

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2259

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## AN ACT

To amend the Peace Corps Act to expand services and  
benefits for volunteers, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 3 “Sam Farr and Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of  
 4 2018”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

**TITLE I—PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

Sec. 101. Peace Corps volunteer medical care reform.

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 seas offices and country programs.

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Sec. 303. Additional protections against sexual misconduct.

Sec. 304. Extension of the office of victim advocacy.

Sec. 305. Reform and extension of the Sexual Assault Advisory Council.

Sec. 306. Definitions.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

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

12 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
 13 the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of  
2 the Senate;

3 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
4 the House of Representatives; and

5 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of  
6 the House of Representatives.

7 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
8 the Director of the Peace Corps.

9 (3) PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.—The term  
10 “Peace Corps volunteer” means an individual de-  
11 scribed in section 5(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22  
12 U.S.C. 2504(a)).

## 13 **TITLE I—PEACE CORPS** 14 **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

### 15 **SEC. 101. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MEDICAL CARE RE-** 16 **FORM.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Peace Corps Act is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in section 5 (22 U.S.C. 2504)—

20 (A) in subsection (e), in the first sentence,  
21 by striking “receive such immunization and  
22 dental care preparatory to their service” and in-  
23 sserting “receive, preparatory to their service,  
24 such immunization, dental care, and informa-  
25 tion on prescription options and potential inter-

1 actions, as necessary and appropriate and in ac-  
2 cordance with subsection (f)’’;

3 (B) by re-designating subsections (f), (g),  
4 (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n) as subsections  
5 (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), and (o);

6 (C) by inserting after subsection (e) the  
7 following new subsection—

8 “(f) The Director of the Peace Corps shall consult  
9 with health experts outside the Peace Corps, including ex-  
10 perts licensed in the field of mental health, and follow  
11 guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
12 tion regarding the prescription of medications to a volun-  
13 teer.’’; and

14 (D) in subsection (i), as so redesignated,  
15 by striking “section, and” and inserting “sec-  
16 tion), and’’; and

17 (2) by inserting after section 5 the following  
18 new section:

19 **“SEC. 5A. HEALTH CARE FOR VOLUNTEERS AT PEACE**  
20 **CORPS POSTS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall ensure that  
22 each overseas post has the services of a medical office that  
23 is consistent in size and scope with the needs of the Peace  
24 Corps at such post, including, if necessary, by detailing

1 to any such post the licensed medical staff of other United  
2 States departments, agencies, or establishments.

3 “(b) HIRING CRITERIA.—In selecting medical officers  
4 and support staff for overseas Peace Corps posts, the Di-  
5 rector of the Peace Corps shall hire well-qualified and ca-  
6 pable personnel to support the effectiveness of health care  
7 for Peace Corps volunteers by evaluating each can-  
8 didate’s—

9 “(1) medical training, experience, and accredi-  
10 tations or other qualifications;

11 “(2) record of performance;

12 “(3) administrative capabilities;

13 “(4) understanding of the local language and  
14 culture;

15 “(5) ability to work in the English language;

16 “(6) interpersonal skills; and

17 “(7) such other factors that the Director deter-  
18 mines appropriate.

19 “(c) CERTAIN TRAINING.—The Director of the Peace  
20 Corps shall ensure that each Peace Corps medical officer  
21 serving in a malaria-endemic country receives training in  
22 the recognition of the side effects of such medications.

23 “(d) REVIEW AND EVALUATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace  
25 Corps, acting through the Associate Director of the

1 Office of Health Services and the country directors,  
2 shall review and evaluate the performance and  
3 health care delivery of all Peace Corps medical staff,  
4 including medical officers, to—

5 “(A) ensure compliance with all relevant  
6 Peace Corps policies, practices, and guidelines;  
7 and

8 “(B) ensure that medical staff complete  
9 the necessary continuing medical education to  
10 maintain their skills and satisfy licensing and  
11 credentialing standards, as designated by the  
12 Director.

13 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of  
14 the Peace Corps shall include, in the annual Peace  
15 Corps congressional budget justification, a confirma-  
16 tion that the review and evaluation of all Peace  
17 Corps medical staff required under paragraph (1)  
18 has been completed.

19 “(e) ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS.—The Director of the  
20 Peace Corps shall consult with experts at the Centers for  
21 Disease Control and Prevention regarding recommenda-  
22 tions for prescribing malaria prophylaxis, in order to pro-  
23 vide the best standard of care within the context of the  
24 Peace Corps environment.”.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY  
2 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE PEACE CORPS.—

3 (1) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—As prompt-  
4 ly as practicable, the Director shall implement the  
5 actions outlined in the agency response for all open  
6 recommendations of the Inspector General of the  
7 Peace Corps set forth in the report entitled “Final  
8 Program Evaluation Report: OIG Follow-up Evalua-  
9 tion of Issues Identified in the 2010 Peace Corps/  
10 Morocco Assessment of Medical Care” (Report No.  
11 IG–16–01–E).

12 (2) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—

13 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180  
14 days after the date of the enactment of this  
15 Act, the Director shall submit a report to the  
16 appropriate congressional committees that de-  
17 scribes the Director’s strategy for implementing  
18 the recommendations referred to in paragraph  
19 (1).

20 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later  
21 than 180 days after the submission of the re-  
22 port required under subparagraph (A), and  
23 semiannually thereafter, the Director shall sub-  
24 mit a report to the appropriate congressional  
25 committees that describes the progress in imple-

1           menting the recommendations referred to in  
2           paragraph (1) until all such recommendations  
3           have been implemented in accordance with the  
4           agency’s response to the report referred to in  
5           such paragraph.

6           (3) NOTIFICATION.—After the submission of  
7           each report required under paragraph (2), the In-  
8           spector General of the Peace Corps may notify the  
9           appropriate congressional committees of any rec-  
10          ommendations from the report referred to in para-  
11          graph (1) that the Inspector General determines re-  
12          main unresolved.

13 **SEC. 102. POST-SERVICE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MED-**  
14 **ICAL CARE REFORM.**

15          Section 8142 of title 5, United States Code, is  
16          amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17          section:

18          “(d)(1) The Secretary shall authorize the Director of  
19          the Peace Corps to furnish medical benefits to a volunteer,  
20          who is injured during the volunteer’s period of service, for  
21          a period of 120 days following the termination of such  
22          service if the Director certifies that the volunteer’s injury  
23          probably meets the requirements under subsection (c)(3).  
24          The Secretary may then certify vouchers for these ex-

1 penses for such volunteer out of the Employees' Com-  
2 pensation Fund.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall prescribe the form and con-  
4 tent of the certification required under paragraph (1).

5 “(3) A certification under paragraph (1) will cease  
6 to be effective if the volunteer sustains compensable dis-  
7 ability in connection with volunteer service.

8 “(4) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to  
9 authorize the furnishing of any medical benefit that the  
10 Secretary of Labor is not otherwise authorized to reim-  
11 burse for former Peace Corps volunteers who receive treat-  
12 ment for injury or disease proximately caused by their  
13 service in the Peace Corps in accordance with this chap-  
14 ter.”.

15 **SEC. 103. PEACE CORPS IMPACT SURVEY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act and once every  
18 2 years thereafter for the following 6 years, the Director  
19 shall conduct a survey of former Peace Corps volunteers.

20 (b) SCOPE OF SURVEY.—The survey required under  
21 subsection (a) shall assess, with respect to each former  
22 Peace Corps volunteer completing the survey, the impact  
23 of the Peace Corps on the former volunteer, including the  
24 volunteer's—

25 (1) well-being;

- 1 (2) career;
- 2 (3) civic engagement; and
- 3 (4) commitment to public service.

4 (c) REPORT.—The Director shall submit a report  
5 containing the results of the survey conducted under sub-  
6 section (a) to—

- 7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
8 Senate;
- 9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
10 House of Representatives;
- 11 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
12 Senate; and
- 13 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
14 House of Representatives.

15 **SEC. 104. EXTENSION OF POSITIONS FOR PEACE CORPS EM-**  
16 **PLOYEES.**

17 Section 7(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
18 2506(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
19 new paragraph:

20 “(8)(A) The Director of the Peace Corps may  
21 designate Peace Corps positions as critical manage-  
22 ment or management support positions that require  
23 specialized technical or professional skills and knowl-  
24 edge of Peace Corps operations. Such positions may  
25 include positions in the following fields:

1 “(i) Volunteer health services.

2 “(ii) Financial management.

3 “(iii) Information technology.

4 “(iv) Procurement.

5 “(v) Personnel.

6 “(vi) Legal services.

7 “(vii) Safety and security.

8 “(B) Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D),  
9 with respect to positions designated pursuant to sub-  
10 paragraph (A), the Director may make or extend re-  
11 newable appointments or assignments under para-  
12 graph (2) notwithstanding limitations under sub-  
13 paragraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) and para-  
14 graph (5).

15 “(C) In exercising authority under subpara-  
16 graph (B), the Director shall ensure that all deci-  
17 sions regarding the appointment, assignment, or ex-  
18 tension of employees to any position designated pur-  
19 suant to subparagraph (A)—

20 “(i) are consistent with Federal law and  
21 Peace Corps policy; and

22 “(ii) are based upon operational and pro-  
23 grammatic factors.

1           “(D) The term of any appointment or assign-  
2           ment to any position designated pursuant to sub-  
3           paragraph (A) may not exceed 5 years.”.

4       **TITLE II—PEACE CORPS OVER-**  
5       **SIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

6       **SEC. 201. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER ACCESS TO INSPEC-**  
7                               **TOR GENERAL.**

8           Section 8 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507)  
9       is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a)—

11                   (A) by striking “he” and inserting “the  
12                   President”; and

13                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
14                   sentences: “As part of the training provided to  
15                   all volunteers under subsection (a), and in co-  
16                   ordination with the Inspector General of the  
17                   Peace Corps, the President shall provide all vol-  
18                   unteers with information regarding the mandate  
19                   of the Inspector General and the availability  
20                   (including contact information) of the Inspector  
21                   General and the Office of Victim Advocacy as  
22                   a resource for volunteers. The President shall  
23                   ensure that volunteers receive such information  
24                   at least once during training that occurs prior  
25                   to enrollment and at least once during each sig-

1           nificant instance of training after enrollment.”;  
2           and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           section:

5           “(c) The President shall implement procedures to  
6           maintain a record verifying each individual completing  
7           training provided to meet each requirement in this section  
8           and sections 8A, 8B, 8F, and 8G(b).”.

9           **SEC. 202. PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR VOLUNTEER**  
10           **SURVEYS.**

11           Section 8E of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507e)  
12           is amended—

13           (1) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—

14                   (A) by inserting “, ensure that each such  
15                   plan includes a consideration of the results,  
16                   with respect to each such representative and the  
17                   country of service of each such representative,  
18                   of each survey conducted under subsection (c),”  
19                   after “standards for Peace Corps representa-  
20                   tives”; and

21                   (B) by striking “and shall review” and in-  
22                   serting “, and review”; and

23           (2) in subsection (c)—

24                   (A) in the first sentence, by striking  
25                   “2018” and inserting “2023”; and

1 (B) in the third sentence, by striking “sub-  
2 section (a)” and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
4 sentences: “The President shall publish, on a  
5 publicly available website of the Peace Corps, a  
6 report summarizing the results of each survey  
7 related to volunteer satisfaction in each country  
8 in which volunteers serve, and the early termi-  
9 nation rate of volunteers serving in each such  
10 country. The information published shall be  
11 posted in an easily accessible place near the de-  
12 scription of the appropriate country and shall  
13 be written in an easily understood manner.”.

14 **SEC. 203. CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS REQUIRED BE-**  
15 **FORE OPENING OR CLOSING OVERSEAS OF-**  
16 **FICES AND COUNTRY PROGRAMS.**

17 Section 10 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2509)  
18 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19 section:

20 “(k)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Di-  
21 rector of the Peace Corps may not open, close, signifi-  
22 cantly reduce, or suspend a domestic or overseas office or  
23 country program unless the Director has notified and con-  
24 sulted with the appropriate congressional committees at  
25 least 15 days in advance.

1 “(2) The Director of the Peace Corps may waive the  
2 application of paragraph (1) for a period of not more than  
3 5 days after an action described in such paragraph if the  
4 Director determines such action is necessary to ameliorate  
5 a substantial security risk to Peace Corps volunteers or  
6 other Peace Corps personnel.

7 “(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the term  
8 ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

9 “(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
10 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
11 resentatives; and

12 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.”.

14 **TITLE III—CRIME RISK**  
15 **REDUCTION ENHANCEMENTS**

16 **SEC. 301. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF VOLUNTEER DEATH.**

17 Section 5 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504),  
18 as amended by section 101 of this Act, is further amended  
19 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(p)(1) Not later than 10 days after receiving notifi-  
21 cation of the death of a volunteer, the President shall pro-  
22 vide a briefing to the Inspector General of the Peace Corps  
23 that includes—

24 “(A)(i) the available facts and circumstances  
25 surrounding the death of the volunteer, including a

1 preliminary timeline of the events immediately pre-  
2 ceding the death of the volunteer, subsequent actions  
3 taken by the Peace Corps, and any information  
4 available to the Peace Corps reflecting on the cause  
5 or root cause of the death of the volunteer; and

6 “(ii) a description of any steps the Peace Corps  
7 plans to take to inquire further into the cause or  
8 root cause of the death of the volunteer, including  
9 the anticipated date of the completion of such in-  
10 quiry; or

11 “(B) an explanation of why the Peace Corps  
12 has determined that no further inquiry into the  
13 cause or root cause of the death of the volunteer is  
14 necessary, including—

15 “(i) a description of the steps the Peace  
16 Corps took to determine further inquiry was not  
17 necessary; and

18 “(ii) the basis for such determination.

19 “(2) If the Peace Corps has performed or engaged  
20 another entity to perform a root cause analysis or similar  
21 report that describes the cause or root cause of a volunteer  
22 death, the President shall provide the Inspector General  
23 of the Peace Corps with—

24 “(A) a copy of all information provided to such  
25 entity at the time such information is provided to

1 such entity or used by the Peace Corps to perform  
2 the analysis;

3 “(B) a copy of any report or study received  
4 from the entity or used by the Peace Corps to per-  
5 form the analysis; and

6 “(C) any supporting documentation upon which  
7 the Peace Corps or such entity relied to make its de-  
8 termination, including the volunteer’s complete med-  
9 ical record, as soon as such information is available  
10 to the Peace Corps.

11 “(3) If a volunteer dies, the Peace Corps shall take  
12 reasonable measures, in accordance with local laws, to pre-  
13 serve any information or material, in any medium or for-  
14 mat, that may be relevant to determining the cause or root  
15 cause of the death of the volunteer, including personal ef-  
16 fects, medication, and other tangible items belonging to  
17 the volunteer, as long as such measures do not interfere  
18 with the legal procedures of the host country if the govern-  
19 ment of the host country is exercising jurisdiction over the  
20 investigation of such death. The Inspector General of the  
21 Peace Corps shall be provided an opportunity to inspect  
22 such items before their final disposition.

23 “(4) Consistent with the Inspector General Act of  
24 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), the Inspector General of the Peace  
25 Corps may independently review the facts and cir-

1 circumstances surrounding the death of a volunteer and the  
2 actions taken by the Peace Corps in responding to such  
3 incident.

4 “(5) For the purposes of undertaking a review under  
5 this section, an officer or employee of the United States  
6 or a member of the Armed Forces may be detailed to the  
7 Inspector General of the Peace Corps from another de-  
8 partment of the United States Government on a nonreim-  
9 bursable basis, as jointly agreed to by the Inspector Gen-  
10 eral and the detailing department, for a period not to ex-  
11 ceed 1 year. This paragraph may not be construed to limit  
12 or modify any other source of authority for reimbursable  
13 or nonreimbursable details. A nonreimbursable detail  
14 made under this section may not be considered an aug-  
15 mentation of the appropriations of the Peace Corps.

16 “(6) Upon request, the Peace Corps may make avail-  
17 able necessary funds to the Inspector General of the Peace  
18 Corps for reviews conducted by the Inspector General  
19 under this section. The request shall be limited to costs  
20 relating to hiring, procuring, or otherwise obtaining med-  
21 ical-related experts or expert services, and associated trav-  
22 el.

23 “(7) The undertaking of a review under this section  
24 may not be considered a transfer of program operating

1 responsibilities to the Inspector General of the Peace  
2 Corps.”.

3 **SEC. 302. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES TO APPLICANTS FOR**  
4 **ENROLLMENT AS VOLUNTEERS.**

5 Section 8A of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
6 2507a(d)) is amended—

7 (1) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(d) INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMES AND  
10 RISKS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicant for enroll-  
12 ment as a volunteer shall be provided, with respect  
13 to each country in which the applicant may be in-  
14 vited to serve, with specific, aggregated, and easily  
15 accessible information regarding crimes against and  
16 risks to volunteers, including—

17 “(A) an overview of past crimes against  
18 volunteers in such country, including statistics  
19 regarding unreported crime collected through  
20 anonymous surveys;

21 “(B) the current early termination rate of  
22 volunteers serving in such country;

23 “(C) health risks prevalent in such coun-  
24 try;

1           “(D) the nature and frequency of sexual  
2 harassment reported by volunteers serving in  
3 such country;

4           “(E) the extent and types of services pro-  
5 vided by the Peace Corps to volunteers serving  
6 in such country, including access to medical  
7 care, counseling services, and assistance from  
8 the Office of Victim Advocacy; and

9           “(F) the level of satisfaction reported by  
10 volunteers serving in such country.

11           “(2) OPTION TO TIMELY DECLINE.—Upon re-  
12 ceiving information described in paragraph (1), the  
13 applicant shall have the option to change the coun-  
14 try of consideration and identify a substitute coun-  
15 try.”; and

16           (2) in subsection (f)(2)(B)(iii), by striking “vic-  
17 tim advocates” and inserting “Victim’s Advocates,”.

18 **SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST SEXUAL**  
19 **MISCONDUCT.**

20           Section 8B(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
21 2507b(a)) is amended—

22           (1) in paragraph (3)—

23           (A) by striking “SARLs” and inserting  
24 “any employee of the Peace Corps”;

1 (B) by striking “Victim Advocate” and in-  
2 serting “Victim’s Advocate”; and

3 (C) by inserting “and require the Peace  
4 Corps to designate the staff at each post who  
5 shall be responsible for providing the services  
6 described in subsection (c)” before the semi-  
7 colon at the end;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the  
9 end;

10 (3) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
11 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following new  
13 paragraphs:

14 “(7) maintains a record documenting the resignation  
15 of any employee or volunteer of the Peace Corps who re-  
16 signs before a determination has been made regarding an  
17 alleged violation of the sexual misconduct policy or other  
18 serious policy violations;

19 “(8) takes into account the record maintained under  
20 paragraph (7) before such employee or volunteer is hired,  
21 enrolled, or otherwise invited to work with the Peace  
22 Corps;

23 “(9) provides orientation or information regarding  
24 the awareness and prevention of sexual assault and sexual  
25 harassment to—

1           “(A) Peace Corps-selected host families; and

2           “(B) a designated person of authority at the  
3 volunteer’s initial workplace; and

4           “(10) ensures, to the extent practicable and appro-  
5 priate, that any assault on, or any harm or injury to, a  
6 volunteer that is committed by any member of a host fam-  
7 ily or any national of a host country that was assigned  
8 by the Peace Corps to facilitate volunteer work is—

9           “(A) documented in an appropriate site history  
10 file and in the global tracking and recording system  
11 established pursuant to section 8H(c); and

12           “(B) taken into account with respect to deter-  
13 minations regarding placements of future volunteers  
14 at such post and the provision of any funds or other  
15 benefit by the Peace Corps.”.

16 **SEC. 304. EXTENSION OF THE OFFICE OF VICTIM ADVOCACY.**  
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18           Section 8C of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2507c)  
19 is amended—

20           (1) by striking “victim advocate” each place it  
21 appears and inserting “Victim’s Advocate”;

22           (2) by striking “victim advocates” each place it  
23 occurs and inserting “Victim’s Advocates”; and

24           (3) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
25 lows:

1       “(e) The Director of the Peace Corps shall include  
2 the head of the Office of Victim Advocacy in agency-wide  
3 policymaking processes in the same manner and to the  
4 same extent as the directors or associate directors of other  
5 offices within the Peace Corps.”.

6 **SEC. 305. REFORM AND EXTENSION OF THE SEXUAL AS-**  
7 **SAULT ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

8       Section 8D of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
9 2507d) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (b)—

11                   (A) by striking “not less than 8 individuals  
12 selected by the President, not later than 180  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
14 tion,” and inserting “not fewer than 8 and not  
15 more than 14 individuals selected by the Presi-  
16 dent”; and

17                   (B) by inserting after the first sentence  
18 the following new sentence: “At least one mem-  
19 ber should be licensed in the field of mental  
20 health and have prior experience working as a  
21 counselor or therapist providing mental health  
22 care to survivors of sexual assault in a victim  
23 services agency or organization.”; and

24           (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by inserting “and implemented” after  
2 “sexual assault policy developed”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
4 sentence: “To carry out this subsection, the  
5 Council may conduct case reviews and is au-  
6 thorized to have access, including through inter-  
7 views, to current and former volunteers (to the  
8 extent that such volunteers provide the Peace  
9 Corps express consent to be interviewed by the  
10 Council), to volunteer surveys under section 8E,  
11 to all data collected from restricted reporting,  
12 and to any other information necessary to con-  
13 duct case reviews, except that the Council may  
14 not have access to any personally identifying in-  
15 formation associated with such surveys, data, or  
16 information.”; and

17 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2018” and  
18 inserting “2023”.

19 **SEC. 306. DEFINITIONS.**

20 Section 26 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2522)  
21 is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), (c),  
23 (d), (e), (f), and (g) as paragraphs (1), (6), (2), (3),  
24 (8), (7), and (5), respectively, by arranging such re-

1 designated paragraphs in numerical order, and by  
2 moving such paragraphs 2 ems to the right;

3 (2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by strik-  
4 ing “(1)” and inserting the following:

5 “In this Act:

6 “(1)”; and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3), as redesign-  
8 nated, the following:

9 “(4) The term ‘medical officer’ means a physi-  
10 cian, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or  
11 registered nurse with the professional qualifications,  
12 expertise, and abilities consistent with the needs of  
13 the Peace Corps and the post to which he or she is  
14 assigned, as determined by the Director of the Peace  
15 Corps.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 10, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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# H. R. 2259

## AN ACT

To amend the Peace Corps Act to expand services and benefits for volunteers, and for other purposes.