AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6800
OFFERED BY MR. PRICE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 1451, after line 19, insert the following new sections:

1 SEC. 150208. NATIONAL SERVICE AMENDMENT.

There are authorized to be appropriated $500,000,000 to expand capacity for national service positions across the country to augment existing grants, fund new or expand national service programs, prioritizing communities and populations most impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency through direct care and direct service activities. Prioritize additional flexibilities on matching funds, limitation on grant amounts and to address disruptions in service due to COVID–19.

2 SEC. 150209. DIVERSE RECRUITMENT; LOCAL RECRUITMENT.

For fiscal years 2020 through 2023, from funds authorized under this Act for national service programs, the Corporation and the States, acting through State Commissions, shall give priority consideration to entities submitting applications that propose programs that recruit from or serve underserved populations, such as economically disadvantaged individuals, minority individuals, individ-
uals who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, Indians, veterans, and individuals whose abilities are not typical, such as individuals with intellectual or development disabilities, especially where the entities propose recruiting applicants for positions to serve in the same metropolitan statistical areas as those in which they attended institutions of secondary or higher education.

SEC. 150210. WAIVERS.

(a) Waiver of Matching Funds Requirements.—Section 189A of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645d) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “;
MATCHING FUNDS DURING COVID–19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD” after “COMMUNITIES”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) COVID–19 Response.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an entity that receives assistance from the Corporation for any program under the national service laws (including a State Commission and an entity receiving subgrant funds) during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period shall not be subject to any requirements to provide matching funds for any such program, and the Federal share of such assistance
for a recipient (including for a State Commission and a subgrant recipient) may be 100 percent.”.

(b) No Summer Limitation During COVID–19 Response and Recovery Period.—Section 104 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4954) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Director may enroll full-time VISTA associates in a program, during any months of the year, under such terms and conditions as the Director shall determine to be appropriate. Such individuals shall be assigned to projects that address the needs of underserved communities as a result of the COVID–19 public health emergency.

“(2) In preparing reports relating to programs under this Act, the Director shall report on participants, costs, and accomplishments under the program under this subsection separately.

“(3) The limitation on funds appropriated for grants and contracts, as contained in section 108, shall not apply to the program under this subsection.”.

(e) VISTA Limitation Applicability.—Section 108 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4958) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Of funds appropriated” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c), of funds appropriated”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) RULE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, in order to address the needs of underserved communities related to the COVID–19 pandemic, of funds appropriated for the purpose of this part under section 501, not more than 75 percent may be obligated for the direct cost of supporting volunteers in programs and projects (including new programs and projects that begin after the date of enactment of this Act) carried out pursuant to this part, and such funds may be obligated regardless of when grant recipients commenced such programs and projects.”.

(d) AUGMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS.—Title VI of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 603. COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD AUGMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS.

“During the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the Corporation may award noncompetitive
augmentation and expansion grants, at such time and in such manner as the Corporation determines appropriate.”.

(e) Term of Service During COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Period.—Section 146 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) Term of Service During COVID-19 Emergency Response and Recovery Period.—Notwithstanding the aggregate limit under Section 146(c), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, a participant who has already earned the aggregate of two full-time education awards is eligible to serve one additional term of service and receive a living allowance and other benefits under section 140.”.

(f) Increase in Limitation on Grant Amounts.—Section 189(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645c(a)) is amended by inserting “the CEO may increase the limitation under section 189(a) during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period if necessary to increase the AmeriCorps member living allowance or meet the compelling needs of the program due to funding constraints resulting from the COVID–19 national emergency”.
(g) **INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT FOR EDUCATIONAL AWARD ONLY PROGRAM.**—Section 129A(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12581a(b)) is amended by inserting “The CEO may increase the operational support per individual during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period”.

(h) **SEASONAL PROGRAM.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM.**—Section 152(b)(2) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12612(b)(2)) is amended by striking “summer” and inserting “seasonal”.

(2) **SEASONAL NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM.**—Section 154 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12614) is amended—

(A) in the section heading by striking “SUMMER” and inserting “SEASONAL”;

(B) in subsection (a), by striking “summer” and inserting “seasonal”;

(C) in subsection (b), by striking “50 percent of the participants in the summer” and inserting “35 percent of the participants in the seasonal”; and
(D) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) SEASONAL PROGRAM.—Persons desiring to participate in the seasonal national service program shall enter into an agreement with the Director to participate in the Corps for a period of not less than 3 months and not more than 6 months, as specified by the Director.”.

(i) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—Part D of title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 229. COVID–19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PERIOD.

“(a) AGE REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 201(a), 211(d), 211(e), of title II of the Domestic Volunteer service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, in order to address the critical needs of local communities across the country as a result of the COVID–19 pandemic, an individual age 45 years of age or older may enroll as volunteers to provide services under part A.

“(b) INCOME REQUIREMENTS.—For the purposes of parts B and C of such title II notwithstanding section 211(d), during the COVID–19 emergency response and recovery period, the terms ‘low-income person’ and ‘person
of low income' under such section shall mean any person whose income is not more than 400 percent of the poverty line defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) and adjusted by the Director in the manner described in such section.”.

(j) **End-of-service Cash Stipend.**—Section 3514(a)(2)(B) of the CARES Act is amended by inserting “, or the full value of the stipend under section 105(a) of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955), as amended,” after “such subtitle”.

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