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To amend the Tom Osborne Federal Youth Coordination Act to create the White House Office of National Youth Policy to ensure the coordination and effectiveness of services to youth, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Federal Youth Coordi-
5 nation Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF THE TOM OSBORNE FEDERAL**
2 **YOUTH COORDINATION ACT.**

3 Title VIII of the Older Americans Act Amendments
4 of 2006 is amended to read as follows:

5 **“TITLE VIII—WHITE HOUSE OF-**
6 **FICE OF NATIONAL YOUTH**
7 **POLICY**

8 **“SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.**

9 “This title may be cited as the ‘Federal Youth Co-
10 ordination Act of 2008’.

11 **“SEC. 802. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this title the following definitions apply:

13 “(1) The term ‘Director’ means the Director of
14 the White House Office of National Youth Policy.

15 “(2) The term ‘disadvantaged youth’ means
16 youth whom the Director determines—

17 “(A) are economically disadvantaged;

18 “(B) are not in school and do not have a
19 high school diploma or equivalent, or are at risk
20 of leaving high school without a high school di-
21 ploma or equivalent;

22 “(C) were previously or are currently in, or
23 are exiting out of, foster care;

24 “(D) have limited English proficiency;

25 “(E) are homeless or have run away from
26 home;

1 “(F) are juvenile offenders or are at risk
2 of delinquency;

3 “(G) have a mental or physical disability;

4 “(H) are the child of an incarcerated par-
5 ent; or

6 “(I) possess a characteristic the Director
7 determines to be indicative of disadvantage.

8 “(3) The term ‘diversity’ includes socio-
9 economic, racial, age, and geographic diversity.

10 “(4) The term ‘nongovernmental entities’
11 means private organizations with experience or ex-
12 pertise in issues related to positive youth develop-
13 ment, particularly with respect to disadvantaged
14 youth, such as a foundation, corporation, educational
15 institution, or nonprofit organization, including a
16 faith-based nonprofit organization, with such experi-
17 ence or expertise.

18 “(5) The term ‘State’ means each of the 50
19 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
20 of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American
21 Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
22 Mariana Islands.

23 “(6) The term ‘State Youth Advisory Board’
24 means an association of youth, particularly dis-
25 advantaged youth, within State government, such as

1 a youth council, that advises elected officials with re-
2 spect to the effective development and implementa-
3 tion of youth services and assists the National Youth
4 Advisory Board described in section 807 to solicit
5 the views and perspectives of youth, particularly dis-
6 advantaged youth, with respect to youth services.

7 “(7) The term ‘State Youth Services Coordi-
8 nating Entity’ means an interagency coordinating
9 organization within State government, such as a
10 children’s cabinet or children’s council, that develops
11 and implements a comprehensive plan to improve
12 outcomes for youth, particularly disadvantaged
13 youth, with contents similar to those of the National
14 Youth Strategy described in section 805, and coordi-
15 nates youth services in the State, and may be com-
16 posed of the State’s chief executive, the heads of the
17 State’s departments and agencies responsible for
18 youth services, and private parties, including youth.

19 “(8) The term ‘youth’ means individuals young-
20 er than 24 years of age and individuals older than
21 24 years of age if the Director determines the indi-
22 viduals older than 24 years of age to be at risk of
23 not achieving productive adulthood.

24 “(9) The term ‘youth services’ means programs,
25 resources, supports, and opportunities determined by

1 the Director to be intended to improve outcomes for
2 youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

3 **“SEC. 803. WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL YOUTH**
4 **POLICY.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is estab-
6 lished in the Executive Office of the President the White
7 House Office of National Youth Policy (hereinafter re-
8 ferred to in this title as the ‘Office’), which shall—

9 “(1) develop, coordinate, promulgate, oversee
10 the implementation of, and evaluate the National
11 Youth Strategy to maximize the efficiency and effec-
12 tiveness of youth services;

13 “(2) review and make recommendations with
14 respect to the budgets for Federal youth services to
15 ensure the adequacy of those budgets;

16 “(3) coordinate the youth services provided by
17 Federal departments and agencies and coordinate
18 Federal interagency youth services;

19 “(4) consult, coordinate with, facilitate joint ef-
20 forts among, and support State, local, and tribal
21 governments, nongovernmental entities, and youth,
22 particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to im-
23 proving youth services; and

24 “(5) make grants and provide training and
25 technical assistance under section 808 to States to

1 support State Youth Services Coordinating Entities
2 and State Youth Advisory Boards.

3 “(b) DIRECTOR.—There shall be a Director who shall
4 head the Office and who shall hold the same rank and
5 status as the head of an executive department listed in
6 section 101 of title 5, United States Code.

7 “(c) ACCESS BY CONGRESS.—The location of the Of-
8 fice in the Executive Office of the President shall not be
9 construed as affecting access by Congress, or any com-
10 mittee of the House of Representatives or the Senate, to
11 any—

12 “(1) information, document, or study in the
13 possession of, or conducted by or at the direction of,
14 the Director; or

15 “(2) personnel of the Office.

16 “(d) OFFICE GIFT FUND.—

17 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
18 the Treasury of the United States a fund for the re-
19 ceipt of gifts, both real and personal, for the purpose
20 of aiding or facilitating the work of the Office.

21 “(2) CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Office may accept,
22 hold, and administer contributions to the Fund.

23 “(3) USE OF AMOUNTS DEPOSITED.—Amounts
24 deposited in the Fund are authorized to be appro-

1 priated, to remain available until expended, for au-
2 thorized purposes at the discretion of the Director.

3 **“SEC. 804. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.**

4 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall ap-
6 point the Director, by and with the advice and con-
7 sent of the Senate. The Director shall serve at the
8 pleasure of the President.

9 “(2) PROHIBITIONS.—

10 “(A) OTHER POSITIONS.—No person shall
11 serve as Director while serving in any other po-
12 sition in the Federal Government or while em-
13 ployed in a full-time position outside of the
14 Federal Government.

15 “(B) POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING.—The Di-
16 rector may not participate in election campaign
17 activities, except that the Director is not pro-
18 hibited by this subparagraph from making con-
19 tributions to individual candidates.

20 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall—

21 “(1) assist the President to establish policies,
22 goals, objectives, and priorities with respect to
23 youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, and to
24 maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of youth
25 services;

1 “(2) work with Federal departments and agen-
2 cies providing youth services to strengthen the co-
3 ordination of youth services in order to maximize the
4 access of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, to
5 youth services, strengthen the impact of youth serv-
6 ices, and meet the comprehensive needs of youth,
7 particularly disadvantaged youth;

8 “(3) coordinate and oversee the development,
9 coordination, implementation, and evaluation of the
10 National Youth Strategy;

11 “(4) promulgate the National Youth Strategy,
12 ensuring its wide availability to government officials
13 and the public;

14 “(5) make such recommendations to the Presi-
15 dent as the Director determines are appropriate with
16 respect to the organization, management, and budg-
17 ets of Federal departments and agencies providing
18 youth services, including changes in the allocation of
19 personnel to and within those departments and
20 agencies to implement the policies, goals, objectives,
21 and priorities established under paragraph (1) and
22 the National Youth Strategy;

23 “(6) consult, coordinate with, facilitate joint ef-
24 forts among, and support State, local, and tribal
25 governments, nongovernmental entities, and youth,

1 particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect to im-
2 proving youth services;

3 “(7) appear before duly constituted committees
4 and subcommittees of the House of Representatives
5 and of the Senate to represent the policies of the
6 President related to youth and serve as the spokes-
7 person of the President, if the President determines
8 it appropriate, on issues related to youth, particu-
9 larly disadvantaged youth, and the National Youth
10 Strategy;

11 “(8) submit an annual report to Congress de-
12 tailing how the Director has consulted and coordi-
13 nated with the National Youth Development Council
14 described in section 806, the National Youth Advi-
15 sory Board, State, local, and tribal governments,
16 nongovernmental entities, and youth, particularly
17 disadvantaged youth; and

18 “(9) ensure the Office meets each of its respon-
19 sibilities under this title.

20 “(c) BUDGET REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—

21 “(1) REVIEW OF BUDGET REQUESTS.—Each
22 department or agency of the Federal Government
23 providing youth services shall transmit each year to
24 the Director a copy of the proposed budget request
25 of that department or agency with respect to youth

1 services at a time not later than that department or
2 agency's submitting of such budget request to the
3 Office of Management and Budget for preparation
4 of the budget of the President submitted to Con-
5 gress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United
6 States Code. The proposed budget request shall be
7 transmitted to the Director in such form as the Di-
8 rector, in consultation with the Office of Manage-
9 ment and Budget, determines appropriate.

10 “(2) RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
11 BUDGET REQUESTS.—After the receipt of proposed
12 budget requests pursuant to paragraph (1), the Di-
13 rector shall provide budget recommendations with
14 respect to Federal youth services to the Director of
15 the Office of Management and Budget and to the
16 President at a time that allows such recommenda-
17 tions to be incorporated into the budget of the Presi-
18 dent submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of
19 title 31, United States Code. The recommendations
20 shall address funding priorities developed in the Na-
21 tional Youth Strategy and shall address future fiscal
22 projections as determined by the Director.

23 “(d) POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.—In carrying out
24 this title, the Director may—

1 “(1) select, appoint, employ, and fix the com-
2 pensation of such officers and employees of the Of-
3 fice as may be necessary to carry out the functions
4 of the Office under this title;

5 “(2) request the head of a department or agen-
6 cy of the Federal Government to place department
7 or agency personnel who are engaged in activities
8 with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged
9 youth, on temporary detail to another department or
10 agency in order to implement the National Youth
11 Strategy, and the head of such department or agen-
12 cy shall comply with such request;

13 “(3) use for administrative purposes, on a reim-
14 bursable basis, the available services, equipment,
15 personnel, and facilities of Federal, State, local, and
16 tribal departments and agencies;

17 “(4) procure the services of experts and con-
18 sultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5,
19 United States Code, relating to appointments in the
20 Federal Service, at rates of compensation for indi-
21 viduals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate
22 of pay payable under level IV of the Executive
23 Schedule under section 5311 of title 5, United
24 States Code;

1 “(5) accept and use gifts and donations of
2 property from Federal, State, local, and tribal gov-
3 ernment departments and agencies, and from non-
4 governmental entities, as authorized in section 803
5 of this title;

6 “(6) use the mails in the same manner as any
7 other department or agency of the executive branch;
8 and

9 “(7) monitor implementation of the National
10 Youth Strategy, including—

11 “(A) conducting program and performance
12 audits and evaluations; and

13 “(B) requesting assistance from the In-
14 specter General of the relevant department or
15 agency in such audits and evaluations.

16 “(e) PERSONNEL DETAILED TO THE OFFICE.—

17 “(1) EVALUATIONS.—Notwithstanding any pro-
18 vision of chapter 43 of title 5, United States Code,
19 the Director shall perform the evaluation of the per-
20 formance of any employee detailed to the Office for
21 the purposes of the applicable performance appraisal
22 system established under such chapter for any rating
23 period, or part thereof, that such employee is de-
24 tailed to the Office.

25 “(2) COMPENSATION.—

1 “(A) BONUS PAYMENTS.—Notwithstanding
2 any other provision of law, the Director may
3 provide periodic bonus payments to any em-
4 ployee detailed to the Office.

5 “(B) RESTRICTIONS.—An amount paid
6 under this paragraph to an employee for any
7 period—

8 “(i) shall not be greater than 20 per-
9 cent of the basic pay paid or payable to
10 such employee for such period; and

11 “(ii) shall be in addition to the basic
12 pay of such employee.

13 “(3) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The aggregate
14 amount paid during any fiscal year to an employee
15 detailed to the Office as basic pay, awards, bonuses,
16 and other compensation shall not exceed the annual
17 rate payable at the end of such fiscal year for posi-
18 tions at level III of the Executive Schedule under
19 section 5311 of title 5, United States Code.

20 **“SEC. 805. NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1 of
22 each year, the Director shall submit to the President and
23 Congress and make available to the public a National
24 Youth Strategy (hereinafter referred to in this title as the
25 ‘Strategy’) that shall set forth a comprehensive plan for

1 that year to improve outcomes for youth in the United
2 States, particularly disadvantaged youth.

3 “(b) PROCESS.—In preparing the Strategy, the Di-
4 rector shall actively consult and work in coordination with
5 the following:

6 “(1) The heads of all Federal departments and
7 agencies that provide youth services.

8 “(2) The National Youth Development Council.

9 “(3) The National Youth Advisory Board.

10 “(4) Existing Federal interagency efforts re-
11 lated to youth services, such as the Federal Inter-
12 agency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, the
13 Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delin-
14 quency Prevention, the Federal Mentoring Council,
15 and the Shared Youth Vision.

16 “(5) State, local, and tribal governments, in-
17 cluding State Youth Services Coordinating Entities.

18 “(6) Nongovernmental entities.

19 “(7) Youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

20 “(c) CONTENTS.—The Director shall ensure the
21 Strategy meets the following requirements:

22 “(1) GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—
23 The Strategy shall contain comprehensive, research-
24 based goals and quantifiable performance measures
25 with respect to youth, particularly disadvantaged

1 youth, that shall serve as targets for the year with
2 respect to which the Strategy applies.

3 “(2) ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PAST PERFORM-
4 ANCE MEASURES.—The Strategy shall contain a re-
5 port on Federal effectiveness with respect to meeting
6 those performance measures set by the Strategy for
7 the preceding year, including an evaluation of wheth-
8 er or not such performance measures were met and
9 the reasons therefore, including—

10 “(A) the extent of coordination between
11 Federal departments and agencies providing
12 youth services;

13 “(B) the extent to which the objectives and
14 budgets of Federal departments and agencies
15 providing youth services were consistent with
16 the recommendations of the Strategy for the
17 preceding year; and

18 “(C) the efficiency and adequacy of Fed-
19 eral programs and policies with respect to youth
20 services.

21 “(3) REPORTING ON AND IDENTIFYING GAPS IN
22 YOUTH SERVICES.—The Strategy shall contain a re-
23 port on and identify gaps in—

24 “(A) the educational, social, emotional,
25 physical, vocational, and civic development of

1 youth, disaggregated by age, race, gender, geo-
2 graphic distribution, population density, socio-
3 economic status, and other target populations
4 determined necessary for inclusion by the Di-
5 rector;

6 “(B) the quality and quantity of youth
7 services for the educational, social, emotional,
8 physical, vocational, and civic development of
9 youth, disaggregated by age, race, gender, geo-
10 graphic distribution, population density, socio-
11 economic status, and other target populations
12 determined necessary for inclusion by the Di-
13 rector; and

14 “(C) the size and allocation of Federal re-
15 sources devoted to supporting the educational,
16 social, emotional, physical, vocational, and civic
17 development of youth, disaggregated by age,
18 race, gender, geographic distribution, popu-
19 lation density, socioeconomic status, and other
20 target populations determined necessary for in-
21 clusion by the Director.

22 “(4) COORDINATION EFFORTS.—The Strategy
23 shall contain a report on Federal efforts to consult,
24 coordinate with, facilitate joint efforts among, and
25 support State, local, and tribal governments, non-

1 governmental entities, and youth, particularly dis-
2 advantaged youth, including an evaluation of the ef-
3 fectiveness of those efforts.

4 “(5) GUIDANCE.—The Strategy shall contain
5 research-based guidance for assessing and improving
6 the quality of youth services that is responsive to
7 gaps identified in youth services.

8 “(6) YOUTH VIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES.—The
9 Strategy shall contain the views and perspectives of
10 youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with respect
11 to youth services as prepared by the National Youth
12 Advisory Board in consultation with State Youth
13 Advisory Boards and similar local organizations.

14 “(7) STRATEGIC PLAN.—The Strategy shall
15 contain a plan to achieve the goals and performance
16 measures set for the year with respect to which the
17 Strategy applies, including the following:

18 “(A) Program and budget priorities nec-
19 essary to achieve the performance measures.

20 “(B) Recommendations for improved Fed-
21 eral interagency coordination, such as shared
22 grant application processes, grantee reporting
23 requirements, training and technical assistance
24 efforts, definitions, recipient eligibility require-
25 ments, research, evaluation efforts, and data

1 collection, and recommendations for legislative
2 changes necessary to achieve such interagency
3 coordination and to facilitate the delivery of a
4 comprehensive array of youth services.

5 “(C) Recommendations for improved co-
6 ordination between the Federal Government
7 and State, local, and tribal governments, non-
8 governmental entities, and youth, particularly
9 disadvantaged youth.

10 “(D) A strategic research, innovation, and
11 demonstration agenda to guide the use of Fed-
12 eral research spending with respect to youth,
13 particularly disadvantaged youth.

14 “(8) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The Strategy
15 shall contain additional reports the Director deter-
16 mines necessary, such as reports on the social and
17 economic costs of youth’s unmet potential, inter-
18 national comparisons of youth services and out-
19 comes, or the status of the workforce providing
20 youth services and the extent to which such work-
21 force is strong, stable, and supported.

1 **“SEC. 806. COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS**
2 **AND AGENCIES.**

3 “(a) FEDERAL DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY CO-
4 OPERATION.—Each department or agency of the Federal
5 Government providing youth services shall—

6 “(1) cooperate with the efforts of the Director
7 under this title;

8 “(2) provide such assistance, statistics, studies,
9 reports, information, and advice as the Director may
10 request, to the extent permitted by law;

11 “(3) adjust department or agency staff job de-
12 scriptions and performance measures to support col-
13 laboration and implementation of the Strategy; and

14 “(4) assign department or agency liaisons to
15 the Office to oversee and implement interagency co-
16 ordination.

17 “(b) INTERAGENCY ALIGNMENT.—The Director, in
18 collaboration with the heads of Federal departments and
19 agencies providing youth services, shall strengthen the co-
20 ordination of Federal youth services in order to maximize
21 the access of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, to
22 youth services, strengthen the impact of youth services,
23 and meet the comprehensive needs of youth, particularly
24 disadvantaged youth, by, where appropriate—

25 “(1) facilitating the development of shared
26 grant application processes;

1 “(2) offering joint training and technical assist-
2 ance efforts;

3 “(3) improving opportunities for youth to main-
4 tain services as they transition from systems of care;

5 “(4) aligning—

6 “(A) grantee reporting requirements;

7 “(B) definitions;

8 “(C) eligibility requirements;

9 “(D) research;

10 “(E) evaluation efforts; and

11 “(F) data collection;

12 “(5) making recommendations with respect to
13 the legislative changes necessary to achieve the
14 interagency alignment and coordination necessary to
15 facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive array of
16 youth services; and

17 “(6) taking other steps necessary to improve
18 collaboration between Federal departments and
19 agencies providing youth services.

20 “(c) JOINT FUNDING AND COORDINATION.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in consulta-
22 tion with the heads of Federal departments and
23 agencies, may oversee the development and adminis-
24 tration of initiatives involving multiple Federal de-
25 partments and agencies, including initiatives that in-

1 involve the integration of funding from different Fed-
2 eral departments and agencies to the extent per-
3 mitted by law.

4 “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—With re-
5 spect to an initiative that involves the integration of
6 funding from different Federal departments and
7 agencies, the Federal department or agency prin-
8 cipally involved in such an initiative, as determined
9 by the Director, may be designated by the Director
10 to act for all involved departments or agencies in ad-
11 ministering funds for the initiative.

12 “(3) NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.—Initia-
13 tives developed under this subsection may involve
14 nongovernmental entities.

15 “(d) NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established
17 within the Office the National Youth Development
18 Council (hereinafter referred to in this title as the
19 ‘Council’).

20 “(2) MEMBERS AND TERMS.—The members of
21 the Council shall include—

22 “(A) the President;

23 “(B) the Director;

24 “(C) the Attorney General;

25 “(D) the Secretary of Agriculture;

1 “(E) the Secretary of Labor;

2 “(F) the Secretary of Health and Human
3 Services;

4 “(G) the Secretary of Housing and Urban
5 Development;

6 “(H) the Secretary of Education;

7 “(I) the Secretary of the Interior;

8 “(J) the Secretary of Commerce;

9 “(K) the Secretary of Defense;

10 “(L) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

11 “(M) the Secretary of State;

12 “(N) the Secretary of Transportation;

13 “(O) the Director of the Office of National
14 Drug Control Policy;

15 “(P) the Director of the Office of Manage-
16 ment and Budget;

17 “(Q) the Chief Executive Officer of the
18 Corporation for National and Community Serv-
19 ice;

20 “(R) the Assistant to the President for Do-
21 mestic Policy;

22 “(S) the Director of the USA Freedom
23 Corps;

24 “(T) the Director of the Office of Faith-
25 based and Community initiatives;

1 “(U) the Chairman of the National En-
2 dowment for the Arts;

3 “(V) the Chairman of the National Endow-
4 ment for the Humanities;

5 “(W) the Director of the Institute of Mu-
6 seum and Library Services;

7 “(X) the co-chairs of the National Youth
8 Advisory Board;

9 “(Y) other Federal officials as directed by
10 the President; and

11 “(Z) not fewer than seven individuals cho-
12 sen by the President, in consultation with the
13 Director, of whom not fewer than five shall be
14 from nongovernmental entities and not fewer
15 than two shall be from State Youth Services
16 Coordinating Entities.

17 “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the
18 Council shall be the President.

19 “(4) DESIGNEES.—Members of the Council
20 may select a designee to perform duties under this
21 subsection, but it is the sense of Congress that such
22 members should refrain from doing so whenever pos-
23 sible.

24 “(5) MEETINGS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The full membership
2 of the Council shall meet at the call of the
3 Chairperson, but at least once each year. The
4 Chairperson may call additional meetings com-
5 posed of less than the full membership of the
6 Council as needed.

7 “(B) FIRST MEETING.—The first meeting
8 of the Council shall be not more than four
9 months after the date of the enactment of this
10 title.

11 “(C) INCLUSION OF STATE YOUTH SERV-
12 ICES COORDINATING ENTITIES.—At least one
13 meeting of the Council each year shall be
14 opened to the participation of State Youth
15 Services Coordinating Entities.

16 “(D) INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH
17 ADVISORY BOARD.—At least one meeting of the
18 Council each year shall be opened to the partici-
19 pation of members of the National Youth Advi-
20 sory Board.

21 “(6) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council shall—

22 “(A) assist the Director to coordinate the
23 youth services provided by Federal departments
24 and agencies and to coordinate Federal inter-
25 agency youth services;

1 “(B) assist the Director in the develop-
2 ment, coordination, implementation, evaluation,
3 and promulgation of the Strategy;

4 “(C) assist the Director in soliciting and
5 documenting ongoing input and recommenda-
6 tions with respect to youth services and youth
7 outcomes, particularly disadvantaged youth out-
8 comes, from State, local, and tribal govern-
9 ments, nongovernmental entities, and youth,
10 particularly disadvantaged youth; and

11 “(D) ensure that members of the Council
12 oversee the implementation of those sections of
13 the Strategy for which each such member’s de-
14 partment or agency is responsible, as deter-
15 mined by the Director, and to report to the Di-
16 rector on such implementation and the results
17 thereof.

18 “(7) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL AND TRANS-
19 PORTATION EXPENSES.—

20 “(A) NO COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE ON
21 COUNCIL.—Each member of the Council who is
22 not an officer or employee of the United States
23 shall not receive pay by reason of the member’s
24 service on the Council, and shall not be consid-
25 ered an officer or employee of the United States

1 by reason of such service. Each member of the
2 Council who is an officer or employee of the
3 United States shall serve without compensation
4 in addition to that received for the member's
5 service as an officer or employee of the United
6 States.

7 “(B) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EX-
8 PENSES.—Each member of the Council may be
9 allowed travel or transportation expenses in ac-
10 cordance with section 5703 of title 5, United
11 States Code, while away from the member's
12 home or regular place of business in perform-
13 ance of services for the Council.

14 **“SEC. 807. NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD.**

15 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
16 the Office the National Youth Advisory Board (hereinafter
17 referred to in this title as the ‘Board’).

18 “(b) MEMBERS AND TERMS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
20 Board shall be composed of an even number of
21 youth, the minimum number of whom shall be 12.
22 Except as provided in paragraph (3), each member
23 shall serve a two-year term. No member shall serve
24 more than three terms.

1 “(2) SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE INITIAL
2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.—The Director shall
3 design an application and selection process to fill the
4 initial membership of the Board. Political affiliation
5 or views may not be taken into account in such ap-
6 plication and selection process and relatives of elect-
7 ed officials shall not be eligible for membership.
8 When making selections for membership, the Direc-
9 tor shall give priority to the following:

10 “(A) Individuals who are 14 to 24 years of
11 age with current or previous service in a State
12 or local entity with duties similar to the Board.

13 “(B) Disadvantaged youth.

14 “(C) Youth whose selection enables the
15 Board to reflect the diversity of the country.

16 “(3) SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF
17 THE BOARD FOLLOWING THE INITIAL MEMBER-
18 SHIP.—The initial membership of the Board shall
19 design an application and selection process to fill the
20 membership of the Board for those terms following
21 the term of the initial membership. Such application
22 and selection process shall ensure that Board mem-
23 bers select the membership that will follow that
24 Board membership’s term and, notwithstanding the
25 two-year term requirement in paragraph (1), such

1 application process shall ensure that not more than
2 half of the terms of Board members expire in a
3 given year.

4 “(4) CHAIRPERSON.—The initial membership of
5 the Board shall elect two members as co-chairs of
6 the Board. Co-chairs shall serve a term of one year
7 and the Board shall elect new co-chairs as vacancies
8 arise.

9 “(c) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet in person
10 not fewer than four times each year. The Director shall
11 request senior Federal Government officials to attend each
12 of the four meetings, including requesting that the Council
13 attend one of the four meetings. The co-chairs of the
14 Board may call additional meetings online and by tele-
15 phone as determined necessary by the co-chairs.

16 “(d) DUTIES.—The Board shall—

17 “(1) advise the President, the heads of Federal
18 departments and agencies providing youth services,
19 and other senior Federal Government officials on
20 proposed and pending legislation, budget expendi-
21 tures, and other policy matters with respect to
22 youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

23 “(2) work in partnership with State Youth Ad-
24 visory Boards and similar local organizations to so-

1 licit the views and perspectives of youth, particularly
2 disadvantaged youth, with respect to youth services;

3 “(3) prepare a section of the Strategy outlining
4 the views and perspectives of youth, particularly dis-
5 advantaged youth, with respect to youth services;
6 and

7 “(4) provide the Director evaluations of the
8 staff support and training and technical assistance
9 the Board has received.

10 “(e) PROCEDURES.—The membership of the Board
11 shall, in consultation with the Director, determine the pro-
12 cedures of the Board.

13 “(f) STAFF SUPPORT AND TRAINING AND TECH-
14 NICAL ASSISTANCE.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall make
16 available, directly or through the funding of eligible
17 organizations, the staff support and training and
18 technical assistance necessary for the Board to fulfill
19 the duties of the Board under this title.

20 “(2) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED.—
21 An eligible organization under this subsection is a
22 nonprofit organization that has demonstrated, as de-
23 termined by the Director, special expertise and
24 broad national experience in supporting State Youth
25 Advisory Boards and other similar organizations.

1 “(g) MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES.—Prior to the
 2 first meeting of the Board and biennially thereafter, the
 3 Speaker and the minority leader of the House of Rep-
 4 resentatives and the majority and minority leaders of the
 5 Senate shall each name one Member of Congress, from
 6 among those who have volunteered, to be available as a
 7 mentor for the Board and such Member of Congress shall
 8 be available to the Board as a mentor for a term of two
 9 years.

10 “(h) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.—
 11 Each member of the Board and, if the Director determines
 12 it is appropriate in consideration of the member’s age or
 13 other circumstances, a parent, legal guardian, or care
 14 giver of that member may be allowed travel or transpor-
 15 tation expenses in accordance with section 5703 of title
 16 5, United States Code, while away from the member’s
 17 home or regular place of business in performance of serv-
 18 ices for the Board.

19 **“SEC. 808. SUPPORT OF STATE YOUTH SERVICES COORDI-**
 20 **NATING ENTITIES AND STATE YOUTH ADVI-**
 21 **SORY BOARDS.**

22 “(a) GRANTS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
 24 of appropriations for such purposes, the Director
 25 shall make grants on a competitive basis to States

1 for the creation and support of State Youth Services
2 Coordinating Entities and State Youth Advisory
3 Boards.

4 “(2) APPLICATIONS.—Applications for grants
5 under this section shall be submitted at such time,
6 in such manner, and containing such information as
7 the Director requires, but an application shall in-
8 clude at least the following:

9 “(A) A description of the State’s existing
10 or proposed State Youth Services Coordinating
11 Entity and existing or proposed State Youth
12 Advisory Board, including a description of—

13 “(i) the leadership and staffing of
14 such State Youth Services Coordinating
15 Entity and such State Youth Advisory
16 Board;

17 “(ii) the extent to which the chief ex-
18 ecutive of the State and the heads of State
19 departments and agencies responsible for
20 youth services participate in such State
21 Youth Services Coordinating Entity and
22 such State Youth Advisory Board;

23 “(iii) the State decisionmaking au-
24 thority and other responsibilities assigned
25 to such State Youth Services Coordinating

1 Entity and such State Youth Advisory
2 Board; and

3 “(iv) the diversity of the members of
4 such State Youth Advisory Board and the
5 steps taken to ensure active participation
6 by disadvantaged youth.

7 “(B) A description of the State’s intent to
8 develop and implement a comprehensive plan to
9 improve outcomes for youth in the State, par-
10 ticularly disadvantaged youth, with contents
11 similar to those of the Strategy and what role
12 the existing or proposed State Youth Services
13 Coordinating Entity and the existing or pro-
14 posed State Youth Advisory Board will play in
15 that development and implementation.

16 “(3) GRANT PRIORITIES.—When making
17 grants, the Director shall give priority to States
18 based on demonstration of the following:

19 “(A) An existing State Youth Services Co-
20 ordinating Entity and an existing State Youth
21 Advisory Board.

22 “(B) The leadership of the chief executive
23 of the State and the heads of State depart-
24 ments and agencies responsible for providing
25 youth services in the existing or proposed State

1 Youth Services Coordinating Entity and the ex-
2 isting or proposed State Youth Advisory Board.

3 “(C) The inclusion of nongovernmental en-
4 tities in the work of the existing or proposed
5 State Youth Services Coordinating Entity and
6 the existing or proposed State Youth Advisory
7 Board.

8 “(D) The inclusion of youth, particularly
9 disadvantaged youth, in the work of the existing
10 or proposed State Youth Services Coordinating
11 Entity and the existing or proposed State
12 Youth Advisory Board.

13 “(E) Dedicated staff support for the exist-
14 ing or proposed State Youth Services Coordi-
15 nating Entity and the existing or proposed
16 State Youth Advisory Board.

17 “(F) The existing or proposed State Youth
18 Services Coordinating Entity and the existing
19 or proposed State Youth Advisory Board work
20 in partnership.

21 “(G) A plan to work with localities to sup-
22 port local youth services coordinating entities
23 and local youth advisory boards.

24 “(b) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
2 of appropriations for such purposes, the Director
3 shall make available, directly or through the funding
4 of eligible organizations, training and technical as-
5 sistance to States for the support of State Youth
6 Services Coordinating Entities and State Youth Ad-
7 visory Boards.

8 “(2) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED.—
9 An eligible organization under this subsection is a
10 nonprofit organization that has demonstrated, as de-
11 termined by the Director, special expertise and
12 broad national experience in supporting State Youth
13 Services Coordinating Entities or State Youth Advi-
14 sory Boards.

15 “(3) USE OF FUNDS BY AN ELIGIBLE ORGANI-
16 ZATION.—An eligible organization receiving funding
17 under this subsection shall—

18 “(A) develop and provide to States meth-
19 ods for fostering innovation in the coordination
20 of youth services in such States;

21 “(B) develop and provide to States meth-
22 ods to ensure the inclusion of the views and
23 perspectives of youth, particularly disadvan-
24 taged youth, in the making of policy;

1 “(C) facilitate opportunities for existing
2 State Youth Services Coordinating Entities and
3 State Youth Advisory Boards to share prom-
4 ising practices with other State Youth Services
5 Coordinating Entities and State Youth Advisory
6 Boards and with States wishing to establish
7 State Youth Services Coordinating Entities and
8 State Youth Advisory Boards through tech-
9 nology, conferences, meetings, and State-to-
10 State mentoring initiatives;

11 “(D) develop and provide to States meth-
12 ods for developing a comprehensive plan to im-
13 prove outcomes for youth in the State, particu-
14 larly disadvantaged youth, with contents similar
15 to those of the Strategy; or

16 “(E) provide other training and technical
17 assistance required by the Director.

18 “(4) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EX-
19 PENSES.—Members and leadership of State Youth
20 Services Coordinating Entities and State Youth Ad-
21 visory Boards may be allowed travel or transpor-
22 tation expenses in accordance with section 5703 of
23 title 5, United States Code, while away from the
24 members or leadership’s home or regular place of

1 business for the provision or receipt of training and
2 technical assistance.

3 **“SEC. 809. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out this title \$50,000,000 for each of fis-
6 cal years 2009 through 2013, to remain available until ex-
7 pended.

8 “(b) DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
9 amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) for a fis-
10 cal year—

11 “(1) not more than \$10,000,000 is authorized
12 to be appropriated to carry out this title other than
13 section 808; and

14 “(2) not more than \$1,000,000 is authorized to
15 be appropriated to carry out training and technical
16 assistance under section 808.

17 “(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that in no case should less than 10 percent of the
19 total amounts appropriated to carry out this title for a
20 fiscal year be appropriated to carry out the grant program
21 under section 808.”.

22 **SEC. 3. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

23 The item relating to title VIII, including the subitems
24 relating to the sections of such title, in the table of con-

1 tents in section 1(b) of the Older Americans Act Amend-
2 ments of 2006 is amended to read as follows:

“TITLE VIII—WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL YOUTH
POLICY

“Sec. 801. Short title.

“Sec. 802. Definitions.

“Sec. 803. White House Office of National Youth Policy.

“Sec. 804. Appointment and duties of the Director.

“Sec. 805. National Youth Strategy.

“Sec. 806. Coordination with Federal departments and agencies.

“Sec. 807. National Youth Advisory Board.

“Sec. 808. Support of State Youth Services Coordinating Entities and State
Youth Advisory Boards.

“Sec. 809. Authorization of appropriations.”.

