

**H.R. 5293**  
**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**  
**as reported by the Subcommittee on Select Education**

Section 1. Short Title. Cites the short title as the “*Senior Independence Act of 2006.*”

Section 2. Definitions. Amends Section 102 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3002). Modifies and adds to the definitions under this act, including definitions of “Hispanic serving institution”, “long-term care”, “at risk for institutional placement”, “State system of long-term care”, “Aging Disability and Resource Center”, “self-directed care”, and “multivitamin-mineral supplement”.

Section 3. Functions of the Assistant Secretary. Amends Section 202 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3012). Modifies and adds to the functions of the Assistant Secretary, including language to strengthen coordination on the Federal, State, and local levels for providing long-term care in home and community-based settings.

Section 4. Federal Agency Consultation. Amends Section 203(a)(3)(A) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3013(a)(3)(A)). Adds language to individuals with limited English proficiency.

Section 5. Administration. Amends Section 205 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3016). Adds language to strengthen the design, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based programs to support improved nutrition and regular physical activity.

Section 6. Evaluation. Amends Section 206(g) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3017(g)). Modifies the total amount appropriated for each fiscal year to carry out title III to use such sums, but not to exceed ½ of 1 percent of such amount, for purposes of conducting evaluations under this section, either directly or through grants or contracts.

Section 7. Reports. Amends Section 207(b)(2) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3018(b)(2)) to revise the names of House and Senate Committee of jurisdiction.

Section 8. Contractual, Commercial and Private Pay Relationships; Appropriate Use of Act Funds. Amends Section 212 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3020c) to expand services and allow for private pay opportunities while maintaining safeguards that the aging network providers operate in a manner consistent with the public purpose mission and targeting provision of the Older Americans Act.

Section 9. Nutrition Education. Amends Section 214 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3020e) to require the Assistant Secretary to provide outreach and technical assistance to promote health and prevent disease through improved nutrition.

Section 10. Pension Counseling and Information Programs. Amends Section 215 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3020E-1) to expand outreach and improve program access to individuals with limited English proficiency.

Section 11. Authorization of Appropriations. Amends Section 216 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3020F) by striking “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005” and inserting “2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011”.

Section 12. Purpose; Administration. Amends section 301(a)(2) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3021(a)(2)) to support program access for individuals with limited English proficiency; promote financial literacy; and enhance coordination among senior volunteer programs.

Section 13. Authorization of Appropriations; Uses of Funds. Amends Section 303 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3023) by striking “year 2001” and all that follows through “years” each place it appears, and inserting “years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011”.

Section 14. Organization. Amends Section 305(a) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3025a) to improve program access for individuals with limited English proficiency and requires States to develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated system for providing long-term care in home- and community-based settings.

Section 15. Area Plans. Amends Section 305 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3026) to improve program access for individuals with limited English proficiency; updates area plan requirements for area agencies on aging to develop and implement a comprehensive coordinated system for providing long-term care in home and community-based settings. Also authorizes area agencies on aging to conduct an assessment of anticipated change in the number of older individuals and encourages AAA’s, in cooperation with public agencies, to support community planning efforts to prepare for an increased number of older Americans.

Section 16. State Plans. Amends Section 307(a) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3027(a)) to improve program access for individuals with limited English proficiency and requires States to provide assurances that area agencies on aging will furnish services consistent with self-directed care.

Section 17. Payments. Amends Section 309(b)(2) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3029(b)(2)) to update payments to States.

Section 18. Consumer Contributions. Amends Section 315 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030c-2) to encourage voluntary contributions for individuals with self-declared income at or above 125 percent of poverty.

Section 19. Nutrition Service. Amends the heading of part C of title III of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030e-3030g-22) to add a purpose to describe activities under Part C of title III.

Section 20. Congregate Nutrition Program. Amends Section 331 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030e) to encourage nutrition education and counseling and provides local meal providers the option to provide a single multivitamin-mineral supplement to older individuals as an addition to a meal.

Section 21. Home Delivered Nutrition Services. Amends Section 336 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030f) to expand the type of meal to be delivered to include fresh and supplemental foods and to encourage nutrition education and counseling.

Section 22. Criteria. Amends Section 337 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030g) to update the professions of people qualified to consult on the minimum criteria of efficiency and quality for the furnishing of home delivered meal services.

Section 23. Nutrition. Amends Section 339 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3030g-21) to update the nutrition program requirements consistent with current science.

Section 24. Caregiver Support Program Definitions. Amends Section 372(3) of the National Family Support Caregiver Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s(3)) by striking “60” and inserting “55”.

Section 25. Caregiver Support Program Definitions. Amends Section 372(2) of the National Family Support Caregiver Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s) to authorize caregiver support for an individual caring for a person of any age with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction.

Section 26. Activities of National Significance. Amends Section 376(a) of the National Family Support Caregiver Act (42 U.S.C. 3030s-12(a)) to encourage research and demonstrations to support intergenerational programs, families who have a child with a disability, programs unique to rural areas, Alzheimer’s programs, and family caregiver support programs.

Section 27. Grant Programs. Amends Section 411 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3032) to authorize additional uses of funds to support activities to prepare for the aging of the population, and to develop and assess technology-based service models and best practices. Also updates authorization year by striking “year” and all that follows through “years” and inserting “years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011”.

Section 28. Career Preparation for the Field of Aging. Amends Section 412(a) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3032a(a)) to include grants to Hispanic serving institutions.

Section 29. Demonstration Projects for Multigenerational Activities. Amends Section 417(c)(2) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3032f(c)(2)) to improve access to individuals with limited English proficiency.

Section 30. Community Service Employment-Based Training for Older Americans. Amends title V of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.) to reauthorize the community service employment-based training program for older Americans. Requires grantees to serve those with greatest need; clarifies use of SCSEP funds; sets an average time limit for participation; and phases in a requirement to place a greater percentage of exiting participants in unsubsidized employment.

Section 31. Native Americans Caregiver Support Program. Amends Section 643 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3057n) by striking “2001” each place it appears and inserting “2007”.

Section 32. Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities. Amends Section 702 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3058a) by striking “2001” each place it appears and inserting “2007”.

Section 33. Native American Organization Provisions. Amends Section 751(d) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3058aa(b)) by striking “2001” and inserting “2007”.

Section 34. Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Prevention Amendment. Amends Section 721(b) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3058i(b)) to provide education and outreach to promote financial literacy and prevent identity theft and financial exploitation.

Section 35. Technical Amendments. Amends the Older American Act (42 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) to include a heading for title IV of the Act.