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# S. 1671

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct resources that promote multigenerational collaboration, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23 (legislative day, MAY 22), 2019

Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aging Together Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MULTIGENERATIONAL COL-**  
6 **LABORATION.**

7 Section 417 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42  
8 U.S.C. 3032f) is amended—

1           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
2           lows:

3           “(a) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Assistant Sec-  
4           retary shall award grants and enter into contracts with  
5           eligible organizations to carry out projects to—

6           “(1) provide opportunities for older individuals  
7           to participate in multigenerational activities and  
8           civic engagement activities that contribute to the  
9           health and wellness of older individuals and individ-  
10          uals in younger generations by developing—

11                   “(A) meaningful roles for participants;

12                   “(B) reciprocity in relationship building;

13                   “(C) reduced social isolation and improved  
14           participant social connectedness;

15                   “(D) improved economic well-being for  
16           older individuals;

17                   “(E) increased lifelong learning; or

18                   “(F) support for family caregivers by—

19                           “(i) providing support for older rel-  
20           ative caregivers (as defined in section 372)  
21           raising children (such as kinship navigator  
22           programs); or

23                           “(ii) involving volunteers who are  
24           older individuals who provide support and  
25           information to families who have a child

1 with a disability or chronic illness, or other  
 2 families in need of such family support;  
 3 and

4 “(2) coordinate multigenerational activities and  
 5 civic engagement activities, promote volunteerism,  
 6 and facilitate development of and participation in  
 7 multigenerational activities and civic engagement ac-  
 8 tivities.”;

9 (2) by striking subsection (g);

10 (3) by redesignating subsections (b) through (f)  
 11 as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;

12 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
 13 lowing:

14 “(b) GRANT PERIODS.—Each grant awarded under  
 15 subsection (a) shall be for a period of not less than 36  
 16 months.”;

17 (5) by amending subsection (c), as so redesign-  
 18 nated, to read as follows:

19 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible organization  
 21 shall use funds made available under a grant award-  
 22 ed, or a contract entered into, under this section to  
 23 carry out a project described in subsection (a).

24 “(2) PROVISION OF PROJECTS THROUGH  
 25 GRANTEES.—In making grants under this section,

1 the Assistant Secretary shall ensure that awards are  
2 made for the activities and projects described in  
3 each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).”;

4 (6) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
6 by inserting “that serves individuals in younger  
7 generations and older individuals” after “to  
8 carry out a project”;

9 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in-  
10 tent to carry out, or intent to partner with local  
11 organizations or multiservice organizations to  
12 carry out,” after “record of carrying out”;

13 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”  
14 and inserting a semicolon;

15 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
16 riod and inserting “; and”; and

17 (E) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(5) eligible organizations proposing multigen-  
19 erational activity projects that utilize shared site  
20 programs, such as collocated child care and long-  
21 term care facilities.”;

22 (7) by amending subsections (f) and (g), as so  
23 redesignated, to read as follows:

1       “(f) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—Organizations eli-  
2 gible to receive a grant or enter into a contract under sub-  
3 section (a) shall—

4           “(1) be a State, an area agency on aging, or an  
5 organization that provides opportunities for older in-  
6 dividuals to participate in activities described in such  
7 subsection; and

8           “(2) have the capacity to conduct the coordina-  
9 tion, promotion, and facilitation described in such  
10 subsection through the use of multigenerational co-  
11 ordinators.

12       “(g) EVALUATION.—

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
14 after the date of enactment of the Aging Together  
15 Act, the Assistant Secretary shall, through data sub-  
16 mitted by organizations receiving grants or contracts  
17 under this section, evaluate the activities supported  
18 through such grants and contracts to determine—

19           “(A) the effectiveness of such activities;

20           “(B) the impact of such activities on the  
21 community being served and the organization  
22 providing the activities; and

23           “(C) the impact of such activities on older  
24 individuals participating in such project.

1           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6  
2 months after the Assistant Secretary completes the  
3 evaluation under paragraph (1), the Assistant Sec-  
4 retary shall prepare and submit to the Speaker of  
5 the House of Representatives and the President pro  
6 tempore of the Senate a report that assesses such  
7 evaluation and contains, at a minimum—

8           “(A) the names or descriptive titles of the  
9 projects funded under subsection (a);

10           “(B) a description of the nature and oper-  
11 ation of such projects;

12           “(C) the names and addresses of organiza-  
13 tions that conducted such projects;

14           “(D) a description of the methods and suc-  
15 cess of such projects in recruiting older individ-  
16 uals as employees and as volunteers to partici-  
17 pate in the projects;

18           “(E) a description of the success of the  
19 projects in retaining older individuals partici-  
20 pating in such projects as employees and as vol-  
21 unteers;

22           “(F) the rate of turnover of older indi-  
23 vidual employees and volunteers in such  
24 projects;

1                   “(G) a strategy for disseminating the find-  
2                   ings resulting from such projects; and

3                   “(H) any policy change recommendations  
4                   relating to such projects.”; and

5                   (8) in subsection (h)(2)(B)(i), by striking “indi-  
6                   viduals from the generations with older individuals”  
7                   and inserting “older individuals”.

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