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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

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American Rescue  
Plan Act of 2021.  
15 USC 9001  
note.  
Appropriation  
authorizations.

To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”.

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**SEC. 2404. FUNDING FOR DATA MODERNIZATION AND FORECASTING CENTER.**

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for activities to be conducted acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support public health data surveillance and analytics infrastructure modernization initiatives at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and establish, expand, and maintain efforts to modernize the United States disease warning system to forecast and track hotspots for COVID-19, its variants, and emerging biological threats, including academic and workforce support for analytics and informatics infrastructure and data collection systems.

## Subtitle F—Public Health Workforce

42 USC 295 note.

**SEC. 2501. FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the “Secretary”) for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$7,660,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out activities related to establishing, expanding, and sustaining a public health workforce, including by making awards to State, local, and territorial public health departments.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.**—Amounts made available to an awardee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used for the following:

(1) Costs, including wages and benefits, related to the recruiting, hiring, and training of individuals—

(A) to serve as case investigators, contact tracers, social support specialists, community health workers, public health nurses, disease intervention specialists, epidemiologists, program managers, laboratory personnel, informaticians, communication and policy experts, and any other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

(B) who are employed by—

(i) the State, territorial, or local public health department involved; or

(ii) a nonprofit private or public organization with demonstrated expertise in implementing public health programs and established relationships with such State, territorial, or local public health departments, particularly in medically underserved areas.

(2) Personal protective equipment, data management and other technology, or other necessary supplies.

(3) Administrative costs and activities necessary for awardees to implement activities funded under this section.

(4) Subawards from recipients of awards under subsection (a) to local health departments for the purposes of the activities funded under this section.