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Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and
6 Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending
7 September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

8 TITLE I

9 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

10 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

11 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

12 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses of the Workforce Innovation
14 and Opportunity Act (referred to in this Act as “WIOA”)
15 and the National Apprenticeship Act, \$2,594,412,000 plus
16 reimbursements, shall be available. Of the amounts pro-
17 vided:

18 (1) for grants to States for adult employment
19 and training activities and dislocated worker employ-
20 ment and training activities, \$1,807,553,000 as fol-
21 lows:

22 (A) \$712,000,000 for adult employment
23 and training activities, which shall be available
24 for the period October 1, 2026 through June
25 30, 2027; and

1 (B) \$1,095,553,000 for dislocated worker
2 employment and training activities, of which
3 \$235,553,000 shall be available for the period
4 July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and of
5 which \$860,000,000 shall be available for the
6 period October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

7 *Provided*, That the funds available for allotment to
8 outlying areas to carry out subtitle B of title I of the
9 WIOA shall not be subject to the requirements of
10 section 127(b)(1)(B)(ii) of such Act: *Provided fur-*
11 *ther*, That notwithstanding the requirements of
12 WIOA, outlying areas may submit a single applica-
13 tion for a consolidated grant that awards funds that
14 would otherwise be available to such areas to carry
15 out the activities described in subtitle B of title I of
16 the WIOA: *Provided further*, That such application
17 shall be submitted to the Secretary of Labor (re-
18 ferred to in this title as “Secretary”), at such time,
19 in such manner, and containing such information as
20 the Secretary may require: *Provided further*, That
21 outlying areas awarded a consolidated grant de-
22 scribed in the preceding provisos may use the funds
23 for any of the programs and activities authorized
24 under such subtitle B of title I of the WIOA subject

1 to approval of the application and such reporting re-
2 quirements issued by the Secretary; and

3 (2) for national programs, \$786,859,000 as fol-
4 lows:

5 (A) \$325,859,000 for the dislocated work-
6 ers assistance national reserve, of which
7 \$125,859,000 shall be available for the period
8 July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, and
9 of which \$200,000,000 shall be available for the
10 period October 1, 2026 through September 30,
11 2027: *Provided*, That funds provided to carry
12 out section 132(a)(2)(A) of the WIOA may be
13 used to provide assistance to a State for state-
14 wide or local use in order to address cases
15 where there have been worker dislocations
16 across multiple sectors or across multiple local
17 areas and such workers remain dislocated; co-
18 ordinate the State workforce development plan
19 with emerging economic development needs; and
20 train such eligible dislocated workers: *Provided*
21 *further*, That funds provided to carry out sec-
22 tions 168(b) and 169(c) of the WIOA may be
23 used for technical assistance and demonstration
24 projects, respectively, that provide assistance to
25 new entrants in the workforce and incumbent

workers: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 168(b) of the WIOA, of the funds provided under this subparagraph, the Secretary may reserve not more than 10 percent of such funds to provide technical assistance and carry out additional activities related to the transition to the WIOA: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided under this subparagraph, \$120,000,000 shall be for training and employment assistance under sections 168(b), 169(c) (notwithstanding the 10 percent limitation in such section) and 170 of the WIOA as follows:

(i) \$55,000,000 shall be for workers in the Appalachian region, as defined by 40 U.S.C. 14102(a)(1), workers in the Lower Mississippi, as defined in section 4(2) of the Delta Development Act (Public Law 100–460, 102 Stat. 2246; 7 U.S.C. 2009aa(2)), and workers in the region served by the Northern Border Regional Commission, as defined by 40 U.S.C. 15733; and

(ii) \$65,000,000 shall be for the purpose of developing, offering, or improving educational or career training programs at

1 community colleges, defined as public insti-
2 tutions of higher education, as described in
3 section 101(a) of the Higher Education
4 Act of 1965 and at which the associate's
5 degree is primarily the highest degree
6 awarded, with other eligible institutions of
7 higher education, as defined in section
8 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965, eligible to participate through con-
10 sortia, with community colleges as the lead
11 grantee: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall
12 follow the requirements for the program in
13 House Report 116–62: *Provided further*,
14 That any grant funds used for apprentice-
15 ships shall be used to support only appren-
16 ticeship programs registered under the Na-
17 tional Apprenticeship Act and as referred
18 to in section 3(7)(B) of the WIOA;

19 (B) \$65,000,000 for Native American pro-
20 grams under section 166 of the WIOA, which
21 shall be available for the period July 1, 2026
22 through June 30, 2027;

23 (C) \$105,000,000 for YouthBuild activities
24 as described in section 171 of the WIOA, which

1 shall be available for the period April 1, 2026
2 through June 30, 2027;

3 (D) \$6,000,000 for the Workforce Data
4 Quality Initiative, under the authority of section
5 169 of the WIOA, which shall be available for
6 the period July 1, 2026 through June 30,
7 2027; and

8 (E) \$285,000,000 to expand opportunities
9 through apprenticeships only registered under
10 the National Apprenticeship Act and as referred
11 to in section 3(7)(B) of the WIOA, to be avail-
12 able to the Secretary to carry out activities
13 through grants, cooperative agreements, con-
14 tracts and other arrangements, with States and
15 other appropriate entities, including equity
16 intermediaries and business and labor industry
17 partner intermediaries, which shall be available
18 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30,
19 2027.

20 *Provided*, That of the amounts made available for this
21 heading by section 1112 of Public Law 119–4 on October
22 1, 2025, \$712,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

1 JOB CORPS

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 To carry out subtitle C of title I of the WIOA, includ-
4 ing Federal administrative expenses, the purchase and
5 hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alter-
6 ation, and repairs of buildings and other facilities, and the
7 purchase of real property for training centers as author-
8 ized by the WIOA, \$880,078,000, plus reimbursements,
9 as follows:

10 (1) \$801,663,000 for Job Corps Operations,
11 which shall be available for the period July 1, 2026
12 through June 30, 2027;

13 (2) \$61,500,000 for construction, rehabilitation
14 and acquisition of Job Corps Centers, which shall be
15 available for the period July 1, 2026 through June
16 30, 2029, and which may include the acquisition,
17 maintenance, and repair of major items of equip-
18 ment: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer up
19 to 15 percent of such funds to meet the operational
20 needs of such centers or to achieve administrative ef-
21 ficiencies: *Provided further*, That any funds trans-
22 ferred pursuant to the preceding proviso shall not be
23 available for obligation after June 30, 2026: *Pro-*
24 *vided further*, That the Committees on Appropria-
25 tions of the House of Representatives and the Sen-

1 ate are notified at least 15 days in advance of any
2 transfer; and

3 (3) \$16,915,000 for necessary expenses of Job
4 Corps:

5 *Provided*, That no funds from any other appropriation
6 shall be used to provide meal services at or for Job Corps
7 Centers.

8 FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

9 For payments during fiscal year 2026 of trade ad-
10 justment benefit payments and allowances under part I
11 of subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act
12 of 1974, and section 246 of that Act; and for training,
13 employment and case management services, allowances for
14 job search and relocation, and related State administrative
15 expenses under part II of subchapter B of chapter 2 of
16 title II of the Trade Act of 1974, and including benefit
17 payments, allowances, training, employment and case
18 management services, and related State administration
19 provided pursuant to section 231(a) of the Trade Adjust-
20 ment Assistance Extension Act of 2011, sections 405(a)
21 and 406 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015,
22 and section 285(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended,
23 \$50,300,000 together with such amounts as may be nec-
24 essary to be charged to the subsequent appropriation for
25 payments for any period subsequent to September 15,

1 2026: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 502 of this
2 Act, any part of the appropriation provided under this
3 heading may remain available for obligation beyond the
4 current fiscal year pursuant to the authorities of section
5 245(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(c)).

6 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT
7 SERVICE OPERATIONS
8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 For authorized administrative expenses,
10 \$74,306,000, together with not to exceed \$3,650,584,000
11 which may be expended from the Employment Security
12 Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund
13 (“the Trust Fund”), of which—

14 (1) \$2,875,635,000 from the Trust Fund is for
15 grants to States for the administration of State un-
16 employment insurance laws as authorized under title
17 III of the Social Security Act (including not less
18 than \$116,000,000 to carry out reemployment serv-
19 ices and eligibility assessments under section 306 of
20 such Act, any claimants of regular compensation, as
21 defined in such section, including those who are
22 profiled as most likely to exhaust their benefits, may
23 be eligible for such services and assessments: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That of such amount, \$9,000,000 is for con-
25 tinued support of the Unemployment Insurance In-

1 tegrity Center of Excellence), the administration of
2 unemployment insurance for Federal employees and
3 for ex-service members as authorized under 5 U.S.C.
4 8501–8523, and the administration of trade read-
5 justment allowances, reemployment trade adjustment
6 assistance, and alternative trade adjustment assist-
7 ance under the Trade Act of 1974 and under section
8 231(a) of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Exten-
9 sion Act of 2011, sections 405(a) and 406 of the
10 Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, and sec-
11 tion 285(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended,
12 and shall be available for Federal obligation through
13 December 31, 2026, except that funds for outcome
14 payments pursuant to section 306(f)(2) of the Social
15 Security Act shall be available for Federal obligation
16 through March 31, 2027): *Provided further*, That
17 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
18 retary may recapture any funds appropriated under
19 this paragraph that remain unexpended by a State
20 after the period of expenditure for a State (but be-
21 fore such funds have been returned to the Trust
22 Fund), and such recaptured funds shall remain
23 available until expended for reobligation by the Sec-
24 retary to the States to carry out automation activi-
25 ties related to the administration of unemployment

1 compensation laws: *Provided further*, That funds
2 transferred pursuant to the preceding proviso shall
3 not be available until 60 days after the Secretary
4 has submitted a plan to the Committees on Appro-
5 priations of the House of Representatives and the
6 Senate on the planned use of funds;

7 (2) \$18,000,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
8 tional activities necessary to support the administra-
9 tion of the Federal-State unemployment insurance
10 system;

11 (3) \$653,639,000 from the Trust Fund, to-
12 gether with \$21,413,000 from the General Fund of
13 the Treasury, is for grants to States in accordance
14 with section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, and shall
15 be available for Federal obligation for the period
16 July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;

17 (4) \$17,500,000 from the Trust Fund is for na-
18 tional activities of the Employment Service, includ-
19 ing administration of the work opportunity tax cred-
20 it under section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of
21 1986 (including assisting States in adopting or mod-
22 ernizing information technology for use in the proc-
23 essing of certification requests), and the provision of
24 technical assistance and staff training under the
25 Wagner-Peyser Act;

1 (5) \$85,810,000 from the Trust Fund is for the
2 administration of foreign labor certifications and re-
3 lated activities under the Immigration and Nation-
4 ality Act and related laws, of which \$62,528,000
5 shall be available for the Federal administration of
6 such activities, and \$23,282,000 shall be available
7 for grants to States for the administration of such
8 activities; and

9 (6) \$52,893,000 from the General Fund is to
10 provide workforce information, national electronic
11 tools, and one-stop system building under the Wag-
12 ner-Peyser Act and shall be available for Federal ob-
13 ligation for the period July 1, 2026 through June
14 30, 2027, of which up to \$9,800,000 may be used
15 to carry out research and demonstration projects re-
16 lated to testing effective ways to promote greater
17 labor force participation of people with disabilities:
18 *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer amounts
19 made available for research and demonstration
20 projects under this paragraph to the “Office of Dis-
21 ability Employment Policy” account for such pur-
22 poses:
23 *Provided*, That to the extent that the Average Weekly In-
24 sured Unemployment (“AWIU”) for fiscal year 2026 is
25 projected by the Department of Labor to exceed

1 3,075,000, an additional \$28,600,000 from the Trust
2 Fund shall be available for obligation for every 100,000
3 increase in the AWIU level (including a pro rata amount
4 for any increment less than 100,000) to carry out title
5 III of the Social Security Act: *Provided further*, That
6 funds appropriated in this Act that are allotted to a State
7 to carry out activities under title III of the Social Security
8 Act may be used by such State to assist other States in
9 carrying out activities under such title III if the other
10 States include areas that have suffered a major disaster
11 declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford
12 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: *Provided*
13 *further*, That the Secretary may use funds appropriated
14 for grants to States under title III of the Social Security
15 Act to make payments on behalf of States for the use of
16 the National Directory of New Hires under section
17 453(j)(8) of such Act: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
18 retary may use funds appropriated for grants to States
19 under title III of the Social Security Act to make pay-
20 ments on behalf of States to the entity operating the State
21 Information Data Exchange System: *Provided further*,
22 That funds appropriated in this Act which are used to es-
23 tablish a national one-stop career center system, or which
24 are used to support the national activities of the Federal-
25 State unemployment insurance, employment service, or

1 immigration programs, may be obligated in contracts,
2 grants, or agreements with States and non-State entities:
3 *Provided further*, That States awarded competitive grants
4 for improved operations under title III of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act, or awarded grants to support the national activi-
6 ties of the Federal-State unemployment insurance system,
7 may award subgrants to other States and non-State enti-
8 ties under such grants, subject to the conditions applicable
9 to the grants: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated
10 under this Act for activities authorized under title III of
11 the Social Security Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act may
12 be used by States to fund integrated Unemployment In-
13 surance and Employment Service automation efforts, not-
14 withstanding cost allocation principles prescribed under
15 the final rule entitled “Uniform Administrative Require-
16 ments, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Fed-
17 eral Awards” at part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regu-
18 lations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, at the re-
19 quest of a State participating in a consortium with other
20 States, may reallocate funds allotted to such State under title
21 III of the Social Security Act to other States participating
22 in the consortium or to the entity operating the Unemploy-
23 ment Insurance Information Technology Support Center
24 in order to carry out activities that benefit the administra-
25 tion of the unemployment compensation law of the State

1 making the request: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
2 may collect fees for the costs associated with additional
3 data collection, analyses, and reporting services relating
4 to the National Agricultural Workers Survey requested by
5 State and local governments, public and private institu-
6 tions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations and
7 may utilize such sums, in accordance with the provisions
8 of 29 U.S.C. 9a, for the National Agricultural Workers
9 Survey infrastructure, methodology, and data to meet the
10 information collection and reporting needs of such entities,
11 which shall be credited to this appropriation and shall re-
12 main available until September 30, 2027, for such pur-
13 poses.

14 ADVANCES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND AND
15 OTHER FUNDS

16 For repayable advances to the Unemployment Trust
17 Fund as authorized by sections 905(d) and 1203 of the
18 Social Security Act, and to the Black Lung Disability
19 Trust Fund as authorized by section 9501(c)(1) of the In-
20 ternal Revenue Code of 1986; and for nonrepayable ad-
21 vances to the revolving fund established by section 901(e)
22 of the Social Security Act, to the Unemployment Trust
23 Fund as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 8509, and to the “Federal
24 Unemployment Benefits and Allowances” account, such

1 sums as may be necessary, which shall be available for
2 obligation through September 30, 2027.

3 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

4 For expenses of administering employment and train-
5 ing programs, \$83,979,000, together with not to exceed
6 \$50,941,000 which shall be available from the Employ-
7 ment Security Administration Account in the Unemploy-
8 ment Trust Fund.

9 VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 Not to exceed \$276,841,000 may be derived from the
12 Employment Security Administration account in the Un-
13 employment Trust Fund to carry out the provisions of
14 chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, United States Code,
15 of which—

16 (1) \$185,000,000 is for Jobs for Veterans State
17 grants under 38 U.S.C. 4102A(b)(5) to support dis-
18 abled veterans' outreach program specialists under
19 section 4103A of such title and local veterans' em-
20 ployment representatives under section 4104(b) of
21 such title, and for the expenses described in section
22 4102A(b)(5)(C), which shall be available for expend-
23 iture by the States through September 30, 2028,
24 and not to exceed 3 percent for the necessary Fed-
25 eral expenditures for data systems and contract sup-

1 port to allow for the tracking of participant and per-
2 formance information: *Provided*, That, in addition,
3 such funds may be used to support such specialists
4 and representatives in the provision of services to
5 transitioning members of the Armed Forces who
6 have participated in the Transition Assistance Pro-
7 gram and have been identified as in need of inten-
8 sive services, to members of the Armed Forces who
9 are wounded, ill, or injured and receiving treatment
10 in military treatment facilities or warrior transition
11 units, and to the spouses or other family caregivers
12 of such wounded, ill, or injured members, and to
13 surviving spouses of individuals who died while serv-
14 ing as members of the Armed Forces or as a result
15 of a service-connected disability;

16 (2) \$34,379,000 is for carrying out the Transi-
17 tion Assistance Program under 38 U.S.C. 4113 and
18 10 U.S.C. 1144;

19 (3) \$54,048,000 is for Federal administration
20 of chapters 41, 42, and 43 of title 38, and sections
21 2021, 2021A and 2023 of title 38, United States
22 Code: *Provided*, That up to \$500,000 may be used
23 to carry out the Hire VETS Act (division O of Pub-
24 lic Law 115–31); and

1 (4) \$3,414,000 is for the National Veterans'
2 Employment and Training Services Institute under
3 38 U.S.C. 4109:

4 *Provided*, That the Secretary may reallocate among the
5 appropriations provided under paragraphs (1) through (4)
6 above an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the appropria-
7 tion from which such reallocation is made.

8 In addition, from the General Fund of the Treasury,
9 \$65,500,000 is for carrying out programs to assist home-
10 less veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness who are
11 transitioning from certain institutions under sections
12 2021, 2021A, and 2023 of title 38, United States Code:
13 *Provided*, That notwithstanding subsections (c)(3) and (d)
14 of section 2023, the Secretary may award grants through
15 September 30, 2026, to provide services under such sec-
16 tion: *Provided further*, That services provided under sec-
17 tions 2021 or under 2021A may include, in addition to
18 services to homeless veterans described in section
19 2002(a)(1), services to veterans who were homeless at
20 some point within the 60 days prior to program entry or
21 veterans who are at risk of homelessness within the next
22 60 days, and that services provided under section 2023
23 may include, in addition to services to the individuals de-
24 scribed in subsection (e) of such section, services to vet-
25 erans recently released from incarceration who are at risk

1 of homelessness: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
2 paragraph (3) under this heading, funds appropriated in
3 this paragraph may be used for data systems and contract
4 support to allow for the tracking of participant and per-
5 formance information: *Provided further*, That notwith-
6 standing sections 2021(e)(2) and 2021A(f)(2) of title 38,
7 United States Code, such funds shall be available for ex-
8 penditure pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1553.

9 In addition, fees may be assessed and deposited in
10 the HIRE Vets Medallion Award Fund pursuant to sec-
11 tion 5(b) of the HIRE Vets Act, and such amounts shall
12 be available to the Secretary to carry out the HIRE Vets
13 Medallion Award Program, as authorized by such Act, and
14 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such
15 sums shall be in addition to any other funds available for
16 such purposes, including funds available under paragraph
17 (3) of this heading: *Provided further*, That section 2(d)
18 of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017
19 (Public Law 115–31; 38 U.S.C. 4100 note) shall not
20 apply.

21 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For necessary expenses for the Employee Benefits
24 Security Administration, \$181,100,000, of which up to
25 \$3,000,000 shall be made available through September 30,

1 2027, for the procurement of expert witnesses for enforce-
2 ment litigation.

3 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

4 PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FUND

5 The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“Cor-
6 poration”) is authorized to make such expenditures, in-
7 cluding financial assistance authorized by subtitle E of
8 title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
9 of 1974, within limits of funds and borrowing authority
10 available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and
11 to make such contracts and commitments without regard
12 to fiscal year limitations, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 9104,
13 as may be necessary in carrying out the program, includ-
14 ing associated administrative expenses, through Sep-
15 tember 30, 2026, for the Corporation: *Provided*, That
16 none of the funds available to the Corporation for fiscal
17 year 2026 shall be available for obligations for administra-
18 tive expenses in excess of \$494,264,000: *Provided further*,
19 That to the extent that the number of new plan partici-
20 pants in plans terminated by the Corporation exceeds
21 100,000 in fiscal year 2026, an amount not to exceed an
22 additional \$9,200,000 shall be available through Sep-
23 tember 30, 2030, for obligations for administrative ex-
24 penses for every 20,000 additional terminated partici-
25 pants: *Provided further*, That obligations in excess of the

1 amounts provided for administrative expenses in this para-
2 graph may be incurred and shall be available through Sep-
3 tember 30, 2030 for obligation for unforeseen and extraor-
4 dinary pre-termination or termination expenses or extraor-
5 dinary multiemployer program related expenses after ap-
6 proval by the Office of Management and Budget and noti-
7 fication of the Committees on Appropriations of the House
8 of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That
9 an additional amount shall be available for obligation
10 through September 30, 2030 to the extent the Corpora-
11 tion's costs exceed \$250,000 for the provision of credit or
12 identity monitoring to affected individuals upon suffering
13 a security incident or privacy breach, not to exceed an ad-
14 ditional \$100 per affected individual.

15 OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses for the Office of Workers'
18 Compensation Programs, \$107,823,000, together with
19 \$2,177,000 which may be expended from the Special Fund
20 in accordance with sections 39(c), 44(d), and 44(j) of the
21 Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

22 SPECIAL BENEFITS

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For the payment of compensation, benefits, and ex-
25 penses (except administrative expenses not otherwise au-

1 thorized) accruing during the current or any prior fiscal
2 year authorized by 5 U.S.C. 81; continuation of benefits
3 as provided for under the heading “Civilian War Benefits”
4 in the Federal Security Agency Appropriation Act, 1947;
5 the Employees’ Compensation Commission Appropriation
6 Act, 1944; section 5(f) of the War Claims Act (50 U.S.C.
7 App. 2012); obligations incurred under the War Hazards
8 Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and 50 per-
9 cent of the additional compensation and benefits required
10 by section 10(h) of the Longshore and Harbor Workers’
11 Compensation Act, \$1,298,385,000, together with such
12 amounts as may be necessary to be charged to the subse-
13 quent year appropriation for the payment of compensation
14 and other benefits for any period subsequent to August
15 15 of the current year, for deposit into and to assume
16 the attributes of the Employees’ Compensation Fund es-
17 tablished under 5 U.S.C. 8147(a): *Provided*, That
18 amounts appropriated may be used under 5 U.S.C. 8104
19 by the Secretary to reimburse an employer, who is not the
20 employer at the time of injury, for portions of the salary
21 of a re-employed, disabled beneficiary: *Provided further*,
22 That balances of reimbursements unobligated on Sep-
23 tember 30, 2025, shall remain available until expended for
24 the payment of compensation, benefits, and expenses: *Pro-*
25 *vided further*, That in addition there shall be transferred

1 to this appropriation from the Postal Service and from
2 any other corporation or instrumentality required under
3 5 U.S.C. 8147(c) to pay an amount for its fair share of
4 the cost of administration, such sums as the Secretary de-
5 termines to be the cost of administration for employees
6 of such fair share entities through September 30, 2026:
7 *Provided further*, That of those funds transferred to this
8 account from the fair share entities to pay the cost of ad-
9 ministration of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act,
10 \$81,808,000 shall be made available to the Secretary as
11 follows:

12 (1) For enhancement and maintenance of auto-
13 mated data processing systems operations and tele-
14 communications systems, \$27,549,000;

15 (2) For automated workload processing oper-
16 ations, including document imaging, centralized mail
17 intake, and medical bill processing, \$25,956,000;

18 (3) For periodic roll disability management and
19 medical review, \$25,957,000;

20 (4) For program integrity, \$2,346,000; and

21 (5) The remaining funds shall be paid into the
22 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts:

23 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may require that any
24 person filing a notice of injury or a claim for benefits
25 under 5 U.S.C. 81, or the Longshore and Harbor Work-

1 ers' Compensation Act, provide as part of such notice and
2 claim, such identifying information (including Social Secu-
3 rity account number) as such regulations may prescribe.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ENERGY EMPLOYEES

5 OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION FUND

6 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
7 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
8 Act, \$68,148,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That the Secretary may require that any person fil-
10 ing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of
11 such claim such identifying information (including Social
12 Security account number) as may be prescribed.

13 SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS

14 For carrying out title IV of the Federal Mine Safety
15 and Health Act of 1977, as amended by Public Law 107–
16 275, \$24,585,000, to remain available until expended.

17 For making after July 31 of the current fiscal year,
18 benefit payments to individuals under title IV of such Act,
19 for costs incurred in the current fiscal year, such amounts
20 as may be necessary.

21 For making benefit payments under title IV for the
22 first quarter of fiscal year 2027, \$5,900,000, to remain
23 available until expended.

1 BLACK LUNG DISABILITY TRUST FUND
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 Such sums as may be necessary from the Black Lung
4 Disability Trust Fund (the “Fund”), to remain available
5 until expended, for payment of all benefits authorized by
6 section 9501(d)(1), (2), (6), and (7) of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986; and repayment of, and payment of
8 interest on advances, as authorized by section 9501(d)(4)
9 of that Act. In addition, the following amounts may be
10 expended from the Fund for fiscal year 2026 for expenses
11 of operation and administration of the Black Lung Bene-
12 fits program, as authorized by section 9501(d)(5): not to
13 exceed \$50,684,000 for transfer to the Office of Workers’
14 Compensation Programs, “Salaries and Expenses”; not to
15 exceed \$39,086,000 for transfer to Departmental Manage-
16 ment, “Salaries and Expenses”; not to exceed \$373,000
17 for transfer to Departmental Management, “Office of In-
18 spector General”; and not to exceed \$356,000 for pay-
19 ments into miscellaneous receipts for the expenses of the
20 Department of the Treasury.

21 WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For necessary expenses for the Wage and Hour Divi-
24 sion, including reimbursement to State, Federal, and local

1 agencies and their employees for inspection services ren-
2 dered, \$235,000,000.

3 OFFICE OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses for the Office of Labor-Man-
6 agement Standards, \$48,515,000.

7 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses for the Occupational Safety
10 and Health Administration, \$582,381,000, including not
11 to exceed \$115,200,000 which shall be the maximum
12 amount available for grants to States under section 23(g)
13 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (the “Act”),
14 which grants shall be no less than 50 percent of the costs
15 of State occupational safety and health programs required
16 to be incurred under plans approved by the Secretary
17 under section 18 of the Act; and, in addition, notwith-
18 standing 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Occupational Safety and
19 Health Administration may retain up to \$499,000 per fis-
20 cal year of training institute course tuition and fees, other-
21 wise authorized by law to be collected, and may utilize
22 such sums for occupational safety and health training and
23 education: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.
24 3302, the Secretary is authorized, during the fiscal year
25 ending September 30, 2026, to collect and retain fees for

1 services provided to Nationally Recognized Testing Lab-
2 oratories, and may utilize such sums, in accordance with
3 the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, to administer national and
4 international laboratory recognition programs that ensure
5 the safety of equipment and products used by workers in
6 the workplace: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
7 appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated or
8 expended to prescribe, issue, administer, or enforce any
9 standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act which
10 is applicable to any person who is engaged in a farming
11 operation which does not maintain a temporary labor
12 camp and employs 10 or fewer employees: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That no funds appropriated under this paragraph
14 shall be obligated or expended to administer or enforce
15 any standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Act with
16 respect to any employer of 10 or fewer employees who is
17 included within a category having a Days Away, Re-
18 stricted, or Transferred (“DART”) occupational injury
19 and illness rate, at the most precise industrial classifica-
20 tion code for which such data are published, less than the
21 national average rate as such rates are most recently pub-
22 lished by the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of
23 Labor Statistics, in accordance with section 24 of the Act,
24 except—

1 (1) to provide, as authorized by the Act, con-
2 sultation, technical assistance, educational and train-
3 ing services, and to conduct surveys and studies;

4 (2) to conduct an inspection or investigation in
5 response to an employee complaint, to issue a cita-
6 tion for violations found during such inspection, and
7 to assess a penalty for violations which are not cor-
8 rected within a reasonable abatement period and for
9 any willful violations found;

10 (3) to take any action authorized by the Act
11 with respect to imminent dangers;

12 (4) to take any action authorized by the Act
13 with respect to health hazards;

14 (5) to take any action authorized by the Act
15 with respect to a report of an employment accident
16 which is fatal to one or more employees or which re-
17 sults in hospitalization of two or more employees,
18 and to take any action pursuant to such investiga-
19 tion authorized by the Act; and

20 (6) to take any action authorized by the Act
21 with respect to complaints of discrimination against
22 employees for exercising rights under the Act:

23 *Provided further,* That the foregoing proviso shall not
24 apply to any person who is engaged in a farming operation
25 which does not maintain a temporary labor camp and em-

1 ploys 10 or fewer employees: *Provided further*, That not
2 less than \$3,500,000 shall be for Voluntary Protection
3 Programs.

4 MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses for the Mine Safety and
7 Health Administration, \$348,207,000, including purchase
8 and bestowal of certificates and trophies in connection
9 with mine rescue and first-aid work, and the hire of pas-
10 senger motor vehicles, including up to \$2,000,000 for
11 mine rescue and recovery activities and not less than
12 \$10,537,000 for State assistance grants: *Provided*, That
13 notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, not to exceed \$750,000
14 may be collected by the National Mine Health and Safety
15 Academy for room, board, tuition, and the sale of training
16 materials, otherwise authorized by law to be collected, to
17 be available for mine safety and health education and
18 training activities: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
19 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Mine Safety and Health Administra-
20 tion is authorized to collect and retain up to \$2,499,000
21 from fees collected for the approval and certification of
22 equipment, materials, and explosives for use in mines, and
23 may utilize such sums for such activities: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary is authorized to accept lands, build-
25 ings, equipment, and other contributions from public and

1 private sources and to prosecute projects in cooperation
2 with other agencies, Federal, State, or private: *Provided*
3 *further*, That the Mine Safety and Health Administration
4 is authorized to promote health and safety education and
5 training in the mining community through cooperative
6 programs with States, industry, and safety associations:
7 *Provided further*, That the Secretary is authorized to rec-
8 ognize the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association as a prin-
9 cipal safety association and, notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, may provide funds and, with or without
11 reimbursement, personnel, including service of Mine Safe-
12 ty and Health Administration officials as officers in local
13 chapters or in the national organization: *Provided further*,
14 That any funds available to the Department of Labor may
15 be used, with the approval of the Secretary, to provide
16 for the costs of mine rescue and survival operations in the
17 event of a major disaster.

18 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses for the Bureau of Labor Sta-
21 tistics, including advances or reimbursements to State,
22 Federal, and local agencies and their employees for serv-
23 ices rendered, \$645,952,000, together with not to exceed
24 \$68,000,000 which may be expended from the Employ-

1 ment Security Administration account in the Unemploy-
2 ment Trust Fund.

3 OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses for the Office of Disability
7 Employment Policy to provide leadership, develop policy
8 and initiatives, and award grants furthering the objective
9 of eliminating barriers to the training and employment of
10 people with disabilities, \$37,000,000, of which not less
11 than \$9,000,000 shall be for research and demonstration
12 projects related to testing effective ways to promote great-
13 er labor force participation of people with disabilities: *Pro-*
14 *vided*, That the Secretary may transfer amounts made
15 available under this heading for research and demonstra-
16 tion projects to the “State Unemployment Insurance and
17 Employment Service Operations” account for such pur-
18 poses.

19 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector
21 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
22 General Act of 1978, \$93,187,000, together with not to
23 exceed \$5,841,000 which may be expended from the Em-
24 ployment Security Administration account in the Unem-
25 ployment Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not more than

1 \$2,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading
2 may be available until expended.

3 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses for Departmental Manage-
7 ment, including the hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
8 \$230,312,000, together with not to exceed \$308,000,
9 which may be expended from the Employment Security
10 Administration account in the Unemployment Trust
11 Fund: *Provided*, That \$4,281,000 shall be used for pro-
12 gram evaluation and shall be available for obligation
13 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That funds
14 available for program evaluation may be used to admin-
15 ister grants for the purpose of evaluation: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That grants made for the purpose of evaluation shall
17 be awarded through fair and open competition: *Provided*
18 *further*, That funds available for program evaluation may
19 be transferred to any other appropriate account in the De-
20 partment for such purpose: *Provided further*, That the
21 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
22 atives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days in ad-
23 vance of any transfer.

1 IT MODERNIZATION

2 For necessary expenses for Department of Labor cen-
3 tralized infrastructure technology investment activities re-
4 lated to support systems and modernization, \$29,269,000,
5 which shall be available through September 30, 2027.

6 GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 SEC. 101. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
8 for the Job Corps shall be used to pay the salary and bo-
9 nuses of an individual, either as direct costs or any prora-
10 tion as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive
11 Level II.

12 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 102. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
14 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
15 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
16 priated for the current fiscal year for the Department of
17 Labor in this Act may be transferred between a program,
18 project, or activity, but no such program, project, or activ-
19 ity shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such
20 transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer authority granted by
21 this section shall not be used to create any new program
22 or to fund any project or activity for which no funds are
23 provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That the Commit-
24 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives

1 and the Senate are notified at least 15 days in advance
2 of any transfer.

3 SEC. 103. In accordance with Executive Order
4 13126, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made
5 available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or ex-
6 pended for the procurement of goods mined, produced,
7 manufactured, or harvested or services rendered, in whole
8 or in part, by forced or indentured child labor in industries
9 and host countries already identified by the United States
10 Department of Labor prior to enactment of this Act.

11 SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
12 tion, none of the funds made available to the Department
13 of Labor for grants under section 414(c) of the American
14 Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998
15 (29 U.S.C. 2916a) may be used for any purpose other
16 than competitive grants for training individuals who are
17 older than 16 years of age and are not currently enrolled
18 in school within a local educational agency in the occupa-
19 tions and industries for which employers are using H-1B
20 visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities
21 necessary to support such training.

22 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act under the heading “Employment and Training Ad-
24 ministration” shall be used by a recipient or subrecipient
25 of such funds to pay the salary and bonuses of an indi-

vidual, either as direct costs or indirect costs, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. This limitation shall not apply to vendors providing goods and services as defined in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. Where States are recipients of such funds, States may establish a lower limit for salaries and bonuses of those receiving salaries and bonuses from subrecipients of such funds, taking into account factors including the relative cost-of-living in the State, the compensation levels for comparable State or local government employees, and the size of the organizations that administer Federal programs involved including Employment and Training Administration programs.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 106. (a) Notwithstanding section 102, the Secretary may transfer funds made available to the Employment and Training Administration by this Act, either directly or through a set-aside, for technical assistance services to grantees to “Program Administration” when it is determined that those services will be more efficiently performed by Federal employees: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to section 171 of the WIOA.

(b) Notwithstanding section 102, the Secretary may transfer not more than 0.5 percent of each discretionary appropriation made available to the Employment and

1 Training Administration by this Act to “Program Admin-
2 istration” in order to carry out program integrity activities
3 relating to any of the programs or activities that are fund-
4 ed under any such discretionary appropriations: *Provided*,
5 That notwithstanding section 102 and the preceding pro-
6 viso, the Secretary may transfer not more than 0.5 percent
7 of funds made available in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the
8 “Office of Job Corps” account to paragraph (3) of such
9 account to carry out program integrity activities related
10 to the Job Corps program: *Provided further*, That funds
11 transferred under this subsection shall be available to the
12 Secretary to carry out program integrity activities directly
13 or through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and
14 other arrangements with States and other appropriate en-
15 tities: *Provided further*, That funds transferred under the
16 authority provided by this subsection shall be available for
17 obligation through September 30, 2027.

18 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 107. (a) The Secretary may reserve not more
20 than 0.75 percent from each appropriation made available
21 in this Act identified in subsection (b) in order to carry
22 out evaluations of any of the programs or activities that
23 are funded under such accounts. Any funds reserved under
24 this section shall be transferred to “Departmental Man-
25 agement” for use by the Office of the Chief Evaluation

1 Officer within the Department of Labor, and shall be
2 available for obligation through September 30, 2027: *Pro-*
3 *vided*, That such funds shall only be available if the Chief
4 Evaluation Officer of the Department of Labor submits
5 a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
6 of Representatives and the Senate describing the evalua-
7 tions to be carried out 15 days in advance of any transfer.

8 (b) The accounts referred to in subsection (a) are:
9 “Training and Employment Services”, “Job Corps”,
10 “Community Service Employment for Older Americans”,
11 “State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service
12 Operations”, “Veterans’ Employment and Training”,
13 “Employee Benefits Security Administration”, “Office of
14 Workers’ Compensation Programs”, “Wage and Hour Di-
15 vision”, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Pro-
16 grams”, “Office of Labor Management Standards”, “Oc-
17 cupational Safety and Health Administration”, “Mine
18 Safety and Health Administration”, “Office of Disability
19 Employment Policy”, and funding made available to the
20 “Bureau of International Labor Affairs” and “Women’s
21 Bureau” within the “Departmental Management” ac-
22 count.

23 SEC. 108. (a) Section 7 of the Fair Labor Standards
24 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207) shall be applied hereafter
25 as if the following text is part of such section:

1 “(s)(1) The provisions of this section shall not apply
2 for a period of 2 years after the occurrence of a major
3 disaster to any employee—

4 “(A) employed to adjust or evaluate claims re-
5 sulting from or relating to such major disaster, by
6 an employer not engaged, directly or through an af-
7 filiate, in underwriting, selling, or marketing prop-
8 erty, casualty, or liability insurance policies or con-
9 tracts;

10 “(B) who receives from such employer on aver-
11 age weekly compensation of not less than \$591.00
12 per week or any minimum weekly amount estab-
13 lished by the Secretary, whichever is greater, for the
14 number of weeks such employee is engaged in any
15 of the activities described in subparagraph (C); and

16 “(C) whose duties include any of the following:

17 “(i) interviewing insured individuals, indi-
18 viduals who suffered injuries or other damages
19 or losses arising from or relating to a disaster,
20 witnesses, or physicians;

21 “(ii) inspecting property damage or review-
22 ing factual information to prepare damage esti-
23 mates;

24 “(iii) evaluating and making recommenda-
25 tions regarding coverage or compensability of

1 claims or determining liability or value aspects
2 of claims;

3 “(iv) negotiating settlements; or

4 “(v) making recommendations regarding
5 litigation.

6 “(2) The exemption in this subsection shall not affect
7 the exemption provided by section 13(a)(1).

8 “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

9 “(A) the term ‘major disaster’ means any dis-
10 aster or catastrophe declared or designated by any
11 State or Federal agency or department;

12 “(B) the term ‘employee employed to adjust or
13 evaluate claims resulting from or relating to such
14 major disaster’ means an individual who timely se-
15 cured or secures a license required by applicable law
16 to engage in and perform the activities described in
17 clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(C) relating
18 to a major disaster, and is employed by an employer
19 that maintains worker compensation insurance cov-
20 erage or protection for its employees, if required by
21 applicable law, and withholds applicable Federal,
22 State, and local income and payroll taxes from the
23 wages, salaries and any benefits of such employees;
24 and

1 “(C) the term ‘affiliate’ means a company that,
2 by reason of ownership or control of 25 percent or
3 more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting
4 securities of one or more companies, directly or indi-
5 rectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common
6 control with, another company.”.

7 (b) This section shall be effective on the date of en-
8 actment of this Act.

9 SEC. 109. (a) FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE
10 CROSSING OF H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS WORKING IN THE
11 SEAFOOD INDUSTRY.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), if
13 a petition for H-2B nonimmigrants filed by an em-
14 ployer in the seafood industry is granted, the em-
15 ployer may bring the nonimmigrants described in
16 the petition into the United States at any time dur-
17 ing the 120-day period beginning on the start date
18 for which the employer is seeking the services of the
19 nonimmigrants without filing another petition.

20 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR CROSSINGS AFTER
21 90TH DAY.—An employer in the seafood industry
22 may not bring H-2B nonimmigrants into the United
23 States after the date that is 90 days after the start
24 date for which the employer is seeking the services
25 of the nonimmigrants unless the employer—

1 (A) completes a new assessment of the
2 local labor market by—

3 (i) listing job orders in local news-
4 papers on 2 separate Sundays; and

5 (ii) posting the job opportunity on the
6 appropriate Department of Labor Elec-
7 tronic Job Registry and at the employer's
8 place of employment; and

9 (B) offers the job to an equally or better
10 qualified United States worker who—

11 (i) applies for the job; and

12 (ii) will be available at the time and
13 place of need.

14 (3) EXEMPTION FROM RULES WITH RESPECT
15 TO STAGGERING.—The Secretary of Labor shall not
16 consider an employer in the seafood industry who
17 brings H-2B nonimmigrants into the United States
18 during the 120-day period specified in paragraph (1)
19 to be staggering the date of need in violation of sec-
20 tion 655.20(d) of title 20, Code of Federal Regula-
21 tions, or any other applicable provision of law.

22 (b) H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS DEFINED.—In this sec-
23 tion, the term “H-2B nonimmigrants” means aliens ad-
24 mitted to the United States pursuant to section

1 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(B)).

3 SEC. 110. The determination of prevailing wage for
4 the purposes of the H–2B program shall be the greater
5 of—(1) the actual wage level paid by the employer to other
6 employees with similar experience and qualifications for
7 such position in the same location; or (2) the prevailing
8 wage level for the occupational classification of the posi-
9 tion in the geographic area in which the H–2B non-
10 immigrant will be employed, based on the best information
11 available at the time of filing the petition. In the deter-
12 mination of prevailing wage for the purposes of the H–
13 2B program, the Secretary shall accept private wage sur-
14 veys even in instances where Occupational Employment
15 Statistics survey data are available unless the Secretary
16 determines that the methodology and data in the provided
17 survey are not statistically supported.

18 SEC. 111. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
19 to enforce the definition of corresponding employment
20 found in 20 CFR 655.5 or the three-fourths guarantee
21 rule definition found in 20 CFR 655.20, or any references
22 thereto. Further, for the purpose of regulating admission
23 of temporary workers under the H–2B program, the defi-
24 nition of temporary need shall be that provided in 8 CFR
25 214.2(h)(6)(ii)(B).

1 SEC. 112. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, the Secretary may furnish through grants, coopera-
3 tive agreements, contracts, and other arrangements, up to
4 \$450,000 of excess personal property, at a value deter-
5 mined by the Secretary, to apprenticeship programs for
6 the purpose of training apprentices in those programs.

7 SEC. 113. (a) The Act of March 4, 1913 entitled “An
8 Act to create a Department of Labor” (37 Stat. 736,
9 chapter 141) is amended—

10 (1) in section 11, by inserting “(except for sec-
11 tion 12)” before “shall take effect”; and

12 (2) by adding the following after section 11:

13 **“SEC. 12. SECURITY DETAIL.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor is au-
15 thorized to employ law enforcement officers or special
16 agents to provide—

17 “(1) protection for the Secretary and Deputy
18 Secretary during the performance of official duties
19 by each such officer and during any activity that is
20 preliminary or postliminary to the performance of
21 official duties by each such officer;

22 “(2) protection, incidental to the protection pro-
23 vided pursuant to paragraph (1), to an individual
24 accompanying each such officer who is participating
25 in an activity or event relating to the official duties

1 of each such officer when there is an articulable
2 threat to such individual;

3 “(3) continuous protection to the Secretary and
4 Deputy Secretary (including during periods not de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1)) if there is an articulable
6 threat of physical harm, in accordance with guide-
7 lines established by the Secretary; and

8 “(4) protection of another senior officer (includ-
9 ing a person nominated to be the Secretary during
10 the pendency of such nomination) if there is an
11 articulable threat of physical harm, in accordance
12 with guidelines established by the Secretary.

13 “(b) AUTHORITIES OF THE PROTECTIVE OPER-
14 ATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may author-
16 ize officers or special agents employed pursuant to
17 subsection (a)—

18 “(A) to carry firearms;

19 “(B) to conduct criminal investigations
20 into potential threats to the security of persons
21 protected under this section;

22 “(C) to make arrests without a warrant for
23 any offense against the United States com-
24 mitted in the presence of such officer or special
25 agent;

1 “(D) to perform protective intelligence
2 work, including identifying and mitigating po-
3 tential threats and conducting advance work to
4 review security matters relating to sites and
5 events; and

6 “(E) coordinate with local law enforcement
7 agencies.

8 “(2) GUIDELINES.—The authority provided by
9 this section shall be exercised in accordance with
10 any—

11 “(A) guidelines issued by the Attorney
12 General; and

13 “(B) such additional guidelines as may be
14 issued by the Secretary.

15 “(c) EXCEPTION.—The authorities granted under
16 this section may be exercised notwithstanding section
17 1343(b)(1) of Title 31.”.

18 SEC. 114. The Secretary is authorized to dispose of
19 or divest, by any means the Secretary determines appro-
20 priate, including an agreement or partnership to construct
21 a new Job Corps center, all or a portion of the real prop-
22 erty on which the Treasure Island Job Corps Center and
23 the Gary Job Corps Center are situated. Any sale or other
24 disposition, to include any associated construction project,
25 will not be subject to any requirement of any Federal law

1 or regulation relating to the disposition of Federal real
2 property or relating to Federal procurement, including but
3 not limited to subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 40 of
4 the United States Code, subchapter V of chapter 119 of
5 title 42 of the United States Code, and chapter 33 of divi-
6 sion C of subtitle I of title 41 of the United States Code.
7 The net proceeds of such a sale shall be transferred to
8 the Secretary, which shall be available until expended for
9 such project to carry out the Job Corps Program on
10 Treasure Island and the Job Corps Program in and
11 around San Marcos, Texas, respectively.

12 SEC. 115. None of the funds made available by this
13 Act may be used to—

14 (1) alter or terminate the Interagency Agree-
15 ment between the United States Department of
16 Labor and the United States Department of Agri-
17 culture; or

18 (2) close any of the Civilian Conservation Cen-
19 ters, except if such closure is necessary to prevent
20 the endangerment of the health and safety of the
21 students, the capacity of the program is retained,
22 and the requirements of section 159(j) of the WIOA
23 are met.

24 SEC. 116. For the 2-year period beginning on the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Adverse Effect

1 Wage Rate in effect under 20 CFR 655.120(b) shall be
2 the Adverse Effect Wage Rate in effect on January 31,
3 2023.

4 SEC. 117. None of the funds made available by this
5 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce—

6 (1) the final rule entitled “Adverse Effect Wage
7 Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment
8 of H-2A Nonimmigrants in Non-Range Occupations
9 in the United States”, (88 Fed. Reg. 12760 (effective
10 March 30, 2023));

11 (2) 20 CFR 655.131(b) (relating to joint em-
12 ployer requirements); or

13 (3) the final rule entitled “Improving Protec-
14 tions for Workers in Temporary Agricultural Em-
15 ployment in the United States”, (89 Fed. Reg.
16 33898 (effective June 28, 2024)).

17 SEC. 118. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
19 final rule entitled “Employee or Independent Contractor
20 Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act”, (89
21 Fed. Reg. 1638 (effective March 11, 2024)).

22 This title may be cited as the “Department of Labor
23 Appropriations Act, 2026”.

1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES
4 HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
5 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

6 For carrying out titles II and III of the Public Health
7 Service Act (referred to in this Act as the “PHS Act”) *with respect to primary health care and the Native Hawai-
8 ian Health Care Act of 1988, \$1,858,772,000: Provided,*
9 *That no more than \$1,000,000 shall be available until ex-*
10 *pendent for carrying out the provisions of section 224(o)*
11 *of the PHS Act: Provided further, That no more than*
12 *\$120,000,000 shall be available until expended for car-*
13 *rying out subsections (g) through (n) and (q) of section*
14 *224 of the PHS Act, and for expenses incurred by the*
15 *Department of Health and Human Services (referred to*
16 *in this Act as “HHS”) pertaining to administrative claims*
17 *made under such law.*

19 HEALTH WORKFORCE
20 For carrying out titles III, VII, and VIII of the PHS
21 Act with respect to the health workforce, sections 1128E
22 and 1921 of the Social Security Act, and the Health Care
23 Quality Improvement Act of 1986, \$1,366,933,000: *Pro-*
24 *vided, That section 751(j)(2) of the PHS Act and the pro-*
25 *portional funding amounts in paragraphs (1) through (4)*

1 of section 756(f) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds
2 made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That
3 for any program operating under section 751 of the PHS
4 Act on or before January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services (referred to in this title as the “Sec-
6 retary”) may hereafter waive any of the requirements con-
7 tained in sections 751(d)(2)(A) and 751(d)(2)(B) of such
8 Act for the full project period of a grant under such sec-
9 tion: *Provided further*, That section 756(c) of the PHS Act
10 shall apply to paragraphs (1) through (4) of section
11 756(a) of such Act: *Provided further*, That no funds shall
12 be available for section 340G–1 of the PHS Act: *Provided*
13 *further*, That fees collected for the disclosure of informa-
14 tion under section 427(b) of the Health Care Quality Im-
15 provement Act of 1986 and sections 1128E(d)(2) and
16 1921 of the Social Security Act shall be sufficient to re-
17 cover the full costs of operating the programs authorized
18 by such sections and shall remain available until expended
19 for the National Practitioner Data Bank: *Provided further*,
20 That funds transferred to this account to carry out section
21 846 and subpart 3 of part D of title III of the PHS Act
22 may be used to make prior year adjustments to awards
23 made under such section and subpart: *Provided further*,
24 That \$130,000,000 shall remain available until expended
25 for the purposes of providing primary health services, as-

1 signing National Health Service Corps (“NHSC”) partici-
2 pants to expand the delivery of substance use disorder
3 treatment services, notwithstanding the assignment prior-
4 ities and limitations under sections 333(a)(1)(D), 333(b),
5 and 333A(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the PHS Act, and making pay-
6 ments under the NHSC Loan Repayment Program under
7 section 338B of such Act: *Provided further*, That, within
8 the amount made available in the previous proviso, not
9 less than 15 percent shall remain available until expended
10 for the purposes of making payments under the NHSC
11 Loan Repayment Program under section 338B of the
12 PHS Act to individuals participating in such program who
13 provide primary health services in Indian Health Service
14 facilities, Tribally-Operated 638 Health Programs, and
15 Urban Indian Health Programs (as those terms are de-
16 fined by the Secretary), notwithstanding the assignment
17 priorities and limitations under section 333(b) of such Act:
18 *Provided further*, That for purposes of the previous two
19 provisos, section 331(a)(3)(D) of the PHS Act shall be
20 applied as if the term “primary health services” includes
21 clinical substance use disorder treatment services, includ-
22 ing those provided by masters level, licensed substance use
23 disorder treatment counselors: *Provided further*, That of
24 the funds made available under this heading, \$7,000,000
25 shall be available to make grants to establish, expand, or

1 maintain optional community-based nurse practitioner fel-
2 lowship programs that are accredited or in the accredita-
3 tion process, with a preference for those in Federally
4 Qualified Health Centers, for practicing postgraduate
5 nurse practitioners in primary care or behavioral health:
6 *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under
7 this heading, \$10,000,000 shall remain available until ex-
8 pended for activities under section 775 of the PHS Act:
9 *Provided further*, That the United States may recover liq-
10 uidated damages in an amount determined by the formula
11 under section 338E(c)(1) of the PHS Act if an individual
12 either fails to begin or complete the service obligated by
13 a contract under section 775(b) of the PHS Act: *Provided*
14 *further*, That for purposes of section 775(c)(1) of the PHS
15 Act, the Secretary may include other mental and behav-
16 ioral health disciplines as the Secretary deems appro-
17 priate: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may termi-
18 nate a contract entered into under section 775 of the PHS
19 Act in the same manner articulated in section 206 of this
20 title for fiscal year 2026 contracts entered into under sec-
21 tion 338B of the PHS Act.

22 Of the funds made available under this heading,
23 \$75,000,000 shall remain available until expended for
24 grants to public institutions of higher education to expand
25 or support graduate education for physicians provided by

1 such institutions, including funding for infrastructure de-
2 velopment, maintenance, equipment, and minor renova-
3 tions or alterations: *Provided*, That, in awarding such
4 grants, the Secretary shall give priority to public institu-
5 tions of higher education located in States with a projected
6 primary care provider shortage, as determined by the Sec-
7 retary: *Provided further*, That grants so awarded are lim-
8 ited to such public institutions of higher education in
9 States in the top quartile of States with a projected pri-
10 mary care provider shortage, as determined by the Sec-
11 retary: *Provided further*, That the minimum amount of a
12 grant so awarded to such an institution shall be not less
13 than \$2,000,000 per year: *Provided further*, That such a
14 grant may be awarded for a period not to exceed 5 years:
15 *Provided further*, That such a grant awarded with respect
16 to a year to such an institution shall be subject to a
17 matching requirement of non-Federal funds in an amount
18 that is not more than 10 percent of the total amount of
19 Federal funds provided in the grant to such institution
20 with respect to such year.

21 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

22 For carrying out titles III, XI, XII, and XIX of the
23 PHS Act with respect to maternal and child health and
24 title V of the Social Security Act, \$985,481,000: *Provided*,
25 That notwithstanding sections 502(a)(1) and 502(b)(1) of

1 the Social Security Act, not more than \$163,667,000 shall
2 be available for carrying out special projects of regional
3 and national significance pursuant to section 501(a)(2) of
4 such Act and \$10,276,000 shall be available for projects
5 described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section
6 501(a)(3) of such Act.

7 RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

8 For carrying out title XXVI of the PHS Act with
9 respect to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program,
10 \$2,045,630,000, which shall remain available to the Sec-
11 retary through September 30, 2028, for parts A and B
12 of title XXVI of the PHS Act, and of which not less than
13 \$900,313,000 shall be for State AIDS Drug Assistance
14 Programs under the authority of section 2616 or 311(c)
15 of such Act.

16 HEALTH SYSTEMS

17 For carrying out titles III and XII of the PHS Act
18 with respect to health care systems, and the Stem Cell
19 Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, \$122,887,000:
20 *Provided*, That during the period covered by this Act, the
21 Secretary of Health and Human Services may collect reg-
22 istration fees from members of the Organ Procurement
23 and Transplantation Network (in this title referred to as
24 “OPTN”), authorized under section 372 of the PHS Act,
25 for each transplant candidate such members place on the

1 list described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i) of such section,
2 including directly or through awards made under sub-
3 section (b)(1)(A) of such section: *Provided further*, That
4 such fees may be credited to this account, to remain avail-
5 able until expended, to support the operation of the
6 OPTN: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may dis-
7 tribute fees collected pursuant to the first proviso under
8 this heading among the awardee or awardees described in
9 subsection (b)(1)(A) of section 372 of the PHS Act as
10 the Secretary determines appropriate.

11 RURAL HEALTH

12 For carrying out titles III and IV of the PHS Act
13 with respect to rural health, section 427(a) of the Federal
14 Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, and sections
15 711 and 1820 of the Social Security Act, \$415,407,000,
16 of which \$74,277,000 from general revenues, notwith-
17 standing section 1820(j) of the Social Security Act, shall
18 be available for carrying out the Medicare rural hospital
19 flexibility grants program: *Provided*, That of the funds
20 made available under this heading for Medicare rural hos-
21 pital flexibility grants, up to \$23,442,000 shall be avail-
22 able for the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant
23 Program for quality improvement and adoption of health
24 information technology and no less than \$5,000,000 shall
25 be available to award grants to public or non-profit private

1 entities for the Rural Emergency Hospital Technical As-
2 sistance Program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
3 section 338J(k) of the PHS Act, \$13,000,000 shall be
4 available for State Offices of Rural Health: *Provided fur-*
5 *ther*, That \$14,000,000 shall remain available through
6 September 30, 2028, to support the Rural Residency De-
7 velopment Program: *Provided further*, That \$145,000,000
8 shall be for the Rural Communities Opioid Response Pro-
9 gram.

10 In addition to amounts otherwise available for the
11 same purpose, \$100,000,000, for making payments to eli-
12 gible hospitals for the maintenance of health care pro-
13 viders: *Provided*, That eligible hospitals receiving such
14 payment shall meet the following criteria: (1) have no
15 more than 50 inpatient beds, (2) have an established wage
16 index value of less than 0.90 as determined by the Sec-
17 retary of Health and Human Services under section
18 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1395ww(d)(3)(E)), and (3) be located in a State in the
20 top quintile of States with the highest proportion of resi-
21 dents living under the official poverty line, as established
22 by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget
23 and revised by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
24 ices in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community
25 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)): *Provided*

1 *further*, That up to 10 percent of funds made available
2 in this paragraph may be used by eligible hospitals for
3 administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That payment
4 amounts to eligible hospitals shall be calculated by divid-
5 ing available funding equally among such eligible hos-
6 pitals.

7 HRSA-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

8 For carrying out title III of the Public Health Service
9 Act and for cross-cutting activities and program support
10 for activities funded in other appropriations included in
11 this Act for the Health Resources and Services Adminis-
12 tration, \$223,088,000, of which \$45,550,000 shall be for
13 expenses necessary for the Office for the Advancement of
14 Telehealth, including grants, contracts, and cooperative
15 agreements for the advancement of telehealth activities:
16 *Provided*, That funds made available under this heading
17 may be used to supplement program support funding pro-
18 vided under the headings “Primary Health Care”,
19 “Health Workforce”, “Maternal and Child Health”,
20 “Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program”, “Health Systems”,
21 and “Rural Health”.

22 VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND

23 For payments from the Vaccine Injury Compensation
24 Program Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”), such sums as
25 may be necessary for claims associated with vaccine-re-

1 lated injury or death with respect to vaccines administered
2 after September 30, 1988, pursuant to subtitle 2 of title
3 XXI of the PHS Act, to remain available until expended:
4 *Provided*, That for necessary administrative expenses, not
5 to exceed \$15,200,000 shall be available from the Trust
6 Fund to the Secretary.

7 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

8 IMMUNIZATION AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES

9 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXI, and
10 section 2821 of the PHS Act, and titles II and IV of the
11 Immigration and Nationality Act, with respect to immuni-
12 zation and respiratory diseases, \$231,358,000.

13 VIRAL HEPATITIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES,

14 AND TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

15 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXIII of
16 the PHS Act with respect to viral hepatitis, sexually trans-
17 mitted diseases, and tuberculosis prevention,
18 \$353,000,000.

19 EMERGING AND ZOOONOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

20 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII, and section
21 2821 of the PHS Act, and titles II and IV of the Immigra-
22 tion and Nationality Act, with respect to emerging and
23 zoonotic infectious diseases, \$777,372,000: *Provided*, That
24 of the amounts made available under this heading, up to
25 \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended to pay

1 for the transportation, medical care, treatment, and other
2 related costs of persons quarantined or isolated under
3 Federal or State quarantine law.

4 CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH
5 PROMOTION

6 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, XV, XVII, and
7 XIX of the PHS Act with respect to chronic disease pre-
8 vention and health promotion, \$742,511,000: *Provided*,
9 That funds made available under this heading may be
10 available for making grants under section 1509 of the
11 PHS Act for not less than 21 States, tribes, or tribal orga-
12 nizations: *Provided further*, That the proportional funding
13 requirements under section 1503(a) of the PHS Act shall
14 not apply to funds made available under this heading.

15 BIRTH DEFECTS, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,
16 DISABILITIES AND HEALTH

17 For carrying out titles II, III, XI, and XVII of the
18 PHS Act with respect to birth defects, developmental dis-
19 abilities, disabilities and health, \$208,560,000.

20 PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

21 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
22 Act with respect to health statistics, surveillance, health
23 informatics, and workforce development, \$604,497,000.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

2 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to environmental health, \$181,850,000.

4 INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

5 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
6 Act with respect to injury prevention and control,
7 \$665,329,000.

8 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
9 HEALTH

10 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
11 Act, sections 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 301, and 501
12 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, section 13
13 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response
14 Act, and sections 20, 21, and 22 of the Occupational Safe-
15 ty and Health Act, with respect to occupational safety and
16 health, \$312,700,000.

17 ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
18 COMPENSATION PROGRAM

19 For necessary expenses to administer the Energy
20 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
21 Act, \$55,358,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That this amount shall be available consistent with
23 the provision regarding administrative expenses in section
24 151(b) of division B, title I of Public Law 106–554.

1 GLOBAL HEALTH

2 For carrying out titles II, III, and XVII of the PHS
3 Act with respect to global health, \$473,200,000, of which
4 \$293,200,000 shall remain available through September
5 30, 2027 for global public health protection: *Provided*,
6 That funds may be used for purchase and insurance of
7 official motor vehicles in foreign countries.

8 PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

9 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII, and XXVIII of
10 the PHS Act with respect to public health preparedness
11 and response, and for expenses necessary to support ac-
12 tivities related to countering potential chemical, biological,
13 radiological, and nuclear threats to civilian populations,
14 \$913,200,000: *Provided*, That the Director of the Centers
15 for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this
16 title as “CDC”) or the Administrator of the Agency for
17 Toxic Substances and Disease Registry may detail staff
18 without reimbursement to support an activation of the
19 CDC Emergency Operations Center, so long as the Direc-
20 tor or Administrator, as applicable, provides a notice to
21 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Senate within 15 days of the use of
23 this authority, a full report within 30 days after use of
24 this authority which includes the number of staff and
25 funding level broken down by the originating center and

1 number of days detailed, and an update of such report
2 every 180 days until staff are no longer on detail without
3 reimbursement to the CDC Emergency Operations Center.

4 CDC-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For carrying out titles II, III, XVII and XIX, and
7 section 2821 of the PHS Act and for cross-cutting activi-
8 ties and program support for activities funded in other
9 appropriations included in this Act for the Centers for
10 Disease Control and Prevention, \$523,570,000, of which
11 \$360,000,000 shall remain available through September
12 30, 2027, for public health infrastructure and capacity:
13 *Provided*, That paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection
14 (b) of section 2821 of the PHS Act shall not apply to
15 funds appropriated under this heading and in all other ac-
16 counts of the CDC: *Provided further*, That of the amounts
17 made available under this heading, \$35,000,000, to re-
18 main available until expended, shall be available to the Di-
19 rector of the CDC for deposit in the Infectious Diseases
20 Rapid Response Reserve Fund established by section 231
21 of division B of Public Law 115–245: *Provided further*,
22 That funds appropriated under this heading may be used
23 to support a contract for the operation and maintenance
24 of an aircraft in direct support of activities throughout
25 CDC to ensure the agency is prepared to address public

1 health preparedness emergencies: *Provided further*, That
2 employees of CDC or the Public Health Service, both civil-
3 ian and commissioned officers, detailed to States, munici-
4 palities, or other organizations under authority of section
5 214 of the PHS Act, or in overseas assignments, shall be
6 treated as non-Federal employees for reporting purposes
7 only and shall not be included within any personnel ceiling
8 applicable to the Agency, Service, or HHS during the pe-
9 riod of detail or assignment: *Provided further*, That CDC
10 may use up to \$10,000 from amounts appropriated to
11 CDC in this Act for official reception and representation
12 expenses when specifically approved by the Director of
13 CDC: *Provided further*, That in addition, such sums as
14 may be derived from authorized user fees, which shall be
15 credited to the appropriation charged with the cost there-
16 of: *Provided further*, That with respect to the previous pro-
17 viso, authorized user fees from the Vessel Sanitation Pro-
18 gram and the Respirator Certification Program shall be
19 available through September 30, 2027.

20 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 For acquisition of real property, equipment, construc-
23 tion, installation, demolition, and renovation of facilities,
24 \$40,000,000, which shall remain available until expended:
25 *Provided*, That funds made available to this account in

1 this or any prior Act that are available for the acquisition
2 of real property or for construction or improvement of fa-
3 cilities shall be available to make improvements on non-
4 federally owned property, provided that any improvements
5 that are not adjacent to federally owned property do not
6 exceed \$2,500,000, and that the primary benefit of such
7 improvements accrues to CDC: *Provided further*, That
8 funds previously set-aside by CDC for repair and upgrade
9 of the Lake Lynn Experimental Mine and Laboratory
10 shall be used to acquire a replacement mine safety re-
11 search facility: *Provided further*, That funds made avail-
12 able to this account in this or any prior Act that are avail-
13 able for the acquisition of real property or for construction
14 or improvement of facilities in conjunction with the new
15 replacement mine safety research facility shall be available
16 to make improvements on non-federally owned property,
17 provided that any improvements that are not adjacent to
18 federally owned property do not exceed \$5,000,000: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That in addition, the prior year unobligated
20 balance of any amounts assigned to former employees in
21 accounts of CDC made available for Individual Learning
22 Accounts shall be credited to and merged with the
23 amounts made available under this heading to support the
24 replacement of the mine safety research facility.

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

2 NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to cancer, \$7,272,159,000, of which up
5 to \$30,000,000 may be used for facilities repairs and im-
6 provements at the National Cancer Institute—Frederick
7 Federally Funded Research and Development Center in
8 Frederick, Maryland.

9 NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

10 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
11 Act with respect to cardiovascular, lung, and blood dis-
12 eases, and blood and blood products, \$3,990,345,000.

13 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL
14 RESEARCH

15 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
16 Act with respect to dental and craniofacial diseases,
17 \$525,163,000.

18 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND
19 KIDNEY DISEASES

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to diabetes and digestive and kidney dis-
22 eases, \$2,330,721,000.

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS
2 AND STROKE

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to neurological disorders and stroke,
5 \$2,633,925,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS
7 DISEASES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to allergy and infectious diseases,
10 \$6,582,279,000.

11 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS Act with respect to general medical sciences, \$3,265,679,000, of which \$1,365,002,000 shall be from funds available under section 241 of the PHS Act: *Provided*, That not less than \$455,956,000 is provided for the Institutional Development Awards program.

18 EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
19 CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

20 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
21 Act with respect to child health and human development,
22 \$1,759,078,000: *Provided*, That amounts made available
23 for the Implementing a Maternal Health and Pregnancy
24 Outcomes Vision for Everyone (IMPROVE) initiative shall

1 come from amounts made available solely under this head-
2 ing.

3 NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

4 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
5 Act with respect to eye diseases and visual disorders,
6 \$896,549,000.

7 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
8 SCIENCES

9 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
10 Act with respect to environmental health sciences,
11 \$913,979,000.

12 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to aging, \$4,507,623,000.

15 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND
16 MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

17 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
18 Act with respect to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin
19 diseases, \$685,465,000.

20 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER
21 COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

22 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
23 Act with respect to deafness and other communication dis-
24 orders, \$534,333,000.

1 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

2 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
3 Act with respect to nursing research, \$197,693,000.

4 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND

5 ALCOHOLISM

6 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
7 Act with respect to alcohol abuse and alcoholism,
8 \$595,318,000.

9 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

10 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
11 Act with respect to drug abuse, \$1,662,695,000.

12 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

13 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
14 Act with respect to mental health, \$2,187,843,000.

15 NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

16 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
17 Act with respect to human genome research,
18 \$663,200,000.

19 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND

20 BIOENGINEERING

21 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
22 Act with respect to biomedical imaging and bioengineering
23 research, \$440,627,000.

1 NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND
2 INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to complementary and integrative health,
5 \$170,384,000.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND
7 HEALTH DISPARITIES

8 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
9 Act with respect to minority health and health disparities
10 research, \$544,395,000.

11 JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

12 For carrying out the activities of the John E. Fogarty
13 International Center (described in subpart 2 of part E of
14 title IV of the PHS Act), \$95,162,000.

15 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

16 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
17 Act with respect to health information communications,
18 \$497,548,000: *Provided*, That of the amounts available for
19 improvement of information systems, \$4,000,000 shall be
20 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That
21 in this fiscal year, the National Library of Medicine may
22 enter into personal services contracts for the provision of
23 services in facilities owned, operated, or constructed under
24 the jurisdiction of the National Institutes of Health (re-
25 ferred to in this title as “NIH”).

1 NATIONAL CENTER FOR ADVANCING TRANSLATIONAL
2 SCIENCES

3 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
4 Act with respect to translational sciences, \$928,323,000:
5 *Provided*, That \$75,000,000 shall be available to imple-
6 ment section 480 of the PHS Act, relating to the Cures
7 Acceleration Network.

8 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

9 For carrying out the responsibilities of the Office of
10 the Director, NIH, \$2,428,914,000: *Provided*, That fund-
11 ing shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed
12 29 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That all funds credited to the NIH Manage-
14 ment Fund shall remain available for one fiscal year after
15 the fiscal year in which they are deposited: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That \$672,401,000 shall be available for the Com-
17 mon Fund established under section 402A(c)(1) of the
18 PHS Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided,
19 \$10,000 shall be for official reception and representation
20 expenses when specifically approved by the Director of the
21 NIH: *Provided further*, That the Office of AIDS Research
22 within the Office of the Director of the NIH may spend
23 up to \$8,000,000 to make grants for construction or ren-
24 ovation of facilities as provided for in section
25 2354(a)(5)(B) of the PHS Act: *Provided further*, That

1 amounts made available under this heading are also avail-
2 able to establish, operate, and support the Research Policy
3 Board authorized by section 2034(f) of the 21st Century
4 Cures Act: *Provided further*, That the funds made avail-
5 able under this heading for the Office of Research on
6 Women's Health shall also be available for making grants
7 to serve and promote the interests of women in research,
8 and the Director of such Office may, in making such
9 grants, use the authorities available to NIH Institutes and
10 Centers.

11 In addition to other funds appropriated for the Office
12 of the Director, \$12,600,000 is appropriated from the 10-
13 year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund described in sec-
14 tion 9008 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26
15 U.S.C. 9008), for the purpose of carrying out section
16 402(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the PHS Act (relating to pediatric re-
17 search), as authorized in the Gabriella Miller Kids First
18 Research Act.

19 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

20 For the study of, construction of, demolition of, ren-
21 ovation of, and acquisition of equipment for, facilities of
22 or used by NIH, including the acquisition of real property,
23 \$352,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 NIH INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
4 scribed in section 1001(b)(4) of the 21st Century Cures
5 Act, in addition to amounts available for such purposes
6 in the appropriations provided to the NIH in this Act,
7 \$226,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
8 *vided*, That such amounts are appropriated pursuant to
9 section 1001(b)(3) of such Act, are to be derived from
10 amounts transferred under section 1001(b)(2)(A) of such
11 Act, and may be transferred by the Director of the NIH
12 to other accounts of the NIH solely for the purposes pro-
13 vided in such Act: *Provided further*, That upon a deter-
14 mination by the Director of the NIH that funds trans-
15 ferred pursuant to the previous proviso are not necessary
16 for the purposes provided, such amounts may be trans-
17 ferred back to the Account: *Provided further*, That the
18 transfer authority provided under this heading is in addi-
19 tion to any other transfer authority provided by law.

20 ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY FOR HEALTH

21 For carrying out section 301 and part J of title IV
22 of the PHS Act with respect to advanced research projects
23 for health, \$945,000,000, to remain available through
24 September 30, 2028.

1 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

2 ADMINISTRATION

3 MENTAL HEALTH

4 For carrying out titles III, V, and XIX of the PHS
5 Act with respect to mental health, the Protection and Ad-
6 vocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, and the
7 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act,
8 \$2,667,521,000: *Provided*, That of the funds made avail-
9 able under this heading, \$100,887,000 shall be for the Na-
10 tional Child Traumatic Stress Initiative: *Provided further*,
11 That notwithstanding section 520A(f)(2) of the PHS Act,
12 no funds appropriated for carrying out section 520A shall
13 be available for carrying out section 1971 of the PHS Act:
14 *Provided further*, That in addition to amounts provided
15 herein, \$21,039,000 shall be available under section 241
16 of the PHS Act to carry out subpart I of part B of title
17 XIX of the PHS Act to fund section 1920(b) technical
18 assistance, national data, data collection and evaluation
19 activities, and further that the total available under this
20 Act for section 1920(b) activities shall not exceed 5 per-
21 cent of the amounts appropriated for subpart I of part
22 B of title XIX: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
23 available under this heading for subpart I of part B of
24 title XIX of the PHS Act, at least 5 percent shall be avail-
25 able to support evidence-based crisis systems: *Provided*

1 *further*, That up to 10 percent of the amounts made avail-
2 able to carry out the Children’s Mental Health Services
3 program may be used to carry out demonstration grants
4 or contracts for early interventions with persons not more
5 than 25 years of age at clinical high risk of developing
6 a first episode of psychosis: *Provided further*, That section
7 520E(b)(2) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds ap-
8 propriated in this Act for fiscal year 2026: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That \$385,000,000 shall be available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2028 for grants to communities and commu-
11 nity organizations who meet criteria for Certified Commu-
12 nity Behavioral Health Clinics pursuant to section 223(a)
13 of Public Law 113–93: *Provided further*, That none of the
14 funds provided for section 1911 of the PHS Act shall be
15 subject to section 241 of such Act: *Provided further*, That
16 of the funds made available under this heading,
17 \$26,420,000 shall be to carry out section 224 of the Pro-
18 tecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–
19 93; 42 U.S.C. 290aa 22 note).

20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

21 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
22 with respect to substance abuse treatment and title XIX
23 of such Act with respect to substance abuse treatment and
24 prevention, section 1003 of the 21st Century Cures Act,
25 and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act,

1 \$3,929,763,000: *Provided*, That \$1,575,000,000 shall be
2 for carrying out section 1003 of the 21st Century Cures
3 Act: *Provided further*, That of such amount in the pre-
4 ceding proviso not less than 5 percent shall be made avail-
5 able to Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations: *Provided*
6 *further*, That in addition to amounts provided herein,
7 \$79,200,000 shall be available under section 241 of the
8 PHS Act to carry out subpart II of part B of title XIX
9 of the PHS Act to fund section 1935(b) technical assist-
10 ance, national data, data collection and evaluation activi-
11 ties, and further that the total available under this Act
12 for section 1935(b) activities shall not exceed 5 percent
13 of the amounts appropriated for subpart II of part B of
14 title XIX: *Provided further*, That none of the funds pro-
15 vided for section 1921 of the PHS Act or State Opioid
16 Response Grants shall be subject to section 241 of such
17 Act.

18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

19 For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act
20 with respect to substance abuse prevention, \$205,009,000.

21 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

22 For program support and cross-cutting activities that
23 supplement activities funded under the headings “Mental
24 Health”, “Substance Abuse Treatment”, and “Substance
25 Abuse Prevention” in carrying out titles III, V, and XIX

1 of the PHS Act and the Protection and Advocacy for Indi-
2 viduals with Mental Illness Act in the Substance Abuse
3 and Mental Health Services Administration,
4 \$129,895,000: *Provided*, That in addition to amounts pro-
5 vided herein, \$31,428,000 shall be available under section
6 241 of the PHS Act to supplement funds available to
7 carry out national surveys on drug abuse and mental
8 health, to collect and analyze program data, and to con-
9 duct public awareness and technical assistance activities:
10 *Provided further*, That, in addition, fees may be collected
11 for the costs of publications, data, data tabulations, and
12 data analysis completed under title V of the PHS Act and
13 provided to a public or private entity upon request, which
14 shall be credited to this appropriation and shall remain
15 available until expended for such purposes: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That amounts made available in this Act for carrying
17 out section 501(o) of the PHS Act shall remain available
18 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That funds
19 made available under this heading (other than amounts
20 specified in the first proviso under this heading) may be
21 used to supplement program support funding provided
22 under the headings “Mental Health”, “Substance Abuse
23 Treatment”, and “Substance Abuse Prevention”.

1 CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

2 GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID

3 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
4 XI and XIX of the Social Security Act, \$508,148,791,000,
5 to remain available until expended.

6 In addition, for carrying out such titles after May 31,
7 2026, for the last quarter of fiscal year 2026 for unantici-
8 pated costs incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums
9 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended.

10 In addition, for carrying out such titles for the first
11 quarter of fiscal year 2027, \$316,514,725,000, to remain
12 available until expended.

13 Payment under such title XIX may be made for any
14 quarter with respect to a State plan or plan amendment
15 in effect during such quarter, if submitted in or prior to
16 such quarter and approved in that or any subsequent
17 quarter.

18 PAYMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

19 For payment to the Federal Hospital Insurance
20 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
21 surance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 217(g),
22 1844, and 1860D–16 of the Social Security Act, sections
23 103(c) and 111(d) of the Social Security Amendments of
24 1965, section 278(d)(3) of Public Law 97–248, and for

1 administrative expenses incurred pursuant to section
2 201(g) of the Social Security Act, \$593,817,000,000.

3 In addition, for making matching payments under
4 section 1844 and benefit payments under section 1860D–
5 16 of the Social Security Act that were not anticipated
6 in budget estimates, such sums as may be necessary.

7 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

8 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
9 XI, XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act, titles
10 XIII and XXVII of the PHS Act, the Clinical Laboratory
11 Improvement Amendments of 1988, and other responsibil-
12 ities of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, not
13 to exceed \$3,474,391,000 to be transferred from the Fed-
14 eral Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Sup-
15 plementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, as authorized
16 by section 201(g) of the Social Security Act; together with
17 all funds collected in accordance with section 353 of the
18 PHS Act and section 1857(e)(2) of the Social Security
19 Act, funds retained by the Secretary pursuant to section
20 1893(h) of the Social Security Act, and such sums as may
21 be collected from authorized user fees and the sale of data,
22 which shall be credited to this account and remain avail-
23 able until expended: *Provided*, That all funds derived in
24 accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9701 from organizations estab-
25 lished under title XIII of the PHS Act shall be credited

1 to and available for carrying out the purposes of this ap-
2 propriation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is di-
3 rected to collect fees in fiscal year 2026 from Medicare
4 Advantage organizations pursuant to section 1857(e)(2)
5 of the Social Security Act and from eligible organizations
6 with risk-sharing contracts under section 1876 of that Act
7 pursuant to section 1876(k)(4)(D) of that Act: *Provided*
8 *further*, That of the amount made available under this
9 heading, \$407,334,000 shall remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2027, and shall be available for the Survey
11 and Certification Program: *Provided further*, That
12 amounts available under this heading to support quality
13 improvement organizations (as defined in section 1152 of
14 the Social Security Act) shall not exceed the amount spe-
15 cifically provided for such purpose under this heading in
16 division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018
17 (Public Law 115–141).

18 HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL ACCOUNT

19 In addition to amounts otherwise available for pro-
20 gram integrity and program management, \$941,000,000,
21 to remain available through September 30, 2027, to be
22 transferred from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
23 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
24 Trust Fund, as authorized by section 201(g) of the Social
25 Security Act, of which \$699,058,000 shall be for the Cen-

1 ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services program integrity
2 activities, of which \$108,735,000 shall be for the Depart-
3 ment of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector
4 General to carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized
5 by section 1817(k)(3) of such Act, and of which
6 \$133,207,000 shall be for the Department of Justice to
7 carry out fraud and abuse activities authorized by section
8 1817(k)(3) of such Act: *Provided*, That the report re-
9 quired by section 1817(k)(5) of the Social Security Act
10 for fiscal year 2026 shall include measures of the oper-
11 ational efficiency and impact on fraud, waste, and abuse
12 in the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs for the
13 funds provided by this appropriation: *Provided further*,
14 That of the amount provided under this heading,
15 \$311,000,000 is provided to meet the terms of a concur-
16 rent resolution on the budget, and \$630,000,000 is addi-
17 tional new budget authority specified for purposes of a
18 concurrent resolution on the budget for additional health
19 care fraud and abuse control activities: *Provided further*,
20 That the Secretary shall provide not less than
21 \$35,000,000 from amounts made available under this
22 heading and amounts made available for fiscal year 2026
23 under section 1817(k)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act for
24 the Senior Medicare Patrol program to combat health care
25 fraud and abuse.

1 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

2 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CHILD SUPPORT

3 ENFORCEMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

4 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles
5 I, IV–D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act
6 and the Act of July 5, 1960, \$4,147,000,000, to remain
7 available until expended; and for such purposes for the
8 first quarter of fiscal year 2027, \$1,800,000,000, to re-
9 main available until expended.

10 For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal
11 year, except as otherwise provided, titles I, IV–D, X, XI,
12 XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of
13 July 5, 1960, for the last 3 months of the current fiscal
14 year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal
15 year, such sums as may be necessary.

16 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

17 For making payments under subsections (b) and (d)
18 of section 2602 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-
19 ance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.),
20 \$4,035,000,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
21 2609A(a) of such Act, not more than \$9,600,000 may be
22 reserved by the Secretary for technical assistance, train-
23 ing, and monitoring of program activities for compliance
24 with internal controls, policies and procedures, and to sup-
25 plement funding otherwise available for necessary admin-

1 istrative expenses to carry out such Act, and the Secretary
2 may, in addition to the authorities provided in section
3 2609A(a)(1), use such funds through contracts with pri-
4 vate entities that do not qualify as nonprofit organiza-
5 tions: *Provided further*, That all but \$902,348,000 of the
6 amount appropriated under this heading shall be allocated
7 as though the total appropriation for such payments for
8 fiscal year 2026 was less than \$1,975,000,000: *Provided*
9 *further*, That, after applying all applicable provisions of
10 section 2604 of such Act and the previous proviso, each
11 State or territory that would otherwise receive an alloca-
12 tion that is less than 97 percent of the amount that it
13 received under this heading for fiscal year 2025 from
14 amounts appropriated in Public Law 119–4 shall have its
15 allocation increased to that 97 percent level, with the por-
16 tions of other States’ and territories’ allocations that
17 would exceed 100 percent of the amounts they respectively
18 received in such fashion for fiscal year 2025 being ratably
19 reduced.

20 REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE

21 For necessary expenses for refugee and entrant as-
22 sistance activities authorized by section 414 of the Immi-
23 gration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Ref-
24 ugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and for carrying
25 out section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002,

1 section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
2 Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, the Trafficking
3 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (“TVPA”), and the Tor-
4 ture Victims Relief Act of 1998, \$4,292,755,000, of which
5 \$4,243,000,000 shall remain available through September
6 30, 2028 for carrying out such sections 414, 501, 462,
7 and 235: *Provided*, That amounts available under this
8 heading to carry out the TVPA shall also be available for
9 research and evaluation with respect to activities under
10 such Act: *Provided further*, That the contribution of funds
11 requirement under section 235(c)(6)(C)(iii) of the William
12 Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthoriza-
13 tion Act of 2008 shall not apply to funds made available
14 under this heading: *Provided further*, That not more than
15 7 percent of amounts made available under this heading
16 shall be available for Federal administrative costs.

17 PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

18 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, sec-
19 tion 436 of the Social Security Act, \$420,000,000 and,
20 for carrying out, except as otherwise provided, section 437
21 of such Act, \$62,515,000: *Provided*, That of the funds
22 available to carry out section 437, \$59,765,000 shall be
23 allocated consistent with subsections (b) through (d) of
24 such section: *Provided further*, That of the funds available
25 to carry out section 437, \$2,750,000 shall be for the Fam-

1 ily First Clearinghouse and to support evaluation and
2 technical assistance relating to identifying or developing
3 child and family services that meet the criteria in section
4 471(e)(4)(C) of such Act, in addition to funds otherwise
5 appropriated to support such purposes in section 476(d):
6 *Provided further*, That the minimum grant award for kin-
7 ship navigator programs in the case of States and terri-
8 tories shall be \$200,000, and, in the case of Tribes, shall
9 be \$25,000.

10 PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND
11 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

12 For carrying out the Child Care and Development
13 Block Grant Act of 1990 (“CCDBG Act”),
14 \$8,746,387,000 shall be used to supplement, not supplant
15 State general revenue funds for child care assistance for
16 low-income families: *Provided*, That technical assistance
17 under section 658I(a)(3) of such Act may be provided di-
18 rectly, or through the use of contracts, grants, cooperative
19 agreements, or interagency agreements: *Provided further*,
20 That all funds made available to carry out section 418
21 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 618), including
22 funds appropriated for that purpose in such section 418
23 or any other provision of law, shall be subject to the res-
24 ervation of funds authority in paragraphs (4) and (5) of
25 section 658O(a) of the CCDBG Act: *Provided further*,

1 That notwithstanding the reservation requirements in any
2 other provision of law, of amounts appropriated under this
3 heading, not less than 6 percent shall be reserved for pay-
4 ments to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations: *Provided*
5 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this
6 heading, the Secretary may reserve up to 0.5 percent for
7 Federal administrative expenses.

8 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

9 For making grants to States pursuant to section
10 2002 of the Social Security Act, \$1,700,000,000: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of section
12 404(d)(2) of such Act, the applicable percent specified
13 under such subparagraph for a State to carry out State
14 programs pursuant to title XX–A of such Act shall be 10
15 percent.

16 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

17 For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, the
18 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Head Start Act,
19 the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Child Abuse Preven-
20 tion and Treatment Act, sections 303 and 313 of the
21 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Native
22 American Programs Act of 1974, title II of the Child
23 Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform
24 Act of 1978 (adoption opportunities), part B–1 of title IV
25 and sections 429, 473A, 477(i), 1110, 1114A, and 1115

1 of the Social Security Act, and the Community Services
2 Block Grant Act (“CSBG Act”); and for necessary admin-
3 istrative expenses to carry out titles I, IV, V, X, XI, XIV,
4 XVI, and XX–A of the Social Security Act, the Act of
5 July 5, 1960, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-
6 ance Act of 1981, \$14,480,087,000, of which
7 \$75,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
8 2027, shall be for grants to States for adoption and legal
9 guardianship incentive payments, as defined by section
10 473A of the Social Security Act and may be made for
11 adoptions and legal guardianships completed before Sep-
12 tember 30, 2026: *Provided*, That \$12,271,820,000 shall
13 be for making payments under the Head Start Act, includ-
14 ing for Early Head Start–Child Care Partnerships, and,
15 of which, notwithstanding section 640 of such Act:

16 (1) \$25,000,000 shall be available for allocation
17 by the Secretary to supplement activities described
18 in paragraphs (7)(B) and (9) of section 641(c) of
19 the Head Start Act under the Designation Renewal
20 System, established under the authority of sections
21 641(c)(7), 645A(b)(12), and 645A(d) of such Act,
22 and such funds shall not be included in the calcula-
23 tion of “base grant” in subsequent fiscal years, as
24 such term is used in section 640(a)(7)(A) of such
25 Act;

1 (2) \$12,000,000 shall be available for the Trib-
2 al Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership
3 Program consistent with section 648(g) of such Act;

4 (3) Not to exceed \$8,000,000 shall be available
5 for the Marshall Islands and Micronesia for the
6 start-up and operation of Head Start services and
7 for the provision of training and technical assist-
8 ance; and

9 (4) Up to \$21,000,000 shall be available to
10 supplement funding otherwise available for research,
11 evaluation, and Federal administrative costs:

12 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may reduce the res-
13 ervation of funds under section 640(a)(2)(C) of such Act
14 in lieu of reducing the reservation of funds under sections
15 640(a)(2)(B), 640(a)(2)(D), and 640(a)(2)(E) of such
16 Act: *Provided further*, That \$810,383,000 shall be for
17 making payments under the CSBG Act: *Provided further*,
18 That for services furnished under the CSBG Act with
19 funds made available for such purpose in this fiscal year
20 and in fiscal year 2025, States may apply the last sentence
21 of section 673(2) of the CSBG Act by substituting “200
22 percent” for “125 percent”: *Provided further*, That
23 \$35,383,000 shall be for section 680 of the CSGB Act,
24 of which not less than \$22,383,000 shall be for section
25 680(a)(2) and not less than \$13,000,000 shall be for sec-

tion 680(a)(3)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That \$240,000,000 shall be for carrying out section 303(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, of which \$12,000,000 shall be allocated notwithstanding section 303(a)(2) of such Act for carrying out section 309 of such Act: *Provided further*, That the percentages specified in section 112(a)(2) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act shall not apply to funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*, That \$1,864,000 shall be for a human services case management system for federally declared disasters, to include a comprehensive national case management contract and Federal costs of administering the system: *Provided further*, That up to \$2,000,000 shall be for improving the Public Assistance Reporting Information System, including grants to States to support data collection for a study of the system's effectiveness.

PAYMENTS FOR FOSTER CARE AND PERMANENCY

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title IV–E of the Social Security Act, \$6,843,000,000.

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, title IV–E of the Social Security Act, for the first quarter of fiscal year 2027, \$3,800,000,000.

For carrying out, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, except as otherwise provided, section 474 of title IV–

1 E of the Social Security Act, for the last 3 months of the
2 current fiscal year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the
3 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

4 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
5 AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
8 vided, the Older Americans Act of 1965 (“OAA”), the
9 RAISE Family Caregivers Act, the Supporting Grand-
10 parents Raising Grandchildren Act, titles III and XXIX
11 of the PHS Act, sections 1252 and 1253 of the PHS Act,
12 section 119 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients
13 and Providers Act of 2008, title XX–B of the Social Secu-
14 rity Act, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and
15 Bill of Rights Act of 2000, parts 2 and 5 of subtitle D
16 of title II of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the As-
17 sistive Technology Act of 1998, titles II and VII (and sec-
18 tion 14 with respect to such titles) of the Rehabilitation
19 Act of 1973, and for Department-wide coordination of pol-
20 icy and program activities that assist individuals with dis-
21 abilities, \$2,425,190,000, together with \$55,242,000 to be
22 transferred from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
23 Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance
24 Trust Fund to carry out section 4360 of the Omnibus
25 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990: *Provided*, That of

1 amounts made available under this heading to carry out
2 sections 311, 331, and 336 of the OAA, up to one percent
3 of such amounts shall be available for developing and im-
4 plementing evidence-based practices for enhancing senior
5 nutrition, including medically-tailored meals: *Provided fur-*
6 *ther*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
7 funds made available under this heading to carry out sec-
8 tion 311 of the OAA may be transferred to the Secretary
9 of Agriculture in accordance with such section: *Provided*
10 *further*, That up to 5 percent of the funds provided for
11 adult protective services grants under section 2042 of title
12 XX of the Social Security Act may be used to make grants
13 to Tribes and Tribal organizations: *Provided further*, That
14 \$2,000,000 shall be for competitive grants to support al-
15 ternative financing programs that provide for the purchase
16 of assistive technology devices, such as a low-interest loan
17 fund; an interest buy-down program; a revolving loan
18 fund; a loan guarantee; or an insurance program: *Provided*
19 *further*, That applicants shall provide an assurance that,
20 and information describing the manner in which, the alter-
21 native financing program will expand and emphasize con-
22 sumer choice and control: *Provided further*, That State
23 agencies and community-based disability organizations
24 that are directed by and operated for individuals with dis-
25 abilities shall be eligible to compete: *Provided further*, That

1 none of the funds made available under this heading may
2 be used by an eligible system (as defined in section 102
3 of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Men-
4 tal Illness Act (42 U.S.C. 10802)) to continue to pursue
5 any legal action in a Federal or State court on behalf of
6 an individual or group of individuals with a developmental
7 disability (as defined in section 102(8)(A) of the Develop-
8 mental Disabilities and Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
9 of 2000 (20 U.S.C. 15002(8)(A)) that is attributable to
10 a mental impairment (or a combination of mental and
11 physical impairments), that has as the requested remedy
12 the closure of State operated intermediate care facilities
13 for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities,
14 unless reasonable public notice of the action has been pro-
15 vided to such individuals (or, in the case of mental inca-
16 pacitation, the legal guardians who have been specifically
17 awarded authority by the courts to make healthcare and
18 residential decisions on behalf of such individuals) who are
19 affected by such action, within 90 days of instituting such
20 legal action, which informs such individuals (or such legal
21 guardians) of their legal rights and how to exercise such
22 rights consistent with current Federal Rules of Civil Pro-
23 cedure: *Provided further*, That the limitations in the imme-
24 diately preceding proviso shall not apply in the case of an
25 individual who is neither competent to consent nor has a

1 legal guardian, nor shall the proviso apply in the case of
2 individuals who are a ward of the State or subject to pub-
3 lic guardianship.

4 ADMINISTRATION FOR STRATEGIC PREPAREDNESS AND
5 RESPONSE

6 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROCUREMENT

7 For carrying out title III and subtitles A and B of
8 title XXVIII of the PHS Act, with respect to the research,
9 development, storage, production, and procurement of
10 medical countermeasures to counter potential chemical, bi-
11 ological, radiological, and nuclear threats to civilian popu-
12 lations, \$3,265,000,000: *Provided*, That of such amount:

13 (1) \$1,100,000,000, to remain available
14 through September 30, 2027, shall be for expenses
15 necessary to support advanced research and develop-
16 ment pursuant to section 319L of the PHS Act and
17 other administrative expenses of the Biomedical Ad-
18 vanced Research and Development Authority;

19 (2) \$850,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended, shall be for expenses necessary for pro-
21 curing security countermeasures (as defined in sec-
22 tion 319F–2(c)(1)(B) of the PHS Act);

23 (3) \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until
24 expended, shall be for expenses necessary to carry
25 out section 319F–2(a) of the PHS Act; and

1 (4) \$315,000,000 shall be for expenses nec-
2 essary to prepare for or respond to an influenza
3 pandemic, of which \$280,000,000 shall remain avail-
4 able until expended for activities including the devel-
5 opment and purchase of vaccines, antivirals, nec-
6 essary medical supplies, diagnostics, and surveillance
7 tools: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 496(b)
8 of the PHS Act, funds allocated under this para-
9 graph may be used for the construction or renova-
10 tion of privately owned facilities for the production
11 of pandemic influenza vaccines and other biologics,
12 if the Secretary finds such construction or renova-
13 tion necessary to secure sufficient supplies of such
14 vaccines or biologics:
15 *Provided further*, That funds provided under this heading
16 for purposes of acquisition of security countermeasures
17 shall be in addition to any other funds made available for
18 such purposes: *Provided further*, That products purchased
19 with funds made available under this heading may, at the
20 discretion of the Secretary, be deposited in the Strategic
21 National Stockpile pursuant to section 319F–2 of the
22 PHS Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made
23 available under this heading may be used by the Adminis-
24 tration for Strategic Preparedness and Response to de-
25 velop, acquire, or stockpile medical countermeasures, or

1 to strengthen the domestic industrial base, by procuring
2 or acquiring any medical equipment, pharmaceutical good,
3 or service produced by a Chinese-owned company, unless
4 such equipment, good, or service is otherwise unavailable.

5 OPERATIONS, PREPAREDNESS, AND EMERGENCY

6 RESPONSE

7 For carrying out titles III, XII, and subtitles A and
8 B of title XXVIII of the PHS Act, operations and emer-
9 gency response activities related to countering potential
10 chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats and
11 other public health emergencies, \$244,606,000: *Provided*,
12 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
13 \$5,000,000 shall remain available through September 30,
14 2028, to support emergency operations: *Provided further*,
15 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
16 \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
17 2027, for advanced research and development, manufac-
18 turing, production, procurement, distribution, and the ac-
19 quisition, construction, alteration, or renovation of non-
20 federally owned facilities for the production and purchase
21 of medical countermeasures, which may include the devel-
22 opment, translation, and demonstration at scale of innova-
23 tions in manufacturing platform.

1 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

2 GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

3 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, for
4 general departmental management, including hire of six
5 passenger motor vehicles, and for carrying out titles III,
6 XVII, XXI, and section 229 of the PHS Act, the United
7 States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act, research
8 studies under section 1110 of the Social Security Act, and
9 for protection services for the Secretary, \$333,169,000,
10 together with \$58,028,000 from the amounts available
11 under section 241 of the PHS Act to carry out national
12 health or human services research and evaluation activi-
13 ties: *Provided*, That of this amount, \$20,000,000 shall be
14 for minority AIDS prevention and treatment activities:
15 *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under
16 this heading, \$40,000,000 shall be for making competitive
17 grants which exclusively implement education in sexual
18 risk avoidance (defined as voluntarily refraining from non-
19 marital sexual activity): *Provided further*, That funding for
20 such competitive grants for sexual risk avoidance shall use
21 medically accurate information referenced to peer-re-
22 viewed publications by educational, scientific, govern-
23 mental, or health organizations; implement an evidence-
24 based approach integrating research findings with prac-
25 tical implementation that aligns with the needs and de-

1 sired outcomes for the intended audience; and teach the
2 benefits associated with self-regulation, success sequenc-
3 ing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal set-
4 ting, and resisting sexual coercion, dating violence, and
5 other youth risk behaviors such as underage drinking or
6 illicit drug use without normalizing teen sexual activity:
7 *Provided further*, That no more than 10 percent of the
8 funding for such competitive grants for sexual risk avoid-
9 ance shall be available for technical assistance and admin-
10 istrative costs of such programs: *Provided further*, That
11 funds provided in this Act for embryo adoption activities
12 may be used to provide to individuals adopting embryos,
13 through grants and other mechanisms, medical and ad-
14 ministrative services deemed necessary for such adoptions:
15 *Provided further*, That such services shall be provided con-
16 sistent with 42 CFR 59.5(a)(4): *Provided further*, That
17 of the funds made available under this heading,
18 \$5,000,000 shall be for carrying out prize competitions
19 sponsored by the Office of the Secretary to accelerate in-
20 novation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of
21 kidney diseases (as authorized by section 24 of the Steven-
22 son-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
23 3719)).

24 In addition, for expenses necessary to carry out title
25 II of the PHS Act to support, except as otherwise pro-

1 vided, activities related to safeguarding classified national
2 security information and providing intelligence and na-
3 tional security support across the Department and to
4 counter cybersecurity threats to civilian populations,
5 \$108,983,000.

6 In addition, for expenses necessary to prevent, pre-
7 pare for, or respond to an influenza pandemic,
8 \$7,009,000.

9 In addition to amounts otherwise available,
10 \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended, for car-
11 rying out activities to Make America Healthy Again
12 (MAHA).

13 MEDICARE HEARINGS AND APPEALS

14 For expenses necessary for Medicare hearings and
15 appeals in the Office of the Secretary, \$180,000,000 shall
16 remain available until September 30, 2027, to be trans-
17 ferred in appropriate part from the Federal Hospital In-
18 surance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Med-
19 ical Insurance Trust Fund.

20 OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH

21 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

22 For expenses necessary for the Office of the National
23 Coordinator for Health Information Technology, including
24 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for the de-
25 velopment and advancement of interoperable health infor-

1 mation technology, \$59,238,000 shall be from amounts
2 made available under section 241 of the PHS Act.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
5 General, including the hire of passenger motor vehicles for
6 investigations, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspec-
7 tor General Act of 1978, \$87,000,000: *Provided*, That of
8 such amount, necessary sums shall be available for inves-
9 tigating non-payment of child support cases for which non-
10 payment is a Federal offense under 18 U.S.C. 228: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this
12 heading, necessary sums shall be available for carrying out
13 activities authorized under section 3022 of the PHS Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 300jj-52).

15 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

16 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
17 Rights, \$39,798,000.

18 RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR

19 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

20 For retirement pay and medical benefits of Public
21 Health Service Commissioned Officers as authorized by
22 law, for payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family
23 Protection Plan and Survivor Benefit Plan, and for med-
24 ical care of dependents and retired personnel under the

1 Dependents' Medical Care Act, such amounts as may be
2 required during the current fiscal year.

3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

4 SEC. 201. Funds appropriated in this title shall be
5 available for not to exceed \$50,000 for official reception
6 and representation expenses when specifically approved by
7 the Secretary.

8 SEC. 202. None of the funds appropriated in this title
9 shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through
10 a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess
11 of Executive Level II: *Provided*, That none of the funds
12 appropriated in this title shall be used to prevent the NIH
13 from paying up to 100 percent of the salary of an indi-
14 vidual at this rate.

15 SEC. 203. None of the funds appropriated in this or
16 any other Act may be expended pursuant to section 241
17 of the PHS Act, except for funds specifically provided for
18 in this Act, or for other taps and assessments made by
19 any office located in HHS, prior to the preparation and
20 submission of a report by the Secretary to the Committees
21 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
22 Senate detailing the planned uses of such funds.

23 SEC. 204. Notwithstanding section 241(a) of the
24 PHS Act, such portion as the Secretary shall determine,
25 but not more than 2.5 percent, of any amounts appro-

1 priated for programs authorized under such Act shall be
2 made available for the evaluation (directly, or by grants
3 or contracts) and the implementation and effectiveness of
4 programs funded in this title.

5 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 205. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
7 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
8 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-
9 priated for the current fiscal year for HHS in this Act
10 may be transferred between appropriations, but no such
11 appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent
12 by any such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer author-
13 ity granted by this section shall not be used to create any
14 new program or to fund any project or activity for which
15 no funds are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That
16 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Senate are notified at least 15 days
18 in advance of any transfer.

19 SEC. 206. In lieu of the timeframe specified in section
20 338E(c)(2) of the PHS Act, terminations described in
21 such section may occur up to 60 days after the effective
22 date of a contract awarded in fiscal year 2026 under sec-
23 tion 338B of such Act, or at any time if the individual
24 who has been awarded such contract has not received
25 funds due under the contract.

1 SEC. 207. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
2 may be made available to any entity under title X of the
3 PHS Act unless the applicant for the award certifies to
4 the Secretary that it encourages family participation in
5 the decision of minors to seek family planning services and
6 that it provides counseling to minors on how to resist at-
7 tempts to coerce minors into engaging in sexual activities.

8 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, no provider of services under title X of the PHS Act
10 shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification
11 or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual
12 abuse, rape, or incest.

13 SEC. 209. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
14 (including funds appropriated to any trust fund) may be
15 used to carry out the Medicare Advantage program if the
16 Secretary denies participation in such program to an oth-
17 erwise eligible entity (including a Provider Sponsored Or-
18 ganization) because the entity informs the Secretary that
19 it will not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or provide
20 referrals for abortions: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall
21 make appropriate prospective adjustments to the capita-
22 tion payment to such an entity (based on an actuarially
23 sound estimate of the expected costs of providing the serv-
24 ice to such entity's enrollees): *Provided further*, That noth-
25 ing in this section shall be construed to change the Medi-

1 care program's coverage for such services and a Medicare
2 Advantage organization described in this section shall be
3 responsible for informing enrollees where to obtain infor-
4 mation about all Medicare covered services.

5 SEC. 210. None of the funds made available in this
6 title may be used, in whole or in part, to advocate or pro-
7 mote gun control.

8 SEC. 211. The Secretary shall make available through
9 assignment not more than 60 employees of the Public
10 Health Service to assist in child survival activities and to
11 work in AIDS programs through and with funds provided
12 by the Agency for International Development, the United
13 Nations International Children's Emergency Fund or the
14 World Health Organization.

15 SEC. 212. In order for HHS to carry out inter-
16 national health activities, including HIV/AIDS and other
17 infectious disease, chronic and environmental disease, and
18 other health activities abroad during fiscal year 2026:

19 (1) The Secretary may exercise authority equiv-
20 alent to that available to the Secretary of State in
21 section 2(c) of the State Department Basic Authori-
22 ties Act of 1956. The Secretary shall consult with
23 the Secretary of State and relevant Chief of Mission
24 to ensure that the authority provided in this section
25 is exercised in a manner consistent with section 207

1 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 and other appli-
2 cable statutes administered by the Department of
3 State.

4 (2) The Secretary is authorized to provide such
5 funds by advance or reimbursement to the Secretary
6 of State as may be necessary to pay the costs of ac-
7 quisition, lease, alteration, renovation, and manage-
8 ment of facilities outside of the United States for
9 the use of HHS. The Department of State shall co-
10 operate fully with the Secretary to ensure that HHS
11 has secure, safe, functional facilities that comply
12 with applicable regulation governing location, set-
13 back, and other facilities requirements and serve the
14 purposes established by this Act. The Secretary is
15 authorized, in consultation with the Secretary of
16 State, through grant or cooperative agreement, to
17 make available to public or nonprofit private institu-
18 tions or agencies in participating foreign countries,
19 funds to acquire, lease, alter, or renovate facilities in
20 those countries as necessary to conduct programs of
21 assistance for international health activities, includ-
22 ing activities relating to HIV/AIDS and other infec-
23 tious diseases, chronic and environmental diseases,
24 and other health activities abroad.

(3) The Secretary is authorized to provide to personnel appointed or assigned by the Secretary to serve abroad, allowances and benefits similar to those provided under chapter 9 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, and 22 U.S.C. 4081 through 4086 and subject to such regulations prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary is further authorized to provide locality-based comparability payments (stated as a percentage) up to the amount of the locality-based comparability payment (stated as a percentage) that would be payable to such personnel under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code if such personnel's official duty station were in the District of Columbia. Leaves of absence for personnel under this subsection shall be on the same basis as that provided under subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, or section 903 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, to individuals serving in the Foreign Service.

20 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 213. The Director of the NIH, jointly with the Director of the Office of AIDS Research, may transfer up to 3 percent among institutes and centers from the total amounts identified by these two Directors as funding for research pertaining to the human immunodeficiency virus:

1 *Provided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of the
2 House of Representatives and the Senate are notified at
3 least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

4 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 214. Of the amounts made available in this Act
6 for NIH, the amount for research related to the human
7 immunodeficiency virus, as jointly determined by the Di-
8 rector of NIH and the Director of the Office of AIDS Re-
9 search, shall be made available to the “Office of AIDS
10 Research” account. The Director of the Office of AIDS
11 Research shall transfer from such account amounts nec-
12 essary to carry out section 2353(d)(3) of the PHS Act.

13 SEC. 215. (a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, the Director of NIH (“Director”)
15 may use funds authorized under section 402(b)(12) of the
16 PHS Act to enter into transactions (other than contracts,
17 cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out research
18 identified pursuant to or research and activities described
19 in such section 402(b)(12).

20 (b) PEER REVIEW.—In entering into transactions
21 under subsection (a), the Director may utilize such peer
22 review procedures (including consultation with appropriate
23 scientific experts) as the Director determines to be appro-
24 priate to obtain assessments of scientific and technical
25 merit. Such procedures shall apply to such transactions

1 in lieu of the peer review and advisory council review pro-
2 cedures that would otherwise be required under sections
3 301(a)(3), 405(b)(1)(B), 405(b)(2), 406(a)(3)(A), 492,
4 and 494 of the PHS Act.

5 SEC. 216. Not to exceed \$100,000,000 of funds ap-
6 propriated by this Act to the institutes and centers of the
7 National Institutes of Health may be used for alteration,
8 repair, or improvement of facilities, as necessary for the
9 proper and efficient conduct of the activities authorized
10 herein, at not to exceed \$5,000,000 per project.

11 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 217. Of the amounts made available for NIH,
13 1 percent of the amount made available for National Re-
14 search Service Awards (“NRSA”) shall be made available
15 to the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
16 Administration to make NRSA awards for research in pri-
17 mary medical care to individuals affiliated with entities
18 who have received grants or contracts under sections 736,
19 739, or 747 of the PHS Act, and 1 percent of the amount
20 made available for NRSA shall be made available to the
21 Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Qual-
22 ity to make NRSA awards for health service research.

23 SEC. 218. (a) The Biomedical Advanced Research
24 and Development Authority (“BARDA”) may enter into
25 a contract, for more than one but no more than 10 pro-

1 gram years, for purchase of research services or of security
2 countermeasures, as that term is defined in section 319F–
3 2(c)(1)(B) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(c)(1)(B)),
4 if—

5 (1) funds are available and obligated—

6 (A) for the full period of the contract or
7 for the first fiscal year in which the contract is
8 in effect; and

9 (B) for the estimated costs associated with
10 a necessary termination of the contract; and

11 (2) the Secretary determines that a multi-year
12 contract will serve the best interests of the Federal
13 Government by encouraging full and open competi-
14 tion or promoting economy in administration, per-
15 formance, and operation of BARDA’s programs.

16 (b) A contract entered into under this section—

17 (1) shall include a termination clause as de-
18 scribed by subsection (c) of section 3903 of title 41,
19 United States Code; and

20 (2) shall be subject to the congressional notice
21 requirement stated in subsection (d) of such section.

22 SEC. 219. (a) The Secretary shall publish in the fiscal
23 year 2027 budget justification and on Departmental Web
24 sites information concerning the employment of full-time
25 equivalent Federal employees or contractors for the pur-

1 poses of implementing, administering, enforcing, or other-
2 wise carrying out the provisions of the ACA, and the
3 amendments made by that Act, in the proposed fiscal year
4 and each fiscal year since the enactment of the ACA.

5 (b) With respect to employees or contractors sup-
6 ported by all funds appropriated for purposes of carrying
7 out the ACA (and the amendments made by that Act),
8 the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, the following
9 information:

10 (1) For each such fiscal year, the section of
11 such Act under which such funds were appropriated,
12 a statement indicating the program, project, or ac-
13 tivity receiving such funds, the Federal operating di-
14 vision or office that administers such program, and
15 the amount of funding received in discretionary or
16 mandatory appropriations.

17 (2) For each such fiscal year, the number of
18 full-time equivalent employees or contracted employ-
19 ees assigned to each authorized and funded provision
20 detailed in accordance with paragraph (1).

21 (c) In carrying out this section, the Secretary may
22 exclude from the report employees or contractors who—

23 (1) are supported through appropriations en-
24 acted in laws other than the ACA and work on pro-
25 grams that existed prior to the passage of the ACA;

1 (2) spend less than 50 percent of their time on
2 activities funded by or newly authorized in the ACA;
3 or

4 (3) work on contracts for which FTE reporting
5 is not a requirement of their contract, such as fixed-
6 price contracts.

7 SEC. 220. The Secretary shall publish, as part of the
8 fiscal year 2027 budget of the President submitted under
9 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, informa-
10 tion that details the uses of all funds used by the Centers
11 for Medicare & Medicaid Services specifically for Health
12 Insurance Exchanges for each fiscal year since the enact-
13 ment of the ACA and the proposed uses for such funds
14 for fiscal year 2027. Such information shall include, for
15 each such fiscal year, the amount of funds used for each
16 activity specified under the heading “Health Insurance
17 Exchange Transparency” in the report accompanying this
18 Act.

19 SEC. 221. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund or
21 the Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund,
22 or transferred from other accounts funded by this Act to
23 the “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services—Program
24 Management” account, may be used for payments under

1 section 1342(b)(1) of Public Law 111–148 (relating to
2 risk corridors).

3 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 222. (a) Within 45 days of enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall transfer funds appropriated under
6 section 4002 of the ACA to the accounts specified, in the
7 amounts specified, and for the activities specified under
8 the heading “Prevention and Public Health Fund” in the
9 report accompanying this Act.

10 (b) Notwithstanding section 4002(c) of the ACA, the
11 Secretary may not further transfer these amounts.

12 (c) Funds transferred for activities authorized under
13 section 2821 of the PHS Act shall be made available with-
14 out reference to section 2821(b) of such Act.

15 SEC. 223. Effective during the period beginning on
16 November 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2028, any pro-
17 vision of law that refers (including through cross-reference
18 to another provision of law) to the current recommenda-
19 tions of the United States Preventive Services Task Force
20 with respect to breast cancer screening, mammography,
21 and prevention shall be administered by the Secretary in-
22 volved as if—

23 (1) such reference to such current recommenda-
24 tions were a reference to the recommendations of
25 such Task Force with respect to breast cancer

1 screening, mammography, and prevention last issued
2 before 2009; and

3 (2) such recommendations last issued before
4 2009 applied to any screening mammography modal-
5 ity under section 1861(jj) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)).

7 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 SEC. 224. The NIH Director may transfer funds for
9 opioid addiction, opioid alternatives, stimulant misuse and
10 addiction, pain management, and addiction treatment to
11 other Institutes and Centers of the NIH to be used for
12 the same purpose 15 days after notifying the Committees
13 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
14 Senate: *Provided*, That the transfer authority provided in
15 the previous proviso is in addition to any other transfer
16 authority provided by law.

17 SEC. 225. (a) The Secretary shall provide to the
18 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
19 atives and the Senate:

20 (1) Detailed monthly enrollment figures from
21 the Exchanges established under the Patient Protec-
22 tion and Affordable Care Act of 2010 pertaining to
23 enrollments during the open enrollment period; and

1 (2) Notification of any new or competitive grant
2 awards, including supplements, authorized under
3 section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

4 (b) The Committees on Appropriations of the House
5 and Senate must be notified at least 2 business days in
6 advance of any public release of enrollment information
7 or the award of such grants.

8 SEC. 226. In addition to the amounts otherwise avail-
9 able for “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Pro-
10 gram Management”, the Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services may transfer up to \$455,000,000 to such account
12 from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the
13 Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund to
14 support program management activity related to the Medi-
15 care Program: *Provided*, That except for the foregoing
16 purpose, such funds may not be used to support any provi-
17 sion of Public Law 111–148 or Public Law 111–152 (or
18 any amendment made by either such Public Law) or to
19 supplant any other amounts within such account.

20 SEC. 227. Funds appropriated in this Act that are
21 available for salaries and expenses of employees of the De-
22 partment of Health and Human Services shall also be
23 available to pay travel and related expenses of such an
24 employee or of a member of his or her family, when such
25 employee is assigned to duty, in the United States or in

1 a U.S. territory, during a period and in a location that
2 are the subject of a determination of a public health emer-
3 gency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act
4 and such travel is necessary to obtain medical care for
5 an illness, injury, or medical condition that cannot be ade-
6 quately addressed in that location at that time. For pur-
7 poses of this section, the term “U.S. territory” means
8 Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern
9 Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or
10 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

11 SEC. 228. The Department of Health and Human
12 Services may accept donations from the private sector,
13 nongovernmental organizations, and other groups inde-
14 pendent of the Federal Government for the care of unac-
15 companied alien children (as defined in section 462(g)(2)
16 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
17 279(g)(2))) in the care of the Office of Refugee Resettle-
18 ment of the Administration for Children and Families, in-
19 cluding medical goods and services, which may include
20 early childhood developmental screenings, school supplies,
21 toys, clothing, and any other items intended to promote
22 the wellbeing of such children.

23 SEC. 229. In addition to the existing Congressional
24 notification for formal site assessments of potential influx
25 facilities, the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Ap-

1 appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
2 ate at least 15 days before operationalizing an unlicensed
3 facility, and shall (1) specify whether the facility is hard-
4 sided or soft-sided, and (2) provide analysis that indicates
5 that, in the absence of the influx facility, the likely out-
6 come is that unaccompanied alien children will remain in
7 the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for
8 longer than 72 hours or that unaccompanied alien children
9 will be otherwise placed in danger. Within 60 days of
10 bringing such a facility online, and monthly thereafter, the
11 Secretary shall provide to the Committees on Appropria-
12 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate a
13 report detailing the total number of children in care at
14 the facility, the average length of stay and average length
15 of care of children at the facility, and, for any child that
16 has been at the facility for more than 60 days, their length
17 of stay and reason for delay in release.

18 SEC. 230. None of the funds made available in this
19 Act may be used to prevent a United States Senator or
20 Member of the House of Representatives from entering,
21 for the purpose of conducting oversight, any facility in the
22 United States used for the purpose of maintaining custody
23 of, or otherwise housing, unaccompanied alien children (as
24 defined in section 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act
25 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g)(2))), provided that such Senator

1 or Member has coordinated the oversight visit with the
2 Office of Refugee Resettlement not less than two business
3 days in advance to ensure that such visit would not inter-
4 fere with the operations (including child welfare and child
5 safety operations) of such facility.

6 SEC. 231. Not later than 14 days after the date of
7 enactment of this Act, and monthly thereafter, the Sec-
8 retary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations
9 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and make
10 publicly available online, a report with respect to children
11 who were separated from their parents or legal guardians
12 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (regard-
13 less of whether or not such separation was pursuant to
14 an option selected by the children, parents, or guardians),
15 subsequently classified as unaccompanied alien children,
16 and transferred to the care and custody of ORR during
17 the previous month. Each report shall contain the fol-
18 lowing information:

19 (1) the number and ages of children so sepa-
20 rated subsequent to apprehension at or between
21 ports of entry, to be reported by sector where sepa-
22 ration occurred; and

23 (2) the documented cause of separation, as re-
24 ported by DHS when each child was referred.

1 SEC. 232. Funds appropriated in this Act that are
2 available for salaries and expenses of employees of the
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall also be
4 available for the primary and secondary schooling of eligi-
5 ble dependents of personnel stationed in a U.S. territory
6 at costs not in excess of those paid for or reimbursed by
7 the Department of Defense. For purposes of this section,
8 the term “U.S. territory” means Guam, the Common-
9 wealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the
10 Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Trust Territory
11 of the Pacific Islands

12 SEC. 233. The Community Services Block Grant Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.) is amended—

14 (1) in section 675C(a)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “, subject
16 to paragraph (3)”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

18 (2) in section 680(a)(2) by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(F) USES OF FUNDS.—Funds made avail-
21 able to carry out this paragraph may be used
22 for financing construction and rehabilitation,
23 and for loans or investments, in private busi-
24 ness enterprises, including those owned by com-
25 munity development corporations.

1 “(G) OWNERSHIP OF INTANGIBLE PROP-
2 ERTY AND EARNINGS.—The Secretary shall es-
3 tablish procedures regarding the disposition of
4 intangible assets and program income that per-
5 mit such assets acquired with, and program in-
6 come derived from, grants made under this
7 paragraph, to become the sole property of the
8 grantees after a period of not more than 12
9 years after the end of the grant period for any
10 activity consistent with subsection (a)(2)(A).

11 “(H) USE OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS.—In-
12 tangible assets in the form of loans, equity in-
13 vestments and other debt instruments, and pro-
14 gram income may be used by grantees for any
15 eligible purpose consistent with subsection
16 (a)(2)(A).”.

17 (RESCISSION AND INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 234. Of the unobligated balances in the “Non-
19 recurring Expenses Fund” established in section 223 of
20 division G of Public Law 110–161, \$1,613,000,000 are
21 hereby rescinded not later than September 30, 2026, ex-
22 cept that no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that
23 were previously designated by the Congress as being for
24 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
25 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-

1 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided*, That from
2 any remaining unobligated balances in such Fund, the
3 Secretary may transfer up to \$30,000,000 to “General
4 Departmental Management” for cybersecurity: *Provided*
5 *further*, That the Secretary may obligate funds from such
6 Fund for any program, project, or activity for which a no-
7 tification was submitted before the date of enactment of
8 this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may trans-
9 fer amounts into such Fund: *Provided further*, That any
10 amounts transferred into such Fund are available for the
11 purposes provided by this section or for which a notifica-
12 tion was submitted to such Committees on Appropriations
13 before the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*,
14 That the authority to transfer amounts under this section
15 is in addition to any other transfer authority in law.

16 SEC. 235. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act to the National Institutes of Health may be used for
18 facilities and administration costs (as defined in section
19 200.414 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations) that ex-
20 ceed 30 percent of an award to an applicable educational
21 institution that is an organization subject to taxation
22 under section 4968 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

23 SEC. 236. None of the funds provided in this Act may
24 be used to conduct or support research using human fetal

1 tissue if such tissue is obtained pursuant to an induced
2 abortion.

3 SEC. 237. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
4 Act, and none of the funds in any trust fund to which
5 funds are appropriated in this Act, shall be made available
6 to a hospital or any other entity that administers any post-
7 graduate physician training program, or any other pro-
8 gram of training in the health professions, that provides
9 training in the performance of, or assisting in the perform-
10 ance of, induced abortions, or in counseling or referrals
11 for such abortions, if such program—

12 (1) provides or requires such training for any
13 participant in such program without the participant
14 first voluntarily electing to opt in to undergo such
15 training; or

16 (2) subjects any participant in such program to
17 discrimination on the basis that the participant does
18 not—

19 (A) voluntarily elect to opt in to undergo
20 such training; or

21 (B) perform, assist in the performance of,
22 or provide counseling or referrals for, such
23 abortions.

1 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to per-
2 mit training described in subsection (a) that is not other-
3 wise allowed by law.

4 SEC. 238. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, none of the funds made available
6 by this Act may be made available either directly, through
7 a State (including through managed care contracts with
8 a State), or through any other means, to a prohibited enti-
9 ty.

10 (b) PROHIBITED ENTITY.—The term “prohibited
11 entity” means an entity, including its affiliates, subsidi-
12 aries, successors, and clinics—

13 (1) that, as of the date of enactment of this
14 Act—

15 (A) is an organization described in section
16 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
17 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)
18 of such Code;

19 (B) is an essential community provider de-
20 scribed in section 156.235 of title 45, Code of
21 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of
22 enactment of this Act), that is primarily en-
23 gaged in family planning services, reproductive
24 health, and related medical care; and

1 (C) performs, or provides any funds to any
2 other entity that performs, abortions other than
3 an abortion performed—

4 (i) in the case of a pregnancy that is
5 the result of an act of rape or incest; or

6 (ii) in the case where a woman suffers
7 from a physical disorder, physical injury,
8 or physical illness that would, as certified
9 by a physician, place the woman in danger
10 of death unless an abortion is performed,
11 including a life-endangering physical condi-
12 tion caused by, or arising from, the preg-
13 nancy itself; and

14 (2) for which the total amount of Federal
15 grants to such entity, including grants to any affili-
16 ates, subsidiaries, or clinics of such entity, under
17 title X of the Public Health Service Act in fiscal
18 year 2016 exceeded \$23,000,000.

19 (c)(1) END OF PROHIBITION.—The definition in
20 subsection (b) shall cease to apply to an entity if such enti-
21 ty certifies that it, including its affiliates, subsidiaries,
22 successors, and clinics, will not perform, and will not pro-
23 vide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abor-
24 tion as described in subsection (b)(1)(C).

1 (2) REPAYMENT.—The Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services shall seek repayment of any
3 Federal assistance received by any entity that had
4 made a certification described in paragraph (1) and
5 subsequently violated the terms of such certification.

6 SEC. 239. None of the funds made available by this
7 Act may be used to establish, support, administer, oversee,
8 or issue a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement for
9 the purposes of providing information on, promoting ac-
10 cess to, or facilitating an abortion.

11 SEC. 240. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used to require any project under title X of
13 the PHS Act to refer for abortions: *Provided*, That no pro-
14 vider of services under title X of the PHS Act shall be
15 required to subvert or operate in conflict with any State
16 law limiting referral for abortion/pregnancy counseling.

17 SEC. 241. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Ex-
19 ecutive Order 14076 (Protecting Access to Reproductive
20 Healthcare Services) or Executive Order 14079 (Securing
21 Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services).

22 SEC. 242. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act, or provided under a previous or subsequent appro-
24 priations Act to the Department of Health and Human
25 Services, or provided from any account in the Treasury

1 of the United States derived by the collection of fees avail-
2 able to such Department, may be used to enforce the final
3 rule titled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Policy and
4 Regulatory Changes to the Omnibus COVID-19 Health
5 Care Staff Vaccination Requirements” (86 Fed. Reg.
6 61555), or any substantially similar rule.

7 SEC. 243. None of the funds made available by this
8 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Ex-
9 ecutive Order 13988, entitled “Preventing and Combating
10 Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual
11 Orientation”, published by the Executive Office of the
12 President on January 25, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 7023).

13 SEC. 244. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act may be used for any social, psychological, behavioral,
15 or medical intervention performed for the purposes of in-
16 tentiously changing the body of an individual (including
17 by disrupting the body’s development, inhibiting its nat-
18 ural functions, or modifying its appearance) to no longer
19 correspond to the individual’s biological sex.

20 SEC. 245. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used to issue or implement as a final rule
22 the proposed rule entitled “Nondiscrimination in Health
23 Programs and Activities” published by the Department of
24 Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on
25 August 4, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 47824) (relating to section

1 1557 of the Affordable Care Act) or any successor or sub-
2 stantially similar rule.

3 SEC. 246. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
5 final rule entitled “Designated Placement Requirements
6 Under Titles IV-E and IV-B for LGBTQI+ Children”,
7 89 Fed. Reg. 34818 (effective July 1, 2024) or any suc-
8 cessor or substantially similar rule.

9 SEC. 247. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
11 final rule entitled “Unaccompanied Children Program
12 Foundational Rule”, (89 Fed. Reg. 34384 (effective July
13 1, 2024)) or any successor or substantially similar rule.

14 SEC. 248. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
15 may be used to place an unaccompanied alien child with
16 a sponsor in any case where such unaccompanied alien
17 child has been convicted of a crime, or has a pending
18 criminal charge relating to gang affiliation or activity, in
19 the United States or in such unaccompanied alien child’s
20 country of origin or country of last habitual residence.

21 SEC. 249. None of the funds made available by this
22 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
23 final rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs;
24 Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facili-
25 ties and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency

1 Reporting”, (89 Fed. Reg. 40876 (effective June 21,
2 2024)) or any successor or substantially similar rule.

3 SEC. 250. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
5 final rule entitled “Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insur-
6 ance and Independent, Noncoordinated Excepted Benefits
7 Coverage”, (89 Fed. Reg. 23338 (effective June 17,
8 2024)) or any successor or substantially similar rule.

9 SEC. 251. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used by the Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services to determine that a public health emergency ex-
12 ists pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), or issue any related order that
14 would impede, limit, or restrict a citizen’s Second Amend-
15 ment rights.

16 SEC. 252. Title II of the Public Health Service Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 202 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
18 tion 245 (42 U.S.C. 238n) the following:

19 **“SEC. 245A. CIVIL ACTION FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A qualified party may, in a civil
21 action, obtain appropriate relief with regard to a des-
22 ignated violation.

23 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1 “(1) DESIGNATED VIOLATION.—The term ‘des-
2 ignated violation’ means an actual or threatened vio-
3 lation of—

4 “(A) section 507(d) of division D of the
5 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024
6 (or any subsequent substantially similar provi-
7 sion); or

8 “(B) any funding condition imposed by the
9 Federal Government pursuant to such section
10 507(d) (or such substantially similar provision).

11 “(2) QUALIFIED PARTY.—The term ‘qualified
12 party’ means—

13 “(A) the Attorney General of the United
14 States;

15 “(B) any attorney general of a State; or

16 “(C) any person or entity adversely af-
17 fected by the designated violation without re-
18 gard to whether such person or entity is a
19 health care provider.

20 “(3) STATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The
21 term ‘State governmental entity’ means a State, a
22 local government within a State, and any agency or
23 other governmental unit or subdivision of a State, or
24 of such a local government.

1 “(c) ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES NOT REQUIRED.—

2 An action under this section may be commenced, and relief
3 may be granted, without regard to whether the party com-
4 mencing the action has sought or exhausted any available
5 administrative remedies.

6 “(d) DEFENDANTS.—An action under this section
7 may be maintained against a Federal agency committing
8 a designated violation described in subsection (b)(1)(A) or
9 any recipient or subrecipient of Federal assistance com-
10 mitting a designated violation described in subsection
11 (b)(1)(B), including a State governmental entity.

12 “(e) NATURE OF RELIEF.—In an action under this
13 section, the court shall grant—

14 “(1) all appropriate relief, including injunctive
15 relief, declaratory relief, and compensatory damages,
16 to prevent the occurrence, continuance, or repetition
17 of the designated violation and to compensate for
18 losses resulting from the designated violation; and

19 “(2) to a prevailing plaintiff, reasonable attor-
20 neys’ fees and litigation costs.

21 Relief in an action under this section may include money
22 damages even if the defendant is a governmental entity.

23 “(f) ABROGATION OF STATE IMMUNITY.—No State
24 or governmental official that commits a designated viola-
25 tion shall be immune under the Tenth Amendment to the

1 Constitution of the United States, the Eleventh Amend-
2 ment to the Constitution of the United States, or any
3 other source of law, from an action under subsection (a).”.

4 SEC. 253. None of the funds made available by this
5 Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the
6 final rule entitled “Improving Child Care Access, Afford-
7 ability, and Stability in the Child Care and Development
8 Fund (CCDF)”, (89 Fed. Reg. 15366 (effective April 30,
9 2024)) insofar as such rule makes changes relating to sec-
10 tions 98.16(z) and 98.30(b)(1) of title 45, Code of Federal
11 Regulations.

12 SEC. 254. None of the funds appropriated or other-
13 wise made available by this Act may be used to place an
14 unaccompanied alien child with an alien sponsor who has
15 not been admitted (as defined in paragraph (13) of section
16 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1101(a))) or who is deportable under section 237(a) of
18 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)).

19 SEC. 255. None of the funds in this Act may be used
20 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Na-
21 tional Institutes of Health, and Substance Abuse and
22 Mental Health Services Administration to fund or carry
23 out any research relating to gunshot injury or mortality
24 prevention that treats crimes committed with a firearm
25 as a public health epidemic, including advocating, pro-

1 moting, or studying firearm-related restrictions or policies;
2 firearm disenfranchisement, bans, confiscation, or reg-
3 istration, or other gun control measures; and any other
4 restriction on firearms: *Provided*, That nothing shall pre-
5 vent the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
6 National Institutes of Health, and the Substance Abuse
7 and Mental Health Services Administration from carrying
8 out research on medical procedures, practices, treatments,
9 medicines, and therapies related to gunshot injuries and
10 recovery.

11 This title may be cited as the “Department of Health
12 and Human Services Appropriations Act, 2026”.

13 TITLE III

14 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

15 OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

16 EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

17 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

18 For carrying out title I and subpart 2 of part B of
19 title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
20 of 1965 (referred to in this Act as “ESEA”) and section
21 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (referred to
22 in this Act as “HEA”), \$14,850,490,000, of which
23 \$3,974,313,000 shall become available on July 1, 2026,
24 and shall remain available through September 30, 2027,
25 and of which \$10,841,177,000 shall become available on

1 October 1, 2026, and shall remain available through Sep-
2 tember 30, 2027, for academic year 2026–2027: *Provided*,
3 That \$3,614,089,000 shall be for basic grants under sec-
4 tion 1124 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That up to
5 \$5,000,000 of these funds shall be available to the Sec-
6 retary of Education (referred to in this title as “Sec-
7 retary”) on October 1, 2025, to obtain annually updated
8 local educational agency-level census poverty data from
9 the Bureau of the Census: *Provided further*, That
10 \$1,362,301,000 shall be for concentration grants under
11 section 1124A of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
12 \$4,825,050,000 shall be for targeted grants under section
13 1125 of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That
14 \$4,825,050,000 shall be for education finance incentive
15 grants under section 1125A of the ESEA: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That \$224,000,000 shall be for carrying out subpart
17 2 of part B of title II: *Provided further*, That of the
18 amounts made available for this heading by section 1112
19 of title I of division A of Public Law 119-4 on October
20 1, 2025, \$938,266,000 are hereby rescinded.

21 IMPACT AID

22 For carrying out programs of financial assistance to
23 federally affected schools authorized by title VII of the
24 ESEA, \$1,630,151,000, of which \$1,477,000,000 shall be
25 for basic support payments under section 7003(b),

1 \$49,316,000 shall be for payments for children with dis-
2 abilities under section 7003(d), \$19,000,000 shall be for
3 construction under section 7007(a), \$80,000,000 shall be
4 for Federal property payments under section 7002, and
5 \$4,835,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
6 for facilities maintenance under section 7008: *Provided*,
7 That for purposes of computing the amount of a payment
8 for an eligible local educational agency under section
9 7003(a) for school year 2025–2026, children enrolled in
10 a school of such agency that would otherwise be eligible
11 for payment under section 7003(a)(1)(B) of such Act, but
12 due to the deployment of both parents or legal guardians,
13 or a parent or legal guardian having sole custody of such
14 children, or due to the death of a military parent or legal
15 guardian while on active duty (so long as such children
16 reside on Federal property as described in section
17 7003(a)(1)(B)), are no longer eligible under such section,
18 shall be considered as eligible students under such section,
19 provided such students remain in average daily attendance
20 at a school in the same local educational agency they at-
21 tended prior to their change in eligibility status.

22 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

23 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

24 For carrying out school improvement activities au-
25 thorized by part B of title I, part A of title II, subpart

1 1 of part A of title IV, part B of title IV, part B of title
2 V, and parts B and C of title VI of the ESEA; the McKin-
3 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; section 203 of the
4 Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002; and the
5 Civil Rights Act of 1964, \$4,840,964,000, of which
6 \$3,068,673,000 shall become available on July 1, 2026,
7 and remain available through September 30, 2027, and
8 of which \$1,681,441,000 shall become available on Octo-
9 ber 1, 2026, and shall remain available through September
10 30, 2027, for academic year 2026–2027: *Provided*, That
11 \$1,329,673,000 shall be for part B of title IV: *Provided*
12 *further*, That \$45,897,000 shall be for part B of title VI,
13 which may be used for construction, renovation, and mod-
14 ernization of any public elementary school, secondary
15 school, or structure related to a public elementary school
16 or secondary school that serves a predominantly Native
17 Hawaiian student body, and that the 5 percent limitation
18 in section 6205(b) of the ESEA on the use of funds for
19 administrative purposes shall apply only to direct adminis-
20 trative costs: *Provided further*, That \$44,953,000 shall be
21 for part C of title VI, which shall be awarded on a com-
22 petitive basis, and may be used for construction, and that
23 the 5 percent limitation in section 6305 of the ESEA on
24 the use of funds for administrative purposes shall apply
25 only to direct administrative costs: *Provided further*, That

1 \$225,000,000 shall be for part B of title V: *Provided fur-*
2 *ther*, That in carrying out such part B the percentage in
3 section 316(b)(1)(D) of title III of division H of Public
4 Law 116–260 shall be deemed 75 percent: *Provided fur-*
5 *ther*, That \$1,385,000,000 shall be available for grants
6 under subpart 1 of part A of title IV: *Provided further*,
7 That funds provided by Public Law 117–328 and this Act
8 for subpart B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Home-
9 less Assistance Act shall be available for expenditure by
10 educational agencies and institutions for an additional fis-
11 cal year following the succeeding fiscal year provided by
12 subsection 421(b)(1) of the General Education Provisions
13 Act: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available
14 for this heading by section 1112 of title I of division A
15 of Public Law 119-4 on October 1, 2025, \$1,681,441,000
16 are hereby rescinded.

17 SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

18 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 2
19 and 3 of part F of title IV of the ESEA, \$190,000,000,
20 to remain available through December 31, 2026: *Provided*,
21 That \$190,000,000 shall be available for section 4631, of
22 which up to \$10,000,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended, shall be for the Project School Emergency Re-
24 sponse to Violence (Project SERV) program.

1 INDIAN EDUCATION

2 For expenses necessary to carry out, to the extent
3 not otherwise provided, title VI, part A of the ESEA,
4 \$199,746,000, of which \$72,000,000 shall be for subpart
5 2 of part A of title VI and \$17,365,000 shall be for sub-
6 part 3 of part A of title VI: *Provided*, That the 5 percent
7 limitation in sections 6115(d), 6121(e), and 6133(g) of
8 the ESEA on the use of funds for administrative purposes
9 shall apply only to direct administrative costs: *Provided*
10 *further*, That grants awarded under sections 6132 and
11 6133 of the ESEA with funds provided under this heading
12 may be for a period of up to 5 years.

13 INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

14 For carrying out activities authorized by subparts 1,
15 3, and 4 of part B of title II, and parts C, D, and E
16 and subparts 1 and 4 of part F of title IV of the ESEA,
17 \$891,000,000: *Provided*, That \$23,000,000 shall be for
18 subparts 1, 3 and 4 of part B of title II and shall be made
19 available without regard to sections 2201, 2231(b) and
20 2241: *Provided further*, That \$639,000,000 shall be for
21 parts C, D, and E and subpart 4 of part F of title IV,
22 and shall be made available without regard to sections
23 4311, 4409(a), and 4601 of the ESEA: *Provided further*,
24 That section 4303(d)(3)(A)(i) shall not apply to these
25 funds available for part C of title IV: *Provided further*,

1 That of the funds available for part C of title IV, the Sec-
2 retary shall use not less than \$65,000,000 to carry out
3 section 4304 of the ESEA, amounts made available to
4 carry out section 4305(b) of the ESEA shall remain avail-
5 able through March 31, 2027, and not more than
6 \$16,000,000 to carry out the activities in section
7 4305(a)(3) of the ESEA: *Provided further*, That notwith-
8 standing section 4304(k)(2)(C) of the ESEA, in making
9 awards under section 4304(k), the Secretary may pay a
10 Federal share of up to 100 percent of the cost of estab-
11 lishing or enhancing, and administering, a per-pupil facili-
12 ties aid program for each of the first two fiscal years for
13 which the program receives funding: *Provided further*,
14 That the Secretary shall permit any State entity, as de-
15 fined under section 4303(a), to receive a grant under sec-
16 tion 4304(k): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
17 permit such a State entity to receive such a grant if any
18 form of State or local financial support for charter school
19 facilities, such as the capitalization of a State revolving
20 loan fund to support charter school facilities financing,
21 and not necessarily a program of per-pupil facilities aid,
22 will meet the matching requirements of section
23 4304(k)(2)(C): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
24 allow entities receiving grants under section 4303 to use
25 up to 10 percent of such grants for activities described

1 in section 4303(b)(2) and up to 5 percent for the activities
2 described in section 4303(c)(1)(C): *Provided further*, That
3 notwithstanding section 4601(b), \$229,000,000 shall be
4 available through December 31, 2026 for subpart 1 of
5 part F of title IV.

6 OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE
7 SERVICES

8 SPECIAL EDUCATION

9 For carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities
10 Education Act (IDEA) and the Special Olympics Sport
11 and Empowerment Act of 2004, \$15,493,264,000, of
12 which \$5,910,321,000 shall become available on July 1,
13 2026, and shall remain available through September 30,
14 2027, and of which \$9,283,383,000 shall become available
15 on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available through
16 September 30, 2027, for academic year 2026–2027: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That the amount for section 611(b)(2) of the IDEA
18 shall be equal to the lesser of the amount available for
19 that activity during fiscal year 2025, increased by the
20 amount of inflation as specified in section 619(d)(2)(B)
21 of the IDEA, or the percent change in the funds appro-
22 priated under section 611(i) of the IDEA, but not less
23 than the amount for that activity during fiscal year 2025:
24 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall, without regard
25 to section 611(d) of the IDEA, distribute to all other

1 States (as that term is defined in section 611(g)(2)), sub-
2 ject to the third proviso, any amount by which a State's
3 allocation under section 611, from funds appropriated
4 under this heading, is reduced under section
5 612(a)(18)(B), according to the following: 85 percent on
6 the basis of the States' relative populations of children
7 aged 3 through 21 who are of the same age as children
8 with disabilities for whom the State ensures the avail-
9 ability of a free appropriate public education under this
10 part, and 15 percent to States on the basis of the States'
11 relative populations of those children who are living in pov-
12 erty: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not dis-
13 tribute any funds under the previous proviso to any State
14 whose reduction in allocation from funds appropriated
15 under this heading made funds available for such a dis-
16 tribution: *Provided further*, That the States shall allocate
17 such funds distributed under the second proviso to local
18 educational agencies in accordance with section 611(f):
19 *Provided further*, That the amount by which a State's allo-
20 cation under section 611(d) of the IDEA is reduced under
21 section 612(a)(18)(B) and the amounts distributed to
22 States under the previous provisos in fiscal year 2012 or
23 any subsequent year shall not be considered in calculating
24 the awards under section 611(d) for fiscal year 2013 or
25 for any subsequent fiscal years: *Provided further*, That,

1 notwithstanding the provision in section 612(a)(18)(B) re-
2 garding the fiscal year in which a State's allocation under
3 section 611(d) is reduced for failure to comply with the
4 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A), the Secretary may
5 apply the reduction specified in section 612(a)(18)(B) over
6 a period of consecutive fiscal years, not to exceed 5, until
7 the entire reduction is applied: *Provided further*, That the
8 Secretary may, in any fiscal year in which a State's alloca-
9 tion under section 611 is reduced in accordance with sec-
10 tion 612(a)(18)(B), reduce the amount a State may re-
11 serve under section 611(e)(1) by an amount that bears
12 the same relation to the maximum amount described in
13 that paragraph as the reduction under section
14 612(a)(18)(B) bears to the total allocation the State
15 would have received in that fiscal year under section
16 611(d) in the absence of the reduction: *Provided further*,
17 That the Secretary shall either reduce the allocation of
18 funds under section 611 for any fiscal year following the
19 fiscal year for which the State fails to comply with the
20 requirement of section 612(a)(18)(A) as authorized by
21 section 612(a)(18)(B), or seek to recover funds under sec-
22 tion 452 of the General Education Provisions Act (20
23 U.S.C. 1234a): *Provided further*, That the funds reserved
24 under 611(c) of the IDEA may be used to provide tech-
25 nical assistance to States to improve the capacity of the

1 States to meet the data collection requirements of sections
2 616 and 618 and to administer and carry out other serv-
3 ices and activities to improve data collection, coordination,
4 quality, and use under parts B and C of the IDEA: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That the Secretary may use funds made
6 available for the State Personnel Development Grants pro-
7 gram under part D, subpart 1 of IDEA to evaluate pro-
8 gram performance under such subpart: *Provided further*,
9 That States may use funds reserved for other State-level
10 activities under sections 611(e)(2) and 619(f) of the IDEA
11 to make subgrants to local educational agencies, institu-
12 tions of higher education, other public agencies, and pri-
13 vate non-profit organizations to carry out activities au-
14 thorized by those sections: *Provided further*, That, not-
15 withstanding section 643(e)(2)(A) of the IDEA, if 5 or
16 fewer States apply for grants pursuant to section 643(e)
17 of such Act, the Secretary shall provide a grant to each
18 State in an amount equal to the maximum amount de-
19 scribed in section 643(e)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That if more than 5 States apply for grants pursuant
21 to section 643(e) of the IDEA, the Secretary shall award
22 funds to those States on the basis of the States' relative
23 populations of infants and toddlers except that no such
24 State shall receive a grant in excess of the amount de-
25 scribed in section 643(e)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided fur-*

1 *ther*, That States may use funds allotted under section
2 643(c) of the IDEA to make subgrants to local edu-
3 cational agencies, institutions of higher education, other
4 public agencies, and private non-profit organizations to
5 carry out activities authorized by section 638 of IDEA:
6 *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding section 638 of the
7 IDEA, a State may use funds it receives under section
8 633 of the IDEA to offer continued early intervention
9 services to a child who previously received services under
10 part C of the IDEA from age 3 until the beginning of
11 the school year following the child's third birthday with
12 parental consent and without regard to the procedures in
13 section 635(c) of the IDEA: *Provided further*, That not-
14 withstanding section 638 of the IDEA, a State may use
15 funds appropriated under Part C of the IDEA to conduct
16 child find, public awareness, and referral activities for an
17 individual who is expected to become a parent of an infant
18 with a disability (as that term is defined in section
19 632(5)), as established by medical or other records: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That any State electing to use funds under
21 the preceding proviso shall ensure that, as soon as possible
22 but not later than 45 days after the child's birth, it com-
23 pletes the referral and eligibility process under this part
24 for that child.

1 REHABILITATION SERVICES

2 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
3 vided, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Helen Keller
4 National Center Act, \$4,648,295,000, of which
5 \$4,504,096,000 shall be for grants for vocational rehabili-
6 tation services under title I of the Rehabilitation Act.

7 SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH
8 DISABILITIES

9 AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

10 For carrying out the Act to Promote the Education
11 of the Blind of March 3, 1879, \$44,431,000.

12 NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

13 For the National Technical Institute for the Deaf
14 under titles I and II of the Education of the Deaf Act
15 of 1986, \$94,500,000: *Provided*, That from the total
16 amount available, the Institute may at its discretion use
17 funds for the endowment program as authorized under
18 section 207 of such Act.

19 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

20 For the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School,
21 the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and the partial
22 support of Gallaudet University under titles I and II of
23 the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, \$168,361,000, of
24 which up to \$15,000,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended, shall be for construction, as defined by section

1 201(2) of such Act: *Provided*, That from the total amount
2 available, the University may at its discretion use funds
3 for the endowment program as authorized under section
4 207 of such Act.

5 OFFICE OF CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT
6 EDUCATION

7 CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION

8 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
9 vided, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
10 cation Act of 2006 (“Perkins Act”), \$1,475,000,000, of
11 which \$684,000,000 shall become available on July 1,
12 2026, and shall remain available through September 30,
13 2027, and of which \$791,000,000 shall become available
14 on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available through
15 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That up to \$10,152,000
16 shall be available for innovation and modernization grants
17 under such section 114(e) of the Perkins Act.

18 OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
19 HIGHER EDUCATION

20 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
21 vided, titles II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the HEA,
22 the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of
23 1961, and section 117 of the Perkins Act,
24 \$2,714,241,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
25 other provision of law, funds made available in this Act

1 to carry out title VI of the HEA and section 102(b)(6)
2 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of
3 1961 may be used to support visits and study in foreign
4 countries by individuals who are participating in advanced
5 foreign language training and international studies in
6 areas that are vital to United States national security and
7 who plan to apply their language skills and knowledge of
8 these countries in the fields of government, the profes-
9 sions, or international development: *Provided further*, That
10 of the funds referred to in the preceding proviso up to
11 1 percent may be used for program evaluation, national
12 outreach, and information dissemination activities: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That up to 1.5 percent of the funds made
14 available under chapter 2 of subpart 2 of part A of title
15 IV of the HEA may be used for evaluation: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That section 313(d) of the HEA shall not apply to
17 an institution of higher education that is eligible to receive
18 funding under section 318 of the HEA: *Provided further*,
19 That amounts made available for carrying out section
20 419N of the HEA may be awarded notwithstanding the
21 limitations in section 419N(b)(2) of the HEA: *Provided*
22 *further*, That activities authorized under sections
23 317(c)(2)(B), 319(c)(2)(B), and 320(c)(2)(B) of the HEA
24 may include construction and maintenance in classrooms,
25 libraries, laboratories, and other instructional facilities:

1 *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under
2 this Act to carry out part B of title III of the HEA,
3 \$6,000,000 shall be for grants to supplement amounts
4 awarded to part B institutions that are junior or commu-
5 nity colleges, as defined in section 312(f) of the HEA: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the supplemental funds described in
7 the preceding proviso are in addition to any grant award
8 that any institution may receive under section 323 of the
9 HEA and shall be allocated in accordance with the allot-
10 ments specified under section 324 of such Act.

11 HOWARD UNIVERSITY

12 For partial support of Howard University,
13 \$240,018,000, of which not less than \$3,405,000 shall be
14 for a matching endowment grant pursuant to the Howard
15 University Endowment Act and shall remain available
16 until expended.

17 COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS
18 PROGRAM

19 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out ac-
20 tivities related to existing facility loans pursuant to section
21 121 of the HEA, \$298,000.

22 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
23 CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM ACCOUNT

24 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$20,150,000, as au-
25 thorized pursuant to part D of title III of the HEA, which

1 shall remain available through September 30, 2027: *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying
3 such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That
5 these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal,
6 any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed
7 \$500,000,000: *Provided further*, That these funds may be
8 used to support loans to public and private Historically
9 Black Colleges and Universities without regard to the limi-
10 tations within section 344(a) of the HEA.

11 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
12 the Historically Black College and University Capital Fi-
13 nancing Program entered into pursuant to part D of title
14 III of the HEA, \$528,000.

15 OFFICE OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

16 STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

17 For carrying out subparts 1, 3, and 10 of part A,
18 and part C of title IV of the HEA, \$23,254,221,000 which
19 shall remain available through September 30, 2027.

20 The maximum Pell Grant for which a student shall
21 be eligible during award year 2026–2027 shall be \$6,335.

22 STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION

23 For Federal administrative expenses to carry out part
24 D of title I, and subparts 1, 3, 9, and 10 of part A, and
25 parts B, C, D, and E of title IV of the HEA, and subpart

1 1 of part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act,
2 \$2,058,943,000, to remain available through September
3 30, 2027.

4 INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

5 For necessary expenses for the Institute of Education
6 Sciences as authorized by section 208 of the Department
7 of Education Organization Act and carrying out activities
8 authorized by the National Assessment of Educational
9 Progress Authorization Act, section 208 of the Edu-
10 cational Technical Assistance Act of 2002, and section
11 664 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
12 \$740,373,000, which shall remain available through Sep-
13 tember 30, 2027: *Provided*, That funds available to carry
14 out section 208 of the Educational Technical Assistance
15 Act may be used to link Statewide elementary and sec-
16 ondary data systems with early childhood, postsecondary,
17 and workforce data systems, or to further develop such
18 systems: *Provided further*, That up to \$6,000,000 of the
19 funds available to carry out section 208 of the Educational
20 Technical Assistance Act may be used for awards to public
21 or private organizations or agencies to support activities
22 to improve data coordination, quality, and use at the local,
23 State, and national levels.

1 DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

2 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

3 For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise pro-
4 vided, the Department of Education Organization Act, in-
5 cluding rental of conference rooms in the District of Co-
6 lumbia and hire of three passenger motor vehicles,
7 \$293,007,000.

8 OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

9 For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil
10 Rights, as authorized by section 203 of the Department
11 of Education Organization Act, \$91,000,000.

12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

13 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
14 General, as authorized by section 212 of the Department
15 of Education Organization Act, \$63,000,000, of which
16 \$3,000,000 shall remain available through September 30,
17 2027.

18 GENERAL PROVISIONS

19 SEC. 301. No funds appropriated in this Act may be
20 used to prevent the implementation of programs of vol-
21 untary prayer and meditation in the public schools.

22 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 302. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-
24 tionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and
25 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) which are appro-

1 priated for the Department of Education in this Act may
2 be transferred between appropriations, but no such appro-
3 priation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any
4 such transfer: *Provided*, That the transfer authority grant-
5 ed by this section shall not be used to create any new pro-
6 gram or to fund any project or activity for which no funds
7 are provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That the Com-
8 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
9 and the Senate are notified at least 15 days in advance
10 of any transfer.

11 SEC. 303. Funds appropriated in this Act and con-
12 solidated for evaluation purposes under section 8601(c) of
13 the ESEA shall be available from July 1, 2026, through
14 September 30, 2027.

15 SEC. 304. (a) An institution of higher education that
16 maintains an endowment fund supported with funds ap-
17 propriated for title III or V of the HEA for fiscal year
18 2026 may use the income from that fund to award schol-
19 arships to students, subject to the limitation in section
20 331(c)(3)(B)(i) of the HEA. The use of such income for
21 such purposes, prior to the enactment of this Act, shall
22 be considered to have been an allowable use of that in-
23 come, subject to that limitation.

24 (b) Subsection (a) shall be in effect until titles III
25 and V of the HEA are reauthorized.

1 SEC. 305. Section 114(f) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
2 1011c(f)) shall be applied by substituting “2026” for
3 “2021”.

4 SEC. 306. Section 458(a)(4) of the HEA (20 U.S.C.
5 1087h(a)) shall be applied by substituting “2027” for
6 “2021”.

7 SEC. 307. Funds appropriated in this Act under the
8 heading “Student Aid Administration” may be available
9 for payments for student loan servicing to an institution
10 of higher education that services outstanding Federal Per-
11 kins Loans under part E of title IV of the Higher Edu-
12 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.).

13 SEC. 308. The Secretary may reserve not more than
14 0.5 percent from any amount made available in this Act
15 for an HEA program, except for any amounts made avail-
16 able for subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the HEA, to
17 carry out rigorous and independent evaluations and to col-
18 lect and analyze outcome data for any program authorized
19 by the HEA: *Provided*, That no funds made available in
20 this Act for the “Student Aid Administration” account
21 shall be subject to the reservation under this section: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That any funds reserved under this section
23 shall be available through September 30, 2028: *Provided*
24 *further*, That if, under any other provision of law, funds
25 are authorized to be reserved or used for evaluation activi-

1 ties with respect to a program or project, the Secretary
2 may also reserve funds for such program or project for
3 the purposes described in this section so long as the total
4 reservation of funds for such program or project does not
5 exceed any statutory limits on such reservations: *Provided*
6 *further*, That not later than 30 days prior to the initial
7 obligation of funds reserved under this section, the Sec-
8 retary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations
9 of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Com-
10 mittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the
11 Senate, and the Committee on Education and Workforce
12 of the House of Representatives a plan that identifies the
13 source and amount of funds reserved under this section,
14 the impact on program grantees if funds are withheld for
15 the purposes of this section, and the activities to be carried
16 out with such funds.

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 309. Of the amounts appropriated in this Act
19 for “Institute of Education Sciences”, up to \$13,000,000
20 shall be available for the Secretary of Education (“the
21 Secretary”) to provide support services to the Institute of
22 Education Sciences (including, but not limited to informa-
23 tion technology services, lease or procurement of office
24 space, human resource services, financial management
25 services, financial systems support, budget formulation

1 and execution, legal counsel, equal employment oppor-
2 tunity services, physical security, facilities management,
3 acquisition and contract management, grants administra-
4 tion and policy, and enterprise risk management): *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That the Secretary shall calculate the actual
6 amounts obligated and expended for such support services
7 by using a standard Department of Education method-
8 ology for allocating the cost of all such support services:
9 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may transfer any
10 amounts available for IES support services in excess of
11 actual amounts needed for IES support services, as so cal-
12 culated, to the “Program Administration” account from
13 the “Institute of Education Sciences” account: *Provided*
14 *further*, That in order to address any shortfall between
15 amounts available for IES support services and amounts
16 needed for IES support services, as so calculated, the Sec-
17 retary may transfer necessary amounts to the “Institute
18 of Education Sciences” account from the “Program Ad-
19 ministration” account: *Provided further*, That the Com-
20 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
21 and the Senate are notified at least 14 days in advance
22 of any transfer made pursuant to this section.

23 (INCLUDING RESCISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 SEC. 310. Of the unobligated balances in the “De-
25 partment of Education Nonrecurring Expenses Fund” es-

1 established in section 313 of division H of Public Law 116–
2 260, \$197,000,000 are hereby rescinded not later than
3 September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That from any remaining
4 unobligated balances in such Fund, the Secretary may
5 transfer up to \$15,000,000 to “Student Aid Administra-
6 tion” for information technology, to remain available
7 through September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That the
8 Secretary may obligate funds from such Fund for any pro-
9 gram, project, or activity for which a notification was sub-
10 mitted before the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided*
11 *further*, That the Secretary may transfer amounts into
12 such Fund: *Provided further*, That any amounts trans-
13 ferred into such Fund are available for the purposes pro-
14 vided by this section or for which a notification was sub-
15 mitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
16 of Representatives and the Senate before the date of en-
17 actment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the authority
18 to transfer amounts under this section is in addition to
19 any other transfer authority in law.

20 SEC. 311. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used to provide financial assistance to an edu-
22 cational institution that allows an individual whose sex is
23 male to participate in an athletic program or activity that
24 is designated for women or girls. For the purpose of this

1 section, the term “sex” means the reproductive biology
2 and genetics of an individual as determined solely at birth.

3 SEC. 312. None of the funds provided in this Act to
4 the Department of Education, or provided under a pre-
5 vious or subsequent appropriations Act to such Depart-
6 ment, may be used to enforce any of the following rules
7 or interpretations related to title IX of the Education
8 Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.1681-1688):

9 (1) The final rule titled, “Nondiscrimination on
10 the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activi-
11 ties Receiving Federal Financial Assistance”, 89
12 Fed. Reg. 33474 (effective August 1, 2024).

13 (2) The proposed rule titled, “Nondiscrimina-
14 tion on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or
15 Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance:
16 Sex-Related Eligibility Criteria for Male and Female
17 Athletic Teams”, (88 Fed. Reg. 22860; published
18 April 13, 2023).

19 (3) The notice of interpretation titled, “En-
20 forcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments
21 of 1972 With Respect to Discrimination Based on
22 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Light of
23 *Bostock v. Clayton County*”, (86 Fed. Reg. 32637;
24 published June 22, 2021).

1 (4) Any substantially similar rule or interpreta-
2 tion.

3 SEC. 313. None of the funds made available under
4 this Act may be provided to any public institution of high-
5 er education that denies to a religious student organiza-
6 tion any right, benefit, or privilege that is otherwise af-
7 forded to other student organizations at the institution
8 (including full access to the facilities of the institution and
9 official recognition of the organization by the institution)
10 because of the religious beliefs, practices, speech, leader-
11 ship standards, or standards of conduct of the religious
12 student organization.

13 SEC. 314. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act may be used to—

15 (1) implement the modifications of statutory
16 and regulatory provisions relating to debt discharge
17 described in the rule published by the Department of
18 Education in the Federal Register on October 12,
19 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 61514), or take any substan-
20 tially similar action;

21 (2) implement, administer, or enforce section
22 682.215 or section 685 of title 34, Code of Federal
23 Regulations (relating to income-based repayment
24 and income-driven repayment), as amended by the
25 final regulations published by the Department of

1 Education in the Federal Register on July 10, 2023
2 (88 Fed. Reg. 43820 et seq.) or take any substan-
3 tially similar action;

4 (3) implement, administer, or enforce section
5 685.401 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations (re-
6 lating to borrower defense to repayment), as amend-
7 ed by the final regulations published by the Depart-
8 ment of Education in the Federal Register on No-
9 vember 1, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 65904 et seq.) or
10 take any substantially similar action;

11 (4) implement, administer, or enforce section
12 668.28 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations (re-
13 lating to the 90/10 rule), as added or amended by
14 the final regulations published by the Department of
15 Education in the Federal Register on October 28,
16 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 65426 et. seq.) or take any sub-
17 stantially similar action;

18 (5) implement, administer, or enforce sections
19 600.10, 600.21, 668.2, 668.13, 668.43, 668.91,
20 668.402 through 668.409 (excluding section
21 668.408), and 668.601 through 668.606 of title 34,
22 Code of Federal Regulations (relating to financial
23 value transparency and gainful employment), as
24 added or amended by the final regulations published
25 by the Department of Education in the Federal Reg-

1 ister on October 10, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 70004 et.
2 seq.) or take any substantially similar action; or

(6) finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule titled “Student Debt Relief for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loans), the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins) Program, and the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program” published by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on April 17, 2024 (89 FR 27564) or any substantially similar rule.

SEC. 315. The Workforce Pell Grants authorized under section 401(k) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 shall hereafter be known and designated as “Trump Grants”.

17 This title may be cited as the “Department of Edu-
18 cation Appropriations Act, 2026”.

19 TITLE IV

20 RELATED AGENCIES

21 AMERICA FIRST CORPS

22 OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-
tional and Community Service (referred to in this title as
“CNCS”) to carry out the Domestic Volunteer Service Act

1 of 1973 (referred to in this title as “1973 Act”) and the
2 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred
3 to in this title as “1990 Act”), \$524,725,000, notwith-
4 standing sections 198B(b)(3), 198S(g), 501(a)(4)(C), and
5 501(a)(4)(F) of the 1990 Act: *Provided*, That of the
6 amounts provided under this heading: (1) up to 1 percent
7 of program grant funds may be used to defray the costs
8 of conducting grant application reviews, including the use
9 of outside peer reviewers and electronic management of
10 the grants cycle; (2) \$9,769,000 shall be available to pro-
11 vide assistance to State commissions on national and com-
12 munity service, under section 126(a) of the 1990 Act and
13 notwithstanding section 501(a)(5)(B) of the 1990 Act; (3)
14 \$20,923,000 shall be available to carry out subtitle E of
15 the 1990 Act; (4) \$8,558,000 shall be available for ex-
16 penses authorized under section 501(a)(4)(F) of the 1990
17 Act, which, notwithstanding the provisions of section 198P
18 shall be awarded by CNCS on a competitive basis; and
19 (5) \$55,105,000 shall be for the Retired Senior Volunteer
20 Program: *Provided further*, That for the purposes of car-
21 rying out the 1990 Act, satisfying the requirements in sec-
22 tion 122(c)(1)(D) may include a determination of need by
23 the local community.

1 PAYMENT TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For payment to the National Service Trust estab-
4 lished under subtitle D of title I of the 1990 Act,
5 \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That CNCS may transfer additional funds from the
7 amount provided within “Operating Expenses” allocated
8 to grants under subtitle C of title I of the 1990 Act to
9 the National Service Trust upon determination that such
10 transfer is necessary to support the activities of national
11 service participants and after notice is transmitted to the
12 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
13 atives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That amounts ap-
14 propriated for or transferred to the National Service Trust
15 may be invested under section 145(b) of the 1990 Act
16 without regard to the requirement to apportion funds
17 under 31 U.S.C. 1513(b).

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For necessary expenses of administration as provided
20 under section 501(a)(5) of the 1990 Act and under section
21 504(a) of the 1973 Act, including payment of salaries, au-
22 thorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental
23 of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, the em-
24 ployment of experts and consultants authorized under 5

1 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,500 for official recep-
2 tion and representation expenses, \$69,627,000.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
5 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
6 \$8,595,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall be available until
7 expended.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

9 SEC. 401. CNCS shall make any significant changes
10 to program requirements, service delivery or policy only
11 through public notice and comment rulemaking. For fiscal
12 year 2026, during any grant selection process, an officer
13 or employee of CNCS shall not knowingly disclose any cov-
14 ered grant selection information regarding such selection,
15 directly or indirectly, to any person other than an officer
16 or employee of CNCS that is authorized by CNCS to re-
17 ceive such information.

18 SEC. 402. AmeriCorps programs receiving grants
19 under the National Service Trust program shall meet an
20 overall minimum share requirement of 24 percent for the
21 first 3 years that they receive AmeriCorps funding, and
22 thereafter shall meet the overall minimum share require-
23 ment as provided in section 2521.60 of title 45, Code of
24 Federal Regulations, without regard to the operating costs
25 match requirement in section 121(e) or the member sup-

1 port Federal share limitations in section 140 of the 1990
2 Act, and subject to partial waiver consistent with section
3 2521.70 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.

4 SEC. 403. Donations made to CNCS under section
5 196 of the 1990 Act for the purposes of financing pro-
6 grams and operations under titles I and II of the 1973
7 Act or subtitle B, C, D, or E of title I of the 1990 Act
8 shall be used to supplement and not supplant current pro-
9 grams and operations.

10 SEC. 404. In addition to the requirements in section
11 146(a) of the 1990 Act, use of an educational award for
12 the purpose described in section 148(a)(4) shall be limited
13 to individuals who are veterans as defined under section
14 101 of the Act.

15 SEC. 405. For the purpose of carrying out section
16 189D of the 1990 Act—

17 (1) entities described in paragraph (a) of such
18 section shall be considered “qualified entities” under
19 section 3 of the National Child Protection Act of
20 1993 (“NCPA”);

21 (2) individuals described in such section shall
22 be considered “volunteers” under section 3 of
23 NCPA; and

24 (3) State Commissions on National and Com-
25 munity Service established pursuant to section 178

1 of the 1990 Act, are authorized to receive criminal
2 history record information, consistent with Public
3 Law 92–544.

4 SEC. 406. Notwithstanding sections 139(b), 146, and
5 147 of the 1990 Act, an individual who successfully com-
6 pletes a term of service of not less than 1,200 hours dur-
7 ing a period of not more than one year may receive a na-
8 tional service education award having a value of 70 per-
9 cent of the value of a national service education award
10 determined under section 147(a) of the Act.

11 SEC. 407. Section 148(f)(2)(A)(i) of the 1990 Act
12 shall be applied by substituting “an approved national
13 service position” for “a national service program that re-
14 ceives grants under subtitle C”.

15 SEC. 408. CNCS and AmeriCorps shall hereafter be
16 known and designated as “America First Corps”.

17 COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE
18 BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For expenses necessary for the Committee for Pur-
21 chase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
22 (referred to in this title as “the Committee”) established
23 under section 8502 of title 41, United States Code,
24 \$13,124,000: *Provided*, That in order to authorize any
25 central nonprofit agency designated pursuant to section

1 8503(c) of title 41, United States Code, to perform re-
2 quirements of the Committee as prescribed under section
3 51–3.2 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, the Com-
4 mittee shall enter into a written agreement with any such
5 central nonprofit agency: *Provided further*, That such
6 agreement shall contain such auditing, oversight, and re-
7 porting provisions as necessary to implement chapter 85
8 of title 41, United States Code: *Provided further*, That
9 such agreement shall include the elements listed under the
10 heading “Committee For Purchase From People Who Are
11 Blind or Severely Disabled—Written Agreement Ele-
12 ments” in the explanatory statement described in section
13 4 of Public Law 114–113 (in the matter preceding division
14 A of that consolidated Act): *Provided further*, That any
15 such central nonprofit agency may not charge a fee under
16 section 51–3.5 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations,
17 prior to executing a written agreement with the Com-
18 mittee: *Provided further*, That no less than \$3,150,000
19 shall be available for the Office of Inspector General.

20 FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For expenses necessary to carry out the closure of
23 the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
24 \$7,400,000, to remain available until expended.

1 FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

2 COMMISSION

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For expenses necessary for the Federal Mine Safety
5 and Health Review Commission, \$16,890,000.

6 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

7 OFFICE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES: GRANTS

8 AND ADMINISTRATION

9 For carrying out the Museum and Library Services
10 Act of 1996 and the National Museum of African Amer-
11 ican History and Culture Act, \$291,800,000.

12 MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS

13 COMMISSION

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1900 of
16 the Social Security Act, \$9,405,000.

17 MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For expenses necessary to carry out section 1805 of
20 the Social Security Act, \$14,673,000, to be transferred to
21 this appropriation from the Federal Hospital Insurance
22 Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical In-
23 surance Trust Fund.

1 NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For expenses necessary for the National Council on
4 Disability as authorized by title IV of the Rehabilitation
5 Act of 1973, \$3,850,000.

6 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For expenses necessary for the National Labor Rela-
9 tions Board to carry out the functions vested in it by the
10 Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and other laws,
11 \$200,000,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropria-
12 tion shall be available to organize or assist in organizing
13 agricultural laborers or used in connection with investiga-
14 tions, hearings, directives, or orders concerning bargaining
15 units composed of agricultural laborers as referred to in
16 section 2(3) of the Act of July 5, 1935, and as amended
17 by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and as de-
18 fined in section 3(f) of the Act of June 25, 1938, and
19 including in said definition employees engaged in the
20 maintenance and operation of ditches, canals, reservoirs,
21 and waterways when maintained or operated on a mutual,
22 nonprofit basis and at least 95 percent of the water stored
23 or supplied thereby is used for farming purposes.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

2 SEC. 409. None of the funds provided by this Act
3 or previous Acts making appropriations for the National
4 Labor Relations Board may be used to issue any new ad-
5 ministrative directive or regulation that would provide em-
6 ployees any means of voting through any electronic means
7 in an election to determine a representative for the pur-
8 poses of collective bargaining.

9 NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions
12 of the Railway Labor Act, including emergency boards ap-
13 pointed by the President, \$14,300,000.

14 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW

15 COMMISSION

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For expenses necessary for the Occupational Safety
18 and Health Review Commission, \$14,214,000.

19 RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

21 For payment to the Dual Benefits Payments Ac-
22 count, authorized under section 15(d) of the Railroad Re-
23 tirement Act of 1974, \$5,000,000, which shall include
24 amounts becoming available in fiscal year 2026 pursuant
25 to section 224(c)(1)(B) of Public Law 98–76; and in addi-

tion, an amount, not to exceed 2 percent of the amount provided herein, shall be available proportional to the amount by which the product of recipients and the average benefit received exceeds the amount available for payment of vested dual benefits: *Provided*, That the total amount provided herein shall be credited in 12 approximately equal amounts on the first day of each month in the fiscal year.

FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT

ACCOUNTS

For payment to the accounts established in the Treasury for the payment of benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act for interest earned on unnegotiated checks, \$150,000, to remain available through September 30, 2027, which shall be the maximum amount available for payment pursuant to section 417 of Public Law 98–76.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement Board (“Board”) for administration of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, \$126,000,000, to be derived in such amounts as determined by the Board from the railroad retirement accounts and from moneys credited to the railroad unemployment insurance administration fund: *Provided*, That

1 notwithstanding section 7(b)(9) of the Railroad Retire-
2 ment Act this limitation may be used to hire attorneys
3 only through the excepted service: *Provided further*, That
4 the previous proviso shall not change the status under
5 Federal employment laws of any attorney hired by the
6 Railroad Retirement Board prior to January 1, 2013: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That notwithstanding section 7(b)(9) of the
8 Railroad Retirement Act, this limitation may be used to
9 hire students attending qualifying educational institutions
10 or individuals who have recently completed qualifying edu-
11 cational programs using current excepted hiring authori-
12 ties established by the Office of Personnel Management.

13 LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
15 General for audit, investigatory and review activities, as
16 authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, not more
17 than \$14,000,000, to be derived from the railroad retire-
18 ment accounts and railroad unemployment insurance ac-
19 count.

20 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

21 PAYMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

22 For payment to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
23 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
24 ance Trust Fund, as provided under sections 201(m) and
25 1131(b)(2) of the Social Security Act, \$15,000,000.

1 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

2 For carrying out titles XI and XVI of the Social Se-
3 curity Act, section 401 of Public Law 92–603, section 212
4 of Public Law 93–66, as amended, and section 405 of
5 Public Law 95–216, including payment to the Social Secu-
6 rity trust funds for administrative expenses incurred pur-
7 suant to section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act,
8 \$49,447,966,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That any portion of the funds provided to a State
10 in the current fiscal year and not obligated by the State
11 during that year shall be returned to the Treasury: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That not more than \$91,000,000 shall be
13 available for research and demonstrations under sections
14 1110, 1115, and 1144 of the Social Security Act, and re-
15 main available through September 30, 2028.

16 For making, after June 15 of the current fiscal year,
17 benefit payments to individuals under title XVI of the So-
18 cial Security Act, for unanticipated costs incurred for the
19 current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

20 For making benefit payments under title XVI of the
21 Social Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year
22 2027, \$23,500,000,000, to remain available until ex-
23 pended.

1 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses, including the hire and pur-
4 chase of two passenger motor vehicles, and not to exceed
5 \$20,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
6 not more than \$14,621,978,000 may be expended, as au-
7 thorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act,
8 from any one or all of the trust funds referred to in such
9 section: *Provided*, That not less than \$2,700,000 shall be
10 for the Social Security Advisory Board: *Provided further*,
11 That unobligated balances of funds provided under this
12 paragraph at the end of fiscal year 2026 not needed for
13 fiscal year 2026 shall remain available until expended to
14 invest in the Social Security Administration information
15 technology and telecommunications hardware and soft-
16 ware infrastructure, including related equipment and non-
17 payroll administrative expenses associated solely with this
18 information technology and telecommunications infra-
19 structure: *Provided further*, That the Commissioner of So-
20 cial Security shall notify the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate prior
22 to making unobligated balances available under the au-
23 thority in the previous proviso: *Provided further*, That re-
24 imbursement to the trust funds under this heading for ex-
25 penditures for official time for employees of the Social Se-

1 curity Administration pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7131, and for
2 facilities or support services for labor organizations pursu-
3 ant to policies, regulations, or procedures referred to in
4 section 7135(b) of such title shall be made by the Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury, with interest, from amounts in the
6 general fund not otherwise appropriated, as soon as pos-
7 sible after such expenditures are made.

8 From funds provided under the first paragraph under
9 this heading, not more than \$2,397,000,000, to remain
10 available through March 31, 2027, is for the costs associ-
11 ated with continuing disability reviews under titles II and
12 XVI of the Social Security Act, including work-related
13 continuing disability reviews to determine whether earn-
14 ings derived from services demonstrate an individual's
15 ability to engage in substantial gainful activity, for the
16 cost associated with conducting redeterminations of eligi-
17 bility under title XVI of the Social Security Act, for the
18 cost of co-operative disability investigation units, and for
19 the cost associated with the prosecution of fraud in the
20 programs and operations of the Social Security Adminis-
21 tration by Special Assistant United States Attorneys: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That, of such amount, \$273,000,000 is provided to
23 meet the terms of a concurrent resolution the budget and
24 \$2,124,000,000 is additional new budget authority speci-
25 fied for purposes of a concurrent resolution of the budget:

1 *Provided further*, That, of the additional new budget au-
2 thority described in the preceding proviso, up to
3 \$24,600,000 may be transferred to the “Office of Inspec-
4 tor General”, Social Security Administration, for the cost
5 of jointly operated co-operative disability investigation
6 units: *Provided further*, That such transfer authority is in
7 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law:
8 *Provided further*, That the Commissioner shall provide to
9 the Congress (at the conclusion of the fiscal year) a report
10 on the obligation and expenditure of these funds, similar
11 to the reports that were required by section 103(d)(2) of
12 Public Law 104–121 for fiscal years 1996 through 2002:
13 *Provided further*, That none of the funds described in this
14 paragraph shall be available for transfer or reprogram-
15 ming except as specified in this paragraph.

16 In addition, \$170,000,000 to be derived from admin-
17 istration fees in excess of \$5.00 per supplementary pay-
18 ment collected pursuant to section 1616(d) of the Social
19 Security Act or section 212(b)(3) of Public Law 93–66,
20 which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*,
21 That to the extent that the amounts collected pursuant
22 to such sections in fiscal year 2026 exceed \$170,000,000,
23 the amounts shall be available in fiscal year 2027 only
24 to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

1 In addition, up to \$1,000,000 to be derived from fees
2 collected pursuant to section 303(c) of the Social Security
3 Protection Act, which shall remain available until ex-
4 pended.

5 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector
8 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
9 General Act of 1978, \$32,000,000, together with not to
10 exceed \$82,665,000, to be transferred and expended as
11 authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act
12 from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
13 Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund:
14 *Provided*, That \$2,000,000 shall remain available until ex-
15 pended for information technology modernization, includ-
16 ing related hardware and software infrastructure and
17 equipment, and for administrative expenses directly asso-
18 ciated with information technology modernization.

19 In addition, an amount not to exceed 3 percent of
20 the total provided in this appropriation may be transferred
21 from the “Limitation on Administrative Expenses”, Social
22 Security Administration, to be merged with this account,
23 to be available for the time and purposes for which this
24 account is available: *Provided*, That notice of such trans-
25 fers shall be transmitted promptly to the Committees on

1 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
2 Senate at least 15 days in advance of any transfer.

3 TITLE V

4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 501. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
7 Human Services, and Education are authorized to transfer
8 unexpended balances of prior appropriations to accounts
9 corresponding to current appropriations provided in this
10 Act. Such transferred balances shall be used for the same
11 purpose, and for the same periods of time, for which they
12 were originally appropriated.

13 SEC. 502. No part of any appropriation contained in
14 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
15 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

16 SEC. 503. (a) No part of any appropriation contained
17 in this Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of
18 Public Law 111–148 shall be used, other than for normal
19 and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for pub-
20 licity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, dis-
21 tribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication,
22 electronic communication, radio, television, or video pres-
23 entation designed to support or defeat the enactment of
24 legislation before the Congress or any State or local legis-
25 lature or legislative body, except in presentation to the

1 Congress or any State or local legislature itself, or de-
2 signed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regu-
3 lation, administrative action, or order issued by the execu-
4 tive branch of any State or local government, except in
5 presentation to the executive branch of any State or local
6 government itself.

7 (b) No part of any appropriation contained in this
8 Act or transferred pursuant to section 4002 of Public Law
9 111–148 shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of
10 any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such
11 recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the
12 enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, ad-
13 ministrative action, or Executive order proposed or pend-
14 ing before the Congress or any State government, State
15 legislature or local legislature or legislative body, other
16 than for normal and recognized executive-legislative rela-
17 tionships or participation by an agency or officer of a
18 State, local or tribal government in policymaking and ad-
19 ministrative processes within the executive branch of that
20 government.

21 (c) The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall
22 include any activity to advocate or promote any proposed,
23 pending or future Federal, State or local tax increase, or
24 any proposed, pending, or future requirement or restric-
25 tion on any legal consumer product, including its sale or

1 marketing, including but not limited to the advocacy or
2 promotion of gun control.

3 SEC. 504. The Secretaries of Labor and Education
4 are authorized to make available not to exceed \$28,000
5 and \$20,000, respectively, from funds available for sala-
6 ries and expenses under titles I and III, respectively, for
7 official reception and representation expenses; the Direc-
8 tor of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is
9 authorized to make available for official reception and rep-
10 resentation expenses not to exceed \$5,000 from the funds
11 available for “Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service,
12 Salaries and Expenses”; and the Chairman of the Na-
13 tional Mediation Board is authorized to make available for
14 official reception and representation expenses not to ex-
15 ceed \$5,000 from funds available for “National Mediation
16 Board, Salaries and Expenses”.

17 SEC. 505. When issuing statements, press releases,
18 requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other docu-
19 ments describing projects or programs funded in whole or
20 in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal
21 funds included in this Act, including but not limited to
22 State and local governments and recipients of Federal re-
23 search grants, shall clearly state—

1 (1) the percentage of the total costs of the pro-
2 gram or project which will be financed with Federal
3 money;

4 (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the
5 project or program; and

6 (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total
7 costs of the project or program that will be financed
8 by non-governmental sources.

9 SEC. 506. (a) None of the funds appropriated in this
10 Act, and none of the funds in any trust fund to which
11 funds are appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for
12 any abortion.

13 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act, and
14 none of the funds in any trust fund to which funds are
15 appropriated in this Act, shall be expended for health ben-
16 efits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

17 (c) The term “health benefits coverage” means the
18 package of services covered by a managed care provider
19 or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrange-
20 ment.

21 SEC. 507. (a) The limitations established in the pre-
22 ceding section shall not apply to an abortion—

23 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
24 rape or incest; or

1 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a
2 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
3 including a life-endangering physical condition
4 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that
5 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman
6 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

7 (b) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
8 strued as prohibiting the expenditure by a State, locality,
9 entity, or private person of State, local, or private funds
10 (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid
11 matching funds).

12 (c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be con-
13 strued as restricting the ability of any managed care pro-
14 vider from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a
15 State or locality to contract separately with such a pro-
16 vider for such coverage with State funds (other than a
17 State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching
18 funds).

19 (d)(1) None of the funds made available in this Act
20 may be made available to a Federal agency or program,
21 or to a State or local government, if such agency, program,
22 or government subjects any institutional or individual
23 health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the
24 health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide cov-
25 erage of, or refer for abortions.

1 (2) In this subsection, the term “health care entity”
2 includes an individual physician or other health care pro-
3 fessional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored organization, a
4 health maintenance organization, a health insurance plan,
5 or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or
6 plan.

7 SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds made available in
8 this Act may be used for—

9 (1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos
10 for research purposes; or

11 (2) research in which a human embryo or em-
12 bryos are destroyed, discarded, or knowingly sub-
13 jected to risk of injury or death greater than that
14 allowed for research on fetuses in utero under 45
15 CFR 46.204(b) and section 498(b) of the Public
16 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)).

17 (b) For purposes of this section, the term “human
18 embryo or embryos” includes any organism, not protected
19 as a human subject under 45 CFR 46 as of the date of
20 the enactment of this Act, that is derived by fertilization,
21 parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or
22 more human gametes or human diploid cells.

23 SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds made available in
24 this Act may be used for any activity that promotes the
25 legalization of any drug or other substance included in

1 schedule I of the schedules of controlled substances estab-
2 lished under section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act
3 except for normal and recognized executive-congressional
4 communications.

5 (b) The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply
6 when there is significant medical evidence of a therapeutic
7 advantage to the use of such drug or other substance or
8 that federally sponsored clinical trials are being conducted
9 to determine therapeutic advantage.

10 SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this
11 Act may be used to promulgate or adopt any final stand-
12 ard under section 1173(b) of the Social Security Act pro-
13 viding for, or providing for the assignment of, a unique
14 health identifier for an individual (except in an individ-
15 ual's capacity as an employer or a health care provider),
16 until legislation is enacted specifically approving the
17 standard.

18 SEC. 511. None of the funds made available in this
19 Act may be obligated or expended to enter into or renew
20 a contract with an entity if—

21 (1) such entity is otherwise a contractor with
22 the United States and is subject to the requirement
23 in 38 U.S.C. 4212(d) regarding submission of an
24 annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning
25 employment of certain veterans; and

1 (2) such entity has not submitted a report as
2 required by that section for the most recent year for
3 which such requirement was applicable to such enti-
4 ty.

5 SEC. 512. None of the funds made available in this
6 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
7 strumentality of the United States Government, except
8 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
9 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

10 SEC. 513. None of the funds made available by this
11 Act to carry out the Library Services and Technology Act
12 may be made available to any library covered by para-
13 graph (1) of section 224(f) of such Act, as amended by
14 the Children's Internet Protection Act, unless such library
15 has made the certifications required by paragraph (4) of
16 such section.

17 SEC. 514. (a) None of the funds provided under this
18 Act, or provided under previous appropriations Acts to the
19 agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obli-
20 gation or expenditure in fiscal year 2026, or provided from
21 any accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived
22 by the collection of fees available to the agencies funded
23 by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
24 through a reprogramming of funds that—

25 (1) creates new programs;

1 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

2 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
3 for any project or activity for which funds have been
4 denied or restricted;

5 (4) relocates an office or employees;

6 (5) reorganizes or renames offices;

7 (6) reorganizes programs or activities; or

8 (7) contracts out or privatizes any functions or
9 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

10 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
11 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
12 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
13 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
14 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
15 of such reprogramming.

16 (b) None of the funds provided under this Act, or
17 provided under previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
18 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
19 or expenditure in fiscal year 2026, or provided from any
20 accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
21 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
22 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
23 through a reprogramming of funds in excess of \$500,000
24 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—

1 (1) augments existing programs, projects (in-
2 cluding construction projects), or activities;

3 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
4 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
5 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

6 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
7 duction in personnel which would result in a change
8 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
9 proved by Congress;

10 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the House of
11 Representatives and the Senate are consulted 15 days in
12 advance of such reprogramming or of an announcement
13 of intent relating to such reprogramming, whichever oc-
14 curs earlier, and are notified in writing 10 days in advance
15 of such reprogramming.

16 SEC. 515. (a) None of the funds made available in
17 this Act may be used to request that a candidate for ap-
18 pointment to a Federal scientific advisory committee dis-
19 close the political affiliation or voting history of the can-
20 didate or the position that the candidate holds with re-
21 spect to political issues not directly related to and nec-
22 essary for the work of the committee involved.

23 (b) None of the funds made available in this Act may
24 be used to disseminate information that is deliberately
25 false or misleading.

1 SEC. 516. Within 45 days of enactment of this Act,
2 each department and related agency funded through this
3 Act shall submit an operating plan that details at the pro-
4 gram, project, and activity level any funding allocations
5 for fiscal year 2026 that are different than those specified
6 in this Act, the detailed table in the Committee report ac-
7 companying this Act, or the fiscal year 2026 budget re-
8 quest.

9 SEC. 517. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and
10 Human Services, and Education shall each prepare and
11 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the number
13 and amount of contracts, grants, and cooperative agree-
14 ments exceeding \$500,000, individually or in total for a
15 particular project, activity, or programmatic initiative, in
16 value and awarded by the Department on a non-competi-
17 tive basis during each quarter of fiscal year 2026, but not
18 to include grants awarded on a formula basis or directed
19 by law. Such report shall include the name of the con-
20 tractor or grantee, the amount of funding, the govern-
21 mental purpose, including a justification for issuing the
22 award on a non-competitive basis. Such report shall be
23 transmitted to the Committees within 30 days after the
24 end of the quarter for which the report is submitted.

1 SEC. 518. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
2 shall be expended or obligated by the Commissioner of So-
3 cial Security, for purposes of administering Social Security
4 benefit payments under title II of the Social Security Act,
5 to process any claim for credit for a quarter of coverage
6 based on work performed under a social security account
7 number that is not the claimant's number and the per-
8 formance of such work under such number has formed the
9 basis for a conviction of the claimant of a violation of sec-
10 tion 208(a)(6) or (7) of the Social Security Act.

11 SEC. 519. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
12 may be used by the Commissioner of Social Security or
13 the Social Security Administration to pay the compensa-
14 tion of employees of the Social Security Administration
15 to administer Social Security benefit payments, under any
16 agreement between the United States and Mexico estab-
17 lishing totalization arrangements between the social secu-
18 rity system established by title II of the Social Security
19 Act and the social security system of Mexico, which would
20 not otherwise be payable but for such agreement.

21 SEC. 520. (a) None of the funds made available in
22 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
23 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
24 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

1 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
2 funds necessary for any Federal, State, Tribal, or local
3 law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out
4 criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activi-
5 ties.

6 SEC. 521. For purposes of carrying out Executive
7 Order 13589, Office of Management and Budget Memo-
8 randum M-12-12 dated May 11, 2012, and requirements
9 contained in the annual appropriations bills relating to
10 conference attendance and expenditures:

11 (1) the operating divisions of HHS shall be con-
12 sidered independent agencies; and

13 (2) attendance at and support for scientific con-
14 ferences shall be tabulated separately from and not
15 included in agency totals.

16 SEC. 522. Federal agencies funded under this Act
17 shall clearly state within the text, audio, or video used for
18 advertising or educational purposes, including emails or
19 Internet postings, that the communication is printed, pub-
20 lished, or produced and disseminated at United States tax-
21 payer expense. The funds used by a Federal agency to
22 carry out this requirement shall be derived from amounts
23 made available to the agency for advertising or other com-
24 munications regarding the programs and activities of the
25 agency.

1 SEC. 523. Not later than 30 days after the end of
2 each calendar quarter, beginning with the first month of
3 fiscal year 2026 the Departments of Labor, Health and
4 Human Services and Education and the Social Security
5 Administration shall provide the Committees on Appro-
6 priations of the House of Representatives and Senate a
7 report on the status of balances of appropriations: *Pro-*
8 *vided*, That for balances that are unobligated and uncom-
9 mitted, committed, and obligated but unexpended, the
10 monthly reports shall separately identify the amounts at-
11 tributable to each source year of appropriation (beginning
12 with fiscal year 2012, or, to the extent feasible, earlier
13 fiscal years) from which balances were derived.

14 SEC. 524. The Departments of Labor, Health and
15 Human Services, and Education shall provide to the Com-
16 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
17 and the Senate a comprehensive list of any new or com-
18 petitive grant award notifications, including supplements,
19 issued at the discretion of such Departments not less than
20 3 full business days before any entity selected to receive
21 a grant award is announced by the Department or its of-
22 fices (other than emergency response grants at any time
23 of the year or for grant awards made during the last 10
24 business days of the fiscal year, or if applicable, of the
25 program year).

1 SEC. 525. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 this Act, no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used
3 to purchase sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic
4 injection of any illegal drug: *Provided*, That such limita-
5 tion does not apply to the use of funds for elements of
6 a program other than making such purchases if the rel-
7 evant State or local health department, in consultation
8 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, de-
9 termines that the State or local jurisdiction, as applicable,
10 is experiencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in
11 hepatitis infections or an HIV outbreak due to injection
12 drug use, and such program is operating in accordance
13 with State and local law: *Provided further*, That none of
14 the funds appropriated in this Act may be used for the
15 operation of a supervised drug consumption facility that
16 permits the consumption onsite of any substance listed in
17 schedule I of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act
18 (21 U.S.C. 812).

19 SEC. 526. Each department and related agency fund-
20 ed through this Act shall provide answers to questions
21 submitted for the record by members of the Committee
22 within 45 business days after receipt.

23 SEC. 527. (a) This section applies to: (1) the Admin-
24 istration for Children and Families in the Department of
25 Health and Human Services; and (2) the Chief Evaluation

1 Office and the statistical-related cooperative and inter-
2 agency agreements and contracting activities of the Bu-
3 reau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor.

4 (b) Amounts made available under this Act which are
5 either appropriated, allocated, advanced on a reimbursable
6 basis, or transferred to the functions and organizations
7 identified in subsection (a) for research, evaluation, or sta-
8 tistical purposes shall be available for obligation through
9 September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That when an office ref-
10 erenced in subsection (a) receives research and evaluation
11 funding from multiple appropriations, such offices may
12 use a single Treasury account for such activities, with
13 funding advanced on a reimbursable basis.

14 (c) Amounts referenced in subsection (b) that are un-
15 expended at the time of completion of a contract, grant,
16 or cooperative agreement may be deobligated and shall im-
17 mediately become available and may be reobligated in that
18 fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year for the research,
19 evaluation, or statistical purposes for which such amounts
20 are available.

21 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

22 SEC. 528. Of amounts deposited in the Child Enroll-
23 ment Contingency Fund under section 2104(n)(2) of the
24 Social Security Act and the income derived from invest-
25 ment of those funds pursuant to section 2104(n)(2)(C) of

1 that Act, \$12,835,000,000 are hereby permanently re-
2 scinded.

3 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 529. Of the unobligated balances of funds made
5 available by sections 2023, 2206, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2401,
6 2402, 2403, 2404, 2501, 2502, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2605,
7 2701, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2705, 2706, 2707, 2708, 2709,
8 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2904, 2912, 3101, and 9911 of
9 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–
10 2), \$183,000,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That not
11 later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
12 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit
13 to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Senate a report specifying the unobli-
15 gated balances rescinded pursuant to this section by both
16 account and amount from each applicable appropriation
17 in Public Law 117–2.

18 SEC. 530. (a) In general.—Notwithstanding section
19 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title
20 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
21 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-
22 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take
23 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-
24 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in
25 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral

1 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,
2 a union of one man and one woman.

3 (b) Discriminatory action defined.—As used in sub-
4 section (a), a discriminatory action means any action
5 taken by the Federal Government to—

6 (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment
7 of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-
8 sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-
9 tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to
11 in subsection (a);

12 (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-
13 poses of any charitable contribution made to or by
14 such person;

15 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
16 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
17 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-
18 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-
19 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
20 other similar position or status from or to such per-
21 son;

22 (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
23 erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or
24 benefit under a Federal benefit program, including
25 admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a

1 degree from an educational program, from or to
2 such person; or

3 (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
4 erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-
5 ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-
6 stitutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited,
7 and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising cam-
8 paigns from or to such person.

9 (c) Accreditation; Licensure; Certification.—The
10 Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or
11 certified for purposes of Federal law any person that
12 would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for
13 such purposes but for a determination against such person
14 wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks,
15 or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief
16 or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

17 SEC. 531. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used by the Secretaries of Labor, Health and
19 Human Services, or Education, the Commissioner of the
20 Social Security Administration, or the head of any other
21 agency funded in this Act to fly or display a flag over
22 a Federal facility other than—

23 (1) the flag of the United States;

24 (2) the flag of a State, territory, or the District
25 of Columbia;

- 1 (3) the flag of an Indian Tribal Government;
2 the official Flag of a Federal agency;
3 (4) the POW/MIA flag;
4 (5) the flag of the Public Health Service; or
5 (6) the flag of the United States Surgeon Gen-
6 eral.

7 SEC. 532. None of the funds made available by this
8 Act may be used to implement, enforce, or otherwise carry
9 out the following—

- 10 (1) Executive Order 13990, relating to Pro-
11 tecting Public Health and the Environment and Re-
12 storing Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis;
13 (2) Executive Order 14008, relating to Tackling
14 the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad;
15 (3) Section 6 of Executive Order 14013, relat-
16 ing to Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To Re-
17 settle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Cli-
18 mate Change on Migration;
19 (4) Executive Order 14030, relating to Climate-
20 Related Financial Risk;
21 (5) Executive Order 14037, relating to
22 Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars
23 and Trucks;

1 (6) Executive Order 14057, relating to Cata-
2 lyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs through
3 Federal Sustainability;

4 (7) Executive Order 14082, relating to Imple-
5 mentation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provi-
6 sions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022; and

7 (8) Executive Order 14096, relating to Revital-
8 izing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental
9 Justice for All.

10 SEC. 533. None of the funds appropriated or other-
11 wise made available by this Act may be made available
12 to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out Ex-
13 ecutive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg.
14 7009, relating to advancing racial equity and support for
15 under-served communities through the Federal govern-
16 ment); Executive Order 14035 of June 25, 2021 (86 Fed.
17 Reg. 34593, relating to diversity, equity, inclusion, and
18 accessibility in the Federal workforce); or Executive Order
19 14091 of February 16, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 10825, relat-
20 ing to further advancing racial equity and support for un-
21 derserved communities through the Federal Government).

22 SEC. 534. None of the funds appropriated or other-
23 wise made available by this Act may be made available
24 for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, training,
25 programs, offices, officers, policies, or any program,

1 project, or activity that promotes or advances Critical
2 Race Theory, or any concept associated with Critical Race
3 Theory.

4 SEC. 535. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act may be used to carry out
6 any program, project, or activity that teaches or trains any
7 idea or concept that condones an individual being discrimi-
8 nated against or receiving adverse or beneficial treatment
9 based on race or sex, that condones an individual feeling
10 discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psycho-
11 logical distress on account of that individual's race or sex,
12 as well as any idea or concept that regards one race as
13 inherently superior to another race, the United States or
14 its institutions as being systemically racist or sexist, an
15 individual as being inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive
16 by virtue of that individual's race or sex, an individual's
17 moral character as being necessarily determined by race
18 or sex, an individual as bearing responsibility for actions
19 committed in the past by other members of the same race
20 or sex, or meritocracy being racist, sexist, or having been
21 created by a particular race to oppress another race.

22 SEC. 536. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
23 erwise made available by this Act may be made available
24 to a United States institution of higher education unless
25 and until such institution adopts a prohibition on

1 antisemitic conduct that creates a hostile environment in
2 violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in
3 all documents relating to student or employee conduct.

4 (b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
5 made available by this Act may be made available to a
6 United States institution of higher education that has
7 failed to take administrative action against any student,
8 staff member, or student group that commits acts of anti-
9 semitism while utilizing the facilities, grounds, or re-
10 sources of such institution.

11 SEC. 537. Notwithstanding any other provision of
12 law, none of the funds made available by this Act may
13 be made available to support directly or indirectly—

14 (1) the Wuhan Institute of Virology located in
15 the City of Wuhan in the People's Republic of
16 China;

17 (2) the EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.;

18 (3) any laboratory owned or controlled by the
19 governments of the People's Republic of China, the
20 Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the
21 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian
22 Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
23 under the regime of Nicolás Maduro Moros, or any
24 other country determined by the Secretary of State
25 to be a foreign adversary; or

1 (4) gain-of-function research.

2 SEC. 538. None of the funds made available by this
3 Act may be used to establish, implement, administer, or
4 enforce any COVID–19 mask or vaccine mandate.

5 SEC. 539. None of the funds made available by this
6 Act may be used to enter into a procurement contract,
7 memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement
8 with, or make a grant to, or provide a loan or guarantee
9 to, any entity identified under section 1260H of the Wil-
10 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
11 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) or
12 any subsidiary of such entity.

13 SEC. 540. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
14 may be made available for any institution of higher edu-
15 cation (as defined by 20 U.S.C. 1002), that engages in
16 a partnership or other formalized academic collaboration
17 in STEM (as defined in 15 U.S.C. 8841) including but
18 not limited to a joint institute with an entity, such as a
19 college or university that is located, operated, or controlled
20 by the Chinese Communist Party or the Government of
21 the People’s Republic of China.

22 SEC. 541. (a) None of the funds made available by
23 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
24 may be obligated or expended to procure or purchase com-
25 puters, printers, or interoperable videoconferencing serv-

1 ices needed for an office environment in which the manu-
2 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
3 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
4 equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity
5 in which the People's Republic of China has any ownership
6 stake.

7 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) also applies in
8 cases in which the agency has contracted with a third
9 party for the procurement, purchase, or expenditure of
10 funds on any of the equipment and software described in
11 such subsection.

12 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

13 SEC. 542. \$0.

14 This Act may be cited as the “Departments of Labor,
15 Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related
16 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”.

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