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# S. 178

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment  
of a National Center for Social Work Research.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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the establishment of a National Center for Social Work  
Research.

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 “National Center for  
5       Social Work Research Act”.

6       **SEC. 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CENTER FOR SO-**  
7       **CIAL WORK RESEARCH.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(b)(2) of the Public  
9       Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281(b)(2)) is amended by  
10      adding at the end the following:

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1           “(F) The National Center for Social Work Re-  
2           search.”.

3           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Part E of title IV of the Pub-  
4           lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 287 et seq.) is amended  
5           by adding at the end the following:

6           “Subpart 5—National Center for Social Work Research

7           **“SEC. 485G. PURPOSE OF CENTER.**

8           “‘The general purpose of the National Center for So-  
9           cial Work Research (referred to in this subpart as the  
10          ‘Center’) is the conduct and support of, and dissemination  
11          of information with respect to basic, clinical, and services  
12          social work research, training, and other programs in pa-  
13          tient care, including child and family care.

14          **“SEC. 485H. SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES.**

15          “(a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the purpose de-  
16          scribed in section 485G, the Director of the Center may  
17          provide research training and instruction and establish, in  
18          the Center and in other nonprofit institutions, research  
19          traineeships and fellowships in the study and investigation  
20          of the prevention of disease, health promotion, and the so-  
21          cial work care of persons with and families of individuals  
22          with acute and chronic illnesses, including child abuse and  
23          neglect and child and family care.

24          “(b) STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES.—The Director of  
25          the Center may provide individuals receiving training and

1 instruction or traineeships or fellowships under subsection  
 2 (a) with such stipends and allowances (including amounts  
 3 for travel and subsistence and dependency allowances) as  
 4 the Director determines necessary.

5 “(c) GRANTS.—The Director of the Center may make  
 6 grants to nonprofit institutions to provide training and in-  
 7 struction and traineeships and fellowships under sub-  
 8 section (a).

9 **“SEC. 485I. ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

10 “(a) DUTIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
 12 lish an advisory council for the Center that shall ad-  
 13 vise, assist, consult with, and make recommenda-  
 14 tions to the Secretary and the Director of the Center  
 15 on matters related to the activities carried out by  
 16 and through the Center and the policies with respect  
 17 to such activities.

18 “(2) GIFTS.—The advisory council for the Cen-  
 19 ter may recommend to the Secretary the acceptance,  
 20 in accordance with section 231, of conditional gifts  
 21 for study, investigations, and research and for the  
 22 acquisition of grounds or construction, equipment, or  
 23 maintenance of facilities for the Center.

24 “(3) OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.—The  
 25 advisory council for the Center—

1           “(A)(i) may make recommendations to the  
2           Director of the Center with respect to research  
3           to be conducted by the Center;

4           “(ii) may review applications for grants  
5           and cooperative agreements for research or  
6           training and recommend for approval applica-  
7           tions for projects that demonstrate the prob-  
8           ability of making valuable contributions to  
9           human knowledge; and

10          “(iii) may review any grant, contract, or  
11          cooperative agreement proposed to be made or  
12          entered into by the Center;

13          “(B) may collect, by correspondence or by  
14          personal investigation, information relating to  
15          studies that are being carried out in the United  
16          States or any other country as to the diseases,  
17          disorders, or other aspects of human health  
18          with respect to which the Center is concerned  
19          and, with the approval of the Director of the  
20          Center, make such information available  
21          through appropriate publications for the benefit  
22          of public and private health entities and health  
23          professions personnel and scientists and for the  
24          information of the general public; and

1           “(C) may appoint subcommittees and con-  
2           vene workshops and conferences.

3           “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The advisory council shall  
5           be composed of the ex officio members described in  
6           paragraph (2) and not more than 18 individuals to  
7           be appointed by the Secretary under paragraph (3).

8           “(2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The ex officio  
9           members of the advisory council shall include—

10           “(A) the Secretary, the Director of NIH,  
11           the Director of the Center, the Chief Social  
12           Work Officer of the Veterans’ Administration,  
13           the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health  
14           Affairs, the Associate Director of Prevention  
15           Research at the National Institute of Mental  
16           Health, and the Director of the Division of Epi-  
17           demiology and Services Research (or the des-  
18           ignees of such officers); and

19           “(B) such additional officers or employees  
20           of the United States as the Secretary deter-  
21           mines necessary for the advisory council to ef-  
22           fectively carry out its functions.

23           “(3) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—The Secretary  
24           shall appoint not to exceed 18 individuals to the ad-  
25           visory council, of which—

1           “(A) not more than two-thirds of such in-  
2           dividual shall be appointed from among the  
3           leading representatives of the health and sci-  
4           entific disciplines (including public health and  
5           the behavioral or social sciences) relevant to the  
6           activities of the Center, and at least 7 such in-  
7           dividuals shall be professional social workers  
8           who are recognized experts in the area of clini-  
9           cal practice, education, or research; and

10           “(B) not more than one-third of such indi-  
11           viduals shall be appointed from the general  
12           public and shall include leaders in fields of pub-  
13           lic policy, law, health policy, economics, and  
14           management.

15       The Secretary shall make appointments to the advi-  
16       sory council in such a manner as to ensure that the  
17       terms of the members do not all expire in the same  
18       year.

19           “(4) COMPENSATION.—Members of the advi-  
20       sory council who are officers or employees of the  
21       United States shall not receive any compensation for  
22       service on the advisory council. The remaining mem-  
23       bers shall receive, for each day (including travel  
24       time) they are engaged in the performance of the  
25       functions of the advisory council, compensation at

1 rates not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual  
 2 rate in effect for an individual at grade GS-18 of  
 3 the General Schedule.

4 “(c) TERMS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term of office of an in-  
 6 dividual appointed to the advisory council under sub-  
 7 section (b)(3) shall be 4 years, except that any indi-  
 8 vidual appointed to fill a vacancy on the advisory  
 9 council shall serve for the remainder of the unex-  
 10 pired term. A member may serve after the expiration  
 11 of the member’s term until a successor has been ap-  
 12 pointed.

13 “(2) REAPPOINTMENTS.—A member of the ad-  
 14 visory council who has been appointed under sub-  
 15 section (b)(3) for a term of 4 years may not be re-  
 16 appointed to the advisory council prior to the expira-  
 17 tion of the 2-year period beginning on the date on  
 18 which the prior term expired.

19 “(3) VACANCY.—If a vacancy occurs on the ad-  
 20 visory council among the members under subsection  
 21 (b)(3), the Secretary shall make an appointment to  
 22 fill that vacancy not later than 90 days after the  
 23 date on which the vacancy occurs.

24 “(d) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the advi-  
 25 sory council shall be selected by the Secretary from among

1 the members appointed under subsection (b)(3), except  
2 that the Secretary may select the Director of the Center  
3 to be the chairperson of the advisory council. The term  
4 of office of the chairperson shall be 2 years.

5 “(e) MEETINGS.—The advisory council shall meet at  
6 the call of the chairperson or upon the request of the Di-  
7 rector of the Center, but not less than 3 times each fiscal  
8 year. The location of the meetings of the advisory council  
9 shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Cen-  
10 ter.

11 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The Director of  
12 the Center shall designate a member of the staff of the  
13 Center to serve as the executive secretary of the advisory  
14 council. The Director of the Center shall make available  
15 to the advisory council such staff, information, and other  
16 assistance as the council may require to carry out its func-  
17 tions. The Director of the Center shall provide orientation  
18 and training for new members of the advisory council to  
19 provide such members with such information and training  
20 as may be appropriate for their effective participation in  
21 the functions of the advisory council.

22 “(g) COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—The ad-  
23 visory council may prepare, for inclusion in the biennial  
24 report under section 485J—



1           “(1) comments with respect to the activities of  
 2           the advisory council in the fiscal years for which the  
 3           report is prepared;

4           “(2) comments on the progress of the Center in  
 5           meeting its objectives; and

6           “(3) recommendations with respect to the fu-  
 7           ture direction and program and policy emphasis of  
 8           the center.

9   The advisory council may prepare such additional reports  
 10 as it may determine appropriate.

11 **“SEC. 485J. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

12       “The Director of the Center, after consultation with  
 13 the advisory council for the Center, shall prepare for inclu-  
 14 sion in the biennial report under section 403, a biennial  
 15 report that shall consist of a description of the activities  
 16 of the Center and program policies of the Director of the  
 17 Center in the fiscal years for which the report is prepared.

18 The Director of the Center may prepare such additional  
 19 reports as the Director determines appropriate. The Di-  
 20 rector of the Center shall provide the advisory council of  
 21 the Center an opportunity for the submission of the writ-  
 22 ten comments described in section 485I(g).”.

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