

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2259
OFFERED BY MR. POE OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Sam Farr and Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of
4 2018”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Sec. 101. Peace Corps volunteer medical care reform.
Sec. 102. Post-service peace corps volunteer medical care reform.
Sec. 103. Peace Corps impact survey.
Sec. 104. Extension of positions for Peace Corps employees.

TITLE II—PEACE CORPS OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Sec. 201. Peace Corps volunteer access to Inspector General.
Sec. 202. Publication requirement for volunteer surveys.
Sec. 203. Consultation with Congress required before opening or closing overseas offices and country programs.

TITLE III—CRIME RISK REDUCTION ENHANCEMENTS

Sec. 301. Independent review of volunteer death.
Sec. 302. Additional disclosures to applicants for enrollment as volunteers.
Sec. 303. Additional protections against sexual misconduct.
Sec. 304. Extension of the office of victim advocacy.
Sec. 305. Reform and extension of the Sexual Assault Advisory Council.
Sec. 306. Experts and consultants for the Inspector General.
Sec. 307. Definitions.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7 the Senate;

8 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
9 the Senate;

10 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
11 the House of Representatives; and

12 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (2) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means
15 the Director of the Peace Corps.

16 (3) **PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.**—The term
17 “Peace Corps volunteer” means an individual de-
18 scribed in section 5(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22
19 U.S.C. 2504(a)).

20 **TITLE I—PEACE CORPS**
21 **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

22 **SEC. 101. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MEDICAL CARE RE-**
23 **FORM.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Peace Corps Act is amend-
25 ed—

26 (1) in section 5 (22 U.S.C. 2504)—

1 (A) in subsection (e), in the first sentence,
2 by striking “receive such immunization and
3 dental care preparatory to their service” and in-
4 serting “receive, preparatory to their service,
5 such immunization, dental care, and informa-
6 tion on prescription options and potential inter-
7 actions, as necessary and appropriate and in ac-
8 cordance with subsection (f)”;

9 (B) by re-designating subsections (f), (g),
10 (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n) as subsections
11 (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), and (o);

12 (C) by inserting after subsection (e) the
13 following new subsection—

14 “(f) The Director of the Peace Corps shall consult
15 with health experts outside the Peace Corps, including ex-
16 perts licensed in the field of mental health, and follow
17 guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
18 tion regarding the prescription of medications to a volun-
19 teer.”; and

20 (D) in subsection (i), as so redesignated,
21 by striking “section, and” and inserting “sec-
22 tion), and”;

23 (2) by inserting after section 5 the following
24 new section:

1 **“SEC. 5A. HEALTH CARE FOR VOLUNTEERS AT PEACE**
2 **CORPS POSTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall ensure that
4 each overseas post has the services of a medical office that
5 is consistent in size and scope with the needs of the Peace
6 Corps at such post, including, if necessary, by detailing
7 to any such post the licensed medical staff of other United
8 States departments, agencies, or establishments.

9 “(b) HIRING CRITERIA.—In selecting medical officers
10 and support staff for overseas Peace Corps posts, the Di-
11 rector of the Peace Corps shall hire well-qualified and ca-
12 pable personnel to support the effectiveness of health care
13 for Peace Corps volunteers by evaluating each can-
14 didate’s—

15 “(1) medical training, experience, and accredi-
16 tations or other qualifications;

17 “(2) record of performance;

18 “(3) administrative capabilities;

19 “(4) understanding of the local language and
20 culture;

21 “(5) ability to work in the English language;

22 “(6) interpersonal skills; and

23 “(7) such other factors that the Director deter-
24 mines appropriate.

25 “(c) CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Director of the Peace
26 Corps shall ensure that each Peace Corps medical officer

1 serving in a malaria-endemic country receives training in
2 the recognition of the side effects of such medications.

3 “(d) REVIEW AND EVALUATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace
5 Corps, acting through the Associate Director of the
6 Office of Health Services and the country directors,
7 shall review and evaluate the performance and
8 health care delivery of all Peace Corps medical staff,
9 including medical officers, to—

10 “(A) ensure compliance with all relevant
11 Peace Corps policies, practices, and guidelines;
12 and

13 “(B) ensure that medical staff complete
14 the necessary continuing medical education to
15 maintain their skills and satisfy licensing and
16 credentialing standards, as designated by the
17 Director.

18 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of
19 the Peace Corps shall include, in the annual Peace
20 Corps congressional budget justification, a confirma-
21 tion that the review and evaluation of all Peace
22 Corps medical staff required under paragraph (1)
23 has been completed.

24 “(e) ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS.—The Director of the
25 Peace Corps shall consult with experts at the Centers for

1 Disease Control and Prevention regarding recommenda-
2 tions for prescribing malaria prophylaxis, in order to pro-
3 vide the best standard of care within the context of the
4 Peace Corps environment.”.

5 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY
6 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE PEACE CORPS.—

7 (1) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—As prompt-
8 ly as practicable, the Director shall implement the
9 actions outlined in the agency response for all open
10 recommendations of the Inspector General of the
11 Peace Corps set forth in the report entitled “Final
12 Program Evaluation Report: OIG Follow-up Evalua-
13 tion of Issues Identified in the 2010 Peace Corps/
14 Morocco Assessment of Medical Care” (Report No.
15 IG-16-01-E).

16 (2) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—

17 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180
18 days after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, the Director shall submit a report to the
20 appropriate congressional committees that de-
21 scribes the Director’s strategy for implementing
22 the recommendations referred to in paragraph
23 (1).

24 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later
25 than 180 days after the submission of the re-

1 port required under subparagraph (A), and
2 semiannually thereafter, the Director shall sub-
3 mit a report to the appropriate congressional
4 committees that describes the progress in imple-
5 menting the recommendations referred to in
6 paragraph (1) until all such recommendations
7 have been implemented in accordance with the
8 agency's response to the report referred to in
9 such paragraph.

10 (3) NOTIFICATION.—After the submission of
11 each report required under paragraph (2), the In-
12 spector General of the Peace Corps may notify the
13 appropriate congressional committees of any rec-
14 ommendations from the report referred to in para-
15 graph (1) that the Inspector General determines re-
16 main unresolved.

17 **SEC. 102. POST-SERVICE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MED-**
18 **ICAL CARE REFORM.**

19 Section 8142 of title 5, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall authorize the Director of
23 the Peace Corps to furnish medical benefits to a volunteer,
24 who is injured during the volunteer's period of service, for
25 a period of 120 days following the termination of such

1 service if the Director certifies that the volunteer's injury
2 probably meets the requirements under subsection (c)(3).
3 The Secretary may then certify vouchers for these ex-
4 penses for such volunteer out of the Employees' Com-
5 pensation Fund.

6 “(2) The Secretary shall prescribe the form and con-
7 tent of the certification required under paragraph (1).

8 “(3) A certification under paragraph (1) will cease
9 to be effective if the volunteer sustains compensable dis-
10 ability in connection with volunteer service.

11 “(4) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to
12 authorize the furnishing of any medical benefit that the
13 Secretary of Labor is not otherwise authorized to reim-
14 burse for former Peace Corps volunteers who receive treat-
15 ment for injury or disease proximately caused by their
16 service in the Peace Corps in accordance with this chap-
17 ter.”.

18 **SEC. 103. PEACE CORPS IMPACT SURVEY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act and once every
21 two years thereafter for the following six years, the Direc-
22 tor shall conduct a survey of former Peace Corps volun-
23 teers.

24 (b) SCOPE OF SURVEY.—The survey required under
25 subsection (a) shall assess, with respect to each former

1 Peace Corps volunteer completing the survey, the impact
2 of the Peace Corps on the former volunteer, including the
3 volunteer's—

4 (1) well-being;

5 (2) career;

6 (3) civic engagement; and

7 (4) commitment to public service.

8 (c) REPORT.—The Director shall submit a report
9 containing the results of the survey conducted under sub-
10 section (a) to—

11 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
12 Senate;

13 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 Senate; and

17 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (d) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—
20 Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code
21 (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act of
22 1980”), shall not apply to the collection of information
23 through the survey required under this section.

1 **SEC. 104. EXTENSION OF POSITIONS FOR PEACE CORPS EM-**
2 **PLOYEES.**

3 Section 7(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
4 2506(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new paragraph:

6 “(8)(A) The Director of the Peace Corps may
7 designate Peace Corps positions as critical manage-
8 ment or management support positions that require
9 specialized technical or professional skills and knowl-
10 edge of Peace Corps operations. Such positions may
11 include positions in the following fields:

12 “(i) Volunteer health services.

13 “(ii) Financial management.

14 “(iii) Information technology.

15 “(iv) Procurement.

16 “(v) Personnel.

17 “(vi) Legal services.

18 “(vii) Safety and security.

19 “(B) Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D),
20 with respect to positions designated pursuant to sub-
21 paragraph (A), the Director may make or extend re-
22 newable appointments or assignments under para-
23 graph (2) notwithstanding limitations under sub-
24 paragraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) and para-
25 graph (5).

1 “(C) In exercising authority under subpara-
2 graph (B), the Director shall ensure that all deci-
3 sions regarding the appointment, assignment, or ex-
4 tension of employees to any position designated pur-
5 suant to subparagraph (A)—

6 “(i) are consistent with Federal law and
7 Peace Corps policy; and

8 “(ii) are based upon operational and pro-
9 grammatic factors.

10 “(D) The term of any appointment or assign-
11 ment to any position designated pursuant to sub-
12 paragraph (A) may not exceed five years.”.

13 **TITLE II—PEACE CORPS OVER-** 14 **SIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

15 **SEC. 201. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER ACCESS TO INSPEC-** 16 **TOR GENERAL.**

17 Section 8 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507)
18 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the
21 President”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following new
23 sentences: “As part of the training provided to
24 all volunteers under subsection (a), and in co-
25 ordination with the Inspector General of the

1 Peace Corps, the President shall provide all vol-
2 unteers with information regarding the mandate
3 of the Inspector General and the availability
4 (including contact information) of the Inspector
5 General and the Office of Victim Advocacy as
6 a resource for volunteers. The President shall
7 ensure that volunteers receive such information
8 at least once during training that occurs prior
9 to enrollment and at least once during each sig-
10 nificant instance of training after enrollment.”;
11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(c) The President shall implement procedures to
15 maintain a record verifying each individual completing
16 training provided to meet each requirement in this section
17 and sections 8A, 8B, 8F, and 8G(b).”.

18 **SEC. 202. PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR VOLUNTEER**
19 **SURVEYS.**

20 Section 8E of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507e)
21 is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—

23 (A) by inserting “, ensure that each such
24 plan includes a consideration of the results,
25 with respect to each such representative and the

1 country of service of each such representative,
2 of each survey conducted under subsection (e),”
3 after “standards for Peace Corps representa-
4 tives”; and

5 (B) by striking “and shall review” and in-
6 serting “, and review”; and

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in the first sentence, by striking
9 “2018” and inserting “2023”; and

10 (B) in the third sentence, by striking “sub-
11 section (a)” and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 sentences: “The President shall publish, on a
14 publicly available website of the Peace Corps, a
15 report summarizing the results of each survey
16 related to volunteer satisfaction in each country
17 in which volunteers serve, and the early termi-
18 nation rate of volunteers serving in each such
19 country. The information published shall be
20 posted in an easily accessible place near the de-
21 scription of the appropriate country and shall
22 be written in an easily understood manner.”.

1 **SEC. 203. CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS REQUIRED BE-**
2 **FORE OPENING OR CLOSING OVERSEAS OF-**
3 **FICES AND COUNTRY PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 10 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2509)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(k)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Di-
8 rector of the Peace Corps may not open, close, signifi-
9 cantly reduce, or suspend a domestic or overseas office or
10 country program unless the Director has notified and con-
11 sulted with the appropriate congressional committees at
12 least 15 days in advance.

13 “(2) The Director of the Peace Corps may waive the
14 application of paragraph (1) for a period of not more than
15 five days after an action described in such paragraph if
16 the Director determines such action is necessary to amelio-
17 rate a substantial security risk to Peace Corps volunteers
18 or other Peace Corps personnel.

19 “(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the term
20 ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

21 “(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
22 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives; and

24 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
25 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.”.

1 **TITLE III—CRIME RISK**
2 **REDUCTION ENHANCEMENTS**

3 **SEC. 301. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF VOLUNTEER DEATH.**

4 Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504),
5 as amended by section 101 of this Act, is further amended
6 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(p)(1) Not later than ten days after receiving notifi-
8 cation of the death of a volunteer, the President shall pro-
9 vide a briefing to the Inspector General of the Peace Corps
10 that includes—

11 “(A)(i) the available facts and circumstances
12 surrounding the death of the volunteer, including a
13 preliminary timeline of the events immediately pre-
14 ceding the death of the volunteer, subsequent actions
15 taken by the Peace Corps, and any information
16 available to the Peace Corps reflecting on the cause
17 or root cause of the death of the volunteer; and

18 “(ii) a description of any steps the Peace
19 Corps plans to take to inquire further into the
20 cause or root cause of the death of the volun-
21 teer, including the anticipated date of the com-
22 pletion of such inquiry; or

23 “(B) an explanation of why the Peace Corps
24 has determined that no further inquiry into the

1 cause or root cause of the death of the volunteer is
2 necessary, including—

3 “(i) a description of the steps the Peace
4 Corps took to determine further inquiry was not
5 necessary; and

6 “(ii) the basis for such determination.

7 “(2) If the Peace Corps has performed or engaged
8 another entity to perform a root cause analysis or similar
9 report that describes the cause or root cause of a volunteer
10 death, the President shall provide the Inspector General
11 of the Peace Corps with—

12 “(A) a copy of all information provided to such
13 entity at the time such information is provided to
14 such entity or used by the Peace Corps to perform
15 the analysis;

16 “(B) a copy of any report or study received
17 from the entity or used by the Peace Corps to per-
18 form the analysis; and

19 “(C) any supporting documentation upon which
20 the Peace Corps or such entity relied to make its de-
21 termination, including the volunteer’s complete med-
22 ical record, as soon as such information is available
23 to the Peace Corps.

24 “(3) If a volunteer dies, the Peace Corps shall take
25 reasonable measures, in accordance with local laws, to pre-

1 serve any information or material, in any medium or for-
2 mat, that may be relevant to determining the cause or root
3 cause of the death of the volunteer, including personal ef-
4 fects, medication, and other tangible items belonging to
5 the volunteer, as long as such measures do not interfere
6 with the legal procedures of the host country if the govern-
7 ment of the host country is exercising jurisdiction over the
8 investigation of such death. The Inspector General of the
9 Peace Corps shall be provided an opportunity to inspect
10 such items before their final disposition.

11 “(4) Consistent with the Inspector General Act of
12 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), the Inspector General of the Peace
13 Corps may independently review the facts and cir-
14 cumstances surrounding the death of a volunteer and the
15 actions taken by the Peace Corps in responding to such
16 incident.

17 “(5) For the purposes of undertaking a review under
18 this section, an officer or employee of the United States
19 or a member of the Armed Forces may be detailed to the
20 Inspector General of the Peace Corps from another de-
21 partment of the United States Government on a non-
22 reimbursable basis, as jointly agreed to by the Inspector
23 General and the detailing department, for a period not to
24 exceed one year. This paragraph may not be construed to
25 limit or modify any other source of authority for reimburs-

1 able or nonreimbursable details. A nonreimbursable detail
2 made under this section may not be considered an aug-
3 mentation of the appropriations of the Peace Corps.

4 “(6) Upon request, the Peace Corps may make avail-
5 able necessary funds to the Inspector General of the Peace
6 Corps for reviews conducted by the Inspector General
7 under this section. The request shall be limited to costs
8 relating to hiring, procuring, or otherwise obtaining med-
9 ical-related experts or expert services, and associated trav-
10 el.

11 “(7) The undertaking of a review under this section
12 may not be considered a transfer of program operating
13 responsibilities to the Inspector General of the Peace
14 Corps.”.

15 **SEC. 302. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES TO APPLICANTS FOR**
16 **ENROLLMENT AS VOLUNTEERS.**

17 Section 8A of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
18 2507a(d)) is amended—

19 (1) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(d) INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMES AND
22 RISKS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicant for enroll-
24 ment as a volunteer shall be provided, with respect
25 to each country in which the applicant may be in-

1 vited to serve, with specific, aggregated, and easily
2 accessible information regarding crimes against and
3 risks to volunteers, including—

4 “(A) an overview of past crimes against
5 volunteers in such country, including statistics
6 regarding unreported crime collected through
7 anonymous surveys;

8 “(B) the current early termination rate of
9 volunteers serving in such country;

10 “(C) health risks prevalent in such coun-
11 try;

12 “(D) the nature and frequency of sexual
13 harassment reported by volunteers serving in
14 such country;

15 “(E) the extent and types of services pro-
16 vided by the Peace Corps to volunteers serving
17 in such country, including access to medical
18 care, counseling services, and assistance from
19 the Office of Victim Advocacy; and

20 “(F) the level of satisfaction reported by
21 volunteers serving in such country.

22 “(2) OPTION TO TIMELY DECLINE.—Upon re-
23 ceiving information described in paragraph (1), the
24 applicant shall have the option to change the coun-

1 try of consideration and identify a substitute coun-
2 try.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (f)(2)(B)(iii), by striking “vic-
4 tim advocates” and inserting “Victim’s Advocates,”.

5 **SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST SEXUAL**
6 **MISCONDUCT.**

7 Section 8B(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
8 2507b(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3)—

10 (A) by striking “SARLs” and inserting
11 “any employee of the Peace Corps”;

12 (B) by striking “Victim Advocate” and in-
13 serting “Victim’s Advocate”; and

14 (C) by inserting “and require the Peace
15 Corps to designate the staff at each post who
16 shall be responsible for providing the services
17 described in subsection (c)” before the semi-
18 colon at the end;

19 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
20 end;

21 (3) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraphs:

1 “(7) maintains a record documenting the resignation
2 of any employee or volunteer of the Peace Corps who re-
3 signs before a determination has been made regarding an
4 alleged violation of the sexual misconduct policy or other
5 serious policy violations;

6 “(8) takes into account the record maintained under
7 paragraph (7) before such employee or volunteer is hired,
8 enrolled, or otherwise invited to work with the Peace
9 Corps;

10 “(9) provides orientation or information regarding
11 the awareness and prevention of sexual assault and sexual
12 harassment to—

13 “(A) Peace Corps-selected host families; and

14 “(B) a designated person of authority at the
15 volunteer’s initial workplace; and

16 “(10) ensures, to the extent practicable and appro-
17 priate, that any assault on, or any harm or injury to, a
18 volunteer that is committed by any member of a host fam-
19 ily or any national of a host country that was assigned
20 by the Peace Corps to facilitate volunteer work is—

21 “(A) documented in an appropriate site history
22 file and in the global tracking and recording system
23 established pursuant to section 8H(c); and

24 “(B) taken into account with respect to deter-
25 minations regarding placements of future volunteers

1 at such post and the provision of any funds or other
2 benefit by the Peace Corps.”.

3 **SEC. 304. EXTENSION OF THE OFFICE OF VICTIM ADVOCACY.**
4

5 Section 8C of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507c)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “victim advocate” each place it
8 appears and inserting “Victim’s Advocate”;

9 (2) by striking “victim advocates” each place it
10 occurs and inserting “Victim’s Advocates”; and

11 (3) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(e) The Director of the Peace Corps shall include
14 the head of the Office of Victim Advocacy in agency-wide
15 policymaking processes in the same manner and to the
16 same extent as the directors or associate directors of other
17 offices within the Peace Corps.”.

18 **SEC. 305. REFORM AND EXTENSION OF THE SEXUAL AS-
19 SAULT ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

20 Section 8D of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
21 2507d) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) by striking “not less than 8 individuals
24 selected by the President, not later than 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-

1 tion,” and inserting “not fewer than 8 and not
2 more than 14 individuals selected by the Presi-
3 dent”; and

4 (B) by inserting after the first sentence
5 the following new sentence: “At least one mem-
6 ber should be licensed in the field of mental
7 health and have prior experience working as a
8 counselor or therapist providing mental health
9 care to survivors of sexual assault in a victim
10 services agency or organization.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) by inserting “and implemented” after
13 “sexual assault policy developed”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 sentence: “To carry out this subsection, the
16 Council may conduct case reviews and is au-
17 thorized to have access, including through inter-
18 views or visits, to current and former volunteers
19 (to the extent that such volunteers provide the
20 Peace Corps express consent to be interviewed
21 by the Council), to volunteer surveys under sec-
22 tion 8E, to all data collected from restricted re-
23 porting, and to any other information necessary
24 to conduct case reviews, except that the Council
25 may not have access to any personally identi-

1 fying information associated with such surveys,
2 data, or information.”; and

3 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2018” and
4 inserting “2023”.

5 **SEC. 306. EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS FOR THE INSPEC-**
6 **TOR GENERAL.**

7 Section 13 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2512)
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Section” and
10 inserting “section”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(c) An expert, consultant, or organization thereof
14 employed pursuant to subsection (a) by the Inspector Gen-
15 eral of the Peace Corps may be compensated without re-
16 gard to the daily equivalent of the highest rate payable
17 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code.”.

18 **SEC. 307. DEFINITIONS.**

19 Section 26 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2522)
20 is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), (c),
22 (d), (e), (f), and (g) as paragraphs (1), (6), (2), (3),
23 (8), (7), and (5), respectively, by arranging such re-
24 designated paragraphs in numerical order, and by
25 moving such paragraphs 2 ems to the right;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by strik-
2 ing “(1)” and inserting the following:

3 “In this Act:

4 “(1)”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3), as redesign-
6 ated, the following:

7 “(4) The term ‘medical officer’ means a physi-
8 cian, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or
9 registered nurse with the professional qualifications,
10 expertise, and abilities consistent with the needs of
11 the Peace Corps and the post to which he or she is
12 assigned, as determined by the Director of the Peace
13 Corps.”.

