

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Addressing Social Iso-  
5 lation and Loneliness in Older Adults Act of 2026” or the  
6 “Addressing SILO Act of 2026”.



1 holder input for the purposes of promoting social  
2 connection, mitigating social isolation or loneliness,  
3 or preventing social isolation or loneliness) among  
4 older individuals and adults with disabilities de-  
5 scribed in paragraph (1);

6 “(3) connecting such older individuals and  
7 adults with disabilities with community social and  
8 clinical supports; and

9 “(4) evaluating the effect of programs devel-  
10 oped and implemented under paragraphs (2) and  
11 (3).

12 “(b) TRAINING.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
14 lish programs to provide and improve training for  
15 area agencies on aging or community-based organi-  
16 zations with respect to addressing and preventing  
17 social isolation and loneliness among older individ-  
18 uals and adults with disabilities.

19 “(2) PRIORITIZATION AUTHORITY.—For pur-  
20 poses of connecting at-risk individuals with existing  
21 community social and clinical supports, the Sec-  
22 retary may, in carrying out paragraph (1), prioritize  
23 models that incorporate training and service delivery  
24 in coordination with medical-legal partnerships.

1           “(c) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years after the  
2 date of enactment of this section and every 3 years there-  
3 after, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a written re-  
4 port that assesses the extent to which the programs estab-  
5 lished under this section address social isolation and lone-  
6 liness among older individuals and adults with disabilities.

7           “(d) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the  
8 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-  
9 priated to the Secretary \$62,500,000 for each of fiscal  
10 years **【2026 through 2030】**, to remain available until ex-  
11 pended, to carry out this section.

12           “(e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate  
13 with resource centers, grant programs, or other funding  
14 mechanisms established under section 411(a)(18) of the  
15 Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3032(a)(18)), section  
16 417(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3032f(a)(1)), or other  
17 programs as determined by the Secretary.

18           “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19                   “(1) ADULT WITH A DISABILITY.—The term  
20 ‘adult with a disability’ means an individual with a  
21 disability as defined in section 372 of the Older  
22 Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030s).

23                   “(2) AREA AGENCY ON AGING.—The term ‘area  
24 agency on aging’ means an area agency on aging

1 designated under section 305 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
2 3025).

3 “(3) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The  
4 term ‘community-based organization’ includes, ex-  
5 cept as otherwise provided by the Secretary, a non-  
6 profit community-based organization, a consortium  
7 of nonprofit community-based organizations, a na-  
8 tional nonprofit organization acting as an inter-  
9 mediary for a community-based organization, or a  
10 community-based organization that has a fiscal  
11 sponsor that allows the organization to function as  
12 an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the  
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from  
14 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

15 “(4) LONELINESS.—The term ‘loneliness’  
16 means subjectively feeling alone, or the discrepancy  
17 between one’s desired level of social connection and  
18 one’s actual level of social connection.

19 “(5) OLDER INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘older in-  
20 dividual’ has the meaning given such term in section  
21 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
22 3002).

23 “(6) SOCIAL CONNECTION.—The term ‘social  
24 connection’ means the variety of ways one can con-

1       nect with others socially, through physical, behav-  
2       ioral, social-cognitive, and emotional channels.

3               “(7) SOCIAL ISOLATION.—The term ‘social iso-  
4       lation’ means objectively being alone, or having few  
5       relationships or infrequent social contact.”.