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# S. 2317

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 Advisory Com-  
5 mittee Database Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

7 Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
8 ed—

(1) in section 1006—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “The Administrator”  
and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
lowing:

“(2) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee Man-  
agement Secretariat established and maintained  
under paragraph (1) shall continually collect  
from the head of each agency such information  
as is necessary for the Administrator to carry  
out the responsibilities of the Administrator  
under this section, which shall include, at a  
minimum, the following with respect to each ad-  
visory committee within the jurisdiction of that  
agency:

“(i) The name of the advisory com-  
mittee.

“(ii) The authority under which the  
advisory committee is established.

“(iii) A copy of the charter of the ad-  
visory committee.

1 “(iv) The interest areas of the advi-  
2 sory committee.

3 “(v) The means by which the advisory  
4 committee complies with the requirements  
5 of section 1004(b)(2) (commonly referred  
6 to as a ‘Membership Balance Plan’).

7 “(vi) The current (as of the date on  
8 which the information is collected) mem-  
9 bership of the advisory committee, which  
10 shall include, at a minimum, the following  
11 with respect to each member of the advi-  
12 sory committee:

13 “(I) The name of the member.

14 “(II) The ethics designation of  
15 the member, such as whether the  
16 member is an employee, a special Gov-  
17 ernment employee (as defined in sec-  
18 tion 202 of title 18), or a representa-  
19 tive member.

20 “(III) The entity or individual  
21 who appointed the member to the ad-  
22 visory committee, which shall include  
23 an identification of the authority for  
24 that appointment.

1                   “(IV) The term of the appoint-  
2                   ment of the member to the advisory  
3                   committee, as appropriate.

4                   “(vii) The Advisory Committee Man-  
5                   agement Officer designated under section  
6                   1007(b) with respect to the advisory com-  
7                   mittee.

8                   “(viii) The officer or employee des-  
9                   ignated under section 1009(e) with respect  
10                  to the advisory committee.

11                  “(ix) The termination date of the ad-  
12                  visory committee, if applicable.

13                  “(x) With respect to a particular fis-  
14                  cal year, the total operational and staff  
15                  costs of the advisory committee for that  
16                  fiscal year, and with respect to the forth-  
17                  coming fiscal year, the estimated total  
18                  operational and staff costs of the advisory  
19                  committee for that forthcoming fiscal year.

20                  “(xi) The frequency with which the  
21                  advisory committee (excluding any sub-  
22                  committee or other subgroup of the advi-  
23                  sory committee) has met and the dates on  
24                  which those meetings have taken place.

1 “(xii) A summary of the business con-  
2 ducted at each meeting of the advisory  
3 committee.

4 “(xiii) The recommendations issued by  
5 the advisory committee, which shall in-  
6 clude—

7 “(I) the number of those rec-  
8 ommendations; and

9 “(II) if feasible, information re-  
10 garding whether those recommenda-  
11 tions were partially or fully imple-  
12 mented.

13 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The Committee  
14 Management Secretariat established and main-  
15 tained under paragraph (1) shall, with respect  
16 to the information collected under subpara-  
17 graph (A) of this paragraph—

18 “(i) annually publish that information  
19 on a public website of the General Services  
20 Administration, which shall allow for that  
21 information to be downloaded in a format  
22 that is machine-readable, as defined in sec-  
23 tion 3502 of title 44; and

24 “(ii) on the website described in  
25 clause (i) of this subparagraph, maintain

access to that information from previous years, as applicable with respect to relevant records schedules.”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “, in consultation with the head of each agency,” after “the Administrator”;

(II) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) whether the committee, for the period covered by the review, complied with the requirements of subsection (a)(2);” and

(ii) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) BIENNIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Administrator shall biennially submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of

the 2 most recent reviews conducted under this sub-  
 section, which shall include recommendations to the  
 President and to either the agency head or Congress  
 with respect to action the Administrator believes  
 should be taken.”; and

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in the first sentence—

(I) by striking “administrative  
 guidelines and management controls”  
 and inserting “regulations, adminis-  
 trative guidelines, and management  
 controls”; and

(II) by inserting after “their per-  
 formance” the following: “, which  
 shall include guidance regarding how  
 the agency and the advisory commit-  
 tees of the agency should prepare the  
 information that is required to be sub-  
 mitted under subsection (a)(2) to en-  
 sure standardization and consistency  
 in the reporting of that information”;  
 and

(ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 lowing: “The Administrator may update  
 the regulations, administrative guidelines,

1 and management controls prescribed under  
2 this subsection, as determined necessary by  
3 the Administrator.”; and

4 (2) in section 1007—

5 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(a) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND MANAGE-  
8 MENT CONTROLS.—Each agency head shall—

9 “(1) establish uniform administrative guidelines  
10 and management controls for advisory committees  
11 established by that agency, which shall be consistent  
12 with directives of the Administrator under sections  
13 1006 and 1009 of this title;

14 “(2) maintain systematic information on the  
15 nature, functions, and operations of each advisory  
16 committee established by that agency;

17 “(3) ensure timely and accurate reporting to  
18 the Administrator regarding the activities of each  
19 advisory committee established by that agency, in-  
20 cluding with respect to the information required to  
21 be submitted under section 1006(a)(2);

22 “(4) in coordination with each officer or em-  
23 ployee of the Federal Government designated under  
24 section 1009(e), establish relevant and appropriate



performance measures and outcomes for each advisory committee established by that agency; and

“(5) ensure that each advisory committee established by that agency, and the staff of each such advisory committee (including each officer or employee of the Federal Government designated under section 1009(e)), complies with the requirements of this chapter and the rules, orders, and regulations promulgated under this chapter.”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by inserting “recommendations,” after “records,”; and

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by striking “such reports, records, and other papers” and inserting “the reports, records, recommendations, and other papers described in paragraph (2)”;

(II) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(4) serve as the primary liaison between the  
2           agency and the Administrator.”.

3 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

4           No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
5           priated for the purpose of carrying out this Act or the  
6           amendments made by this Act.

