

SERVE AMERICA ACT LANGUAGE ON STATE SERVICE PLAN

SEC. 1606. STATE COMMISSIONS ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking sections 117B and 130 and inserting section 130;

(2) in subsection (c)(1)--

(A) in subparagraph (I), by striking section 122(a) and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 122.; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

(J) A representative of the volunteer sector.;

(3) in subsection (c)(3), by striking , unless the State permits the representative to serve as a voting member of the State Commission or alternative administrative entity;

(4) in subsection (d)(6)(B), by striking section 193A(b)(11) and inserting section 193A(b)(12);

(5) in subsection (e)--

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

(1) Preparation of a national service plan for the State that--

(A) is developed, through an open and public process (such as through regional forums, hearings, and other means) that provides for maximum participation and input from the private sector, organizations, and public agencies, using service and volunteerism as strategies to meet critical community needs, including service through programs funded under the national service laws;

(B) covers a 3-year period, the beginning of which may be set by the State;

(C) is subject to approval by the chief executive officer of the State;

(D) includes measurable goals and outcomes for the State national service programs in the State consistent with the performance levels for national service programs as described in section 179(k);

(E) ensures outreach to diverse community-based agencies that serve underrepresented populations, through established networks and registries at the State level, or through the development of such networks and registries;

(F) provides for effective coordination of funding applications submitted by the State and other organizations within the State under the national service laws;

(G) is updated annually, reflecting changes in practices and policies that will improve the coordination and effectiveness of Federal, State, and local resources for service and volunteerism within the State;

(H) ensures outreach to, and coordination with, municipalities (including large cities) and county governments regarding the national service laws; and

(I) contains such information as the State Commission considers to be appropriate or as the Corporation may require.; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking sections 117B and 130 and inserting section 130;

(6) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (h) through (l), respectively; and

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

(f) Relief From Administrative Requirements- Upon approval of a State plan submitted under subsection (e)(1), the Chief Executive Officer may waive for the State, or specify alternatives for the State to, administrative requirements (other than statutory provisions) otherwise applicable to grants made to States under the national service laws, including those requirements identified by the State as impeding the coordination and effectiveness of Federal, State, and local resources for service and volunteerism within the State.

(g) State Service Plan for Adults Age 55 or Older-

(1) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, to be eligible to receive a grant or allotment under subtitle B or C or to receive a distribution of approved national service positions under subtitle C, a State shall work with appropriate State agencies and private entities to develop a comprehensive State service plan for service by adults age 55 or older.

(2) MATTERS INCLUDED- The State service plan shall include--

(A) recommendations for policies to increase service for adults age 55 or older, including how to best use such adults as sources of social capital, and how to utilize their skills and experience to address community needs;

(B) recommendations to the State agency (as defined in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002)) on--

(i) a marketing outreach plan to businesses; and

(ii) outreach to--

(I) nonprofit organizations;

(II) the State educational agency;

(III) institutions of higher education; and

(IV) other State agencies;

(C) recommendations for civic engagement and multigenerational activities, such as--

(i) early childhood education and care, family literacy, and after school programs;

(ii) respite services for adults age 55 or older and caregivers; and

(iii) transitions for older adults age 55 or older to purposeful work in their post-career lives; and

(D) recommendations for encouraging the development of Encore service programs in the State.

(3) KNOWLEDGE BASE- The State service plan shall incorporate the current knowledge base (as of the time of the plan) regarding--

(A) the economic impact of the roles of workers age 55 or older in the economy;

(B) the social impact of the roles of such workers in the community; and

(C) the health and social benefits of active engagement for adults age 55 or older.

(4) PUBLICATION- The State service plan shall be made available to the public and be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer..