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To create a Coronavirus Containment Corps.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. WARREN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To create a Coronavirus Containment Corps.

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; DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Coronavirus Containment Corps Act”.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
8 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
11 merce of the House of Representatives;

1 (B) the Committee on Education and  
2 Labor of the House of Representatives; and

3 (C) the Committee on Health, Education,  
4 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

5 (2) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

6 The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”  
7 means—

8 (A) the public health emergency declared  
9 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
10 pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health  
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31,  
12 2020, as a result of confirmed cases of 2019  
13 Novel Coronavirus (2019–nCoV) and any suc-  
14 cessor to such declaration; or

15 (B) the national emergency declared by the  
16 President under the National Emergencies Act  
17 (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on March 13, 2020,  
18 as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 Novel  
19 Coronavirus (2019–nCoV).

20 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian *Tribe*”  
21 shall have the meaning given such term in the In-  
22 dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
23 Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

1           (4) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided  
2           in this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-  
3           retary of Health and Human Services.

4           (5) STATE.—The term “State” includes any of  
5           the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,  
6           the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the  
7           Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

8           (6) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “Tribal  
9           organization” shall have the meaning given such  
10          term in the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
11          cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

12 **SEC. 2. NATIONWIDE CONTACT TRACING STRATEGY.**

13          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 21 days after the  
14          date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting  
15          through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control  
16          and Prevention, shall—

17               (1) provide to the appropriate congressional  
18               committees a strategy to expand COVID–19 contact  
19               tracing; and

20               (2) include in such strategy recommendations  
21               to augment the capacity of State, Tribal, and local  
22               public health departments to train and place individ-  
23               uals into a Coronavirus Containment Corps to—

24                       (A) investigate cases of COVID–19;

1 (B) identify the contacts of individuals  
2 confirmed or presumed to have been infected by  
3 coronavirus;

4 (C) trace such contacts; and

5 (D) provide supports to ensure that such  
6 contacts can take the precautions necessary to  
7 safely quarantine to stop the spread of COVID–  
8 19.

9 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy  
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

11 (1) State public health officials;

12 (2) Tribal public health officials, Indian Tribes,  
13 and Tribal organizations;

14 (3) local public health officials;

15 (4) the Director of the Indian Health Service;

16 and

17 (5) experts with knowledge of or field experi-  
18 ence concerning racial and ethnic disparities in pub-  
19 lic health and historically marginalized communities.

20 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy under subsection  
21 (a) shall identify—

22 (1) the minimum number of persons needed to  
23 investigate cases of COVID–19 and identify the con-  
24 tacts of individuals confirmed or presumed to have

1       been infected by SARS–CoV–19 for each State and  
2       Indian Tribe;

3               (2) the minimum number of contract tracers  
4       needed for each State and Indian Tribe;

5               (3) the minimum number of specialists needed  
6       to connect contacts described in paragraph (1) to so-  
7       cial supports to ensure those contacts can take the  
8       precautions necessary to safely quarantine to stop  
9       the spread of COVID–19 for each State and Indian  
10      Tribe;

11              (4) the recommended qualifications necessary  
12      for case investigators, contact tracers, and social  
13      support specialists to perform such duties success-  
14      fully;

15              (5) strategies to enable State, Tribal, and local  
16      public health departments to hire, train, and deploy  
17      case investigators, contact tracers, and social sup-  
18      port specialists;

19              (6) strategies to rapidly develop guidance and  
20      training materials (including training on social de-  
21      terminants of health, cultural competency, commu-  
22      nications skills, and implicit and explicit bias train-  
23      ing) necessary to support public health departments  
24      in preparing individuals to serve as case investiga-  
25      tors, contact tracers, and social support specialists;

1           (7) plans to use mobile or app-based contact  
2 tracing technology, including—

3           (A) plans to prevent the misuse of data  
4 and to ensure the automatic deletion of data  
5 after the conclusion of the COVID–19 public  
6 health emergency; and

7           (B) plans to prohibit data sharing with  
8 and within the Federal Government, with the  
9 exceptions of the Centers for Disease Control  
10 and Prevention and the Indian Health Service;

11          (8) strategies to record and publicly report  
12 deidentified data, while protecting—

13          (A) the privacy of individuals and informa-  
14 tion regarding their personal health; and

15          (B) Tribal data sovereignty;

16          (9) protocols to limit the risks posed to indi-  
17 vidual privacy and data security, including through  
18 data minimization, anonymizing and redacting, and  
19 limitations on sharing and storing personally identi-  
20 fiable information;

21          (10) strategies to monitor and evaluate best  
22 practices in contact tracing, with input from State,  
23 Tribal, and local public health departments; and

1           (11) strategies to coordinate with State and  
2           Tribal workforce agencies to recruit newly unem-  
3           ployed individuals—

4                   (A) prioritizing individuals from within the  
5           communities in which they will work; and

6                   (B) reflecting the diversity of that commu-  
7           nity.

8           (d) STRATEGIES TO ENABLE HIRING, TRAINING,  
9           AND DEPLOYMENT.—Not later than 7 days after the  
10          strategy under subsection (a) is provided to the appro-  
11          priate congressional committees, the Secretary shall pro-  
12          vide the strategies described in subsection (c)(5) to States  
13          and Tribes.

14          (e) COORDINATION.—The Director of the Centers for  
15          Disease Control and Prevention shall coordinate with the  
16          Director of the Indian Health Service to ensure the strat-  
17          egy developed under this section meets the needs of Indian  
18          Tribes.

19          **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.**

20          (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
21          propriations, the Secretary, acting through the Director  
22          of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall  
23          award a grant to each State and local public health de-  
24          partment that seeks a grant in accordance with this sec-  
25          tion to implement the strategy under section 2(a).

1 (b) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall allocate amounts  
2 made available pursuant to subsection (a) in accordance  
3 with a formula to be established by the Secretary that—

4 (1) provides a minimum level of funding to each  
5 grantee; and

6 (2) allocates—

7 (A) additional funding among grantees  
8 based on—

9 (i) population;

10 (ii) projected need for COVID–19 in  
11 vitro diagnostic tests (as defined in section  
12 809.3 of title 21, Code of Federal Regula-  
13 tions (or successor regulations)) during the  
14 period of the grant;

15 (iii) the percentage of COVID–19  
16 cases per 10,000 persons as of the date of  
17 submission of the application for the grant;

18 (iv) COVID–19 case growth rate; and

19 (v) projected number of COVID–19  
20 cases during the period of the grant; and

21 (B) an additional increment for States that  
22 have a plan to increase the percentage of the  
23 population that will be tested.



1 (c) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—Amounts made  
2 available to a grantee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be  
3 used for the following activities:

4 (1) Costs, including wages and benefits, includ-  
5 ing health care benefits, as appropriate, related to  
6 the recruiting and hiring of individuals—

7 (A) to serve as case investigators, contact  
8 tracers, and social support specialists described  
9 in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively, of  
10 section 2(c); and

11 (B) employed by—

12 (i) the State or local government in-  
13 volved; or

14 (ii) a nonprofit organization with  
15 demonstrated expertise in implementing  
16 public health programs.

17 (2) Supplies necessary for grantees to imple-  
18 ment the strategy under section 2, including any  
19 supplies, equipment, including personal protective  
20 equipment, or technology for individuals serving as  
21 case investigators, contact tracers, or social support  
22 specialists.

23 (3) Administrative costs and activities necessary  
24 for grantees to implement the strategy under section  
25 2.

1           (4) Development of partnerships with State,  
2           Tribal, and local workforce development systems (as  
3           defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and  
4           Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)) to provide train-  
5           ing and supportive service for individuals serving as  
6           case investigators, contact tracers, or social support  
7           specialists.

8           (5) Reporting to the Centers for Disease Con-  
9           trol and Prevention on—

10                   (A) implementation of the strategy under  
11                   section 2; and

12                   (B) indicators of performance listed in sec-  
13                   tion 5(c)(1).

14           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
15           out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
16           \$10,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

17 **SEC. 4. AWARDS TO TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
19           propriations, the Secretary, acting through the Director  
20           of the Indian Health Service, in coordination with the Di-  
21           rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
22           and in consultation with Indian Tribes and Tribal organi-  
23           zations, shall award funds to Indian Tribes and Tribal or-  
24           ganizations to implement the strategy under section 2.

1 (b) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall allocate amounts  
2 made available pursuant to subsection (a) in accordance  
3 with a formula to be established by the Secretary in con-  
4 sultation with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations  
5 that—

6 (1) provides a minimum level of funding to each  
7 federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

8 (2) allocates additional funding on the basis of  
9 population.

10 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts made available  
11 to an awardee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used  
12 for the following activities:

13 (1) Costs, including wages and benefits, includ-  
14 ing health care benefits, as appropriate, related to  
15 the recruiting and hiring of individuals—

16 (A) to serve as case investigators, contact  
17 tracers, and social support specialists, which  
18 may include community health representatives,  
19 described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), re-  
20 spectively, of section 2(c); and

21 (B) employed by—

22 (i) the Tribal government involved; or

23 (ii) a nonprofit organization with  
24 demonstrated expertise in implementing  
25 public health programs.

1           (2) Supplies necessary for awardees to imple-  
2           ment the strategy under section 2, including any  
3           supplies, equipment, including personal protective  
4           equipment, or technology for individuals serving as  
5           case investigators, contact tracers, or social support  
6           specialists.

7           (3) Administrative costs and activities necessary  
8           for awardees to implement the strategy under sec-  
9           tion 2.

10          (4) Development of partnerships with State and  
11          local workforce development systems (as defined in  
12          section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
13          tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)) to provide training and  
14          supportive service for individuals serving as case in-  
15          vestigators, contact tracers, or social support special-  
16          ists.

17          (5) Reporting to the Indian Health Service,  
18          which shall then report the information to the Cen-  
19          ters for Disease Control and Prevention, on—

20                 (A) implementation of the strategy under  
21                 section 2; and

22                 (B) indicators of performance listed in sec-  
23                 tion 5(c)(1).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
2 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
3 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

4 **SEC. 5. REPORTING BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CON-**  
5 **TROL AND PREVENTION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, and every 30 days there-  
8 after, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the  
9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall report  
10 to the appropriate congressional committees on the imple-  
11 mentation of the strategy under section 2.

12 (b) REPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE.—In carrying out  
13 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

14 (1) support a reporting infrastructure that—

15 (A) minimizes administrative burdens on  
16 States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and  
17 localities; and

18 (B) protects the privacy of individuals' in-  
19 formation; and

20 (2) consult with Indian Tribes and Tribal orga-  
21 nizations and coordinate with the Indian Health  
22 Service to create a reporting infrastructure for In-  
23 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations that—

24 (A) honors and preserves Tribal data sov-  
25 ereignty; and

1 (B) ensures that Indian Tribes and Tribal  
2 organizations consent before any Tribal data is  
3 reported.

4 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The report under subsection  
5 (a) shall—

6 (1) for each State and Indian Tribe include—

7 (A) the number of case investigators hired,  
8 trained, and deployed;

9 (B) the number of contact tracers hired,  
10 trained, and deployed;

11 (C) the number of social support special-  
12 ists hired, trained, and deployed;

13 (D) the number of case investigations  
14 launched;

15 (E) the percentage of contacts reached  
16 compared to the percentage of contacts identi-  
17 fied;

18 (F) the percentage of contacts quarantined  
19 or isolated compared to the percentage of con-  
20 tacts reached;

21 (G) the percentage of contacts connected  
22 to social supports compared to the percentage  
23 of contacts needing such supports to quar-  
24 antine; and

1 (H) a description of any barriers that limit  
2 the ability of contacts to quarantine or isolate  
3 or access needed social supports;

4 (2) contextualize data reported so as to miti-  
5 gate discrimination against historically marginalized  
6 communities; and

7 (3) be made public on the internet website of  
8 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

9 **SEC. 6. GRANTS TO STATE AND TRIBAL WORKFORCE AGEN-**  
10 **CIES.**

11 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
13 vided in this section, the terms used in this section  
14 shall have the meanings given such terms in section  
15 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
16 (29 U.S.C. 3102).

17 (2) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (A) APPRENTICESHIP; APPRENTICESHIP  
19 PROGRAM.—The term “apprenticeship” or “ap-  
20 prenticeship program” means an apprenticeship  
21 program registered under the Act of August 16,  
22 1937 (commonly known as the “National Ap-  
23 prenticeship Act”) (50 Stat. 664, chapter 663;  
24 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), including any require-  
25 ment, standard, or rule promulgated under such

1 Act, as such requirement, standard, or rule was  
2 in effect on December 30, 2019.

3 (B) CONTACT TRACING AND RELATED PO-  
4 SITIONS.—The term “contact tracing and re-  
5 lated positions” means employment related to  
6 contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and  
7 mitigation activities.

8 (C) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible  
9 entity” means—

10 (i) a State or territory, including the  
11 District of Columbia and Puerto Rico;

12 (ii) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organiza-  
13 tion, Alaska Native entity, Indian-con-  
14 trolled organization serving Indians, urban  
15 Indian organization (as defined in section  
16 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement  
17 Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)), or a Native Hawai-  
18 ian organization;

19 (iii) an outlying area; or

20 (iv) a local board, if an eligible entity  
21 under clauses (i) through (iii) has not ap-  
22 plied with respect to the area over which  
23 the local board has jurisdiction as of the  
24 date on which the local board submits an  
25 application under subsection (c).



1           (D) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—Notwith-  
2 standing section 170(b)(2) of the Workforce In-  
3 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
4 3225(b)(2)), the term “eligible individual”  
5 means an individual seeking or securing em-  
6 ployment in contact tracing or related positions  
7 and is served by an eligible entity or commu-  
8 nity-based organization receiving funding under  
9 this section.

10           (E) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
11 means the Secretary of Labor.

12 (b) GRANTS.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of  
14 appropriations under subsection (g), the Secretary  
15 shall award national dislocated worker grants under  
16 section 170(b)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation  
17 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(b)(1)(B)) to  
18 each eligible entity that seeks a grant to assist local  
19 boards and community-based organizations in car-  
20 rying out activities under subsections (f) and (d), re-  
21 spectively, for the following purposes:

22           (A) To support the recruitment, place-  
23 ment, and training, as applicable, of eligible in-  
24 dividuals seeking employment in contact tracing

1 and related positions in accordance with the  
2 strategy established under section 2.

3 (B) To assist with the employment transi-  
4 tion to new employment or education and train-  
5 ing of individuals employed under this section  
6 in preparation for and upon termination of such  
7 employment.

8 (2) TIMELINE.—The Secretary shall—

9 (A) issue application requirements under  
10 subsection (c) not later than 10 days after the  
11 date of enactment of this section; and

12 (B) award grants to an eligible entity  
13 under paragraph (1) not later than 10 days  
14 after the date on which the Secretary receives  
15 an application from such entity.

16 (c) GRANT APPLICATION.—An eligible entity apply-  
17 ing for a grant under this section shall submit an applica-  
18 tion to the Secretary, at such time and in such form and  
19 manner as the Secretary may reasonably require, which  
20 shall include a description of—

21 (1) how the eligible entity will support the re-  
22 cruitment, placement, and training, as applicable, of  
23 eligible individuals seeking employment in contact  
24 tracing and related positions by partnering with—

1 (A) a State, local, Tribal, or territorial  
2 health department; or

3 (B) a community-based organization  
4 partnering with such health departments;

5 (2) how the activities described in paragraph  
6 (1) will support State efforts to address the demand  
7 for contact tracing and related positions with respect  
8 to—

9 (A) the State plans referred to in the head-  
10 ing “Public Health and Social Services Emer-  
11 gency Fund” in title I of division B of the Pay-  
12 check Protection Program and Health Care En-  
13 hancement Act (Public Law 116–139);

14 (B) the strategy established under section  
15 2; and

16 (C) the number of eligible individuals that  
17 the State plans to recruit and train under the  
18 plans and strategies described in subparagraphs  
19 (A) and (B);

20 (3) the specific strategies for recruiting and  
21 placement of eligible individuals from or residing  
22 within the communities in which they will work, in-  
23 cluding—

24 (A) plans for the recruitment of eligible in-  
25 dividuals to serve as contact tracers and related

1 positions, including dislocated workers, individ-  
2 uals with barriers to employment, veterans, new  
3 entrants in the workforce, or underemployed or  
4 furloughed workers, who are from or reside in  
5 or near the local area in which they will serve,  
6 and who, to the extent practicable—

7 (i) have experience or a background in  
8 industry-sectors and occupations such as  
9 public health, social services, customer  
10 service, case management, or occupations  
11 that require related qualifications, skills, or  
12 competencies, such as strong interpersonal  
13 and communication skills, needed for con-  
14 tact tracing or related positions; or

15 (ii) seek to transition to public health  
16 and public health related occupations upon  
17 the conclusion of employment in contact  
18 tracing or related positions; and

19 (B) how such strategies will take into ac-  
20 count the diversity of such community, includ-  
21 ing racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, linguistic, or  
22 geographic diversity;

23 (4) the amount, timing, and mechanisms for  
24 distribution of funds provided to local boards or  
25 through subgrants as described in subsection (d);

1 (5) for eligible entities described in subpara-  
2 graphs (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(4), a de-  
3 scription of how the eligible entity will ensure the eq-  
4 uitable distribution of funds with respect to—

5 (A) geography (such as urban and rural  
6 distribution);

7 (B) medically underserved populations (as  
8 defined in section 330(b)(3) of the Public  
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)));

10 (C) health professional shortage areas (as  
11 defined under section 332(a) of the Public  
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e(a))); and

13 (D) the racial and ethnic diversity of the  
14 area; and

15 (6) for eligible entities who are local boards, a  
16 description of how a grant to such eligible entity  
17 would serve the equitable distribution of funds as de-  
18 scribed in paragraph (5).

19 (d) SUBGRANT AUTHORIZATION AND APPLICATION  
20 PROCESS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity may award  
22 a subgrant to a community-based organization for  
23 the purposes of partnering with a State or local  
24 board to conduct outreach and education activities  
25 to inform potentially eligible individuals about em-

1 employment opportunities in contact tracing and re-  
2 lated positions.

3 (2) APPLICATION.—A community-based organi-  
4 zation shall submit an application at such time and  
5 in such manner as the eligible entity may reasonably  
6 require, including—

7 (A) a demonstration of the community-  
8 based organization’s established expertise and  
9 effectiveness in community outreach in the local  
10 area that such organization plans to serve;

11 (B) a demonstration of the community-  
12 based organization’s expertise in providing em-  
13 ployment or public health information to the  
14 local areas in which such organization plans to  
15 serve; and

16 (C) a description of the expertise of the  
17 community-based organization in utilizing cul-  
18 turally competent and multilingual strategies in  
19 the provision of services.

20 (e) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.—

21 (1) FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION.—

22 (A) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall  
23 use funds appropriated to carry out this section  
24 as follows:

1 (i) Subject to clause (ii), the Secretary  
2 shall distribute funds among eligible enti-  
3 ties in accordance with a formula to be es-  
4 tablished by the Secretary that provides a  
5 minimum level of funding to each eligible  
6 entity that seeks a grant under this section  
7 and allocates additional funding based on a  
8 formula that shall give first priority based  
9 on the number and proportion of contact  
10 tracing and related positions that the State  
11 plans to recruit, place, and train individ-  
12 uals as a part of the State strategy de-  
13 scribed in subsection (c)(2)(A).

14 (ii) Not more than 2 percent of the  
15 funding for administration of the grants  
16 and for providing technical assistance to  
17 recipients of funds under this section.

18 (B) **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.**—If the ge-  
19 ographic region served by 1 or more eligible en-  
20 tities overlaps, the Secretary shall distribute  
21 funds among such entities in such a manner  
22 that ensures equitable distribution with respect  
23 to the factors under in subsection (c)(5).

1           (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY USE OF FUNDS.—An eli-  
2           gible entity described in subparagraphs (A) through  
3           (C) of subsection (a)(4)—

4                   (A) shall, not later than 30 days after the  
5                   date on which the entity receives grant funds  
6                   under this section, provide not less than 70 per-  
7                   cent of grant funds to local boards for the pur-  
8                   pose of carrying out activities in subsection (f);

9                   (B) may use up to 20 percent of such  
10                   funds to make subgrants to community-based  
11                   organizations in the service area to conduct out-  
12                   reach, to potential eligible individuals, as de-  
13                   scribed in subsection (d);

14                   (C) in providing funds to local boards and  
15                   awarding subgrants under this subsection shall  
16                   ensure the equitable distribution with respect to  
17                   the factors described in subsection (c)(5); and

18                   (D) may use not more than 10 percent of  
19                   the funds awarded under this section for the  
20                   administrative costs of carrying out the grant  
21                   and for providing technical assistance to local  
22                   boards and community-based organizations.

23           (3) LOCAL BOARD USE OF FUNDS.—A local  
24           board, or an eligible entity that is a local board,  
25           shall use—



1 (A) not less than 60 percent of the funds  
2 for recruitment and training for activities in ac-  
3 cordance with the strategy established under  
4 section 2;

5 (B) not less than 30 of the funds to sup-  
6 port the transition of individuals hired as con-  
7 tact tracers and related positions into an edu-  
8 cation or training program, or unsubsidized em-  
9 ployment upon completion of such positions;  
10 and

11 (C) not more than 10 percent of the funds  
12 for administrative costs.

13 (f) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The State or local boards  
14 shall use funds awarded under this section to support the  
15 recruitment and placement of eligible individuals, training  
16 and employment transition as related to contact tracing  
17 and related positions, and for the following activities:

18 (1) Establishing or expanding partnerships  
19 with—

20 (A) State, local, Tribal, and territorial  
21 public health departments;

22 (B) community-based health providers, in-  
23 cluding community health centers and rural  
24 health clinics;

1 (C) labor organizations or joint labor man-  
2 agement organizations;

3 (D) 2-year and 4-year institutions of high-  
4 er education (as defined in section 101 of the  
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
6 1001), including institutions eligible to receive  
7 funds under section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)); and

9 (E) community action agencies or other  
10 community-based organizations serving local  
11 areas in which there is a demand for contact  
12 tracers and related positions.

13 (2) Providing training for contact tracing and  
14 related positions in coordination with State, local,  
15 Tribal, or territorial health departments that is con-  
16 sistent with the State or territorial testing and con-  
17 tact tracing strategy and ensuring that eligible indi-  
18 viduals receive compensation while participating in  
19 such training.

20 (3) Providing eligible individuals with—

21 (A) adequate and safe equipment, environ-  
22 ments, and facilities for training and super-  
23 vision, as applicable;

24 (B) information regarding the wages and  
25 benefits related to contact tracing and related

1 positions, as compared to State, local, and na-  
2 tional averages;

3 (C) supplies and equipment needed by the  
4 program participants to support placement of  
5 an individual in contact tracing and related po-  
6 sitions, as applicable;

7 (D) an individualized employment plan for  
8 each eligible individual, as applicable—

9 (i) in coordination with the entity em-  
10 ploying the eligible individual in a contact  
11 tracing or related position; and

12 (ii) which shall include providing a  
13 case manager to work with each eligible in-  
14 dividual to develop the plan, which may in-  
15 clude—

16 (I) identifying employment and  
17 career goals, and setting appropriate  
18 achievement objectives to attain such  
19 goals; and

20 (II) exploring career pathways  
21 that lead to in-demand industries and  
22 sectors, including in public health and  
23 related occupations; and

24 (E) services for the period during which  
25 the individual is employed in a contact tracing

1           and related position to ensure job retention,  
2           which may include—

3                   (i) supportive services throughout the  
4                   term of employment;

5                   (ii) a continuation of skills training as  
6                   related to employment as a contact tracer  
7                   or related positions, that is conducted in  
8                   collaboration with the employers of such  
9                   participants;

10                   (iii) mentorship services and job re-  
11                   tention support for eligible individuals; or

12                   (iv) targeted training for managers  
13                   and workers working with eligible individ-  
14                   uals (such as mentors), and human re-  
15                   source representatives.

16           (4) Supporting the transition and placement in  
17           unsubsidized employment for eligible individuals  
18           serving in the contact tracing or related positions  
19           after such positions are no longer necessary in the  
20           State or local area, including—

21                   (A) any additional training and employ-  
22                   ment activities as described in section 170(d)(4)  
23                   of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
24                   Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(d)(4));

1 (B) developing the appropriate combina-  
2 tion of services to enable the eligible individual  
3 to achieve the employment and career goals  
4 identified under paragraph (3)(D)(ii)(I); and

5 (C) services to assist eligible individuals in  
6 maintaining employment for not less than 12  
7 months after the completion of employment in  
8 contact tracing or related positions, as appro-  
9 priate.

10 (5) Any other activities as described in sub-  
11 sections (a)(3) and (b) of section 134 of the Work-  
12 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
13 3174).

14 (g) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding section  
15 170(d)(3)(A) of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
16 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225(d)(3)(A)), a person may be  
17 employed in a contact tracing or related position using  
18 funds under this section for a period not greater than 2  
19 years.

20 (h) REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, and once  
23 grant funds have been expended under this section,  
24 the Secretary shall report to the Committee on  
25 Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Sen-

1       ate and the Committee on Education and Labor of  
2       the House of Representatives, and make publicly  
3       available a report containing a description of—

4               (A) the number of eligible individuals re-  
5               cruited, hired, or trained as contract tracers or  
6               in related positions;

7               (B) the number of individuals successfully  
8               transitioned to unsubsidized employment or  
9               training at the completion of employment in  
10              contact tracing or related positions using funds  
11              under this **【section?】**;

12              (C) the number of such individuals who  
13              were unemployed prior to being hired, trained,  
14              or deployed as described in paragraph (1);

15              (D) the performance of each program sup-  
16              ported by funds under this section with respect  
17              to the indicators of performance under section  
18              116 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
19              tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141), as applicable;

20              (E) the number of individuals in unsub-  
21              sidized employment within 6 months and 1  
22              year, respectively, of the conclusion of employ-  
23              ment in contact tracing or related positions  
24              and, of those, the number of individuals within  
25              a State, territorial, or local public health de-

1           partment in an occupation related to public  
2           health;

3           (F) any information on how eligible enti-  
4           ties, local boards, or community-based organiza-  
5           tions that received funding under this section  
6           were able to support the goals of the strategy  
7           established under section 2; and

8           (G) best practices for improving and in-  
9           creasing the transition of individuals employed  
10          in contract tracing or related positions to per-  
11          manent, full-time employment.

12          (2) DISAGGREGATION.—All data reported under  
13          paragraph (1) shall be disaggregated by race, eth-  
14          nicity, sex, age, and, with respect to individuals with  
15          barriers to employment, subpopulation of such indi-  
16          viduals, except for when the number of participants  
17          in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reli-  
18          able information or when the results would reveal  
19          personally identifiable information about an indi-  
20          vidual participant.

21          (i) SPECIAL RULE.—Any funds for programs under  
22          this section that are used to fund an apprenticeship or  
23          apprenticeship program shall only be used for, or provided  
24          to, an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program that  
25          meets the definition of such term under subsection (a),

1 including any funds awarded for the purposes of grants,  
2 contracts, or cooperative agreements, or the development,  
3 implementation, or administration, of an apprenticeship or  
4 an apprenticeship program.

5 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
7 \$500,000,000.

8 **SEC. 7. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY.**

9 (a) SCOPE OF STUDY.—The Comptroller General of  
10 the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate—

11 (1) the strategies, components, policies, and  
12 practices used by recipients of funding under this  
13 Act to successfully assist—

14 (A) State, Tribal, and local health depart-  
15 ments; and

16 (B) State, Tribal, and local workforce de-  
17 velopment systems; and

18 (2) any challenges associated with implementa-  
19 tion of such strategies, components, policies, and  
20 practices.

21 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the study  
22 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall con-  
23 sult with a geographically diverse (including urban, subur-  
24 ban, and rural) representation of individuals engaged in  
25 implementation of this Act, including the following:



1           (1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
2 employees.

3           (2) Department of Labor employees.

4           (3) State and local public health departments.

5           (4) State and local workforce development sys-  
6 tems.

7           (5) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

8           (6) Case investigators, contact tracers, and so-  
9 cial support specialists.

10       (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 2 years after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
12 shall submit the study conducted under subsection (a) to  
13 the appropriate congressional committees.

14 **SEC. 8. APPLICATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT TO**  
15 **CONTRACTS AND GRANTS.**

16       Contracts and grants, which include contact tracing  
17 as part of the scope of work and that are awarded under  
18 this Act, shall require that contract tracers and related  
19 positions are paid not less than the prevailing wage and  
20 fringe rates required under chapter 67 of title 41, United  
21 States Code (commonly known as the “Service Contract  
22 Act”), for the area in which the work is performed. To  
23 the extent that a nonstandard wage determination is re-  
24 quired to establish a prevailing wage for contact tracers  
25 and related positions for purposes of this Act, the Sec-

1   retary of Labor shall issue such determination not later  
2   than 14 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3   based on a job description used by the Centers for Disease  
4   Control and Prevention and contractors or grantees per-  
5   forming contact tracing for State public health agencies.

6   **SEC. 9. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

7         Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict or  
8   in any way infringe upon individuals' freedom of associa-  
9   tion.