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## H. R. 2889

To reform Social Security by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCotter introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

## A BILL

To reform Social Security by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program.

- 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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Save Social Security Act".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents is
- 7 as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
  - Sec. 2. Establishment of Personal Social Security Savings Program.

"PART B—PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS PROGRAM

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sec. 251. Definitions.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sec. 252. Personal Social Security Savings Fund.

	"Sec. 253. Participation in program and establishment of personal social
	security savings accounts. "Sec. 254. Contributions to the Savings Fund.
	"Sec. 255. Tier I Investment Fund.
	"Sec. 256. Tier II Investment Options.
	"Sec. 257. Personal social security savings annuity and other distributions.
	"Sec. 258. Guarantee of promised social security benefits.
	"Sec. 259. Personal Social Security Savings Board.
	"Sec. 260. Executive Director. Sec. 3. Monthly insurance benefits in connection with participants in the Per-
	sonal Social Security Savings Program.
	Sec. 4. Tax treatment of accounts.
	Sec. 5. Reimbursement of Spending Reduction Account from savings resulting
	from Personal Social Security Savings Program.
	Sec. 6. Funding of Personal Social Security Savings Program from Credits for
	Reductions in Federal Spending. Sec. 7. Interim financing of the Social Security Trust Funds.
	Sec. 1. Interim imaneing of the Social Security Trust Punds.
1	SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY
2	SAVINGS PROGRAM.
3	Title II of the Social Security Act is amended—
4	(1) by inserting before section 201 the fol-
5	lowing:
6	"PART A—INSURANCE BENEFITS";
7	and
8	(2) by adding at the end the following new part:
9	"PART B—PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS
10	PROGRAM
11	"SEC. 251. DEFINITIONS.
12	"For purposes of this part—
13	"(1) QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL.—The term
14	'qualifying individual' means any individual—
15	"(A) who is born on or after January 1,
16	1961, and

1	"(B)(i) who receives wages in any calendar
2	year after December 31, 2010, on which there
3	is imposed a tax under section 3101(a) of the
4	Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
5	"(ii) who derives self-employment income
6	for a taxable year beginning after December 31,
7	2010, on which there is imposed a tax under
8	section 1401(a) of such Code.
9	"(2) Participant.—The term 'participant'
10	means a qualifying individual who has elected under
11	section 253(a) to participate in the program estab-
12	lished under this part.
13	"(3) Board.—The term 'Board' means the
14	Personal Social Security Savings Board established
15	under section 259.
16	"(4) Executive director.—The term 'Execu-
17	tive Director' means the Executive Director ap-
18	pointed under section 260.
19	"(5) Personal Social Security Savings ac-
20	COUNT.—The term 'personal social security savings
21	account' means an account established under section
22	253(b).
23	"(6) Personal Social Security Savings an-
24	NUITY.—The term 'personal social security savings

1	annuity' means an annuity offered by the Annuity
2	Issuance Authority under section 257.
3	"(7) Savings Fund.—The term 'Savings Fund'
4	means the Personal Social Security Savings Fund
5	established under section 252.
6	"(8) TIER I INVESTMENT FUND.—The term
7	'Tier I Investment Fund' means the fund created
8	under section 255.
9	"(9) Tier II investment option.—The term
10	'Tier II Investment Option' means an investment
11	option which is—
12	"(A) offered by an eligible entity certified
13	by the Board under section 256(b); and
14	"(B) approved by the Board under section
15	256(d).
16	"SEC. 252. PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS FUND.
17	"(a) Establishment of Savings Fund.—
18	"(1) Establishment.—There is established in
19	the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to
20	be known as the 'Personal Social Security Savings
21	Fund'.
22	"(2) Amounts in fund.—The Savings Fund
23	shall consist of—
24	"(A) all amounts contributed to the Sav-
25	ings Fund under section 254, increased by the

1	total net earnings from investments of sums in
2	the Savings Fund attributable to such contrib-
3	uted amounts, and reduced by the total net
4	losses from investments of such sums, and
5	"(B) the reserves held in the Annuity Re-
6	serves Account established under section
7	257(b)(3), increased by the total net earnings
8	from investments of such reserves, and reduced
9	by the total net losses from investments of such
10	reserves.
11	"(3) Trustees.—The Board shall serve as
12	trustees of the Savings Fund.
13	"(4) Budget authority; appropriation.—
14	This part constitutes budget authority in advance of
15	appropriations Acts and represents the obligation of
16	the Board to provide for the payment of amounts
17	provided under this part. The amounts held in the
18	Savings Fund are appropriated and shall remain
19	available without fiscal year limitation.
20	"(b) Availability.—The sums in the Savings Fund
21	are appropriated and shall remain available without fiscal
22	year limitation—
23	"(1) to invest funds in the Tier I Investment
24	Fund of the Savings Fund under section 255;

"(2) to transfer funds in the Tier I Investment 1 2 Fund into Tier II Investment Options under section 256; 3 "(3) to make distributions in accordance with 4 5 section 257; and "(4) to pay the administrative expenses of the 6 7 Board in accordance with subsection (d). "(e) Limitations on Use of Funds.— 8 9 "(1) In General.—Sums in the Savings Fund 10 credited to a participant's personal social security 11 savings account under section 255(a)(1)(3) may not 12 be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than for 13 the exclusive benefit of the participant or the partici-14 pant's beneficiaries under this part. "(2) Assignments.—Sums in the Savings 15 16 Fund may not be assigned or alienated and are not 17 subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, 18 or other legal process. 19 "(d) Payment of Administrative Expenses.— Administrative expenses incurred to carry out this part 20 21 shall be paid out of net earnings in the Savings Fund in 22 conjunction with the allocation of investment earnings and 23 losses under section 253(d). 24 "(e) Limitation.—The sums in the Savings Fund

shall not be appropriated for any purpose other than the

- 1 purposes specified in this part and may not be used for
- 2 any other purpose.
- 3 "SEC. 253. PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH-
- 4 MENT OF PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAV-
- 5 INGS ACCOUNTS.
- 6 "(a) Participation.—A qualifying individual may,
- 7 at any time on or after January 1, 2012, elect, in such
- 8 form and manner as shall be prescribed by the Board, to
- 9 be a participant in the program established under this
- 10 part. The Board shall certify to the Executive Director
- 11 that the qualifying individual is a participant in the pro-
- 12 gram. An election under this subsection shall be irrev-
- 13 ocable.
- 14 "(b) Establishment of Publicly Administered
- 15 System of Personal Security Savings Accounts.—
- 16 Upon receipt of the certification that a qualifying indi-
- 17 vidual is a participant in the program established under
- 18 this part, the Executive Director shall establish a personal
- 19 social security savings account for such participant. Such
- 20 account shall be the means by which amounts contributed
- 21 to the Savings Fund under section 254 and held in the
- 22 Tier I Investment Fund of the Savings Fund under sec-
- 23 tion 255 or under Tier II Investment Options under sec-
- 24 tion 256 are credited to the participant, under procedures
- 25 which shall be established by the Board by regulation.

1	Each account of a participant shall be identified to the
2	participant by means of the participant's social security
3	account number.
4	"(c) Account Balance.—The balance in a partici-
5	pant's account at any time is the sum of—
6	"(1) the excess of—
7	"(A) all deposits in the Tier I Investment
8	Fund of the Savings Fund credited to such par-
9	ticipant's personal social security savings ac-
10	count, subject to such increases and reductions
11	as may result from allocations made to and re-
12	ductions made in the account pursuant to sub-
13	section (d); over
14	"(B) amounts paid out of the Tier I In-
15	vestment Fund in connection with amounts
16	credited to such participant's personal social se-
17	curity savings account; plus
18	"(2) the excess of—
19	"(A) the deposits in the Tier II Investment
20	Options credited to such participant's personal
21	social security savings account, subject to such
22	increases and reductions as may result from
23	amounts credited to, and reductions made in,

the account pursuant to subsection (d)(2); over

1	"(B) amounts paid out of the Tier II In-
2	vestment Options of such participant.
3	The calculation made under paragraph (2) shall be made
4	separately for each Tier II Investment Option of the par-
5	ticipant.
6	"(d) Allocation of Earnings and Losses.—Pur-
7	suant to regulations which shall be prescribed by the
8	Board, the Executive Director shall allocate to each per-
9	sonal social security savings account an amount equal to
10	the net earnings and net losses from each investment of
11	sums—
12	"(1) in the Tier I Investment Fund which are
13	attributable to sums credited to such account re-
14	duced by an appropriate share of the administrative
15	expenses paid out of the net earnings, as determined
16	by the Executive Director; and
17	"(2) in the Tier II Investment Options which
18	are attributable to sums credited to such account re-
19	duced by the administrative expenses paid out of the
20	net earnings.
21	"SEC. 254. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SAVINGS FUND.
22	"(a) Form and Manner of Contributions.—
23	"(1) Determination and certification of
24	CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS.—In the case of each
25	qualifying individual who becomes a participant pur-

1	suant to an election made under section 253, the
2	Executive Director shall—

"(A) prior to the first calendar quarter beginning after the effective date of the election, determine the contribution amount with respect to the participant under subsection (b) for the calendar year in which such quarter occurs and certify such amount to the Secretary of the Treasury, and

"(B) prior to each calendar year commencing after the effective date of the election, determine the contribution amount with respect to the participant under subsection (b) for such calendar year and certify such amount to the Secretary of the Treasury.

"(2) Transfer of contribution amounts
To savings fund.—Upon receipt of a certification
of a contribution amount for any calendar year
under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury
shall, before the end of each calendar quarter beginning during such calendar year and after the date
of such certification, transfer 25 percent of such
amount from amounts in the general fund of the
Treasury (subject to section 6 of the Personal Social

1	Security Savings Guarantee and Prosperity Act of
2	2011).
3	"(b) Amount of Contribution.—
4	"(1) In general.—The contribution amount
5	for any calendar year under subsection (a) with re-
6	spect to a participant shall be equal to the sum of—
7	"(A) the product derived by multiplying—
8	"(i) the sum of the total wages paid
9	to, and self-employment income derived by,
10	the participant which are creditable by the
11	Commissioner of Social Security to the
12	preceding calendar year, to the extent such
13	total wages and self-employment income do
14	not exceed the base amount for such pre-
15	ceding calendar year, by
16	"(ii) 5 percent, and
17	"(B) the product derived by multiplying—
18	"(i) the sum of the total wages paid
19	to, and self-employment income derived by,
20	the participant which are creditable by the
21	Commissioner to such preceding calendar
22	year, to the extent such total wages and
23	self-employment income exceed the base
24	amount for such preceding calendar year
25	but do not exceed the contribution and

1	benefit base (determined under section
2	230) for such preceding calendar year, by
3	"(ii) 2.5 percent.
4	"(2) Base amount.—For purposes of para-
5	graph (1)—
6	"(A) INITIAL BASE AMOUNT.—The base
7	amount for calendar years 2011 and 2012 is
8	\$10,000.
9	"(B) Adjustments to base amount.—
10	The base amount for any calendar year after
11	2012 is the product derived by multiplying
12	\$10,000 by a fraction—
13	"(i) the numerator of which is the na-
14	tional average wage index (as defined in
15	section 209(k)) for the first of the 2 pre-
16	ceding calendar years, and
17	"(ii) the denominator of which is the
18	national average wage index (as so de-
19	fined) for 2010,
20	except that any such product that is not a mul-
21	tiple of \$10.00 shall be rounded to the next
22	lower multiple of \$10.00.
23	"(3) Determination and treatment of ex-
24	CESS CONTRIBUTIONS.—The amount of contribu-
25	tions for a participant for a calendar year shall be

1 determined on the basis of estimates, made by the 2 Commissioner of Social Security and certified to the 3 Executive Director, of the wages paid to, and selfemployment income derived by, the participant for the preceding calendar year. Proper adjustments 6 shall be made in the maximum amount for subse-7 quent calendar years to the extent prior estimates 8 were in excess of or were less than actual amounts, 9 except that the Executive Director may, as deter-10 mined appropriate by the Executive Director, pro-11 vide for refunds to the Treasury of amounts contrib-12 uted in excess of the maximum amount in lieu of 13 such adjustments. Estimates and adjustments made 14 pursuant to this paragraph shall be communicated 15 by the Executive Director to the Secretary of the 16 Treasury in such timely manner as to allow, to the 17 greatest extent practicable, for contributions to the 18 Savings Fund which do not exceed the proper 19 amount.

#### 20 "SEC. 255. TIER I INVESTMENT FUND.

- 21 "(a) Establishment of Tier I Investment
- 22 Fund.—
- "(1) In General.—The Savings Fund shall in-
- clude a separate fund to be known as the 'Tier I In-
- vestment Fund'.

"(2) Amounts in fund.—The Tier I Investment Fund consists of all amounts derived from contributions made to the Fund under section 254 and remaining after investment of such amounts under subsection (b), including additional amounts derived as income from such investments.

### "(3) Separate crediting to personal social security savings accounts.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to this subsection, the Board shall provide for prompt, separate crediting of the amounts deposited in the Tier I Investment Fund to the personal social security savings account of each participant to the extent such amount consists of contributions made to the Savings Fund under section 254 with respect to such participant, together with any increases or decreases therein so as to reflect the net returns and losses from investment thereof while held in the Fund.

"(B) TREATMENT OF MARRIED PARTICI-PANTS.—If the participant is married as of the end of the calendar year in which the amounts to be credited were deposited in the Tier I Investment Fund and the spouse is also a participant, the personal social security savings ac-

1	count of the participant and the personal social
2	security savings account of his or her spouse
3	shall each be credited with 50 percent of such
4	amounts.
5	"(4) Use of funds.—The amounts held in the
6	Fund are appropriated and shall remain available
7	without fiscal year limitation—
8	"(A) to be held for investment under sub-
9	section (b),
10	"(B) to pay the administrative expenses re-
11	lated to the Fund, and
12	"(C) to make transfers to Tier II Invest-
13	ment Options under section 256 or to make
14	payments under section 257.
15	"(b) Investment Guidelines.—
16	"(1) In general.—For purposes of investment
17	of amounts credited to each personal social security
18	savings account, the Board shall provide by regula-
19	tion for 3 investment options. Such options shall
20	consist of the $90/10$ investment option, the $70/30$ in-
21	vestment option, the 50/50 investment option, and
22	the lifecycle investment option.
23	"(2) Alternative investment options.—
24	"(A) The 90/10 investment option.—
25	Under the 90/10 investment option, amounts

1	credited to the participant's personal social se-
2	curity savings account are held in the Tier I In-
3	vestment Fund so as to ensure, to the max-
4	imum extent practicable, that, of the total bal-
5	ance credited to the account and available for
6	investment (after allowing for administrative
7	expenses)—
8	"(i) 90 percent is invested in common
9	stock as provided in paragraph (4), and
10	"(ii) 10 percent is invested in fixed in-
11	come securities as provided in paragraph
12	(5).
13	For such purpose, certified account managers
14	shall offer the participant a choice of one or
15	more portfolios of each such type of investment.
16	"(B) The 70/30 investment option.—
17	Under the 70/30 investment option, amounts
18	credited to the participant's personal social se-
19	curity savings account are held in the Tier I In-
20	vestment Fund so as to ensure, to the max-
21	imum extent practicable, that, of the total bal-
22	ance credited to the account and available for
23	investment (after allowing for administrative
24	expenses)—

1	"(i) 70 percent is invested in common
2	stock as provided in paragraph (4), and
3	"(ii) 30 percent is invested in fixed in-
4	come securities as provided in paragraph
5	(5).
6	For such purpose, certified account managers
7	shall offer the participant a choice of one or
8	more portfolios of each such type of investment.
9	"(C) The 50/50 investment option.—
10	Under the 50/50 investment option, amounts
11	credited to the participant's personal social se-
12	curity savings account are held in the Tier I In-
13	vestment Fund so as to ensure, to the max-
14	imum extent practicable, that, of the total bal-
15	ance credited to the account and available for
16	investment (after allowing for administrative
17	expenses)—
18	"(i) 50 percent is invested in common
19	stock as provided in paragraph (4), and
20	"(ii) 50 percent is invested in fixed in-
21	come securities as provided in paragraph
22	(5).
23	For such purpose, certified account managers
24	shall offer the participant a choice of one or
25	more portfolios of each such type of investment.

1	"(D) Lifecycle investment option.—
2	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Under the
3	lifecycle investment option, amounts cred-
4	ited to the participant's personal social se-
5	curity savings account are held in the Tier
6	I Investment Fund so as to ensure, to the
7	maximum extent practicable, that the total
8	balance credited to the account and avail-
9	able for investment (after allowing for ad-
10	ministrative expenses) shall be invested
11	over time, under regulations which shall be
12	prescribed by the Board, in a mix of com-
13	mon stock and fixed income securities ac-
14	cording to the each of the investment op-
15	tions described in subparagraphs (A), (B),
16	and (C) so as to ensure, to the maximum
17	extent practicable, that the percentage in-
18	vested in fixed income securities by individ-
19	uals in designated cohorts, ranging in age
20	up to those of at least retirement age, will
21	increase from 10 percent to 50 percent as
22	the cohort approaches retirement age.
23	"(ii) Default option.—Except as
24	provided in an election under paragraph
25	(3), amounts credited to the participant's

personal social security savings account and held in the Tier I Investment Fund shall be invested as provided in clause (i).

"(3) Elections among investment opTions.—Pursuant to any individual's election filed
in accordance with regulations of the Board during
annual open seasons specified in such regulations,
the Executive Director shall, in accordance with
such regulations, provide for disinvestment and reinvestment of amounts credited to the participant's
personal social security savings account and held in
the Tier I Investment Fund under any of the investment options described in paragraph (2) so as to
provide for investment of amounts credited to the
account in any of the other such investment options
specified in such election.

"(4) Common Stock index requirements.—
The Board shall establish by regulation standards which must be met by any portfolio of common stock selected for investment as provided in subparagraph (A)(i), (B)(i), (C)(i), or (D) of paragraph (2). Amounts invested in common stock under an investment option shall be held in a portfolio designed to replicate the performance of one or more of indices comprised of common stock the aggregate market

- value of which is, in each case, a reasonably broad representation of publicly held companies whose shares are traded on the equity markets.
- 4 "(5) FIXED INCOME SECURITIES REQUIRE-5 MENTS.—The Board shall establish by regulation 6 standards which must be met by fixed income securities selected for investment as provided in subpara-7 8 graph (A)(ii), (B)(ii), (C)(ii), or (D) of paragraph 9 (2). The amounts invested in fixed income securities 10 shall be held in a portfolio which shall consist of a 11 diverse range of high-grade corporate bonds, taking 12 into full account the opposing considerations of risk 13 and maximization of return.
- "(c) Annual Description of Tier I Investment
   Options and Disclosure of Administrative
   Costs.—The Board shall provide annually to each partici pant—
  - "(1) a description of the investment options available with respect to amounts held in the Tier I Investment Fund and the procedures for selecting such options; and
- 22 "(2) a disclosure of the rate of administrative 23 costs chargeable with respect to each investment op-24 tion.

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- 1 Descriptions and disclosures required under this sub-
- 2 section shall be written in a manner calculated to be un-
- 3 derstood by the average participant.
- 4 "(d) Treatment of Amounts Held in Tier I In-
- 5 VESTMENT FUND.—Subject to this part, amounts depos-
- 6 ited into, and held and accounted for in, the Tier I Invest-
- 7 ment Fund with respect to any participant shall be treated
- 8 as property of such participant, held in trust for such par-
- 9 ticipant in the Fund.

#### 10 "SEC. 256. TIER II INVESTMENT OPTIONS.

- "(a) Election of Tier II Investment Options.—
- 12 "(1) IN GENERAL.—A participant may elect to
- direct transfers from amounts in the Savings Fund
- 14 credited to the personal social security savings ac-
- count of such individual into 1 or more Tier II In-
- vestment Options in accordance with paragraph (2).
- 17 "(2) Commencement of tier ii investment
- 18 OPTIONS UPON ATTAINMENT OF ELECTION THRESH-
- 19 OLD.—In any case in which, as of the end of any
- calendar year, the total balance in the Savings Fund
- 21 credited to a participant's personal social security
- savings account exceeds for the first time the elec-
- 23 tion threshold, the Board shall, by regulation, pro-
- vide for an opportunity for such participant to make,
- at any time thereafter, such individual's first elec-

tion of one or more of the Tier II Investment Options for investment of an amount in the Savings

Fund credited to such account. Such election may be in lieu of or in addition to investment in the options available with respect to the Tier I Investment Fund of the Savings Fund.

"(3) Allocation of funds.—In the case of an election under paragraph (1), funds credited to the personal social security savings account of the participant and elected for transfer to one or more Tier II Investment Options shall be transferred to the Tier II Investment Options so elected for such calendar year, in percentages specified in the election by the participant for each Tier II Investment Option.

#### "(4) Election threshold.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), for purposes of this subsection the term 'election threshold' means an amount equal to \$25,000.

"(B) Adjustments.—The Board shall adjust annually (effective for annual reporting months occurring after December 2012) the dollar amount set forth in subparagraph (A) under procedures providing for adjustments in

1	the same manner and to the same extent as ad-
2	justments are provided for under the proce-
3	dures used to adjust benefit amounts under sec-
4	tion 215(i)(2)(A), except that any amount so
5	adjusted that is not a multiple of \$1.00 shall be
6	rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.00.
7	"(5) Subsequent investment of amounts
8	HELD IN TIER II INVESTMENT OPTIONS.—Any
9	amounts held in one or more Tier II Investment Op-
10	tions may be—
11	"(A) transferred at any time to one or
12	more other Tier II Investment Options offered
13	by the same or different eligible entities, subject
14	to applicable regulations of the Board and the
15	terms governing the affected Tier II Investment
16	Options, and
17	"(B) transferred, not more frequently than
18	annually, to the Tier I Investment Fund, for
19	deposit in the applicable investment account
20	then selected by the participant under section
21	255.
22	"(b) CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—
23	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall certify eli-
24	gible entities to offer Tier II Investment Options
25	under this part.

1	"(2) APPLICATION.—Any eligible entity that de-
2	sires to be certified by the Board to offer a Tier II
3	Investment Option shall submit an application to the
4	Board at such time, in such manner, and containing
5	such information as the Board may require.
6	"(3) Requirements for approval.—The
7	Board shall not certify an eligible entity unless such
8	eligible entity agrees to the following requirements:
9	"(A) RECORDKEEPING.—Each eligible en-
10	tity shall, with respect to each Tier II Invest-
11	ment Option offered by such eligible entity to
12	participants, comply with standards which shall
13	be prescribed by the Board to maintain accu-
14	rate crediting of the interest of each participant
15	in the Option to that participant's personal so-
16	cial security savings account.
17	"(B) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS HELD IN
18	FUND.—Amounts deposited into, and held and
19	accounted for in, a Tier II Investment Option
20	with respect to any participant shall be treated
21	as property of such participant, held in trust
22	for such participant.
23	"(C) Trust requirements.—Amounts
24	held and accounted for with respect to a partici-

pant shall be held in a trust created or orga-

1	nized in the United States for the exclusive ben-
2	efit of such participant or his or her bene-
3	ficiaries.
4	"(D) Exemption from third party
5	CLAIMS.—Each Tier II Investment Option shall
6	be exempt from any and all third party claims
7	against the eligible entity.
8	"(E) DISCLOSURE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
9	costs.—Each eligible entity offering a Tier II
10	Investment Option under this section shall pro-
11	vide to each participant an annual disclosure of
12	the rate of administrative costs chargeable with
13	respect to investment in such Option. Such dis-
14	closure shall be written in a manner calculated
15	to be understood by the average participant.
16	The Board shall provide for coordination of dis-
17	closures with respect to Tier II Investment Op-
18	tions under this subparagraph so as to assist
19	participants in comparing alternative Options
20	based on administrative costs.
21	"(F) Annual description of tier ii in-
22	VESTMENT OPTIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF AD-
23	MINISTRATIVE COSTS.—
24	"(i) Disclosures to the board.—
25	Each eligible entity offering a Tier II In-

1	vestment Option under this section shall,
2	in accordance with regulations of the
3	Board, provide to the Board an annual dis-
4	closure of the Tier II Investment Options
5	then currently available with respect to
6	amounts credited to personal social secu-
7	rity savings accounts under this part, the
8	procedures in effect in the case of such eli-
9	gible entity for selecting such Options, and
10	the rate of administrative costs chargeable
11	with respect to investment in each such
12	Option.
13	"(ii) Annual notices to partici-
14	PANTS.—The Board shall provide annually
15	to each participant a notice setting forth—
16	"(I) a description of the Tier II
17	Investment Options available with re-
18	spect to amounts credited to the par-
19	ticipant's personal social security sav-
20	ings account and the procedures for
21	selecting such Options; and
22	"(II) a disclosure of the rate of
23	administrative costs chargeable with
24	respect to each such Option.

Descriptions and disclosures required under this clause shall be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average participant.

- "(G) REPORTING TO THE EXECUTIVE DI-RECTOR AND THE BOARD.—Each eligible entity shall provide reports to the Executive Director and the Board at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Board may require.
- "(4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term 'eligible entity' means any investment company (as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940) or other person that the Board determines appropriate to offer Tier II Investment Options under this part.

#### "(c) TIER II INVESTMENT OPTIONS.—

"(1) In General.—For purposes of investment of amounts credited to each personal social security savings account, the Board shall provide by regulation for investment in any of 3 alternative Tier II Investment Options which may be offered by any eligible entity. Any such option shall consist of a less conservative investment option, a moderate invest-

1	ment option, or a more conservative investment op-
2	tion.
3	"(2) Alternative tier ii investment op-
4	TIONS.—
5	"(A) Less conservative investment
6	OPTIONS.—Under a less conservative invest-
7	ment option, amounts credited to the partici-
8	pant's personal social security savings account
9	are held by the eligible entity so as to ensure,
10	to the maximum extent practicable, that, of the
11	total balance credited to the account and avail-
12	able for investment (after allowing for adminis-
13	trative expenses)—
14	"(i) at least 85 percent but not more
15	than 95 percent is invested in common
16	stock, and
17	"(ii) the remainder is invested in fixed
18	income securities.
19	For such purpose, the eligible entity shall offer
20	the participant a choice of one or more port-
21	folios of each such type of investment.
22	"(B) Moderate investment options.—
23	Under a moderate investment option, amounts
24	credited to the participant's personal social se-
25	curity savings account are held by the eligible

1	entity so as to ensure, to the maximum extent
2	practicable, that, of the total balance credited
3	to the account and available for investment
4	(after allowing for administrative expenses)—
5	"(i) at least 65 percent but less than
6	75 percent is invested in common stock,
7	and
8	"(ii) the remainder is invested in fixed
9	income securities.
10	For such purpose, the eligible entity shall offer
11	the participant a choice of one or more port-
12	folios of each such type of investment.
13	"(C) More conservative investment
14	OPTIONS.—Under a more conservative invest-
15	ment option, amounts credited to the partici-
16	pant's personal social security savings account
17	are held by the eligible entity so as to ensure,
18	to the maximum extent practicable, that, of the
19	total balance credited to the account and avail-
20	able for investment (after allowing for adminis-
21	trative expenses)—
22	"(i) at least 45 percent but less than
23	55 percent is invested in common stock,
24	and

1	"(ii) the remainder is invested in fixed
2	income securities.
3	For such purpose, the eligible entity shall offer
4	the participant a choice of one or more port-
5	folios of each such type of investment.
6	"(3) Elections among investment op-
7	TIONS.—Pursuant to the participant's election filed
8	in accordance with regulations of the Board, and
9	subject to the terms of the investment options de-
10	scribed in paragraph (2) offered to the participant
11	by the eligible entity and approved by the Board, the
12	eligible entity offering any such investment option
13	shall, in accordance with such regulations, provide
14	for disinvestment and reinvestment of amounts cred-
15	ited to the participant's personal social security sav-
16	ings account and held by the eligible entity in such
17	investment option so as to provide for investment of
18	amounts credited to the account in any of the other
19	such investment options specified in such election.
20	"(d) Approval of Tier II Investment Op-
21	TIONS.—
22	"(1) In general.—No funds may be trans-
23	ferred into a Tier II Investment Option unless the
24	Board has approved an application submitted under

paragraph (2) with respect to the option.

1	"(2) APPLICATION.—With respect to each Tier
2	II Investment Option that an eligible entity certified
3	under subsection (b)(1) seeks to offer, such entity
4	shall submit an application to the Board at such
5	time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
6	tion as the Board may require.
7	"(3) QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPROVAL.—The
8	Board may not approve an application submitted
9	under paragraph (2) in connection with a Tier II In-
10	vestment Option unless the following requirements
11	are met:
12	"(A) OPTION MUST BE OFFERED BY CER-
13	TIFIED ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The Tier II Invest-
14	ment Option is offered by an eligible entity cer-
15	tified under subsection (b).
16	"(B) OPTION MUST MEET QUALITY FAC-
17	TORS.—
18	"(i) In General.—The Tier II In-
19	vestment Option meets qualifications which
20	shall be prescribed by the Board relating
21	to the quality factors described in clause
22	(ii).
23	"(ii) QUALITY FACTORS.—The quality
24	factors described in this clause are—

1	"(I) the safety and soundness of
2	the Tier II Investment Option's pro-
3	posed investment policy;
4	"(II) the experience and record
5	of performance of the proposed Op-
6	tion, if any;
7	"(III) the experience and record
8	of performance of the entity issuing or
9	offering such Option; and
10	"(IV) such other factors as the
11	Board may determine appropriate.
12	"(e) Considerations for Certification and Ap-
13	PROVAL.—In determining whether to certify an eligible en-
14	tity under subsection (b) or to approve a Tier II Invest-
15	ment Option under subsection (d), the Board shall—
16	"(1) act in the best interests of the partici-
17	pants;
18	"(2) base its determination solely on consider-
19	ations of balancing safety and soundness of the Tier
20	II Investment Option with the maximization of re-
21	turns of such option;
22	"(3) give equal consideration to options offered
23	by variously-sized banks (as defined in section 581
24	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or insured
25	credit unions (within the meaning of section 101(7)

- of the Federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C.
- 2 1752(7)) located in the United States; and
- 3 "(4) not base any determination related to the
- 4 entity or option on political or other extraneous con-
- 5 siderations.
- 6 "(f) Sponsorship of Tier II Investment Options
- 7 BY MEMBERSHIP AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—
- 8 "(1) In general.—A membership or labor or-
- 9 ganization (as defined by the Board) may sponsor
- Tier II Investment Options under contracts with eli-
- gible entities certified under subsection (b) who shall
- administer the investment option if such investment
- option is approved by the Board under subsection
- 14 (c).
- 15 "(2) Limitation to membership.—A mem-
- bership or labor organization (as so defined) may
- 17 limit to the members of such organization participa-
- tion in a Tier II Investment Option sponsored by
- such organization.
- 20 "(g) DISTRIBUTIONS IN CASE OF DEATH.—Upon the
- 21 death of a participant, the amount of any assets held
- 22 under a Tier II Investment Option credited to the personal
- 23 social security savings account of such individual shall be
- 24 distributed in accordance with section 257(e).

1	"SEC. 257. PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS ANNUITY
2	AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS.
3	"(a) Date of Initial Distribution.—Except as
4	provided in subsection (e), distributions may be made to
5	a participant from amounts credited to the personal social
6	security savings account of such individual only on or after
7	the date the participant attains retirement age (as defined
8	in section 216(l)(1)) or, if elected by the participant, the
9	early retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(2)) ap-
10	plicable for old-age insurance benefits.
11	"(b) Personal Social Security Savings Annu-
12	ITIES.—
13	"(1) NOTICE OF AVAILABLE ANNUITIES.—Not
14	later than the date determined under subsection (a),
15	the Board shall notify each participant of—
16	"(A) the most recent listing of personal so-
17	cial security savings annuities offered by the
18	Annuity Issuance Authority under paragraph
19	(2); and
20	"(B) the entitlement of the participant to
21	purchase such an annuity.
22	"(2) Annuity issuance authority.—There is
23	established in the office of the Board an agency
24	which shall be known as the 'Annuity Issuance Au-
25	thority'. The Authority shall provide, in accordance
26	with regulations of the Board, for the issuance of

personal social security savings annuities for purchase from the Authority under this section and to otherwise administer the issuance of such annuities in accordance with such regulations.

"(3) Annuity Reserves account.—There is established in the Savings Fund an Annuity Reserves Account. The Account shall consist of all amounts received by the Authority from the purchase of personal social security savings annuities under this section (plus such amounts as may be transferred to the Account under paragraph (5)(B)), increased by the total net earnings from investments of such reserves under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) and reduced by the total net losses from investments of such reserves under such subparagraph.

#### "(4) Purchase of annuities.—

"(A) SELECTION OF ANNUITY.—On a date elected by the participant, but no earlier than the date determined under subsection (a), a participant may purchase a personal social security savings annuity selected from among the annuities offered by the Authority under paragraph (2).

"(B) Transfer of Assets.—Upon the selection of an annuity by a participant under subparagraph (A), the Board shall provide for the transfer of assets, credited to the personal social security savings account of the participant and held in the Tier I Investment Fund or under 1 or more Tier II Investment Options (or any combination thereof), in a total amount sufficient to purchase the annuity selected by the Authority.

# "(C) MINIMUM ANNUITY PAYMENT AMOUNT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (D), if, at the time a personal social security savings annuity is purchased under subparagraph (A), the assets credited to the personal social security savings account of the participant are sufficient to purchase a personal social security savings annuity offered by the Authority under paragraph (2) with a monthly annuity payment that is at least equal to the minimum annuity payment amount, the amount of the monthly annuity payment

provided by such annuity may not be less than the minimum annuity payment amount.

"(ii) Construction.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to prohibit a participant from using personal social security savings account assets to purchase a personal social security savings annuity offered by the Authority under paragraph (2) which provides for a monthly payment in excess of the minimum amount required under clause (i).

"(iii) MINIMUM ANNUITY PAYMENT AMOUNT DEFINED.—For purposes of this part, the term 'minimum annuity payment amount' means, as of any date, an amount equal to one-half of the old-age insurance benefit under section 202(a) of a participant under part B and any other monthly insurance benefit under such section based on the participant's wages and self-employment income (as determined before applying any reduction or deduction otherwise applicable under this title and without regard to subsection (z)).

"(iv) Assumptions.—For purposes of 1 2 making actuarial determinations relating to the amounts of annuities offered by the 3 Authority under this section and the amounts necessary for the purchase of 6 such annuities, the Authority shall project 7 returns from the investment, in accordance 8 with paragraph (5)(A), of the reserves held 9 in the Annuities Reserves Account. The 10 projection by the Authority of such returns 11 shall be made under assumptions of long-12 term average returns of equities and fixed 13 income instruments which shall be issued 14 annually by the Board of Trustees of the 15 Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance 16 Trust Fund and the Federal Disability In-17 surance Trust Fund, based on analysis of 18 historical market returns. 19 "(D) Purchase of annuities in the 20

"(D) Purchase of annuities in the event of insufficient assets.—If, as of the date determined under subsection (a), the assets credited to a participant's personal social security savings account are insufficient to purchase a personal social security savings annuity that provides for a monthly payment that is at

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least equal to the minimum annuity payment amount (as defined in paragraph (4)(C)(iii)), the participant may purchase a personal social security savings annuity with a monthly payment equal to the maximum amount that the participant's personal social security savings account can fund, as determined in accordance with regulations which shall be prescribed by the Authority, and that otherwise meets the requirements of this subsection (including the cost-of-living protection requirement of subsection (c)(1)(C)).

"(5) Investment of Reserves for Payment of Annuities.—For purposes of investment of reserves held in the Annuity Reserves Account, the Authority shall contract with appropriate investment managers, recordkeepers, and custodians selected by the Authority for investment of such reserves. Such reserves shall be invested under regulations which shall be prescribed by the Authority so as to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that, of the total balance of the reserves (after payment of administrative expenses to such managers, recordkeepers, and custodians)—

1	"(A) 65 percent is invested in equities in
2	the same manner and under the same stand-
3	ards as are provided in section 255(b)(4), and
4	"(B) 35 percent is invested in fixed income
5	instruments in the same manner and under the
6	same standards as are provided in section
7	255(b)(5).
8	"(c) Personal Social Security Savings Annu-
9	ITY.—
10	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this part,
11	the term 'personal social security savings annuity'
12	means an annuity that meets the following require-
13	ments:
14	"(A) The annuity starting date (as defined
15	in section $72(c)(4)$ of the Internal Revenue
16	Code of 1986) commences on the first day of
17	the month beginning after the date of the pur-
18	chase of the annuity.
19	"(B) The terms of the annuity provide—
20	"(i) for a monthly payment to the
21	participant during the life of the partici-
22	pant equal to at least the minimum annu-
23	ity payment amount (as defined in sub-
24	section $(b)(4)(C)(iii)$ , or

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1	"(ii) in the case of an annuity pur-
2	chased under subparagraph (D) of sub-
3	section (b)(4), the maximum monthly pay-
4	ment determined under regulations pre-
5	scribed under such subparagraph.
6	"(C) The terms of the annuity include pro-
7	cedures providing for adjustments in the
8	amount of the monthly payments in the same

manner and to the same extent as adjustments are provided for under the procedures used to adjust benefit under section amounts 215(i)(2)(A). Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to preclude the terms governing such an annuity from providing for adjustments in the amount of monthly payments resulting in a payment for any month greater than the payment for that month that would result from adjustments required under the preceding sentence.

- "(D) The terms of the annuity include such other terms and conditions as the Board requires for the protection of the annuitant.
- "(2) EXEMPTION FROM THIRD PARTY CLAIMS.—Each personal social security savings an-

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- 1 nuity shall be exempt from any and all third party
- 2 claims against the issuer.
- 3 "(d) RIGHT TO CASH OUT PERSONAL SOCIAL SECU-
- 4 RITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT ASSETS.—To the extent assets
- 5 credited to a participant's personal social security savings
- 6 account are not used to purchase an annuity under sub-
- 7 section (b), the assets not so used shall be payable to the
- 8 participant at such time (in accordance with subsection
- 9 (a)), in such manner, and in such amounts as the partici-
- 10 pant may specify.
- 11 "(e) DISTRIBUTIONS IN CASE OF DEATH.—If the
- 12 participant dies before all amounts which are held in the
- 13 Tier I Investment Fund of the Savings Fund or held
- 14 under a Tier II Investment Option and which are credited
- 15 to the personal social security savings account of the indi-
- 16 vidual are otherwise distributed in accordance with this
- 17 section, such amounts shall be distributed, under regula-
- 18 tions which shall be prescribed by the Board—
- 19 "(1) in any case in which one or more bene-
- 20 ficiaries have been designated in advance, to such
- beneficiaries in accordance with such designation as
- provided in such regulations, and
- 23 "(2) in the case of any amount not distributed
- as described in paragraph (1), to such individual's
- estate.

1	"SEC. 258. GUARANTEE OF PROMISED SOCIAL SECURITY
2	BENEFITS.
3	"(a) In General.—In any case in which, for any
4	month ending after the date on which a participant attains
5	retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1))—
6	"(1) such participant's assumed normal total
7	part A retirement benefit for such month, exceeds
8	"(2) the sum of—
9	"(A) the monthly payment which is pay-
10	able (or would be payable) for such month
11	under a personal social security savings annuity
12	with a monthly payment equal to the maximum
13	amount that the participant's personal social
14	security savings account can fund (irrespective
15	of whether such an annuity is purchased and of
16	the amount of the monthly payment actually
17	payable under any personal social security sav-
18	ings annuity which is purchased), and
19	"(B) such participant's assumed actual
20	total part A retirement benefit for such month,
21	the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to such individual
22	for such month, from amounts in the general fund of the
23	Treasury (subject to section 6 of the Personal Social Secu-
24	rity Savings Guarantee and Prosperity Act of 2011), an
25	additional amount (if any) equal to the excess of the

- 1 amount described in paragraph (1) over the amount de-2 scribed in paragraph (2).
- 3 "(b) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—
  4 "(1) Assumed normal total part a retire-
- 5 MENT BENEFIT.—The term 'assumed normal total 6 retirement part A benefit' means, in connection with 7 a participant, the total amount of the monthly insur-8 ance benefits under section 202 based on such par-9 ticipant's wages and self-employment income that 10 would have been payable (as adjusted by taking into

account adjustments under section 215(i)) if—

- 12 "(A) section 202(z) did not apply, and
- "(B) all the beneficiaries had applied for such benefits during the month in which occurs the date on which the participant attains retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1)).
  - "(2) Assumed actual total part A retirement benefit' means, in connection with a participant, the total amount of the monthly insurance benefits under section 202 based on such participant's wages and self-employment income that would have been payable (after applying section 202(z) and as adjusted by taking into account adjustments under section 215(i)) if all the bene-

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1	ficiaries had applied for such benefits during the
2	month in which such participant attains retirement
3	age (as defined in section 216(l)(1)). For purposes
4	of this paragraph, any entitlement of an individual
5	to such benefits for which an application may have
6	been filed prior to such month shall be disregarded.
7	"SEC. 259. PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS BOARD.
8	"(a) Establishment.—There is established in the
9	executive branch of the Government a Personal Social Se-
10	curity Savings Board.
11	"(b) Composition.—The Board shall be composed
12	of—
13	"(1) 3 members appointed by the President, of
14	whom 1 shall be designated by the President as
15	Chairman; and
16	"(2) 2 members appointed by the President, of
17	whom—
18	"(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President
19	after taking into consideration the recommenda-
20	tion made by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
21	resentatives in consultation with the minority
22	leader of the House of Representatives; and
23	"(B) 1 shall be appointed by the President
24	after taking into consideration the recommenda-
25	tion made by the majority leader of the Senate

1	in consultation with the minority leader of the
2	Senate.
3	"(c) Advice and Consent.—Appointments under
4	subsection (b) shall be made by and with the advice and
5	consent of the Senate.
6	"(d) Membership Requirements.—Members of
7	the Board shall have substantial experience, training, and
8	expertise in the management of financial investments and
9	pension benefit plans.
10	"(e) Length of Appointments.—
11	"(1) Terms.—A member of the Board shall be
12	appointed for a term of 4 years, except that of the
13	members first appointed under subsection (b)—
14	"(A) the Chairman shall be appointed for
15	a term of 4 years;
16	"(B) the members appointed under sub-
17	section (b)(2) shall be appointed for terms of 3
18	years; and
19	"(C) the remaining members shall be ap-
20	pointed for terms of 2 years.
21	"(2) Vacancies.—
22	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the
23	Board shall be filled in the manner in which the
24	original appointment was made and shall be

subject to any conditions that applied with respect to the original appointment.

- "(B) COMPLETION OF TERM.—An individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member replaced.
- "(3) EXPIRATION.—The term of any member shall not expire before the date on which the member's successor takes office.

# "(f) Duties.—The Board shall—

- "(1) administer the program established under this part and issue regulations necessary for the administration of such program;
- "(2) establish policies for the investment and management of the Savings Fund, including the Tier I Investment Fund, and amounts held under Tier II Investment Options, including policies applicable to the asset managers, recordkeepers, and custodians with responsibility for managing the investment of amounts credited to personal social security investment accounts, and for the management and operation of personal social security savings annuities, which shall provide for—

1	"(A) prudent investments suitable for ac-
2	cumulating funds for payment of retirement in-
3	come;
4	"(B) sound management practices; and
5	"(C) low administrative costs;
6	"(3) review the performance of investments
7	made for the Tier I Investment Fund;
8	"(4) review the performance of investments
9	made under Tier II Investment Options;
10	"(5) review the management and operation of
11	personal social security savings annuities;
12	"(6) review and approve the budget of the
13	Board; and
14	"(7) comply with the fiduciary requirements of
15	part 4 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Re-
16	tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (relating to fi-
17	duciary responsibility) in connection with any exer-
18	cise of discretion in connection with the assets of the
19	Savings Fund.
20	"(g) Administrative Provisions.—
21	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may—
22	"(A) adopt, alter, and use a seal;
23	"(B) except as provided in paragraph (4),
24	direct the Executive Director to take such ac-
25	tion as the Board considers appropriate to

1	carry out the provisions of this part and the
2	policies of the Board in accordance with delega-
3	tions under this part;
4	"(C) upon the concurring votes of 4 mem-
5	bers, remove the Executive Director from office
6	for good cause shown;
7	"(D) provide to the Executive Director
8	such resources as are necessary to carry out the
9	duties of the Executive Director; and
10	"(E) take such other actions as may be
11	necessary to carry out the functions of the
12	Board.
13	"(2) Meetings.—The Board shall meet—
14	"(A) not less than once during each
15	month; and
16	"(B) at additional times at the call of the
17	Chairman.
18	"(3) Exercise of Powers.—
19	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
20	paragraph (1)(C), the Board shall perform the
21	functions and exercise the powers of the Board
22	on a majority vote of a quorum of the Board.
23	Three members of the Board shall constitute a
24	quorum for the transaction of business.

1	"(B) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the
2	Board shall not impair the authority of a
3	quorum of the Board to perform the functions
4	and exercise the powers of the Board.
5	"(4) Limitations on investments.—The
6	Board may not direct any person—
7	"(A) to invest, or to cause to be invested,
8	in any specific asset any sums which are in the
9	Tier I Investment Fund or which are otherwise
10	credited to any personal social security invest-
11	ment account, or
12	"(B) to dispose of, or cause to be disposed
13	of, any specific asset of such Fund or any such
14	account.
15	"(h) Compensation.—
16	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Board
17	who is not an officer or employee of the Federal
18	Government shall be compensated at the daily rate
19	of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule
20	for each day during which such member is engaged
21	in performing a function of the Board.
22	"(2) Expenses.—A member of the Board shall
23	be paid travel, per diem, and other necessary ex-
24	penses under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
25	United States Code, while traveling away from such

- 1 member's home or regular place of business in the
- 2 performance of the duties of the Board.
- 3 "(3) Source of funds.—Payments authorized
- 4 under this subsection shall be paid from the Tier I
- 5 Investment Fund, as determined appropriate by the
- 6 Board.
- 7 "(i) DISCHARGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—The mem-
- 8 bers of the Board shall discharge their responsibilities
- 9 solely in the interest of the participants and their bene-
- 10 ficiaries under this part.
- 11 "(j) Annual Independent Audit.—The Board
- 12 shall annually engage an independent qualified public ac-
- 13 countant to audit the activities of the Board.
- 14 "(k) Submission of Budget to Congress.—The
- 15 Board shall prepare and submit to the President, and, at
- 16 the same time, to the appropriate committees of Congress,
- 17 an annual budget of the expenses and other items relating
- 18 to the Board which shall be included as a separate item
- 19 in the budget required to be transmitted to Congress
- 20 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.
- 21 "(1) Submission of Legislative Recommenda-
- 22 Tions.—The Board may submit to the President, and, at
- 23 the same time, shall submit to each House of Congress,
- 24 any legislative recommendations of the Board relating to

- 1 any of its functions under this part or any other provision
- 2 of law.
- 3 "SEC. 260. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- 4 "(a) Appointment of Executive Director.—The
- 5 Board shall appoint, without regard to the provisions of
- 6 law governing appointments in the competitive service, an
- 7 Executive Director by action agreed to by a majority of
- 8 the members of the Board.
- 9 "(b) Duties.—The Executive Director shall, as de-
- 10 termined appropriate by the Board—
- "(1) carry out the policies established by the
- 12 Board;
- "(2) invest and manage the Tier I Investment
- 14 Fund in accordance with the investment policies and
- other policies established by the Board;
- 16 "(3) administer the provisions of this part re-
- lating to the Tier I Investment Fund; and
- 18 "(4) prescribe such regulations (other than reg-
- 19 ulations relating to fiduciary responsibilities) as may
- 20 be necessary for the administration of this part re-
- 21 lating to the Tier I Investment Fund.
- 22 "(c) Administrative Authority.—The Executive
- 23 Director may, within the scope of the duties of the Execu-
- 24 tive Director as determined by the Board—

1	"(1) appoint such personnel as may be nec-
2	essary to carry out the provisions of this part relat-
3	ing to the Tier I Investment Fund;
4	"(2) subject to approval by the Board, procure
5	the services of experts and consultants under section
6	3109 of title 5, United States Code;
7	"(3) secure directly from an Executive agency
8	the United States Postal Service, or the Postal Rate
9	Commission any information necessary to carry out
10	the provisions of this part and the policies of the
11	Board relating to the Tier I Investment Fund;
12	"(4) make such payments out of sums in the
13	Tier I Investment Fund as the Executive Director
14	determines, in accordance with regulations of the
15	Board, are necessary to carry out the provisions of
16	this part and the policies of the Board;
17	"(5) pay the compensation, per diem, and travel
18	expenses of individuals appointed under paragraphs
19	(1), (2), and (6) from the Tier I Investment Fund
20	in accordance with regulations of the Board;
21	"(6) accept and use the services of individuals
22	employed intermittently in the Government service
23	and reimburse such individuals for travel expenses.

authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States

1 Code, including per diem as authorized by section 2 5702 of such title; "(7) except as otherwise expressly prohibited by 3 law or the policies of the Board, delegate any of the Executive Director's functions to such employees 5 6 under the Board as the Executive Director may des-7 ignate and authorize such successive redelegations of 8 such functions to such employees under the Board 9 as the Executive Director may consider to be nec-10 essary or appropriate; and 11 "(8) take such other actions as are appropriate 12 to carry out the functions of the Executive Direc-13 tor.". SEC. 3. MONTHLY INSURANCE BENEFITS IN CONNECTION 14 15 WITH PARTICIPANTS IN THE PERSONAL SO-16 CIAL SECURITY SAVINGS PROGRAM. 17 Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 18 402) is amended by adding at the end the following new 19 subsection: 20 "Benefits in the Case of Participants Under Part B "(z)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 21 22 title, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the amount of 23 any old-age insurance benefit under subsection (a) of a participant under part B and any other monthly insurance benefit under this section based on the participant's wages

and self-employment income (as determined before applying any reduction or deduction otherwise applicable under 3 this title) shall be reduced by a percentage equal to the 4 product derived by multiplying 50 percent by a fraction— 5 "(A) the numerator of which is the present 6 value of the total amount of the contributions made 7 with respect to the participant to the Personal Social 8 Security Savings Fund under section 254, and 9 "(B) the denominator of which is the present 10 value of the total amount of the contributions which 11 would have been made with respect to the partici-12 pant to the Personal Social Security Savings Fund 13 under section 254 if contributions under section 254 14 had been made with respect to such participant for 15 all of such participant's benefit computation years 16 (as defined in 215(b)(2)(B)((i)), determined— 17 "(i) as if the program established by this 18 part had been in effect as of the beginning of 19 such participant's first benefit computation 20 year, and "(ii) without regard to section 6 of the 21 22 Save Social Security Act. 23 "(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to child's insurance benefits under subsection (d) or mother's or father's insurance benefits under subsection (g).

- 1 "(3) In the case of old-age insurance benefits of an individual who was entitled to disability insurance benefits 3 under section 223 for the month preceding the month in which such individual attained retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)), such benefit shall be subject to a reduc-6 tion under this subsection, in lieu of the reduction otherwise applicable under paragraph (1), equal to the product 8 derived by multiplying— 9 "(A) the amount of such reduction otherwise 10 applicable, by "(B) a fraction— 11 12 "(i) the numerator of which is the number 13 of calendar years, ending after the participant 14 attained age 21 and beginning before the date 15 on which the participant attained age 61, dur-16 ing each of which the participant was not enti-17 tled to disability insurance benefits under sec-18 tion 223 or was so entitled for fewer than 6 19 months, to 20 "(ii) 40.". 21 SEC. 4. TAX TREATMENT OF ACCOUNTS. 22 (a) Personal Social Security Savings Pro-23 GRAM.—Subchapter F of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exempt organizations) is
- 25 amended by adding at the end the following new part:

## "PART IX—PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY

## 2 SAVINGS PROGRAM

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3	"SEC. 530A. PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS PRO-
4	GRAM.
5	"(a) General Rule.—The Personal Social Security
6	Savings Fund and each Tier II Investment Option are ex-
7	empt from taxation under this subtitle. Notwithstanding
8	the preceding sentence, sums in a personal social security
9	savings account which are attributable to a Tier II Option
10	shall be subject to the taxes imposed by section 511 (relat-
11	ing to imposition of tax on unrelated business income of
12	charitable, etc. organizations).
13	"(b) DISTRIBUTIONS TAXED AS SOCIAL SECURITY
14	Benefits.—See section 86 for tax treatment of distribu-
15	tions from personal social security savings accounts and
16	personal social security annuity as social security benefits.
17	"(c) Estate Tax Treatment.—No amount shall be
18	includible in the gross estate of any individual for pur-
19	poses of chapter 11 by reason of an interest in the Tier
20	I Investment Fund of the Personal Social Security Sav-
21	ings Fund or held under a Tier II Investment Option and
22	which is credited to the personal social security savings

24 "(d) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—

account of the individual.

- 1 "(1) Personal social security savings ac-2 Count.—The term 'personal social security savings 3 account' means an account established under section 4 253(b) of the Social Security Act.
- 5 "(2) Personal social security savings an-6 NUITY.—The term 'personal social security savings 7 annuity' means an annuity purchased under section 8 257 of the Social Security Act.
- 9 "(3) Personal Social Security Savings 10 Fund.—The term 'Personal Social Security Savings 11 Fund' means the Savings Fund established under 12 section 252 of the Social Security Act.
- "(4) TIER I INVESTMENT FUND.—The term

  'Tier I Investment Fund' has the meaning given

  such term by section 251(8) of the Social Security

  Act.
- "(5) TIER II INVESTMENT OPTION.—The term

  Tier II Investment Option' has the meaning given

  such term by section 251(9) of the Social Security

  Act.".
- 21 (b) Annuity and Guarantee Payments.—Para-22 graph (1) of section 86(d) of the Internal Revenue Code 23 of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

1	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this sec-
2	tion, the term 'social security benefit' means any
3	amount received by the taxpayer—
4	"(A) by reason of entitlement to—
5	"(i) a monthly benefit under title II of
6	the Social Security Act,
7	"(ii) a tier 1 railroad retirement ben-
8	efit, or
9	"(iii) a payment under section 258 of
10	the Social Security Act (relating to guar-
11	antee of promised Social Security benefits),
12	or
13	"(B) as a payment from a personal social
14	security savings account or a personal social se-
15	curity savings annuity under section 257 of the
16	Social Security Act.".
17	(1) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
18	parts for subchapter F of chapter 1 of such Code is
19	amended by adding after the item relating to part
20	VIII the following new item:
	"Part IX. Personal Social Security Savings Program.".
21	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
22	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
23	December 31, 2011.

1	SEC. 5. REIMBURSEMENT OF SPENDING REDUCTION AC-
2	COUNT FROM SAVINGS RESULTING FROM
3	PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS PRO-
4	GRAM.
5	Section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6	401) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7	subsection:
8	"(o)(1) At the end of any reimbursement year, the
9	Managing Trustee shall transfer from the Federal Old-
10	Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal
11	Disability Insurance Trust Fund (hereinafter in this sub-
12	section referred to as the 'Trust Funds') to the Spending
13	Reduction Account of the Treasury, in amounts deter-
14	mined appropriate by the Managing Trustee in relation
15	to each of the Trust Funds, such sums as are necessary
16	to reimburse the Spending Reduction Account an amount
17	equal to the reimbursement amount for such year.
18	"(2) For purposes of this subsection—
19	"(A) The term 'reimbursement year' means a
20	year for which, as estimated by the Managing Trust-
21	ee, there is a Savings Program excess balance in the
22	Trust Funds at the end of such year. In determining
23	the amount of any excess under this subparagraph,
24	the Managing Trustee shall disregard any excess in
25	the Trust Funds which would be attributable to the
26	operation of such Trust Funds if this Act had not

been enacted. The estimation made pursuant to this subparagraph for a reimbursement year shall be made not later than November 1 of such reimbursement year.

"(B) The term 'Savings Program excess balance' for a year means an amount by which the total balance in the Trust Funds at the end of such year exceeds (before the application of this subsection) 100 percent of the total amount of benefits to be payable from the Trust Funds for the succeeding year. In determining the amount of any excess under this subparagraph, the Managing Trustee shall treat as excess in the Trust Funds only the amount by which the excess is greater than the amount which would be the excess in the Trust Funds if the Save Social Security Act had not been enacted.

- "(C) The term 'reimbursement amount' for a reimbursement year means the lesser of—
  - "(i) the total amount of payments made during such year and prior years from the Spending Reduction Account of the Treasury under sections 254 and 258 for which reimbursement has not been made under paragraph (1), including interest at a rate equal to the rate applicable from time to time for obligations

1	issued to the Trust Funds under subsection (d),
2	or
3	"(ii) the Savings Program excess balance
4	for the reimbursement year.
5	"(3) The total amount transferred under paragraph
6	(1) as the reimbursement amount for any reimbursement
7	year shall be available, until expended—
8	"(A) first, for reimbursement of the amount of
9	payments made under section 254 during the reim-
10	bursement year,
11	"(B) second, for reimbursement of the amount
12	of payments made under section 258 during the re-
13	imbursement year,
14	"(C) third, for reimbursement of any unreim-
15	bursed amount of payments made under section 254
16	during prior years, together with interest accrued on
17	such amount, and
18	"(D) finally, for reimbursement of any unreim-
19	bursed amount of payments made under section 258
20	during prior years, together with interest accrued on
21	such amount.".

1	SEC. 6. FUNDING OF PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SAVINGS
2	PROGRAM FROM CREDITS FOR REDUCTIONS
3	IN FEDERAL SPENDING.
4	(a) Spending Reduction Account.—There is es-
5	tablished in the Treasury of the United States a Personal
6	Social Security Savings Program Spending Reduction Ac-
7	count (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Spend-
8	ing Reduction Account".
9	(b) Expenditures From General Fund of
10	TREASURY LIMITED TO AMOUNTS CREDITED TO SPEND-
11	ING REDUCTION ACCOUNT.—
12	(1) In general.—Amounts which, but for this
13	section, would otherwise be payable from the general
14	fund of the Treasury to carry out section 254(a)(2)
15	and 258(a) of the Social Security Act (as added by
16	this Act) shall be payable only from the Spending
17	Reduction Account and only to the extent of the
18	available balance in such Account, as provided in
19	this section.
20	(2) Crediting to spending reduction ac-
21	COUNT OF AMOUNTS SAVED FROM PROGRAM REDUC-
22	TIONS.—
23	(A) IN GENERAL.—From time to time dur-
24	ing each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treas-
25	ury shall credit to the Spending Reduction Ac-
26	count the amount of savings to the Treasury

for such fiscal year derived (as determined by such Secretary in consultation with the Director of Office of Management and Budget) from legislation providing for the reduction or termination of Federal programs which were in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. To the extent that any such legislation provides for savings with respect to multiple fiscal years, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide for crediting to the Spending Reduction Account for each such fiscal year of the amount of savings properly attributable to such fiscal year pursuant to such legislation.

- (B) Annual Report of Amounts in Fund Necessary for full funding of Pay-Ments.—Not later than April 15 preceding each fiscal year beginning on or after October 1, 2012, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget—
  - (i) shall, in consultation with the Personal Social Security Savings Board, report to each House of the Congress the amount determined by the Board, based on reasonable projections, as necessary to provide for timely payment in full of amounts

otherwise payable, but for this section, from the Spending Reduction Account for such fiscal year, and

- (ii) shall include in such report recommendations for reductions or terminations of Federal programs in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act necessary to provide for savings sufficient to provide for crediting of funds to the Spending Reduction Account sufficient to provide for payments under sections 254(a)(2) and 258(a) of the Social Security Act.
- (3) REDUCTION IN PAYMENTS AS NECESSARY COMMENSURATE WITH EXTENT OF REDUCTIONS IN OTHER PROGRAMS.—
  - (A) IN GENERAL.—The total amount payable under sections 254(a)(2) and 258(a) of the Social Security Act for any fiscal year shall be payable only to the extent of the total amount that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines, based on reasonable projections made in advance of such fiscal year and reported pursuant to subparagraph (B), will be credited to the Spending Reduction Ac-

- graph (2) (plus any amounts remaining for expenditure pursuant to subparagraph (D)).
  - (B) ANNUAL REPORT OF OMB REGARDING SUFFICIENCY OF FUND.—The Director shall set forth the determination made under subparagraph (A) with respect to each fiscal year in a report to each House of the Congress not later than September 1 preceding such fiscal year, based on legislation enacted prior to such date.
  - (C) Pro rata reductions in case of insufficiency.—In any case in which the determination made under subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year indicates, as determined by the Director, a projected insufficiency for such fiscal year in the balance of the Spending Reduction Account to make all payments from the Spending Reduction Account during such fiscal year in full when otherwise due, such payments shall be reduced on a pro rata basis in relation to the projected amounts available from time to time in the Spending Reduction Account for such payments during the fiscal year.
  - (D) RESTORATION OF REDUCED PAY-MENTS.—In any case in which, as of the end of

any fiscal year, a balance remains in the Spending Reduction Account after payment in full when due of all payments payable during such fiscal year, additional payments shall be made from such balance so as to restore, to the maximum extent practicable, payments which were made in prior fiscal years in reduced amounts pursuant to this subparagraph to amounts constituting payment in full of such payments.

(E) Carryover of account bal-Ances.—Amounts credited to the Spending Reduction Account for a fiscal year which are not expended as of the end of such fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years until expended.

#### (4) Limitations.—

- (A) Savings for any fiscal year may only be taken into account under paragraph (2) once.
- (B) Savings taken into account under paragraph (2) may not be taken into account for the purposes of any other spending reduction account.
- (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no provision of any amendment made by this title may be carried out except to the ex-

tent that funds for such provision are provided for such purpose from the Spending Reduction Account. The Secretary of the Treasury shall make such additional pro rata reductions in payments for any fiscal year to the extent necessary for compliance with the preceding sentence.

### (5) Lockbox.—

- (A) GENERAL RULE.—Savings credited under paragraph (2) to the Spending Reduction Account may not be transferred or spent for any purpose other than to carry out the provisions of this Act and the amendments made thereby.
- (B) Enforcement.—If any amount is transferred or spent in violation of subparagraph (A), no amount may be transferred to the Savings Reduction Account on and after the date of such violation. The determination of whether an amount is transferred or spent in violation of subparagraph (A) shall be made irrespective of whether such provision of law is a subsequently enacted provision or directly or indirectly seeks to waive the application of this paragraph.

### SEC. 7. INTERIM FINANCING OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY

- 2 TRUST FUNDS.
- 3 Subsection (l) of section 201 of the Social Security
- 4 Act (42 U.S.C. 401(l)) is amended to read as follows:
- 5 "(l)(1) If at any time on or after January 1, 2012,
- 6 the Managing Trustee determines that borrowing author-
- 7 ized under this subsection is necessary in order to ensure
- 8 that sufficient assets are available in the Federal Old-Age
- 9 and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal Dis-
- 10 ability Insurance Trust Fund to provide for timely pay-
- 11 ment in full of benefits from such Trust Fund, the Man-
- 12 aging Trustee may borrow such amounts as the Managing
- 13 Trustee determines to be appropriate from the general
- 14 fund of the Treasury for transfer to and deposit in such
- 15 Trust Fund.
- 16 "(2) If in any month after a loan has been made to
- 17 either Trust Fund under paragraph (1), the Managing
- 18 Trustee determines that the assets of such Trust Fund
- 19 are sufficient to permit repayment of all or part of any
- 20 loans made to such Trust Fund under paragraph (1), the
- 21 Managing Trustee shall make such repayments as the
- 22 Managing Trustee determines to be appropriate to provide
- 23 for prompt repayment of the loans, together with accumu-
- 24 lated interest. Interest shall accumulate on the unpaid bal-
- 25 ance of the loan at a rate equal to the rate applicable on

- 1 the date of the loan for obligations issued to the Trust
- 2 Fund under subsection (d).
- 3 "(3) The Board of Trustees shall make a timely re-
- 4 port to the Congress of any amounts transferred under

5 this subsection.".

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