

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:

I	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:

- (1) More than 2,500,000 grandparents in the
 United States are the primary caretaker of their
 grandchildren, and experts report that such numbers
 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

- over placement in foster care with nonrelatives because placement with relatives provides stability for children and helps them maintain family connections.
 - (4) The number of foster children placed with a grandparent or other relative increased from 24 percent in 2006 to 32 percent in 2016, according to data from the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - (5) Grandparents' lives are enhanced by caring for their grandchildren; the overwhelming majority of grandparents report experiencing significant benefits in serving as their grandchildren's primary caregivers.
 - (6) Providing full-time care to their grandchildren may decrease grandparents' ability to address their own physical and mental health needs and personal well-being.
 - (7) Grandparents would benefit from better coordination and dissemination of information and resources available to support them in their caregiving responsibilities.

21 SEC. 3. ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT GRANDPARENTS

- 22 RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.
- (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an Advi sory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grand children.

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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.—
3	(A) Information.—The Advisory Council
4	shall identify, promote, coordinate, and dissemi-
5	nate to the public information, resources, and the
6	best practices available to help grandparents and
7	other older relatives—
8	(i) meet the health, educational, nutri-
9	tional, and other needs of the children in
10	their care; and
11	(ii) maintain their own physical and
12	mental health and emotional well-being.
13	(B) Opioids.—In carrying out the duties
14	described in subparagraph (A), the Advisory
15	Council shall consider the needs of those affected
16	by the opioid crisis.
17	(C) Native americans.—In carrying out
18	the duties described in subparagraph (A), the
19	Advisory Council shall consider the needs of
20	members of Native American tribes.
21	(2) Report.—
22	(A) In general.—Not later than 180 days
23	after the date of enactment of this Act, the Advi-
24	sory Council shall submit a report to—
25	(i) the appropriate committees:

1	(ii) the State agencies that are respon-
2	sible for carrying out family caregiver pro-
3	grams; and
4	(iii) the public online in an accessible
5	format.
6	(B) Report format.—The report shall in-
7	clude—
8	(i) best practices, resources, and other
9	useful information for grandparents and
10	other older relatives raising children identi-
11	fied under paragraph $(1)(A)$ including, if
12	applicable, any information related to the
13	needs of children who have been impacted
14	by the opioid epidemic;
15	(ii) an identification of any gaps in
16	items under clause (i); and
17	(iii) where applicable, identification of
18	any additional Federal legislative authority
19	necessary to implement the activities de-
20	scribed in clause (i) and (ii).
21	(3) Follow-up report.—Not later than 2 years
22	after the date on which the report required under
23	paragraph (2)(A) is submitted, the Advisory Council
24	shall submit a follow-up report that includes the in-
25	formation identified in paragraph (2)(B) to—

1	(A) the appropriate committees;
2	(B) the State agencies that are responsible
3	for carrying out family caregiver programs; and
4	(C) the public online in an accessible for-
5	mat.
6	(4) Public input.—
7	(A) In General.—The Advisory Council
8	shall establish a process for public input to in-
9	form the development of, and provide updates to,
10	the best practices, resources, and other informa-
11	tion described in paragraph (1) that shall in-
12	clude—
13	(i) outreach to States, local entities,
14	and organizations that provide information
15	to, or support for, grandparents or other
16	older relatives raising children; and
17	(ii) outreach to grandparents and other
18	older relatives with experience raising chil-
19	dren.
20	(B) Nature of outreach.—Such outreach
21	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

1	(ii) recommendations that would help
2	grandparents and other older relatives bet-
3	ter meet the health, educational, nutritional,
4	and other needs of the children in their
5	care, as well as maintain their own phys-
6	ical and mental health and emotional well-
7	being.
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:
18	(1) Advisory council.—In this Act, the term
19	"Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council to
20	Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren that is
21	established under section 3.
22	(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—In this Act, the
23	term "appropriate committees" means the following:
24	(A) The Special Committee on Aging of the
25	Senate.

1	(B) The Committee on Health, Education,
2	Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.
3	(C) The Committee on Education and the
4	Workforce of the House of Representatives.
5	(D) The Committee on Energy and Com-
6	merce of the House of Representatives.

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

Attest:

Clerk.

115TH CONGRESS S. 1091 AMENDMENTS