

1 beings and includes appropriate safeguards as prescribed  
2 to protect the rights, safety, and welfare of such human  
3 beings”.

4 **Subtitle P—Improving Scientific**  
5 **Expertise and Outreach at FDA**

6 **SEC. 2281. SILVIO O. CONTE SENIOR BIOMEDICAL RE-**  
7 **SEARCH SERVICE.**

8 (a) **HIRING AND RETENTION AUTHORITY.**—Section  
9 228 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 237) is  
10 amended—

11 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “AND  
12 BIOMEDICAL PRODUCT ASSESSMENT” after “RE-  
13 SEARCH”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Silvio O.  
15 Conte Senior Biomedical Research Service, not to  
16 exceed 500 members” and inserting “Silvio O. Conte  
17 Senior Biomedical Research and Biomedical Product  
18 Assessment Service (in this section referred to as the  
19 ‘Service’), the purpose of which is to recruit and re-  
20 tain competitive and qualified scientific and tech-  
21 nical experts outstanding in the field of biomedical  
22 research, clinical research evaluation, and biomedical  
23 product assessment”;

24 (3) by amending subsection (a)(2) to read as  
25 follows:

1           “(2) The authority established in paragraph (1) may  
2 not be construed to require the Secretary to reduce the  
3 number of employees serving under any other employment  
4 system in order to offset the number of members serving  
5 in the Service.”;

6           (4) in subsection (b)—

7           (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
8           by striking “or clinical research evaluation” and  
9           inserting “, clinical research evaluation or bio-  
10           medical product assessment”; and

11           (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or a  
12           master’s level degree in engineering,  
13           bioinformatics, or a related or emerging field,”  
14           after the comma;

15           (5) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “and shall  
16           not exceed the rate payable for level I of the Execu-  
17           tive Schedule unless approved by the President  
18           under section 5377(d)(2) of title 5, United States  
19           Code” and inserting “and shall not exceed the rate  
20           payable for the President”;

21           (6) by striking subsection (e); and

22           (7) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as  
23           subsections (e) and (f), respectively.

24           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services shall submit, and publish on the website  
2 of the Department of Health and Human Services a report  
3 on the implementation of the amendments made by sub-  
4 section (a), including whether the amendments have im-  
5 proved the ability of the Food and Drug Administration  
6 to hire and retain qualified experts to fulfill obligations  
7 specified under user fee agreements.

8 **SEC. 2282. ENABLING FDA SCIENTIFIC ENGAGEMENT.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that the participation in,  
10 or sponsorship of, scientific conferences and meetings is  
11 essential to the mission of the Food and Drug Administra-  
12 tion.

13 **SEC. 2283. REAGAN-UDALL FOUNDATION FOR THE FOOD**  
14 **AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.**

15 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

16 (1) COMPOSITION AND SIZE.—Section  
17 770(d)(1)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
18 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(d)(1)(C)) is amended—

19 (A) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause  
20 (iii);

21 (B) by inserting after clause (i) the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(ii) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The  
24 Board, through amendments to the bylaws  
25 of the Foundation, may provide that the