were imple-*
5 *mented; and*

6 (6) *a review of these screening guidelines, con-*
7 *ducted by a panel of certified and qualified medical*
8 *professionals in the United States, that evaluates*
9 *these standards based on scientific evidence and men-*
10 *tal health research and proposes relevant updates or*
11 *additions to current guidance.*

12 (d) *REPORT ON VOLUNTEER MEDICAL EVACU-*
13 *ATIONS.—Not later than the first May 1 occurring after the*
14 *date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter*
15 *for five years, the Director of the Peace Corps shall submit*
16 *to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-*
17 *resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the*
18 *Senate a report on volunteer medical and mental health*
19 *evacuations. Such report shall include—*

20 (1) *the number of Peace Corps volunteer medical*
21 *and mental health evacuations during the previous*
22 *year;*

23 (2) *a breakdown of these evacuations into med-*
24 *ical and mental health evacuation categories; and*

1 (3) *the estimated cost of these evacuations for*
 2 *each year, including a breakdown of costs between*
 3 *medical and mental health evacuation categories.*

4 (e) *REPORT AND EXTENSION OF THE SEXUAL AS-*
 5 *SAULT ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 8D of the Peace Corps*
 6 *Act (22 U.S.C. 2507d) is amended—*

7 (1) *by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-*
 8 *lows:*

9 “(d) *REPORTS.—On an annual basis for the duration*
 10 *of its mandate, the Council shall submit to the Director,*
 11 *the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on*
 12 *Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on For-*
 13 *ign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the*
 14 *House of Representatives a report on its findings based on*
 15 *the reviews conducted pursuant to subsection (c) and shall*
 16 *include relevant recommendations. Such reports shall be*
 17 *made publicly available.”; and*

18 (2) *in subsection (g), by striking “October 1,*
 19 *2023” and inserting “October 1, 2025”.*

20 **SEC. 16. WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR PEACE CORPS VOL-**
 21 **UNTEERS.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Section 8142 of title 5, United*
 23 *States Code, is amended—*

24 (1) *in subsection (c)—*

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “GS-7”
 2 and inserting “GS-11”;
 3 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and
 4 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 5 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and
 6 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “subsection
 7 (c)(3)” and inserting “subsection (c)(2)”.

8 (b) *APPLICATION.*—The amendment made by sub-
 9 section (a)(1)(A) shall apply to any volunteer (as that term
 10 is defined in subsection (a) of section 8142 of title 5, United
 11 States Code) with respect to whom benefits under chapter
 12 81 of such title commence, by operation of such section, on
 13 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 17. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING EDITS.**

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

17 (1) *by amending section 1 to read as follows:*

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

19 “(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the
 20 ‘Peace Corps Act’.

21 “(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for
 22 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. 5A. Health care for volunteers at Peace Corps posts.*
- “Sec. 5B. Codification of Executive Order 11103.*
- “Sec. 5C. Volunteers providing virtual services for the Peace Corps.*
- “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. Establishment 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. 8J. Comprehensive illegal drug use policy with respect to Peace Corps vol-*
unteers.
- “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 organiza-*
tions.
- “Sec. 14A. Peace corps volunteers serving within the United States at the request*
of another agency.
- “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. Definitions.*
- “Sec. 27. Construction.*
- “Sec. 28. 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 subsection (a) of section 2—

1 (A) by striking “men and women” and in-
2 serting “individuals”;

3 (B) by striking “help the peoples” and in-
4 serting “partner with the peoples”; and

5 (C) by striking “trained manpower” and
6 inserting “trained individuals”;

7 (3) in subsection (e) of section 3 (as so redesign-
8 ated by section 2 of this Act), by striking “disabled
9 people” and inserting “people with disabilities” each
10 place it appears;

11 (4) in subsection (b) of section 4—

12 (A) by striking “him” and inserting “the
13 President”;

14 (B) by striking “he” and inserting “the Di-
15 rector”; and

16 (C) by striking “of his subordinates” and
17 all that follows through “functions.” and insert-
18 ing “subordinate of the Director the authority to
19 perform any such functions.”;

20 (5) in section 7—

21 (A) in subsection (a), by moving the mar-
22 gins of paragraphs (7) and (8) two ems to the
23 left;

1 (B) in the second sentence of subsection (c),
 2 by striking “in his discretion” and inserting “in
 3 the President’s discretion”; and

4 (C) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 5 section (b);

6 (6) in section 8A—

7 (A) in subsection (c), by striking “his or
 8 her” and inserting “the volunteer’s”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2) of subsection (d), by
 10 inserting “the” before “information”; and

11 (C) in subsection (f)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph
 13 (2), by striking “his or her” and inserting
 14 “the volunteer’s” each place it appears; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph
 16 (4), by striking “his or her” and inserting
 17 “that person’s”;

18 (7) in section 8C, in the heading of subsection
 19 (a), by striking “VICTIMS” and inserting “VICTIM”;

20 (8) in section 8E—

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

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

25 (9) in section 9—

1 (A) by striking “Act proceedings” and in-
2 serting “Act. Removal proceedings”;

3 (B) by striking “under which he” and in-
4 serting “under which that person”; and

5 (C) by striking “for which he” and insert-
6 ing “for which that person”;

7 (10) in section 10—

8 (A) in subsection (b) (as amended by sec-
9 tion 13 of this Act), by striking “he” and insert-
10 ing “the President”; and

11 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “section
12 3709” and all that follows through “1949” and
13 inserting “sections 3101(a), 3101(c), 3104, 3106,
14 3301(b)(2), and 6101 of title 41, United States
15 Code”;

16 (11) in section 14—

17 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “his” after
18 “of” and before “agency” and inserting “that”;
19 and

20 (B) in subsection (b)—

21 (i) by striking “preserving his” and
22 inserting “preserving the”; and

23 (ii) by striking “he” after “assigned,
24 and”;

25 (12) in section 15—

1 (A) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,
 2 by striking “that Act” and inserting “such sub-
 3 chapter”; and

4 (B) in subsection (d)(7), by striking “his
 5 designee” and inserting “the Director’s des-
 6 ignee”;

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

10 (14) in section 24, by striking—

11 (A) “his” and inserting “the volunteer’s”;
 12 and

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

15 (15) in section 26 (as amended by section 13 of
 16 this Act)—

17 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “which he
 18 or she” and inserting “which the medical offi-
 19 cer”;

20 (B) by further redesignating paragraphs (2)
 21 through (9) (as so redesignated by section 13) as
 22 paragraphs (3) through (10), respectively;

23 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 24 lowing new paragraph:

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

3 *(D) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by*
4 *striking “5(m)” and inserting “5(n)”;* and

5 *(E) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated—*

6 *(i) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii)*
7 *as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,*
8 *and moving such subparagraphs, as so re-*
9 *designated, 2 ems to the left; and*

10 *(ii) in subparagraph (A), as so redesign-*
11 *ated, by striking “section 5(f)” and insert-*
12 *ing “section 5(e)”.*

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