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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “New Deal for New Americans Act of 2023”.

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:
Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND INTEGRATION

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Sec. 301. Sense of Congress.
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TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION

Sec. 401. Definition of Secretary.
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TITLE V—PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Sec. 501. Personally identifiable information.
Sec. 502. Voluntary participation in integration and inclusion activities.
SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) IMMIGRANT.—The term “immigrant” means an individual who—

(A) is not a citizen or national of the United States;

(B) is present in the United States; and

(C)(i) is in any status under the immigration laws; or

(ii)(I) is not in any status under the immigration laws; and

(II) intends to resident permanently in the United States.

(2) IMMIGRATION LAWS.—The term “immigration laws” has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

(3) REFUGEE.—The term “refugee” has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

TITLE I—NEW AMERICANS AND INTEGRATION

SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:
(1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means the Director of the National Office of New Americans.

(2) **FEDERAL AGENCY.**—The term “Federal agency” has the meaning given the term “agency” in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) **OFFICE.**—The term “Office” means the National Office of New Americans established by section 102(a).

**SEC. 102. NATIONAL OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.**—There is established within the Executive Office of the President an office to be known as the “National Office of New Americans”.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the Office are the following:

(1) To welcome and support immigrants and refugees in the United States.

(2) To promote and support immigrant and refugee integration into, and inclusion in, the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of the United States.

(3) To ensure that the Federal Government and Federal agencies promote the pursuit of United States citizenship among immigrants and refugees.
(4) To ensure access to quality English language learning programs that support the successful integration of immigrant adults, including by enhancing—

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

   (B) social integration in local communities and participation in civic life, including engagement with State and local governments, schools, and private and nonprofit community institutions.

(5) To improve access to workforce development programs, including by ensuring that such programs meet the demand and the unique language, training, and educational needs of immigrants and refugees.

(6) To coordinate the efforts of Federal, State, and local entities to support the effective social, economic, linguistic, and civic integration of immigrants, refugees, and the children of immigrants and refugees.

(7) To provide advice and leadership to the President, Members of Congress, and other Federal Government officials on the challenges and opportunities facing such entities with respect to immigrant and refugee integration.
(8) To evaluate the scale, quality, and effectiveness of Federal Government efforts with respect to immigrant and refugee social and economic integration, including access to United States citizenship, English language learning, education, and workforce development programs.

(9) To identify the anticipated effects of new Federal policies on existing integration efforts and advise the President on how to address potential integration needs and the effects of such policies.

(10) With respect to immigrant and refugee integration efforts, to consult on a biannual basis with State and local government officials on challenges and opportunities presented by such efforts.

(11) With respect to the activities described in paragraphs (8) through (10), to ensure the inclusion of the perspectives of immigrants and refugees.

(12) With respect to the administration of the grant programs under title II, to consult with the applicable heads of Federal agencies.

(13) To submit to the President and the appropriate committees of Congress a biannual report that describes the activities of the Office and the results of the consultation processes described in paragraphs (10) through (12).
(c) DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall—

(A) establish policies, objectives, and priorities for the Office with respect to immigrant and refugee integration;

(B) with the assistance of the Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion, the Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy, the Deputy Director for Children's Integration Success, and the Associate Director of State and Local Affairs, carry out the purposes of the Office, as described in subsection (b);

(C) serve as the Chair of the Federal Initiative for New Americans established under section 103;

(D) make recommendations to the President on changes in the organization, management, programs, and budget of the Federal agencies to promote the integration of immigrants and refugees;
(E) with respect to efforts to promote United States citizenship and the integration of immigrants and refugees, consult, support, and coordinate with State and local governments; and

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

(3) POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.—In carrying out the responsibilities under paragraph (2) and the purposes under subsection (b), the Director may—

(A) select, appoint, employ, and fix compensation of such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out such responsibilities and purposes;

(B) with the concurrence of the head of the applicable Federal agency, direct the temporary reassignment within the Federal Government of personnel employed by such Federal agency;

(C) use for administrative purposes, on a reimbursable basis, the available services, equipment, personnel, and facilities of Federal, State, and local agencies;
(D) procure the services of experts and consultants, in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code (relating to appointments in the Federal service) at rates of compensation for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of pay payable for level GS–18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code;

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

(F) use the mail in the same manner as other Federal agencies; and

(G) monitor the implementation of immigrant and refugee integration-related activities of the Federal Government, including by—

   (i) conducting program and performance audits and evaluations of each Federal agency; and

   (ii) requesting assistance from the Inspector General of the applicable Federal agency in such audits and evaluations.

(d) Deputy Directors.—

   (1) In general.—There shall be in the Office a Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion, a
Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy, and a Deputy Director for Children’s Integration and Success, each of whom shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Director.

(2) Responsibilities.—

(A) Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion.—The Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion shall, among other duties as assigned by the Director, assist the Director in promoting—

(i) inclusion of immigrants and refugees in the social, economic, and civic life of their communities and the United States; and

(ii) access to United States citizenship.

(B) Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy.—The Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy shall, among other duties as assigned by the Director, assist the Director in—

(i) promoting participation of immigrants and refugees in the United States workforce; and
(ii) increasing the contributions of immigrants and refugees to the United States economy.

(C) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN’S INTEGRATION SUCCESS.—The Deputy Director for Children’s Integration Success shall, among other duties as assigned by the Director, assist the Director in ensuring that Federal policies and programs intended to support the healthy development and educational success of children are effective in reaching and serving the children of immigrant families.

(e) BUREAU OF STATE AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the Office a Bureau of State and Local Affairs.

(2) ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of State and Local Affairs shall be headed by an Associate Director of State and Local Affairs, who shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Director.

(B) DUTIES.—The Associate Director of State and Local Affairs shall, among other duties as assigned by the Director, assist the Director in coordinating the efforts of State and
local entities to support the economic, linguistic, and civic integration of immigrants, refugees, and the children of immigrants and refugees.

(f) LIMITATION.—An individual may not serve as Director, Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion, Deputy Director for Workforce and the Economy, Deputy Director for Children’s Integration Success, or Associate Director of State and Local Affairs while serving in any other position in the Federal Government.

(g) ACCESS BY CONGRESS.—The establishment of the Office within the Executive Office of the President shall not affect access to the Office by a Member of Congress or any member of a committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives, including access to—

(1) any information, document, or study in the possession of, or conducted by or at the direction of, the Director; or

(2) personnel of the Office.

SEC. 103. FEDERAL INITIATIVE ON NEW AMERICANS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the confirmation of the Director of the Office, the Director shall establish within the Office a Federal Initiative on New Americans (referred to in this section as the “Initiative”).

(b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Initiative are—
(1) to welcome and support immigrants and refugees in the United States;

(2) to establish a coordinated Federal program to respond effectively to immigrant and refugee integration issues; and

(3) to advise and assist the Director in identifying and implementing the necessary policies to carry out such program.

(e) Membership.—The Initiative shall be composed of—

(1) the Director, who shall serve as chairperson;

(2) the Secretary of the Treasury;

(3) the Attorney General;

(4) the Secretary of Commerce;

(5) the Secretary of Labor;

(6) the Secretary of Health and Human Services;

(7) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

(8) the Secretary of Education;

(9) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

(10) the Secretary of State;

(11) the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement;
(12) the Director of the Small Business Administration;

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

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

(15) any other individual—

(A) invited by the Director to participate;

and

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

(d) DUTIES.—

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

(2) COORDINATED RESPONSE TO IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ISSUES.—The Initiative shall join with Federal agencies in providing a coordinated Federal response to adequately address matters that affect the lives of immigrant and refugee families and local communities with growing immigrant and refugee populations, including access to—

(A) English language learning;
(B) adult education and workforce training;

(C) occupational licensure;

(D) early childhood care and education;

(E) elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education;

(F) health care;

(G) naturalization;

(H) civic engagement;

(I) immigration assistance and legal services;

(J) economic development;

(K) language access services; and

(L) other services the Director identifies as aiding the integration of immigrants and refugees into the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of the United States.

(3) Liaison with Federal Agencies.—

(A) In General.—Each member of the Initiative shall serve as a liaison to the Federal agency of the member to ensure that the Federal agency coordinates with and responds to the recommendations of the Initiative in a timely and meaningful manner.
(B) Duties of a Liaison.—The duties of each member as a Federal agency liaison include—

(i) developing, for the applicable Federal agency, immigrant and refugee integration goals and indicators;

(ii) implementing the biannual consultation process described in section 102(b)(10) by consulting with the State and local counterparts of the Federal agency;

(iii) reporting to the Initiative on the progress made by the Federal agency in achieving the goals and indicators described in clause (i); and

(iv) upon request by the Director and subject to laws governing disclosure of information, providing such information as may be required to carry out the responsibilities of the Director and the functions of the Office.

(4) Recommendations of the Initiative.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Initiative becomes fully operational, and every 2
years thereafter, the Director shall submit to Con-
gress a report that includes the following:

(A) Findings from the consultation process
described in section 102(b)(10), including a de-
scription of the immigrant and refugee integra-
tion opportunities offered by, and integration
challenges facing, State and local governments.

(B) An assessment of the effects of, and
recommendations with respect to, pending legis-
lation and executive branch policy proposals.

(C) A description of the possible effects of
pending legislation and executive branch policy
proposals on immigrant and refugee integra-
tion.

(D) An identification of any Federal pro-
gram or policy that has a negative impact on
immigrants, refugees, and local communities
with growing immigrant and refugee popu-
lations, as compared to the general population,
and recommendations for changes to any such
program or policy.

(E) Recommendations on legislative solu-
tions to better support the successful integra-
tion of immigrants and refugees and the chil-
dren of immigrants and refugees.
TITLE II—PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE CITIZENSHIP, INTEGRATION, AND PROSPERITY

SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) Foundation.—The term “Foundation” means the United States Citizenship and Integration Foundation established under section 207.

(2) Service area.—The term “service area” means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which an entity carries out activities using funds awarded under this title.

(3) State.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SEC. 202. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) immigration law is so complex that it is nearly impossible, and therefore unjust, for immigrants to navigate the immigration system without legal assistance or represent themselves in immigration court;
(2) Immigrants without legal counsel are far more likely, as compared to immigrants with legal counsel, to be denied immigration benefits or be deported, which may result in dire consequences, including—

(A) the denial of lawful immigration status or United States citizenship;

(B) loss of livelihood;

(C) the separation of an immigrant from, or the inability of an immigrant to support, his or her family;

(D) life-threatening danger in the country of origin of an immigrant; and

(E) a long-term or permanent ban on reentering the United States; and

(3) consistent with the United States values of fairness and justice and the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees all individuals the due process of law, any individual subject to immigration proceedings or the appeal of a proceeding before an immigration judge or the Attorney General should have the right to be represented by counsel, including Government-funded counsel, regardless of the ability of the individual to pay.
SEC. 203. LEGAL SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Attorney General, acting through the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in consultation with the Director of the National Office of New Americans, shall award legal services and immigration assistance grants to eligible entities.

(b) Eligibility Criteria.—An entity eligible to receive a grant under this section is a State or unit of local government, a Tribal government, a private organization, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organization that—

(1) provides authorized direct legal assistance to immigrants;

(2) in the case of an entity that has previously been awarded a grant under this section, uses matching funds from non-Federal sources, which may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 percent of the amount received under this section;

(3) provides immigration education, outreach, and quality paralegal services to immigrants, in coordination with immigration attorneys or representatives accredited by the Recognition and Accreditation Program of the Executive Office for Immigration Review; and
(4) submits to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director may reasonably require.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this section shall be used to provide to eligible immigrants legal assistance relating to the immigration status of such immigrants, or related services, which may include—

(A) outreach and education to identify and support immigrants in need of legal services;

(B) liaison services to connect immigrants with trusted legal service providers, social service organizations, and government representatives;

(C) screening to assess the eligibility of an immigrant for any status under the immigration laws;

(D) completing applications for immigration benefits;

(E) translation and interpretation services;

(F) gathering documents, including documents relating to proof of identification, em-
ployment, residence, family relationships, and

tax payment;

(G) completing applications for any waiver
under the immigration laws for which an eligi-
ble immigrant and qualifying family members
may be eligible; and

(H) with respect to applications relating to
United States citizenship, assistance with appli-
cation preparation and the naturalization proc-
ess, including preparation for the English and
civics exams.

(2) ELIGIBLE IMMIGRANTS.—An immigrant
shall be eligible to receive the assistance described in
paragraph (1) if the immigrant is seeking—

(A) to become a lawful permanent resident
or naturalized citizen of the United States;

(B) to establish that he or she has derived
or acquired United States citizenship; or

(C) relief from removal and authorization
to remain lawfully in the United States.

(d) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant
under this section, a participating entity shall—

(1) submit to the Attorney General a certifi-
cation that the proposed uses of grant funds by the
entity—
(A) are consistent with this section; and

(B) meet the criteria determined by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of the National Office of New Americans; and

(2) make a reasonable effort to estimate the number of immigrants who live in the service area.

(c) Annual Report and Evaluation.—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity receives grant funds under this section, the entity shall submit to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review the following:

(1) A report that describes—

(A) each activity carried out by the entity funded entirely or partially by the grant funds;

(B) the service area;

(C) the estimate made under subsection (d)(2);

(D) the number of immigrants who received legal assistance funded entirely or partially by the grant funds;

(E) a disaggregation of the costs of each service provided using the grant funds and the average per capita cost of providing the service; and
(F) the primary languages spoken in the service area.

(2) An evaluation of any program of the entity for which grant funds were used, including—

(A) an assessment of the effectiveness of the program;

(B) recommendations for improving the program;

(C) an assessment of whether the legal services needs of the service area have been met; and

(D) in the case of an assessment under subparagraph (C) that such needs have not been met, a description of the additional assistance required to meet such needs.

(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

(g) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Service area.—The term “service area” means the jurisdiction or geographical area in which an entity carries out activities using funds awarded under this section.

(2) State.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SEC. 204. ENGLISH AS A GATEWAY TO INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Department of Education and the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Assistant Secretaries”), in consultation with the Director of the National Office of New Americans, shall award English as a Gateway to Integration grants to eligible entities.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—An entity eligible to receive a grant under this section is a State or unit of local government, a Tribal government, a private organization, an educational institution, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organization that—

(1) in the case of any applicant that has previously received a grant under this section, uses matching funds from non-Federal sources, which may include in-kind contributions, equal to 25 percent of the amount received from the English as a
Gateway to Integration program to carry out such program;

(2) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretaries may reasonably require, including—

(A) a description of the target population to be served, including demographics, literacy levels, integration needs, and English language levels of the target population; and

(B) the assessment and performance measures that the grant recipient plans to use to evaluate the integration and English language learning progress of students and overall success of the instruction and program;

(3) demonstrates collaboration with public and private entities to provide the instruction and assistance described in subsection (c)(1);

(4) provides integration-focused English language programs that—

(A) teach integration and English language skills to—

(i) lower-educated individuals;

(ii) limited English proficient (LEP) individuals; and
(iii) parents and others who are caretakers of young children;

(B) support and promote the social, economic, and civic integration of adult English language learners and their families; and

(C) equip adult English language learners for ongoing independent study and learning beyond classroom or formal instruction; and

(5)(A) is located in 1 of the 10 States with the highest rate of foreign-born residents; or

(B) is located in an area that has experienced a large increase in the population of immigrants during the most recent 10-year period relative to past migration patterns, based on data compiled by the Office of Immigration Statistics or the United States Census Bureau.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds awarded under this section shall be used to provide English language and integration knowledge and skill instruction along with student guidance and navigation services to learners. Such instruction shall advance the integration of students in order to help them—

(A) build their knowledge of United States history and civics;
(B) prepare for United States citizenship and the naturalization process;

(C) gain digital literacy;

(D) understand and support children’s success within the early childhood, K–12, and post-secondary education systems;

(E) gain financial literacy;

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

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

(H) prepare for a high school equivalency diploma or postsecondary training or education;

and

(I) prepare for and secure employment.

(2) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—Funds awarded under this section shall be used to support program designs that may include the following elements:

(A) English language and integration knowledge and skill instruction in a classroom setting, along with associated guidance and navigation supports provided that such setting is in a geographic location accessible to the population served.
(B) English language and integration knowledge and skill instruction programs that may incorporate online and digital components, such as the use of mobile phones, computers, and blended or distance learning platforms.

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

(D) Two-generation approaches designed to support children’s school success and lift family integration trajectories.

(d) Certification.—In order to receive a payment under this section, a participating entity shall submit to the Assistant Secretaries a certification that the proposed uses of grant funds by the entity are consistent with this section and meet all necessary criteria determined by the Assistant Secretaries.

(e) Annual Report and Evaluation.—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity receives grant funds under this section, the entity shall submit to the Assistant Secretaries the following:

(1) A report that describes—
(A) the activities undertaken by the entity that were funded entirely or partially by the grant funds;

(B) the service area;

(C) the number of immigrants in the service area;

(D) the primary languages spoken in the service area;

(E) the number of adult English language learners receiving assistance that was funded entirely or partially by grant funds received by the entity under this section; and

(F) a breakdown of the costs of the program services provided and the average per capita cost of providing such instruction.

(2) An evaluation of any program of the entity using grant funds under this section, including—

(A) an assessment of—

(i) the effectiveness of such program and recommendations for improving the program; and

(ii) whether the English language and integration knowledge and skill instruction needs of the service area have been met;
(B) in the case of an assessment under subparagraph (A)(ii) that such needs have not been met, a description of the additional assistance required to meet such needs; and

(C) the results of any assessment or evaluation of progress or success described in subsection (b)(2)(B).

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER.— The term “adult English language learner” refers to an individual age 16 or older who is not enrolled in secondary school and who is limited English proficient.

(2) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER; LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT.—The terms “English language learner” and “limited English proficient” describe an individual who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.
SEC. 205. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SHARED PROSPERITY GRANT PROGRAM.

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

(1) that adults shall have equitable access to education and workforce programs that—

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

(B) equip them with occupational skills needed to secure or advance in employment, fill employer needs, and support themselves and their families;

(2) to strengthen the economy by helping adults with limited skills to attain recognized postsecondary credentials (as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)); and

(3) that workforce programs for adults with limited skills use a pre-apprenticeship or integrated education and training approach that allows adults to acquire basic skills while pursuing occupational or industry-specific training.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the Department of Education and the Assistant Secretary for Em-
ployment and Training at the Department of Labor (referred to in this section as the “Assistant Secretaries”), in consultation with the Director of the National Office of New Americans, shall award Workforce Development and Shared Prosperity grants, on a competitive basis, to State, local, and Tribal governments or other qualifying entities described in subsection (e), in collaboration with State and local governments.

(e) Qualifying Entities.—Qualifying entities under this section may include—

(1) an educational institution;
(2) a private organization;
(3) a community-based organization; or
(4) a nonprofit organization.

(d) Eligibility.—A State, local, or Tribal government or qualifying entity in collaboration with a State, local, or Tribal government is eligible to receive a grant under this section provided that the State, local, or Tribal government or entity—

(1) supports and promotes the economic integration of immigrants;
(2) has expertise in workforce development and adult education for the purpose of developing and implementing pre-apprenticeship programs or integrated education and training programs;
(3) in carrying out the grant program, includes at least one entity—

(A) with expertise in providing training in a workforce sector in which immigrant workers are heavily represented or in which there is a demonstrated need for immigrant workers to fill jobs; and

(B) with expertise in providing adult basic education services to immigrants;

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

(5) submits to the Assistant Secretaries an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretaries may reasonably require, including—

(A) a description of the target population to be served, including demographics, and English proficiency, educational, and skill levels of the target population;

(B) the specific integrated education and training model to be implemented;
(C) how the program will be designed and implemented by educators with expertise in adult education, English language instruction and occupational skills training;

(D) the occupation or industry for which the program will prepare students for employment and the education and training progress or employer-recognized credentials the program is designed to support participants in achieving;

(E) evidence of employer demand for the skills or occupational training offered by the grant program;

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

(G) the assessment and performance measures that the grant recipient plans to use to evaluate—

(i) the progress of adult learners in acquiring basic skills such as reading, writing, mathematics, and the English language; and

(ii) the success of the grant program in preparing students for employment and
in helping them find employment or advance in employment.

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

(f) ANNUAL REPORT AND EVALUATION.—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity receives grant funds under this section, the entity shall submit to the Assistant Secretaries the following:

(1) A report that describes—

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

(B) the service area;

(C) the number of immigrants in the service area;

(D) the primary languages spoken in the service area; and

(E) a breakdown of the costs of each of the services provided and the average per capita cost of providing such services.
(2) An evaluation of any program of the entity using grant funds under this section, including—

(A) an assessment of—

(i) the effectiveness of such program and recommendations for improving the program; and

(ii) whether the adult education and workforce development needs of the service area have been met and if not, what further assistance is required to meet such need;

(B) in the case of an assessment under subparagraph (A)(ii) that such needs have not been met, a description of the additional assistance required to meet such needs; and

(C) the results of any assessment or evaluation of progress or success described in subsection (d)(5)(G).

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADULT EDUCATION.—The term “adult education” means academic instruction and education services below the postsecondary level that increase an individual’s ability to read, write, and speak English and perform mathematics or other activities necessary for the attainment of a secondary school
diploma or its recognized equivalent, transition to
postsecondary education and training, or obtain em-
ployment.

(2) INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—
The term “integrated education and training”
means instruction that provides adult education, lit-
eracy and English language activities concurrently
and contextually with workforce preparation activi-
ties and workforce training for a specific occupation
or occupational cluster for the purpose of edu-
cational and career advancement.

(3) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The
term “pre-apprenticeship program” means a pro-
gram or set of services designed to prepare individ-
uals to enter and succeed in a registered apprentice-
ship program.

(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$100,000,000 for fiscal years 2024 through 2025.

SEC. 206. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS.

(a) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—With
respect to grants administered and awarded to public or
private nonprofit organizations by the Secretary of Home-
land Security, unless otherwise required by law, in making
determinations about such grants, the Secretary shall not
consider enrollment in or use by such organizations of the
E-Verify Program described in section 403(a) of the Ille-
gal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
authorized to be appropriated $25,000,000 to the Sec-
etary of Homeland Security for the Citizenship and Inte-
gration Grant Program of U.S. Citizenship and Immigra-
tion Services to award grants to public or private non-
profit organizations.

SEC. 207. UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION
FOUNDATION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
Security, acting through the Director of U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration Services and in coordination with the Di-
rector of the National Office of New Americans, shall es-
tablish a nonprofit corporation or a not-for-profit, public
benefit, or similar entity, which shall be known as the
“United States Citizenship and Integration Foundation”.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Foundation
shall be—

(1) to spur innovation in the promotion and ex-
pansion of citizenship preparation programs for indi-
viduals lawfully admitted for permanent residence
(as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)));

(2) to evaluate and identify best practices in citizenship promotion and preparation and to make recommendations to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Director of the National Office for New Americans about how to bring such best practices to scale;

(3) to support direct assistance for immigrants seeking lawful permanent resident status (within the meaning of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)), or naturalization as a United States citizen; and

(4) to support immigrant integration efforts in partnership with State and local entities.

(c) GIFTS TO FOUNDATION.—To carry out the purposes described in subsection (b), the Foundation may—

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

(2) engage in coordinated work with the Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the National Office of New Americans; and
(3) accept, hold, administer, invest, and spend any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal property made to the Foundation.

(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Foundation shall carry out the purposes described in subsection (b) by—

(1) making United States citizenship instruction and naturalization application services accessible to low-income and other underserved lawful permanent resident populations;

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

(3) supporting innovative and creative solutions to barriers faced by individuals seeking—

(A) to become naturalized citizens of the United States; or

(B) to obtain certificates of citizenship;

(4) increasing the use of, and access to, technology in United States citizenship preparation programs;

(5) engaging communities in the process of United States citizenship and civic integration;

(6) fostering public education and awareness;

(7) coordinating the immigrant integration efforts of the Foundation with the integration efforts
of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the National Office of New Americans; and

(8) awarding grants to State and local governments consistent with such purposes.

(e) COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.—To the extent consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Foundation shall have a council of directors (referred to in this section as the “Council”), which shall be comprised of—

(1) the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;

(2) the Director of the National Office of New Americans;

(3) the head of the Domestic Policy Council; and

(4) 10 individuals from national private and public nonprofit organizations that promote and assist lawful permanent residents with naturalization.

(f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall appoint an Executive Director of the Foundation, who shall oversee the daily operations of the Foundation.

(2) POWERS.—The Executive Director shall carry out the purposes described in subsection (b) on behalf of the Foundation by—
(A) accepting, holding, administering, investing, and spending any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal property made to the Foundation;

(B) entering into contracts and other financial assistance agreements with individuals, public and private organizations, professional societies, and government agencies to carry out the activities of the Foundation;

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

(D) charging such fees for professional services provided by the Foundation as the Executive Director considers reasonable and appropriate.

(g) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the Foundation is established and operational not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.
SEC. 208. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS.

(a) Grants Authorized.—The Director of the National Office of New Americans (referred to in this section as the “Director”), in coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education and the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the Department of Education, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training at the Department of Labor, the Assistant Secretary for the Administration of Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Chief of the Office of Citizenship at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, shall establish a pilot program to award grants, on a competitive basis, to State, local, and Tribal governments—

(1) to establish new immigrant councils to carry out programs to integrate new immigrants; and

(2) to carry out programs to integrate new immigrants.

(b) Application.—To be considered for a grant under this section, a State, local, or Tribal government may submit an application to the Director at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director may reasonably require, including—

(1) a proposal to carry out 1 or more activities described in subsection (c);
(2) the number of new immigrants who live in
the jurisdiction of the applicant; and

(3) a description of the challenges presented by
introducing and integrating new immigrants into the
State, local, or Tribal community, as applicable.

(c) Activities.—A grant awarded under this section
may be used—

(1) to form a new immigrant council, which
shall—

(A) consist of not fewer than 15 and not
more than 19 representatives of the State,
local, or Tribal government, as applicable;

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

(i) the business community;

(ii) faith-based organizations;

(iii) civic organizations;

(iv) philanthropic organizations;

(v) nonprofit organizations, including
nonprofit organizations with legal and ad-
vocacy experience working with immigrant
communities;

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

(vii) State, local, or Tribal economic development agencies;

(viii) State, local, or Tribal health and human services agencies;

(ix) State, local, or Tribal early childhood coordinating councils; and

(x) State, local, or Tribal public libraries; and

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

(2) to provide subgrants to local communities, units of local government, Tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations (including veterans and civic organizations);

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

(A) supporting English language and integration knowledge and skills development;

(B) engaging with immigrant parents and other primary caretakers to support the healthy development, kindergarten readiness, and education success of children;
(C) improving and expanding access to workforce training programs;

(D) teaching United States history, civics, and citizenship rights and responsibilities;

(E) improving financial literacy; and

(F) focusing on other key areas of importance with respect to integration into the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of the United States; and

(4) to engage receiving communities in the citizenship and civic integration process by—

(A) increasing local service capacity;

(B) building meaningful connections between newer immigrants and long-time residents;

(C) publicizing the contributions of receiving communities and new immigrants; and

(D) engaging leaders from all sectors of receiving communities.

(d) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity receives a grant under this section, the entity shall submit to the Director an annual report that describes—
(A) each activity carried out by the grant recipient using grant funds;

(B) the service;

(C) the number of new immigrants in the service area; and

(D) the primary languages spoken in the service area.

(2) **Annual Evaluation.**—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year for which an entity receives a grant under this section, the Director shall conduct an annual evaluation of the grant program established under this section—

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

(B) to assess the future needs of—

(i) new immigrants; and

(ii) with respect to immigrant integration, State, local, and Tribal governments;

and

(C) to ensure that grant recipients and subgrantees use grant funds in accordance with this section.
SEC. 209. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOUNDATION AND PILOT PROGRAM.

There are authorized to be appropriated for the first 2 fiscal years after the date of the enactment of this Act such sums as may be necessary to establish the Foundation and the pilot program described in section 208. Such amounts may be invested and any amounts resulting from such investments shall remain available for the operations of the Foundation and such pilot program without further appropriation.

TITLE III—REDUCING BARRIERS TO CITIZENSHIP

SEC. 301. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the naturalization of immigrants—

(A) brings civic, economic, and social benefits to the United States;

(B) enhances the richness and diversity of the United States; and

(C) strengthens the United States;

(2) millions of immigrants are eligible for naturalization but cannot access citizenship due a variety of reasons, including cost barriers, language access, and a lack of legal services and information;

(3) the inability of millions of eligible immigrants to become citizens of the United States de-
prives the United States and the people of the United States of civic, economic, and social benefits; and

(4) consistent with the process for naturalization established by the Constitution of the United States, codified by statute, and strengthened by regulations, the Federal Government, in coordination with State and local governments, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders, should establish policies and programs to encourage eligible immigrants to apply for naturalization and to facilitate the naturalization process, with the objective of helping 2,000,000 new Americans naturalize by the end of 2024.

SEC. 302. IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.

(a) In General.—Section 286(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)) is amended to read as follows:

“(m) IMMIGRATION SERVICE FEES.—

“(1) In General.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), all fees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security in regulations as ‘immigration adjudication fees’ shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the ‘Immigration Examinations Fee Account’ in the Treasury of the United States, whether
such fees are collected directly by the Secretary or through clerks of courts.

“(2) GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS.—

“(A) GUAM.—All fees described in paragraph (1) that are received by the Secretary of Homeland Security from applicants residing in Guam shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue and Taxation of Guam.

“(B) VIRGIN ISLANDS.—All fees described in paragraph (1) that are received by the Secretary of Homeland Security from applicants residing in the United States Virgin Islands shall be remitted to the Treasury Division of the United States Virgin Islands.

“(C) RESTRICTIONS.—All fees remitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) may not be expended for costs associated with—

“(i) the civil revocation of naturalization;

“(ii) Operation Second Look;

“(iii) Operation Janus;

“(iv) any activities or operations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (including Homeland Security
Investigations) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection; or

“(v) any other activity or operation that is not directly related to immigration adjudications.

“(3) FEES FOR ADJUDICATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary of Homeland Security may set fees for providing adjudication and naturalization services at a level that will—

“(i) ensure recovery of the full costs of providing such services, or a portion of such services, including the costs of naturalization and similar services provided without charge to asylum applicants or other immigrants; and

“(ii) recover the full cost of administering the collection of fees under this paragraph, or a portion of such administrative costs.

“(B) REPORT REQUIREMENT BEFORE FEE INCREASE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may not increase any fee under this paragraph above the level of such fee as of January
1, 2019, before the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Secretary submits a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

“(i) identifies the direct and indirect costs associated with providing adjudication and naturalization services;

“(ii) distinguishes the costs referred to in clause (i) from immigration enforcement and national security costs;

“(iii) identifies the costs allocated for premium processing services to business customers, as prescribed under subsection (u);

“(iv) describes the extent to which the fee prescribed in subsection (u) is set at a level that ensures full recovery of the costs referred to in clause (iii);

“(v) identifies the amount of funding that is being allocated for the infrastructure improvements in the adjudications and customer-service processes prescribed under subsection (u); and
“(vi) contains information regarding
the amount by which such fee will be in-
creased.

“(C) ADJUDICATIONS DELAY AND BACK-
LOG REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
curity shall submit a quarterly report to the
congressional committees referred to in sub-
paragraph (B) that identifies each instance in
which—

“(i) the processing time of more than
10 percent of adjudications in any single
category of immigration benefits surpasses
the agency’s stated processing goal as of
January 1, 2019;

“(ii) the processing time of more than
5 percent of applications for legal perma-
nent residence surpasses 150 days; and

“(iii) the processing time of more
than 5 percent of applications for natu-
ralization surpasses 150 days.

“(4) FEE WAIVERS FOR ADJUDICATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICES.—

“(A) No fee.—Except as provided in sub-
paragraph (E), if an alien’s income is less than
150 percent of the Federal poverty line, no fee shall be charged or collected for—

“(i) an application, petition, appeal, motion, or other service described in this subsection; or

“(ii) the biometrics capture or background check associated with the items described in clause (i).

“(B) REDUCED FEE.—If an alien’s income is less than 250 percent of the Federal poverty line, not more than 50 percent of the applicable fee shall be charged or collected for an application, petition, appeal, motion, or service described in this subsection.

“(C) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—If an alien is under financial hardship due to extraordinary expenses or other circumstances affecting his or her financial situation to the degree that he or she is unable to pay a fee, no fee shall be charged or collected for—

“(i) an application, petition, appeal, motion, or other service described in this subsection; or
“(ii) the biometrics capture or back-
ground check associated with the items de-
scribed in clause (i).
“(D) No fee charged for waiver re-
quest.—No fee shall be charged for a fee waiv-
er or reduction request described in subpara-
graph (A), (B), or (C).
“(E) No waiver for certain fees.—
The fee for employment-based petitions and ap-
lications prescribed under subsection (u) may
not be waived.
“(F) Means-tested benefits.—The
Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider
the receipt of means-tested benefits as a cri-
terion for the purpose of demonstrating eligi-
bility for a fee waiver or reduction under sub-
paragraph (A), (B), or (C).
“(G) Application for fee waiver.—An
alien requesting a waiver or reduction of fees
under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) may sub-
mit—
“(i) a completed form, as prescribed
by the Secretary; or
“(ii) an applicant-generated, written
request for permission to have their immi-
gration benefit request processed without payment of the required fee.

“(H) Federal poverty line defined.—In this paragraph, the term ‘Federal poverty line’ has the meaning given the term ‘poverty line’ in section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including any revision required under such section applicable to a family of the size involved.”.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary of Homeland Security should set fees under section 286(m)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)(3)) at a level that ensures recovery of only the direct costs associated with the services described in such section; and

(2) Congress should appropriate to the Secretary of Homeland Security such funds as may be necessary to pay for—

(A) the indirect costs associated with the services described in such section;

(B) the adjudication of refugee and asylum processing;
(C) the costs of administering the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (commonly known as “SAVE”);

(D) the adjudication of naturalization applications not covered in full by the fees paid by applicants;

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

(F) grants to public and private nonprofit organizations for the purposes of citizenship and training.

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

(1) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “Service” each place such term appears and inserting “Department of Homeland Security”;

(2) in subsections (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (n), (o), (q), (t), and (u), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(3) in subsection (k), (l), and (t), by striking “Immigration and Naturalization Service” each place such term appears and inserting “Department of Homeland Security”; and
(4) in subsection (r)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Department of Justice” and inserting “Department of Homeland Security”; and

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

SEC. 303. WAIVER OF ENGLISH REQUIREMENT FOR SENIOR NEW AMERICANS.

Section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

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

“(1) is unable to comply with such requirements because of physical or mental disability, including developmental or intellectual disability; or

“(2) on the date on which the person’s application for naturalization is filed under section 334—

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

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

“(c) The requirement under subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to any person who, on the date on which the
person’s application for naturalization is filed under section 334—

“(1) is older than 50 years of age and has been living in the United States for periods totaling at least 20 years after being lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

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

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

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

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

“(2) has been living in the United States for periods totaling at least 10 years after being lawfully admitted for permanent residence.”.
SEC. 304. REDUCE FINANCIAL OBSTACLES TO NATURALIZATION.

Section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall impose a fee in an amount not to exceed $50 for the consideration of an application for naturalization. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to set adjudication fees for other benefit applications other than naturalization in accordance with section 286(m).”.

SEC. 305. NATURALIZATION FOR CERTAIN UNITED STATES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

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

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

“(a) Requirements Deemed Satisfied.—An alien described in subsection (b) shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements under section 312(a).
“(b) Aliens Described.—An alien is described in this subsection if the alien submits an application for naturalization under section 334 that contains—

“(1) transcripts from public or private schools in the United States demonstrating that the alien completed—

“(A) grades 9 through 12 in the United States and was graduated with a high school diploma; and

“(B) a curriculum that reflects knowledge of United States history, government, and civics; and

“(2) a copy of the alien’s high school diploma.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 320 the following:

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

(c) Applicability.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to applicants for naturalization who apply for naturalization on or after such date.

(d) Rulemaking.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
land Security shall promulgate regulations to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a).

SEC. 306. FAMILY INTEGRATION.

Section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by striking “21 years of age” and inserting “18 years of age”.

SEC. 307. REVISION OF GROUNDS FOR DEPORTATION.

Section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (5).

SEC. 308. WAIVER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CITIZENSHIP.

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

(1) in section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182)—

(A) in subsection (a)(6)(C)—

(i) in clause (ii)—

(I) by inserting “and willfully” after “falsely” each place such term appears; and

(II) in subclause (I), by striking “or any other Federal or State law”; and

(ii) by striking clause (iii); and
(B) in subsection (i), by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) The Attorney General or the Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the discretion of the Attorney General or the Secretary, waive the application of subsection (a)(6)(C)(ii) with respect to an immigrant who is the parent, spouse, son, or daughter of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or with respect to an alien granted classification under clause (iii) or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A), if the Attorney General or the Secretary determines that the admission to the United States of such alien would not be contrary to the national welfare, safety, or security of the United States.”; and

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

SEC. 309. NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Office of Citizenship of the External Affairs Directorate of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, in consultation with the Deputy Director for Citizenship and Inclusion of the National Office of New Americans, the Director of the National Park Service, the Archivist of the United States,
and other appropriate Federal officials, shall develop and implement a strategy to enhance the public awareness of naturalization ceremonies.

(b) VENUES.—In developing a strategy under subsection (a), the Chief and the Deputy Director shall consider the use of outstanding and historic locations as venues for select naturalization ceremonies.

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

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

(2) the progress made towards the implementation of such strategy.

SEC. 310. PROUD TO BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish the “Proud to Be a United States Citizen Program” (referred to in this section as the “Program”) to promote United States citizenship.

(b) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the Secretary shall—

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

(2) disseminate the outreach materials developed pursuant to paragraph (1) through public service announcements, advertisements, and such other media as the Secretary determines is appropriate;

(3) conduct outreach activities targeted to non-citizens believed to be eligible to apply for naturalization through communications by text, email, and the United States postal service, including—

(A) notifying individuals of their possible eligibility to apply for naturalization;

(B) informing such individuals about the requirements and benefits of United States citizenship;

(C) providing such individuals with partially completed naturalization applications, using available data about such individuals and instructions about how to complete the application; and

(D) providing such individuals with information about where to get free or low-cost assistance to apply for naturalization and to prepare for the required English and civics exams.
SEC. 311. MISSION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.


(1) by striking “Bureau of” each place such term appears and inserting “U.S.”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) MISSION STATEMENT.—The mission of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is to secure America’s promise as a Nation that welcomes immigrants and refugees by—

“(A) providing accurate and useful information to its customers;

“(B) granting humanitarian, immigration, and citizenship benefits;

“(C) promoting an awareness and understanding of citizenship; and

“(D) ensuring the integrity of the United States immigration system.”.
SEC. 312. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and section 313:

(1) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM.—The term "automatic registration system" means a system developed by a State that—

(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), registers all newly naturalized individuals to vote in elections for Federal office conducted in such State by transferring the information necessary for voter registration from the Department of Homeland Security to the State voter registration database; and

(B) excludes from registration—

(i) any individual who affirmatively declines to be registered; and

(ii) any individual who is determined to be ineligible for registration.

(2) NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZEN.—The term "newly naturalized citizen" means an individual who—

(A) has an approved application for naturalization as a United States citizen;

(B) has taken the oath described in section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448); and
(C) has received a certificate of naturalization under section 338 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1449).

(3) Secretary.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(b) Automatic Registration System for the Newly Naturalized.—

(1) In General.—The chief election official of each State shall establish and operate an automatic registration system for newly naturalized citizens to vote in elections for Federal office conducted in the State, in accordance with this section.

(2) Use of Department of Homeland Security Records.—The chief election official of each State shall—

(A) upon receiving information from the Secretary about a newly naturalized citizen who has not declined voter registration—

(i) ensure that such individual fulfills any local or State qualifications to register to vote relating to legal competency and past criminal convictions; and

(ii) determine whether such individual is subject to privacy protections for victims
of domestic violence or people with sensitive or high-profile professions;

(B) not later than 15 days after receiving information from the Secretary about an individual pursuant to section 313, ensure that the individual is registered to vote in elections for Federal office conducted in the State unless the individual is disqualified from voting by reason of incompetency or past criminal conviction;

(C) not later than 45 days after receiving information from the Secretary about an individual pursuant to section 313, send written notice to the individual, in addition to other means of notice established under this section, of the individual’s voter registration status; and

(D) exclude from all public availability or disclosure the voter registration records of any newly naturalized citizens who are protected by applicable State or local laws that prevent publication of the home address and other personally identifying information about victims of domestic violence and people with sensitive or high-profile professions.
(c) Contents of Written Notice to Newly Registered Voters.—The written notice required under subsection (b)(2)(C) shall—

(1) indicate the individual has been registered to vote;

(2) describe the substantive qualifications of an elector in the State, as listed in the mail voter registration application form for elections for Federal office prescribed pursuant to section 9 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20508);

(3) set forth the consequences for false registration;

(4) instruct the individual to cancel his or her voter registration if he or she does not meet all of the qualifications referred to in paragraph (2); and

(5) providing instructions for—

(A) cancelling voter registration, if necessary pursuant to paragraph (4); and

(B) correcting any erroneous information in the individual’s voter registration record.

(d) Treatment of Individuals Younger Than 18 Years of Age.—A State may not refuse to register a newly naturalized citizen under this section on the grounds that the individual is younger than 18 years of
age on the date on which the Secretary receives information with respect to the individual if the individual is at least 16 years of age on such date.

SEC. 313. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN REGISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

(1) assist the chief election official of each State to carry out the functions set forth in section 312(b) in accordance with this section; and

(2) provide each individual approved for naturalization with a document that—

(A) informs the individual of—

(i) the substantive qualifications of an elector in the State, as set forth in the mail voter registration application form for elections for Federal office prescribed pursuant to section 9 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20508); and

(ii) the consequences of false voter registration;

(B) instructs the individual to decline to register to vote if the individual does not meet all of the qualifications referred to in subparagraph (A)(i);
(C) informs the individual that—

(i) voter registration is voluntary; and

(ii) registering to vote or declining to register to vote—

(I) will not affect the individual’s citizenship status;

(II) will not affect the availability of services or benefits to which the individual is entitled; and

(III) will not be used for other purposes;

(D) informs the individual that affiliation or enrollment with a political party may be required to participate in an election to select the party’s candidate in an election for Federal office;

(E) provides any individual who accepts voter registration the option of affiliating or enrolling with a political party;

(F) informs the individual that he or she will not be registered to vote if he or she—

(i) signs the document;

(ii) does not take the oath of allegiance to the United States required for naturalization under section 337 of the Im-
migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448); and

(iii) is not issued a certificate of naturalization;

(G) instructs any individual who accepts voter registration to provide his or her residential address or coordinates if different from his or her mailing address on file with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;

(H) directs individuals to—

(i) sign in a designated space to decline voter registration; or

(ii) sign in a different designated space to attest that the individual—

(I) affirms that information provided on the document is true and complete to the best of the individual’s knowledge;

(II) will fulfill nationally applicable age, citizenship, and residency requirements to vote upon the individual’s naturalization; and

(III) accepts voter registration if determined by State election officials to be eligible to register in the individ-
(I) provides a phone number and other widely accessible means of contacting U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with questions about, or for assistance with, completing sections of the document concerning automatic voter registration, as set forth in subsection (d).

(b) INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.—

The Secretary shall require each individual approved for naturalization to sign and submit to the Secretary the document received pursuant to subsection (a)(2) at the time he or she takes the oath described in section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448) to acknowledge that he or she understands the information contained in the document and will comply with the applicable requirement.

(c) INFORMATION SUBMISSION.—Not later than 15 days after a newly naturalized citizen submits a signed document to the Secretary in accordance with subsection (b), unless the individual declines to be registered to vote when signing the document, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate State election official, in a format compatible with the statewide voter database maintained under
section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083) to the extent possible—

(1) the individual’s given names and surnames;
(2) the individual’s date of birth;
(3) the individual’s residential address or co-
ordinates;
(4) confirmation that the individual is a citizen
of the United States;
(5) the date on which the individual was sworn
in as a United States citizen;
(6) the individual’s signature in electronic form,
if available; and
(7) information regarding the individual’s affili-
ation or enrollment with a political party, if the indi-
vidual provides such information.

(d) Registration Assistance.—The Secretary
shall—

(1) publish information about, and instructions
for, accepting or declining automatic voter registra-
tion for newly naturalized citizens—
(A) on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services website; and
(B) in materials routinely provided to ap-
proved applicants for United States citizenship;
(2) create a telephonic hotline staffed by live operators to provide assistance with registration to approved applicants for United States citizenship.

SEC. 314. VOTER PROTECTION AND SECURITY IN AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.

(a) Protections for Errors in Registration.—

An individual may not be prosecuted under any Federal or State law, adversely affected in any civil adjudication concerning immigration status or naturalization, or subject to an allegation in any legal proceeding that the individual is not a citizen of the United States on the ground that the individual—

(1) is not eligible to vote in elections for Federal office, but—

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

(B) was automatically registered to vote under this title and subsequently voted without willful intent to do so unlawfully;

(2) was automatically registered to vote under this title at an incorrect address; or

(3) declined the opportunity to register to vote or did not make an affirmation of citizenship, including through automatic registration, under this title.
(b) Limits on Use of Automatic Registration.—The automatic registration of any individual, an individual’s declination to register to vote, or an individual’s failure to make an affirmation of citizenship under this title may not be used as evidence against that individual in any State or Federal law enforcement proceeding. An individual’s lack of knowledge or willfulness of such registration may be conclusively demonstrated by the individual’s testimony.

(c) Contributing Agencies’ Protection of Information.—Nothing in this title may be construed to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to collect, retain, transmit, or publicly disclose, except to State election officials, as authorized under this title—

(1) an individual’s decision to decline to register to vote or to not register to vote;

(2) an individual’s decision to not affirm his or her citizenship; or

(3) any information that a contributing agency transmits pursuant to section 313(c), except in pursuing the agency’s ordinary course of business.

(d) Public Disclosure Prohibited.—State election officials may not publicly disclose, with respect to any individual for whom any a State election official receives information from the Department of Homeland Security—
(1) any information that is not necessary to voter registration;

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

(3) any portion of the individual’s Social Security number;

(4) any portion of the individual’s motor vehicle driver’s license number;

(5) the individual’s signature;

(6) the individual’s telephone number; or

(7) the individual’s email address.

SEC. 315. EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sections 312, 313, and 314 shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

TITLE IV—REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND INTEGRATION

SEC. 401. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.
In this title, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of State.

SEC. 402. MINIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED.
Section 207(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(a)(2)) is amended by inserting after
“as the President determines” the following: “(except that in any fiscal year after fiscal year 2018, such number may not be less than 125,000)”.

SEC. 403. PRE-ARRIVAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND WORK ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR APPROVED REFUGEE APPLICANTS.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall establish overseas refugee training programs to offer to refugees described in subsection (b) optional English-as-a-second-language and work orientation training before departure for the United States.

(b) Refugees Described.—Refugees described in this subsection are refugees who have been—

(1) approved for admission to the United States;

(2) conditionally approved for admission to the United States; or

(3) selected at the discretion of the U.S. Refugee Admission Program.

(c) Design and Implementation.—In designing and implementing the programs referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with or enter into a contract with 1 or more nongovernmental or international organizations that has—
(1) direct affiliation with the United States refugee resettlement program; and

(2) appropriate expertise in developing curriculum and teaching English as a second language.

(d) IMPACT ON PROCESSING TIMES.—The Secretary shall ensure that training programs under this section—

(1) are offered to refugees as strictly optional;

(2) occur within applicable processing times;

and

(3) do not delay or prevent the departure for the United States of any refugee who has been approved for admission to the United States.

(e) TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall ensure that training programs under this section are fully and consistently operational in not fewer than 3 refugee processing regions.

(2) ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress that such training programs are fully and consistently operational in not fewer than 5 refugee processing regions.
(f) GAO Study and Report.—

(1) Study.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the implementation of this section that includes—

(A) an assessment of—

(i) the quality of English-as-a-second-language curricula and instruction; and

(ii) the benefits to refugees of the work orientation and English-as-a-second-language training programs; and

(B) recommendations on whether such programs should be continued, broadened, or modified.

(2) Report.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the findings of the study under paragraph (1).

(g) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a refugee to participate in a training program under this section as a precondition for the admission of the refugee to the United States.
SEC. 404. UPDATE OF RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS.

Beginning in fiscal year 2023, in setting the amount of reception and placement grants for refugees, the Secretary shall ensure that—

(1) the grant amount is adjusted to an amount that is adequate to provide for the anticipated initial resettlement needs of refugees and includes adjustments for inflation and the cost of living;

(2) the administrative portion of such grants provided at the beginning of the fiscal year to each national resettlement agency is sufficient to ensure adequate local and national capacity to serve the initial resettlement needs of the number of refugees the Secretary anticipates the agency will resettle during the fiscal year; and

(3) additional amounts are provided to each national resettlement agency promptly upon the arrival of refugees that, exclusive of the amounts provided pursuant to paragraph (2), are sufficient to meet the anticipated initial resettlement needs of such refugees and support local and national operational costs in excess of the amount described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 405. CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.—The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement shall make grants to national reset-
tlemem agencies to operate a case management system for
the purpose of offering case management to qualified indi-
viduals to assist in accessing any service, benefit, or assist-
ance for which qualified individuals are eligible provided
by—

(1) the Office of Refugee Resettlement;

(2) any other Federal, State, or local agency;

and

(3) a private entity or a nonprofit organization.

(b) PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
graph (2), a qualified individual may receive case
management services under this section during the
period beginning on the date on which the qualified
individual was determined to be eligible for resettle-
ment, acculturation, or subsistence services provided
by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and ending on
the date that is 1 year after the date on which the
qualified individual ceases to be so eligible.

(2) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
graph (1), an individual described in subpara-
graph (B) may receive such case management
services during the period beginning on the date
on which such individual was determined to be
eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or subsistence services provided by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and ending on the date that is 3 years after the date on which such individual ceases to be so eligible.

(B) EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.—An individual described in this subparagraph is a qualified individual who—

(i) is 65 years of age or older;

(ii) has extraordinary resettlement or acculturation needs that impede the ability of the individual to achieve durable self-sufficiency;

(iii) is a refugee resettled from a situation of protracted displacement;

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

(v) on the date on which the individual was admitted to the United States—

(I) had a disability or serious medical condition;

(II) had a mental health condition;
(III) was part of a household headed by a single parent; or
(IV) was a victim of a severe form of violence.

(c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement under section 412(e)(7)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(7)(A)) or of any other section of such Act to provide case management services to qualified individuals who have been in the United States for longer than 3 years.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “qualified individual” means an individual who was, at any time, eligible for resettlement, acculturation, or subsistence services provided by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

(2) RESETTLEMENT, ACCULTURATION, OR SUBSISTENCE SERVICES.—The term “resettlement, acculturation, or subsistence services” includes each of the services provided by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to aliens (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
1101(a)), except the case management services under this section.

SEC. 406. INCREASE IN CASH PAYMENTS.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) Subject to the availability of funds, assistance and social services for employment and health and living expenses under this section shall be available to refugees for a period of not less than 1 year.”;

(B) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end the following: “Subject to the availability of funds, such assistance and services shall be made available to refugees for a period of not less than 1 year.”; and

(2) in subsection (e)(1)—

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

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) Subject to the availability of funds, such assistance shall be provided for not less than 1 year
beginning on the first day of the month in which a
refugee enters the United States.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is the ear-
lier of—

(1) the first day of the first fiscal year begin-
ning after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) the date on which a final rule is promul-
gated to implement such amendments.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
tion or in the amendments made by this section shall be
construed as limiting or reducing assistance provided for
a period that is more than 1 year.

**TITLE V—PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**SEC. 501. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

A recipient of a grant described in, or established
under, this title may not be required, as a condition of
receiving such a grant, to transmit the personally identifi-
able information of an immigrant, or a family member or
household member of an immigrant, served by the recipi-
ent.
SEC. 502. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES.

The participation of an immigrant in any integration or inclusion activity under this Act shall be strictly voluntary.