

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1091

AN ACT

To establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents
Raising Grandchildren.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT GRAND-**
5 **PARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.**

6 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a Fed-
7 eral Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grand-
8 children (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

9 (b) **OLDER RELATIVE CAREGIVER.**—In this section,
10 the term “older relative caregiver” has the meaning given
11 the term under section 372(a)(3) of the National Family
12 Caregiver Support (42 U.S.C. 3030s(a)(3)).

13 (c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Task Force shall be
15 composed of the following members, or their des-
16 ignee:

17 (A) The Secretary of Health and Human
18 Services.

19 (B) The Attorney General.

20 (C) The Administrator of the Administra-
21 tion for Community Living.

22 (D) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
23 ease Control and Prevention.

24 (E) The Assistant Secretary for Mental
25 Health and Substance Use.

1 (F) The Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
2 ministration for Children and Families.

3 (G) The Director of the Indian Health
4 Service.

5 (H) The Administrator of the Centers for
6 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

7 (I) The head of each Federal department,
8 agency, or other governmental entity identified
9 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
10 as having responsibilities, or administering pro-
11 grams, relating to the current health, edu-
12 cational, nutritional, and other needs and cur-
13 rent issues affecting older relative caregivers,
14 including grandparents, raising children in their
15 care.

16 (J) A grandparent raising a grandchild or
17 grandchildren as well as another older relative
18 caregiver of children.

19 (2) LEAD AGENCY.—The Department of Health
20 and Human Services shall be the lead agency for the
21 Task Force.

22 (d) DUTIES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—

24 (A) INFORMATION.—The Task Force shall
25 identify, coordinate, and disseminate informa-

tion publicly about Federal information, resources, and best practices available, on the date of the determination, to help older relative caregivers, including grandparents, raising children in their care, including those raising children in their care as a result of the opioid crisis, meet the health, educational, nutritional, and other needs of the children in their care as well as maintain their own physical and mental health and emotional well-being.

(B) NATIVE AMERICANS.—In carrying out the duties described in subparagraph (A), the Task Force shall ensure that the needs of Native Americans (as defined in section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002)) are considered.

(2) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit a report to the Special Committee on Aging, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Commerce,

1 and the Committee on Ways and Means of the
2 House of Representatives that includes—

3 (i) best practices, resources, and other
4 useful information for older relative care-
5 givers, including grandparents, raising chil-
6 dren in their care; and

7 (ii) an identification of the gaps in
8 needs of older relative caregivers, including
9 grandparents, raising children in their
10 care.

11 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 4
12 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
13 the Task Force shall submit a final report to
14 the Special Committee on Aging, the Committee
15 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
16 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
17 and the Committee on Education and the
18 Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Com-
19 merce, and the Committee on Ways and Means
20 of the House of Representatives that includes
21 the final findings of the Task Force, rec-
22 ommendations for future actions to address
23 issues faced by older relative caregivers, includ-
24 ing grandparents, raising children in their care,
25 and any other useful information.

1 (3) PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INPUT.—The Task
2 Force shall establish a process for public input to in-
3 form the identification of, and updates to, the best
4 practices, resources, and other useful information
5 and the gaps in needs described in paragraph (2),
6 including a process for the public to submit rec-
7 ommendations to the Task Force and an opportunity
8 for public comment.

9 (e) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
10 date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this
11 Act.

12 (f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal Ad-
13 visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to
14 the Task Force.

15 (g) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
16 to be appropriated to carry out this section. The Task
17 Force shall be carried out with funds otherwise appro-
18 priated.

Passed the Senate March 22, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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