

***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*June 13, 2018.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1091) entitled “An Act to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENTS:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       *This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Grand-*  
3 *parents Raising Grandchildren Act”.*

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       *Congress finds the following:*

6           *(1) More than 2,500,000 grandparents in the*  
7 *United States are the primary caretaker of their*  
8 *grandchildren, and experts report that such numbers*  
9 *are increasing as the opioid epidemic expands.*

10          *(2) Between 2009 and 2016, the incidence of pa-*  
11 *rental alcohol or other drug use as a contributing fac-*  
12 *tor for children’s out-of-home placement rose from*  
13 *25.4 to 37.4 percent.*

14          *(3) When children cannot remain safely with*  
15 *their parents, placement with relatives is preferred*

1       *over placement in foster care with nonrelatives be-*  
2       *cause placement with relatives provides stability for*  
3       *children and helps them maintain family connections.*

17                   (7) *Grandparents would benefit from better co-*  
18                   *ordination and dissemination of information and re-*  
19                   *sources available to support them in their caregiving*  
20                   *responsibilities.*

21 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT GRANDPARENTS**  
22 ***RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.***

23 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an Advisory  
24 Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grand-  
25 children.*

1       (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—2               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Advisory Council shall be*  
3       *composed of the following members, or their designee:*4               (A) *The Secretary of Health and Human*  
5       *Services.*6               (B) *The Secretary of Education.*7               (C) *The Administrator of the Administra-*  
8       *tion for Community Living.*9               (D) *The Director of the Centers for Disease*  
10       *Control and Prevention.*11               (E) *The Assistant Secretary for Mental*  
12       *Health and Substance Use.*13               (F) *The Assistant Secretary for the Admin-*  
14       *istration for Children and Families.*15               (G) *A grandparent raising a grandchild.*16               (H) *An older relative caregiver of children.*17               (I) *As appropriate, the head of other Fed-*  
18       *eral departments, or agencies, identified by the*  
19       *Secretary of Health and Human Services as hav-*  
20       *ing responsibilities, or administering programs,*  
21       *relating to current issues affecting grandparents*  
22       *or other older relatives raising children.*23               (2) *LEAD AGENCY.*—*The Department of Health*  
24       *and Human Services shall be the lead agency for the*  
25       *Advisory Council.*

1                   (c) *DUTIES.*—

## 2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—

11 (ii) maintain their own physical and  
12 mental health and emotional well-being.

21 (2) REPORT.—

25 (i) the appropriate committees;

4 (iii) the public online in an accessible  
5 format.

15 (ii) an identification of any gaps in  
16 items under clause (i); and

#### 6 (4) PUBLIC INPUT.—

(B) *NATURE OF OUTREACH*.—Such outreach shall ask individuals to provide input on—

22 (i) information, resources, and best  
23 practices available, including identification  
24 of any gaps and unmet needs; and

8        (d) *FACA*.—The Advisory Council shall be exempt  
9 from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee  
10 Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

11 (e) *FUNDING.*—No additional funds are authorized to  
12 be appropriated to carry out this Act.

13           (f) SUNSET.—The Advisory Council shall terminate on  
14 the date that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this  
15 Act.

## 16 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

17 *In this Act:*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to establish a Federal Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.”.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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2D SESSION **S. 1091**

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