

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1456
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK**

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 “Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2021”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Authorization of appropriations; integration of information age Peace Corps volunteer opportunities.
- Sec. 3. Readjustment allowances; expedited re-enrollment and transition assistance.
- Sec. 4. Health care continuation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 5. Access to antimalarial drugs and menstrual products for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 6. Codification of Executive Order 11103.
- Sec. 7. Volunteers providing virtual services for the Peace Corps.
- Sec. 8. Protection of Peace Corps volunteers against reprisal or retaliation.
- Sec. 9. Comprehensive drug use policy with respect to Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 10. Peace Corps National Advisory Council.
- Sec. 11. Detail of personnel to other Federal agencies.
- Sec. 12. Use of official seal, emblem, and name of the Peace Corps.
- Sec. 13. Clarification regarding eligibility of United States nationals.
- Sec. 14. Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State.
- Sec. 15. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 16. Workers compensation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 17. Technical and conforming edits.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; INTEGRA-**
2 **TION OF INFORMATION AGE PEACE CORPS**
3 **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “that fis-
16 cal year and the subsequent fiscal year” and in-
17 serting “obligation and expenditure through the
18 end of the subsequent fiscal year”;

19 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
20 section (e); and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(f) In recognition of the transformative power of
24 internet access in international development efforts, and,
25 as exemplified by its virtual service pilot program, the
26 Peace Corps shall be administered to—

1 “(1) give particular attention to the expansion
2 of those programs, projects, training, and other ac-
3 tivities that leverage the internet, as appropriate, for
4 development, education, and social and economic
5 mobility; and

6 “(2) develop positions for Peace Corps volun-
7 teers that include such programs, projects, training,
8 and other activities.”.

9 **SEC. 3. READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES; EXPEDITED RE-EN-**
10 **ROLLMENT AND TRANSITION ASSISTANCE.**

11 (a) VOLUNTEERS.—Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act
12 (22 U.S.C. 2504) is amended—

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

15 (2) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) in the first sentence, by striking
17 “\$125” and inserting “\$375”;

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

20 (C) by striking “he” and inserting “the
21 volunteer”;

22 (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (p)
23 as subsections (d) through (o), respectively;

24 (4) by amending subsection (e), as so redesign-
25 nated, by inserting “concerning the mental health

1 care provided to volunteers during their service,”
2 after “experts licensed in the field of mental
3 health,”;

4 (5) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by
5 striking “subsequent”;

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

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

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 **SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE CONTINUATION FOR PEACE CORPS**
6 **VOLUNTEERS.**

7 Subsection (d) of section 5 of the Peace Corps Act
8 (22 U.S.C. 2504), as redesignated pursuant to section 4,
9 is amended to read as follows:

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

15 “(2) Applicants for enrollment shall receive such
16 health examinations preparatory to their service, appli-
17 cants for enrollment who have accepted an invitation to
18 begin a period of training under section 8(a) shall receive,
19 preparatory to their service, such immunization, dental
20 care, and information on prescription options and poten-
21 tial interactions, as necessary and appropriate and in ac-
22 cordance with subsection (e).

23 “(3) Returned volunteers shall receive such health ex-
24 aminations within six months after termination of their
25 service, including services provided in accordance with sec-

1 tion 8B (except that the six-month limitation shall not
2 apply in the case of such services).

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

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

22 “(6) Not later than 30 days before the date on which
23 the period of service of a volunteer or trainee terminates,
24 including as the result of an emergency, the Director of
25 the Peace Corps, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 Health and Human Services, shall provide detailed infor-
2 mation to such volunteer or trainee on options for health
3 care after termination other than health care provided by
4 the Peace Corps, including—

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

13 “(B) where detailed information on qualified
14 health plans may be obtained, including through ex-
15 ternal health care ‘navigators’ or health care option
16 identification services available within the public and
17 private sectors; and

18 “(C) if such volunteer or trainee is 25 years of
19 age or younger, detailed information regarding the
20 eligibility of such volunteer or trainee to enroll as a
21 dependent child in a group health plan or health in-
22 surance coverage in which the parent of such volun-
23 teer or trainee is enrolled if such plan or coverage
24 offers such dependent coverage.”.

1 **SEC. 5. ACCESS TO ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS AND MEN-**
2 **STRUAL PRODUCTS FOR PEACE CORPS VOL-**
3 **UNTEERS.**

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

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

7 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
8 section (e);

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing new subsections:

11 “(c) ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS.—

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

20 “(2) CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Director of the
21 Peace Corps shall ensure that each Peace Corps
22 medical officer serving in a malaria-endemic country
23 receives training in the recognition of the side effects
24 of such medications.

25 “(d) ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.—

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

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

9 “(B) providing such volunteers with such
10 products in the generic product types selected
11 by such volunteer, if available in the country of
12 service.

13 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—The policy required
14 under paragraph (1) shall take into consideration
15 the availability for purchase locally of menstrual
16 products, the price of such products, and cultural
17 norms regarding menstruation.

18 “(3) COST.—If stipends are increased pursuant
19 to the policy required under paragraph (1), the Di-
20 rector of the Peace Corps shall ensure that such in-
21 crease is sufficient to cover the average cost within
22 the country of service of menstrual products re-
23 quired by volunteers.”; and

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

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

5 The Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after
6 section 5A (22 U.S.C. 2504a) the following new section:

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

8 “(a) Executive Order 11103 (22 U.S.C. 2504 note;
9 28 Fed. Reg. 3571; relating to Providing for the Appoint-
10 ment of Former Peace Corps Volunteers to the Civilian
11 Career Services), as amended by Executive Order 12107
12 (44 Fed. Reg. 1055; relating to the Civil Service Commis-
13 sion and Labor-Management in the Federal Service), as
14 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
15 this section, shall remain in effect and have the full force
16 and effect of law, consistent with subsection (b).

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

23 “(A) a hiring freeze for civilian employees of
24 the executive branch is in effect by order of the

1 President with respect to any Executive agency at
2 which the individual has applied for employment;

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

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

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

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

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

21 “(3) In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘hiring freeze’ means any memo-
23 randum, Executive order, or other action by the
24 President that prohibits an Executive agency from

1 filling vacant Federal civilian employee positions or
2 creating new such positions.

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

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

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

1 United States department, agency, or establishment in the
2 competitive service under title 5, United States Code with-
3 out competitive examination and in accordance with such
4 regulations and conditions consistent with this subsection
5 as may be prescribed by the Director of the Office of Per-
6 sonnel Management.”.

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

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

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

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

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

1 “(c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The Director of
2 the Peace Corps—

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

13 “(2) may provide for incidental expenses of
14 such individuals, as determined by the Director to be
15 appropriate for the nature of the assignments.

16 “(d) INDIVIDUALS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED VOLUN-
17 TEERS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 5.—An individual who
18 provides services under the authority of this section shall
19 not be considered to be a volunteer for purposes of section
20 5 unless the Director of the Peace Corps requires the indi-
21 vidual to physically serve in the host country on a tem-
22 porary basis.”.

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

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

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

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

16 “(2) REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION; RE-
17 LIEF.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A volunteer may re-
19 port a complaint or allegation of reprisal or re-
20 taliation—

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(3) APPEAL.—

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

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

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

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

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

9 “(6) VOLUNTEER COOPERATION.—The Director
10 of the Peace Corps may take such disciplinary or
11 other administration action, including termination of
12 service, with respect to a volunteer who unreason-
13 ably refuses to cooperate with an investigation into
14 a complaint or allegation of reprisal or retaliation
15 conducted by the Inspector General of the Peace
16 Corps.

17 “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 “(A) REPRISAL OR RETALIATION.—The
19 term ‘reprisal or retaliation’ means taking,
20 threatening to take, or initiating adverse ad-
21 ministrative action against a volunteer because
22 the volunteer made a report pursuant to sub-
23 section (a) or otherwise disclosed to a covered
24 official or office any information pertaining to
25 waste, fraud, abuse of authority, misconduct,

1 mismanagement, violations of law, or a signifi-
2 cant threat to health and safety, whenever the
3 activity or occurrence complained of is based
4 upon the reasonable belief of the volunteer that
5 it has taken place.

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

9 “(i) Any Peace Corps employee, in-
10 cluding an employee of the Office of In-
11 spector General.

12 “(ii) A Member of Congress or a rep-
13 resentative of a committee of Congress.

14 “(iii) An Inspector General (other
15 than the Peace Corps Inspector General).

16 “(iv) The Government Accountability
17 Office.

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

21 “(vi) A United States court or grand
22 jury.”.

1 **SEC. 9. COMPREHENSIVE DRUG USE POLICY WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.**

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

5 **“SEC. 8J. COMPREHENSIVE DRUG USE POLICY WITH RE-**
6 **SPECT TO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.**

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

10 “(1) establish a zero tolerance policy regarding
11 volunteer or trainee involvement with drugs; and

12 “(2) require that every case of volunteer or
13 trainee drug involvement be brought immediately to
14 the attention of relevant Peace Corps leadership, in-
15 cluding the Director, and be reported expeditiously
16 by the Agency to the Office of the Inspector Gen-
17 eral.

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

25 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
26 of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit

1 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
3 the Senate a report on the drug use policy required to
4 be developed and implemented under this section.”.

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

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

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
10 President and”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2)—

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

17 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

18 (I) by striking “the President,
19 the Director of the Peace Corps, and,
20 as the Council considers appropriate,
21 the Congress,” and inserting “the Di-
22 rector and, as the Council considers
23 appropriate, the Congress”; and

24 (II) by striking “and” after the
25 semicolon at the end;

1 (iii) by redesignating subparagraph
2 (D) as subparagraph (G); and

3 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
4 (C) the following new subparagraphs:

5 “(D) make recommendations for utilizing
6 the expertise of returned Peace Corps volun-
7 teers in fulfilling the goals of the Peace Corps;

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

13 “(F) make recommendations to reduce any
14 financial barriers to application, training, or en-
15 rollment in the Peace Corps, including a volun-
16 teer’s medical expenses and other out-of-pocket
17 costs; and”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (I) in the first sentence—

22 (aa) by striking “fifteen”
23 and inserting “seven”; and

24 (bb) by striking “the Presi-
25 dent, by and with the advice and

1 consent of the Senate” and in-
2 serting “the Director of the
3 Peace Corps”; and

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

11 (ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to
12 read as follows:

13 “(C) No member of the Council appointed
14 under this paragraph may be an officer or em-
15 ployee of the Peace Corps.”;

16 (iii) by amending subparagraph (D) to
17 read as follows:

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

20 (iv) by striking subparagraphs (E),
21 (F), (G), (H), and (I); and

22 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
23 follows:

24 “(3) The Director of the Peace Corps shall des-
25 ignate one of the voting members of the Council as

1 Chair, who shall serve in such capacity for a term
2 of two years.”;

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

5 (4) in subsection (g)—

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

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

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

25 (6) in subsection (i)—

1 (A) by striking “the President and” each
2 place such term appears;

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **SEC. 11. DETAIL OF PERSONNEL TO OTHER FEDERAL**
20 **AGENCIES.**

21 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress declares
22 that the Peace Corps provided emergency disaster relief
23 in response to Hurricane Katrina in 2006 at the request
24 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and pro-
25 vided COVID–19 relief in 2021.

1 (b) DETAIL.—The Peace Corps Act is amended by
2 inserting after section 14 (22 U.S.C. 2513) the following
3 new section:

4 **“SEC. 14A. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITHIN**
5 **THE UNITED STATES AT THE REQUEST OF**
6 **ANOTHER AGENCY.**

7 “The Director may recruit, train, and accept, for lim-
8 ited periods of time, on such terms and conditions as the
9 Director may determine necessary or appropriate, the
10 services of individuals who are not then serving outside
11 the United States as volunteers or trainees (unless such
12 appointment is made with the consent of the volunteer or
13 trainee serving outside the United States as an extension
14 of such service), who shall serve without compensation as
15 domestic volunteers within the United States to provide
16 assistance at the request of any Federal Government agen-
17 cy with authority to do so. Such service within the United
18 States may be initiated by the Director following the re-
19 quest from the other agency and a determination by the
20 Director that such action is in the best interests of the
21 United States and the Peace Corps. Domestic volunteers
22 shall not be considered volunteers under section 5 of this
23 Act. The Director may provide for incidental expenses of
24 domestic volunteers, as determined by the Director to be
25 appropriate for the nature of the assignments.”.

1 **SEC. 12. USE OF OFFICIAL SEAL, EMBLEM, AND NAME OF**
2 **THE PEACE CORPS.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
7 serting “The Director of the Peace Corps”; and

8 (B) by striking “he” and inserting “the
9 Director”; and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

1 **SEC. 13. CLARIFICATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF**
2 **UNITED STATES NATIONALS.**

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

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

8 (2) in section 8(b), by striking “citizens” and
9 inserting “nationals”;

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

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

14 (5) in section 26—

15 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
16 through (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), re-
17 spectively; and

18 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
19 following new paragraph:

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

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

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

14 (b) NOTIFICATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace
16 Corps and the Assistant Secretary of State for Dip-
17 lomatic Security shall jointly submit to the Com-
18 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
20 tions of the Senate a written notification relating to
21 an update to the Memorandum of Agreement made
22 pursuant to subsection (a).

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

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

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

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

5 (A) in subsection (c), by striking “Sep-
6 tember 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30,
7 2025”; and

8 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking
9 “September 30, 2018” and inserting “Sep-
10 tember 30, 2025”; and

11 (2) in section 8I(a) (22 U.S.C. 2507i(a)), by
12 striking “September 30, 2018” and inserting “Sep-
13 tember 30, 2025”.

14 (b) GAO REPORT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-
18 mit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on
20 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report relating to
21 the post-service health care delivery and insurance
22 coverage pursuant to subsection (d) of section 5 of
23 the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504), as amended
24 by section 4 of this Act, and section 8B of the Peace
25 Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507b).

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

3 (A) Information relating to examinations,
4 counseling, and other mental health care serv-
5 ices provided by the Peace Corps to returned
6 volunteers in the six months following the end
7 of the term of service of such volunteers.

8 (B) Recommendations relating to—

9 (i) better protection of patient con-
10 fidentially for returned Peace Corps volun-
11 teers for metal health care services;

12 (ii) improved access to mental health
13 providers that will accept payment from
14 the Peace Corps; and

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

22 (c) REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION
23 STANDARDS.—Not later than one year after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Peace Corps
25 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the

1 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
2 Relations of the Senate a report on the guidelines and
3 standards used to evaluate the mental health of Peace
4 Corps applicants prior to service. Such report shall in-
5 clude—

6 (1) a detailed description of mental health
7 screening guidelines and evaluation standards used
8 by the Peace Corps to determine medical eligibility
9 of applicants for service, including a description of
10 the most common mental health conditions of appli-
11 cants;

12 (2) specific standards in the mental health
13 screening process that could lead to an applicant's
14 disqualification from service, and a description of
15 how these determinations are made;

16 (3) a description of any expedited mental health
17 clearance process for severe or recent symptom pres-
18 entation;

19 (4) a description of periods of stability related
20 to certain mental health conditions and symptoms
21 recommended prior to an applicant's clearance to
22 serve;

23 (5) an assessment of the impact of updated
24 mental health evaluation guidance, including a com-
25 parison of mental health related volunteer medevacs

1 in years before and after updated guidelines were
2 implemented; and

3 (6) a review of these screening guidelines, con-
4 ducted by a panel of certified and qualified medical
5 professionals in the United States, that evaluates
6 these standards based on scientific evidence and
7 mental health research and proposes relevant up-
8 dates or additions to current guidance.

9 (d) REPORT ON VOLUNTEER MEDICAL EVACU-
10 ATIONS.—Not later than the first May 1 occurring after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually there-
12 after for five years, the Director of the Peace Corps shall
13 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
15 tions of the Senate a report on volunteer medical and men-
16 tal health evacuations. Such report shall include—

17 (1) the number of Peace Corps volunteer med-
18 ical and mental health evacuations during the pre-
19 vious year;

20 (2) a breakdown of these evacuations into med-
21 ical and mental health evacuation categories; and

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

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

4 (1) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
5 lows:

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

15 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “October 1,
16 2023” and inserting “October 1, 2025”.

17 **SEC. 16. WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR PEACE CORPS**
18 **VOLUNTEERS.**

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

21 (1) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“TITLE I—THE PEACE CORPS

“Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

“Sec. 2. Declaration of purpose.

“Sec. 2A. Peace Corps as an independent agency.

“Sec. 3. Authorization.

“Sec. 4. Director of the Peace Corps and delegation of functions.

“Sec. 5. Peace Corps volunteers.

“Sec. 5A. Health care for volunteers at Peace Corps posts.

“Sec. 5B. Codification of Executive Order 11103.

“Sec. 5C. Volunteers providing virtual services for the Peace Corps.

“Sec. 6. Peace Corps volunteer leaders.

- “Sec. 7. Peace Corps employees.
- “Sec. 8. Volunteer training.
- “Sec. 8A. Sexual assault risk-reduction and response training.
- “Sec. 8B. Sexual assault policy.
- “Sec. 8C. Office of victim advocacy.
- “Sec. 8D. Establish of sexual assault advisory council.
- “Sec. 8E. Volunteer feedback and Peace Corps review.
- “Sec. 8F. Establishment of a policy on stalking.
- “Sec. 8G. Establishment of a confidentiality protection policy.
- “Sec. 8H. Removal and assessment and evaluation.
- “Sec. 8I. Reporting requirements.
- “Sec. 8J. Comprehensive drug use policy with respect to Peace Corps volunteers.
- “Sec. 9. Participation of foreign nationals.
- “Sec. 10. General powers and authorities.
- “Sec. 11. Reports.
- “Sec. 12. Peace Corps national advisory council.
- “Sec. 13. Experts and consultants.
- “Sec. 14. Detail of personnel to foreign governments and international organizations.
- “Sec. 14A. Peace corps volunteers serving within the united states at the request of another agency.
- “Sec. 15. Utilization of funds.
- “Sec. 16. Foreign currency fluctuations account.
- “Sec. 17. Use of foreign currencies.
- “Sec. 18. Activities promoting Americans’ understanding of other peoples.
- “Sec. 19. Exclusive right to seal and name.
- “Sec. 20. Repealed.
- “Sec. 21. Repealed.
- “Sec. 22. Security investigations.
- “Sec. 23. Universal military training and service act.
- “Sec. 24. Foreign language proficiency act.
- “Sec. 25. Nonpartisan appointments.
- “Sec. 26. Codification of certain Executive order relating to existing non-competitive eligibility Federal hiring status for returning volunteers.
- “Sec. 27. Definitions.
- “Sec. 28. Construction.
- “Sec. 29. Effective date.

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

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

“TITLE III—ENCOURAGEMENT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE
PROGRAMS

- “Sec. 301. ”;

1 (2) in the first sentence of subsection (a) of sec-
2 tion 2—

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (B) by striking “he” and inserting “the
15 Director”; and

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

20 (5) in section 7—

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

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

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

6 (6) in section 8A—

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

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

11 (C) in subsection (f)—

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

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

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

21 (8) in section 8E—

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

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

1 (9) in section 9—

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

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

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

8 (10) in section 10—

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

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

17 (11) in section 14—

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

21 (B) in subsection (b)—

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

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

1 (12) in section 15—

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

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

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

11 (14) in section 24, by striking—

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

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

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

18 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “which
19 he or she” and inserting “which the medical of-
20 ficer”;

21 (B) by further redesignating paragraphs
22 (2) through (9) (as so redesignated by section
23 13) as paragraphs (3) through (10), respec-
24 tively;

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
2 following new paragraph:

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

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

7 (E) in paragraph (10), as so redesign-
8 nated—

9 (i) by redesignating clauses (i) and
10 (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
11 tively, and moving such subparagraphs, as
12 so redesignated, 2 ems to the left; and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (A), as so redesi-
14 gnated, by striking “section 5(f)” and in-
15 serting “section 5(e)”.

