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To support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act of 2018”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### TITLE I—TAX RELIEF

Sec. 101. Temporary employee payroll tax cut for residents of Puerto Rico.

Sec. 102. Equal treatment of Puerto Rican families with 1 or more children that is currently provided to families with 3 or more children.

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1                   **TITLE I—TAX RELIEF**

2   **SEC. 101. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PAYROLL TAX CUT FOR**

3                   **RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-

5 sion of law, in the case of a qualified resident of Puerto

6 Rico—

1           (1) there shall be allowed a credit against the  
2 tax imposed by section 1401(a) of the Internal Rev-  
3 enue Code of 1986 for any taxable year which begins  
4 in the payroll tax holiday period an amount equal to  
5 3.1 percent of the lesser of—

6                   (A) self-employment income (as defined in  
7 section 1402(b) of such Code) for the taxable  
8 year; or

9                   (B) net earnings from self-employment (as  
10 defined in section 1402(a) of such Code) for the  
11 taxable year; and

12           (2) with respect to remuneration received dur-  
13 ing the payroll tax holiday period for services per-  
14 formed as an employee (except amounts received for  
15 services performed as an employee of the United  
16 States, as defined in section 7701(a)(9) of such  
17 Code, or any agency thereof), the rate of tax under  
18 3101(a) of such Code shall be 3.1 percent (including  
19 for purposes of determining the applicable percent-  
20 age under sections 3201(a) and 3211(a) of such  
21 Code).

22 (b) SPECIAL RULES.—

23           (1) APPLICATION OF RULE FOR SPECIAL RE-  
24 FUNDS.—In the case of a qualified resident of Puer-  
25 to Rico to whom subsection (a)(2) applies, the first

1 sentence of section 6413(c)(1) of the Internal Rev-  
 2 enue Code of 1986 shall be applied by substituting  
 3 for “exceeds the tax with respect to the amount of  
 4 such wages received in such year which is equal to  
 5 such contribution and benefit base” the following:  
 6 “exceeds the sum of—

7 “(1) 3.1 percent of the lesser of—

8 “(A) the wages received in such year to  
 9 which section 2(a)(2) of the Puerto Rico Eco-  
 10 nomic Empowerment Act of 2018 applies, or

11 “(B) the contribution and benefit base,  
 12 plus

13 “(2) 6.2 percent of the lesser of—

14 “(A) the wages received in such year to  
 15 which such section does not apply, or

16 “(B) the contribution and benefits base re-  
 17 duced (but not below zero) by the amount of  
 18 wages taken into account under paragraph  
 19 (1).”.

20 (2) EMPLOYER LIABILITY.—In the case of an  
 21 employer who receives an attestation from an em-  
 22 ployee, in such form and manner as directed by the  
 23 Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s dele-  
 24 gate), that such employee is a qualified resident of  
 25 Puerto Rico—

1 (A) the employer shall not be liable under  
2 section 3102 or 3202 of such Code for any fail-  
3 ure to collect taxes in excess of the rate which  
4 applies under this section unless a reasonable  
5 person would determine that such attestation is  
6 not true and correct; and

7 (B) if such employee is not a qualified resi-  
8 dent of Puerto Rico, to the extent that the  
9 amount of any tax imposed by section 3101(a),  
10 3201(a), or 3211(a) of such Code is not col-  
11 lected by the employer in excess of the rate  
12 which would otherwise apply under this section,  
13 such tax shall be paid by the employee.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

15 (1) QUALIFIED RESIDENT.—The term “quali-  
16 fied resident” means any individual who meets the  
17 requirements of section 937(a) of the Internal Rev-  
18 enue Code of 1986 solely based on presence in Puer-  
19 to Rico.

20 (2) PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY PERIOD.—The term  
21 “payroll tax holiday period” means the period begin-  
22 ning after June 30, 2018, and ending before July 1,  
23 2020.

24 (d) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of  
25 the Treasury shall notify employers of the payroll tax holi-

1 day period in any manner the Secretary deems appro-  
2 priate.

3 (e) TRANSFERS OF FUNDS.—

4 (1) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND  
5 SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are  
6 hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and  
7 Survivors Trust Fund and the Federal Disability In-  
8 surance Trust Fund established under section 201  
9 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts  
10 equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury  
11 by reason of the application of subsection (a).  
12 Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence  
13 shall be transferred from the general fund at such  
14 times and in such manner as to replicate to the ex-  
15 tent possible the transfers which would have oc-  
16 curred to such Trust Fund had such amendments  
17 not been enacted.

18 (2) TRANSFERS TO SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVA-  
19 LENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT.—There are hereby appro-  
20 priated to the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Ac-  
21 count established under section 15A(a) of the Rail-  
22 road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n–1(a))  
23 amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the  
24 Treasury by reason of the application of subsection  
25 (a)(2). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sen-

1       tence shall be transferred from the general fund at  
 2       such times and in such manner as to replicate to the  
 3       extent possible the transfers which would have oc-  
 4       curred to such Account had such amendments not  
 5       been enacted.

6               (3) COORDINATION WITH OTHER LAWS.—For  
 7       purposes of applying any provision of law other than  
 8       the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
 9       the rate of tax in effect under section 3101(a) of  
 10       such Code shall be determined without regard to the  
 11       reduction in such rate under this section.

12 **SEC. 102. EQUAL TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICAN FAMILIES**  
 13                       **WITH 1 OR MORE CHILDREN THAT IS CUR-**  
 14                       **RENTLY PROVIDED TO FAMILIES WITH 3 OR**  
 15                       **MORE CHILDREN.**

16       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-  
 17       enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
 18       following new subsection:

19               “(i) RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.—In the case of  
 20       an individual who is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico  
 21       during the entire taxable year—

22                       “(1) subsection (d)(1)(B)(ii) shall be applied  
 23       (after application of subsection (h)), by substituting  
 24       ‘1 or more qualifying children’ for ‘3 or more quali-  
 25       fying children’, and

1           “(2) for purposes of subclause (I) of such sub-  
 2           section, such individual’s social security taxes for  
 3           such taxable year shall be determined as if section  
 4           101 of the Puerto Rico Economic Empowerment Act  
 5           of 2018 did not apply.”.

6           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 7           this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 8           December 31, 2017.

9           **TITLE        II—FLEXIBILITY        FOR**  
 10           **PUERTO RICO IN SMALL BUSI-**  
 11           **NESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-**  
 12           **GRAMS**

13           **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

14           This title may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Oppor-  
 15           tunity, Small Business Prosperity, and Economic Revital-  
 16           ization Act of 2018”.

17           **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—In this title:

19                (1) ADMINISTRATION; ADMINISTRATOR.—The  
 20                terms “Administration” and “Administrator” mean  
 21                the Small Business Administration and the Adminis-  
 22                trator thereof.

23                (2) MICROLOAN PROGRAM.—The term  
 24                “microloan program” means the program estab-



1 lished under section 7(m) of the Small Business Act  
2 (15 U.S.C. 636(m)).

3 (3) OVERSIGHT BOARD TERMINATION DATE.—  
4 The term “Oversight Board termination date”  
5 means the date on which the Oversight Board estab-  
6 lished under section 101 of the Puerto Rico Over-  
7 sight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (48  
8 U.S.C. 2121) terminates.

9 (4) PUERTO RICO.—The term “Puerto Rico”  
10 means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

11 (5) PUERTO RICO BUSINESS.—The term “Puer-  
12 to Rico business” means a small business concern  
13 that has its principal office located in the Common-  
14 wealth of Puerto Rico.

15 (6) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term  
16 “small business concern” has the meaning given the  
17 term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
18 U.S.C. 632).

19 (b) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—Section 3 of the Small  
20 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at  
21 the end the following:

22 “(ee) PUERTO RICO BUSINESS.—In this Act, the  
23 term ‘Puerto Rico business’ means a small business con-  
24 cern that has its principal office located in the Common-  
25 wealth of Puerto Rico.”.

## Subtitle A—Lending

### SEC. 211. MICROLOAN PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

(a) INCREASE IN ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR CERTAIN INTERMEDIARIES.—Section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and except as provided in clause (ii)” after “subsection (a)(3)”;

(2) by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—No loan shall be made under this subsection if the total amount outstanding and committed to 1 covered intermediary (excluding outstanding grants) from the business loan and investment fund established by this Act would, as a result of such loan, exceed \$6,000,000 in the remaining years of the covered

1 intermediary's participation in the  
2 program.

3 “(II) DEFINITION.—In this  
4 clause, the term ‘covered inter-  
5 mediary’ means an intermediary  
6 that—

7 “(aa) is participating in the  
8 program; and

9 “(bb) submits to the Admin-  
10 istrator a certification that not  
11 less than 20 percent of the  
12 microloans made by the inter-  
13 mediary under this subsection,  
14 during such period as the Admin-  
15 istrator may specify, will be made  
16 to Puerto Rico businesses.”.

17 (b) WAIVER OF 25/75 RULE FOR MICROLOANS TO  
18 PUERTO RICO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—Section  
19 7(m)(4)(E) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
20 636(m)(4)(E)) is amended—

21 (1) in clause (i), by striking “Each” and insert-  
22 ing “Except as provided in clause (iii), each”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN  
25 INTERMEDIARIES.—The Administrator

1           shall waive the requirements of clause (i)  
2           for an intermediary for which not less than  
3           25 percent of the loans made by the inter-  
4           mediary are made to Puerto Rico busi-  
5           nesses.”.

6           (c) SBA STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the  
7           date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall con-  
8           duct a study and submit to the Committee on Small Busi-  
9           ness and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Com-  
10          mittee on Small Business of the House of Representatives  
11          a report on the following:

12           (1) The operations (including services provided,  
13           structure, size, and area of operation) of a rep-  
14           resentative sample of—

15           (A) intermediaries that are eligible for par-  
16           ticipation in the microloan program and that  
17           participate in the microloan program; and

18           (B) intermediaries (including those oper-  
19           ated for profit, operated as nonprofit organiza-  
20           tions, and affiliated with a United States insti-  
21           tution of higher learning (as defined in section  
22           3452 of title 38, United States Code)) that are  
23           so eligible and that do not participate in the  
24           microloan program.

1           (2) The reasons why intermediaries described in  
2 paragraph (1)(B) choose not to participate in the  
3 microloan program.

4           (3) Recommendations on how to encourage in-  
5 creased participation in the microloan program by  
6 intermediaries described in paragraph (1)(B).

7           (4) Recommendations for increasing the num-  
8 ber of intermediaries located in the territories of the  
9 United States or in economically distressed areas (as  
10 defined in section 7(m)(11)(D) of the Small Busi-  
11 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(11)(D))) that are eligi-  
12 ble for participation in the microloan program.

13           (5) Recommendations on how to decrease the  
14 costs associated with participation in the microloan  
15 program for eligible intermediaries.

16       (d) GAO STUDY ON MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY  
17 PRACTICES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
18 actment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
19 States shall submit to the Committee on Small Business  
20 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee  
21 on Small Business of the House of Representatives a re-  
22 port evaluating—

23           (1) oversight of the microloan program by the  
24 Administration, including oversight of intermediaries  
25 participating in the microloan program; and

1           (2) the specific processes used by the Adminis-  
2           tration to ensure—

3                   (A) compliance by intermediaries partici-  
4                   pating in the microloan program; and

5                   (B) the overall performance of the  
6                   microloan program.

## 7                   **Subtitle B—Procurement**

### 8           **SEC. 221. PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY TRANSFERS.**

9           Section 7(j)(13)(F) of the Small Business Act (15  
10           U.S.C. 636(j)(13)(F)) is amended by adding at the end  
11           the following:

12                   “(iii)(I) In this clause, the term ‘covered period’  
13                   means the period beginning on the date of enact-  
14                   ment of this clause and ending on the date on which  
15                   the Oversight Board established under section 101  
16                   of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and  
17                   Economic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) termi-  
18                   nates.

19                   “(II) The Administrator may transfer tech-  
20                   nology or surplus property under clause (i) on a pri-  
21                   ority basis to a Puerto Rico business if the Puerto  
22                   Rico business meets the requirements for such a  
23                   transfer, without regard to whether the Puerto Rico  
24                   business is a Program Participant.”.

1 **SEC. 222. SUBCONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE**  
2 **FIRMS THAT ARE PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.**

3 Section 45(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
4 657r(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) PUERTO RICO SMALL BUSINESS CON-  
6 CERNS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the period be-  
8 ginning on the date of enactment of this para-  
9 graph and ending on the date on which the  
10 Oversight Board established under section 101  
11 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and  
12 Economic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) termi-  
13 nates, the Administrator shall provide addi-  
14 tional incentives to covered mentors, including  
15 providing additional credit for subcontracts  
16 awarded to covered proteges and costs incurred  
17 for providing training to covered proteges.

18 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

19 “(i) the term ‘covered mentor’ means  
20 a mentor that enters into an agreement  
21 under this Act, or under any mentor-pro-  
22 tege program approved under subsection  
23 (b)(1), with a covered protege; and

24 “(ii) the term ‘covered protege’ means  
25 a protege—

26 “(I) of a covered mentor; and

1                   “(II) that has its principal office  
2                   located in the Commonwealth of Puer-  
3                   to Rico.”.

4 **SEC. 223. ADDITIONAL MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS**  
5                   **FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE PUERTO**  
6                   **RICO BUSINESSES.**

7           Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act (15  
8 U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “, except  
9 that such restrictions shall not apply to a relationship that  
10 was entered into before the date on which the Oversight  
11 Board established under section 101 of the Puerto Rico  
12 Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (48  
13 U.S.C. 2121) terminates and in which the principal office  
14 of the protege is located in the Commonwealth of Puerto  
15 Rico” after “each participant”.

16                   **Subtitle C—Entrepreneurial**  
17                   **Development**

18 **SEC. 231. FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO.**

19           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 34 of the Small Business  
20 Act (15 U.S.C. 657d) is amended by adding at the end  
21 the following:

22           “(j) FAST GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUERTO RICO.—

23                   “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator  
24 shall establish a program that shall be part of the



1 FAST program to make awards to, or enter into co-  
2 operative agreements with, a Puerto Rico business.

3 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—If no applicant  
4 is selected to receive assistance under this sub-  
5 section, the Administrator shall use amounts appro-  
6 priated to carry out this subsection to provide busi-  
7 ness advice and counseling to a Puerto Rico busi-  
8 ness.

9 “(3) WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—  
10 The Administrator may, upon application, waive the  
11 matching requirements under subsection (e)(2) for  
12 an applicant that receives an award or has in effect  
13 a cooperative agreement under this subsection.

14 “(4) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be ap-  
15 propriated \$100,000 for fiscal year 2019, and each  
16 fiscal year thereafter, to carry out this subsection.”.

17 (b) PROSPECTIVE REPEAL.—Effective on the Over-  
18 sight Board termination date, section 34 of the Small  
19 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d), as amended by subsection  
20 (a), is amended by striking subsection (j).

1           **Subtitle D—Small Business**  
2           **Administration Oversight**

3   **SEC. 241. REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF**  
4           **PUERTO RICO.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on  
6 the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the Over-  
7 sight Board termination date, the director of the district  
8 office of the Administration located in Puerto Rico shall  
9 submit directly to Congress and the Administrator an an-  
10 nual report on the activities of the Administration in Puer-  
11 to Rico.

12          (b) COORDINATION.—In preparing each report de-  
13 scribed in subsection (a), the director described in such  
14 subsection shall consult with other Federal agencies to col-  
15 lect data on grants, programs, and outreach activities car-  
16 ried out by such agencies that affect any Puerto Rico busi-  
17 ness.

18           **Subtitle E—Disaster Loan Program**  
19           **Expansion**

20   **SEC. 251. AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF DISASTER FOR**  
21           **7(b) LOANS.**

22           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(k)(2) of the Small Busi-  
23 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(2)) is amended—

24                   (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
25           the end;

1 (2) in subparagraph (C), striking the period  
2 and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) communicable diseases for which the Fed-  
5 eral Government issues a travel alert or travel warn-  
6 ing.”.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
8 section (a) shall apply to a communicable disease—

9 (1) for which the Federal Government issues a  
10 travel alert or travel warning before, on, or after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act; and

12 (2) the effects of which are experienced on or  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 **Subtitle F—Amendment to the**  
15 **Investment Company Act of 1940**

16 **SEC. 261. TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR COMPANIES**  
17 **IN TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(a) of the Investment  
19 Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–6(a)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking paragraph (1); and

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
22 (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND SAFE HARBOR.—

24 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in  
25 paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection

1 (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this  
2 Act.

3 (2) SAFE HARBOR.—With respect to a company  
4 that is exempt under section 6(a)(1) of the Invest-  
5 ment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-  
6 6(a)(1)), as in effect on the day before the date of  
7 enactment of this Act, the amendment made by sub-  
8 section (a) shall take effect on the date that is 3  
9 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (3) EXTENSION OF SAFE HARBOR.—The Secu-  
11 rities and Exchange Commission, by rule and regula-  
12 tion upon its own motion, or by order upon applica-  
13 tion, may conditionally or unconditionally, under sec-  
14 tion 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  
15 (15 U.S.C. 80a-6(c)), further delay the effective  
16 date for a company described in paragraph (2) to be  
17 not later than the date that is 6 years after the date  
18 of enactment of this Act if, before the end of the ini-  
19 tial 3-year period, the Commission determines that  
20 such a rule, regulation, motion, or order is necessary  
21 or appropriate in the public interest and for the pro-  
22 tection of investors.

1                   **TITLE III—ECONOMIC**  
2                   **STATISTICS**

3 **SEC. 301. DEFINITION.**

4           In this title, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-  
5 retary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the  
6 Bureau of the Census.

7 **SEC. 302. INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICO IN CENSUS SUR-**  
8                   **VEYS.**

9           (a) **STUDY ON INCLUSION IN CURRENT POPULATION**  
10 **SURVEY.**—The Secretary shall study the feasibility of in-  
11 cluding Puerto Rico in the Current Population Survey  
12 conducted by the Secretary.

13           (b) **INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVING**  
14 **DATA.**—

15               (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Chief Statistician  
16 of the United States shall establish a technical inter-  
17 agency working group to study the most effective ap-  
18 proach to improving the quality and availability of  
19 data about or from Puerto Rico for the purpose of  
20 Federal statistical programs.

21               (2) **REPORT.**—Not later than October 31,  
22 2018, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the tech-  
23 nical interagency working group established under  
24 paragraph (1) shall submit a report on the activities  
25 and findings of the working group to—

1 (A) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-  
2 ate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Ways and Means of  
4 the House of Representatives.

5 (c) INCLUSION IN OTHER SURVEYS AND PROGRAMS  
6 OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.—The Secretary shall  
7 conduct a proof of concept for including, or expanding the  
8 inclusion of, Puerto Rico in each of the following surveys  
9 and programs conducted by the Secretary:

10 (1) The Census of Governments and Related  
11 Annual Programs.

12 (2) The Survey of Business Owners.

13 (3) The Building Permits Survey.

14 (4) The Quarterly Workforce Indicators, de-  
15 rived from the Longitudinal Employer-Household  
16 Dynamics Program.

17 (5) The Statistics of U.S. Businesses.

18 **SEC. 303. FEDERAL STATISTICAL RESEARCH DATA CENTER.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a fa-  
20 cility, to be known as the “Federal Statistical Research  
21 Data Center”, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

22 (b) DUAL CAPACITY.—The facility established under  
23 subsection (a) shall serve as both—

24 (1) an office of the International Trade Man-  
25 agement Division of the Bureau of the Census; and

1           (2) a research data center of the Bureau of the  
2 Census.

3                                   **TITLE IV—OFFSETS**

4 **SEC. 401. PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.**

5           Section 4002(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
6 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11(b)), as amended  
7 by section 53119 of Public Law 115–123, is amended—

8           (1) in paragraph (3), by striking  
9 “\$900,000,000” and inserting “\$841,000,000”;

10           (2) in paragraph (4), by striking  
11 “\$900,000,000” and inserting “\$848,000,000”;

12           (3) by striking paragraphs (5) through (8);

13           (4) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-  
14 graph (7); and

15           (5) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
16 lowing new paragraphs:

17           “(5) for each fiscal year during the period of  
18 fiscal years 2020 through 2023, \$400,000,000;

19           “(6) for each fiscal year during the period of  
20 fiscal years 2024 through 2027, \$500,000,000;  
21 and;”.

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