

S 4776

Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 25, 2024
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 16, 2024
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 16, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 12, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 4867	Related bill	Jul 30, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
118 S 4578	Related bill	Jun 18, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2029, modifies, and establishes programs under the Older Americans Act, which supports social services and activities for individuals aged 60 years or older.

Reauthorized programs and activities include

- the national eldercare locator service;
- regional aging and disability resource centers;
- grants to support counseling and assistance on pensions and other retirement benefits;
- grants to support home-delivered nutrition services (sometimes referred to as *meals on wheels* programs);
- programs to facilitate the delivery of supportive services to tribal organizations; and
- programs to prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The bill also modifies existing programs for older individuals, including by explicitly permitting states to use certain grant funds to make carryout meals available at congregate meal sites or community locations. (Some providers began offering carryout meals to seniors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Further, the bill permits the Administration on Aging to establish and operate, through grants to or contracts with eligible entities, a national resource center to support growth of the direct care workforce. The center's activities may include the provision of training and technical assistance and the promotion of strategies to recruit and retain direct care workers.

Finally, the bill establishes or reconvenes certain advisory groups, including (1) an advisory committee to provide guidance regarding the needs of older Native Americans and the implementation of related programs, and (2) a White House Conference on Aging to recommend improvements to federal programs that serve older individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6925-6934)
- **Dec 10, 2024:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6916-6925)
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Sanders with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 12, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 505.
- **Jul 31, 2024:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 25, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.