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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment
of a National Center for Social Work Research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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the establishment of a National Center for Social Work
Research.


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 “National Center for
5 Social Work Research Act”.

6 **SEC. 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CENTER FOR SO-**
7 **CIAL WORK RESEARCH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(b)(2) of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281(b)(2)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:



1 “(F) The National Center for Social Work Re-
2 search.”.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Part E of title IV of the Pub-
4 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 287 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “Subpart 5—National Center for Social Work Research

7 **“SEC. 485G. PURPOSE OF CENTER.**

8 “‘The general purpose of the National Center for So-
9 cial Work Research (referred to in this subpart as the
10 ‘Center’) is the conduct and support of, and dissemination
11 of information with respect to basic, clinical, and services
12 social work research, training, and other programs in pa-
13 tient care, including child and family care.

14 **“SEC. 485H. SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the purpose de-
16 scribed in section 485G, the Director of the Center may
17 provide research training and instruction and establish, in
18 the Center and in other nonprofit institutions, research
19 traineeships and fellowships in the study and investigation
20 of the prevention of disease, health promotion, and the so-
21 cial work care of persons with and families of individuals
22 with acute and chronic illnesses, including child abuse and
23 neglect and child and family care.

24 “(b) STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES.—The Director of
25 the Center may provide individuals receiving training and

1 instruction or traineeships or fellowships under subsection
 2 (a) with such stipends and allowances (including amounts
 3 for travel and subsistence and dependency allowances) as
 4 the Director determines necessary.

5 “(c) GRANTS.—The Director of the Center may make
 6 grants to nonprofit institutions to provide training and in-
 7 struction and traineeships and fellowships under sub-
 8 section (a).

9 **“SEC. 485I. ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

10 “(a) DUTIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 12 lish an advisory council for the Center that shall ad-
 13 vise, assist, consult with, and make recommenda-
 14 tions to the Secretary and the Director of the Center
 15 on matters related to the activities carried out by
 16 and through the Center and the policies with respect
 17 to such activities.

18 “(2) GIFTS.—The advisory council for the Cen-
 19 ter may recommend to the Secretary the acceptance,
 20 in accordance with section 231, of conditional gifts
 21 for study, investigations, and research and for the
 22 acquisition of grounds or construction, equipment, or
 23 maintenance of facilities for the Center.

24 “(3) OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.—The
 25 advisory council for the Center—

1 “(A)(i) may make recommendations to the
2 Director of the Center with respect to research
3 to be conducted by the Center;

4 “(ii) may review applications for grants
5 and cooperative agreements for research or
6 training and recommend for approval applica-
7 tions for projects that demonstrate the prob-
8 ability of making valuable contributions to
9 human knowledge; and

10 “(iii) may review any grant, contract, or
11 cooperative agreement proposed to be made or
12 entered into by the Center;

13 “(B) may collect, by correspondence or by
14 personal investigation, information relating to
15 studies that are being carried out in the United
16 States or any other country as to the diseases,
17 disorders, or other aspects of human health
18 with respect to which the Center is concerned
19 and, with the approval of the Director of the
20 Center, make such information available
21 through appropriate publications for the benefit
22 of public and private health entities and health
23 professions personnel and scientists and for the
24 information of the general public; and

1 “(C) may appoint subcommittees and con-
2 vene workshops and conferences.

3 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The advisory council shall
5 be composed of the ex officio members described in
6 paragraph (2) and not more than 18 individuals to
7 be appointed by the Secretary under paragraph (3).

8 “(2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The ex officio
9 members of the advisory council shall include—

10 “(A) the Secretary, the Director of NIH,
11 the Director of the Center, the Chief Social
12 Work Officer of the Veterans’ Administration,
13 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health
14 Affairs, the Associate Director of Prevention
15 Research at the National Institute of Mental
16 Health, and the Director of the Division of Epi-
17 demiology and Services Research (or the des-
18 ignees of such officers); and

19 “(B) such additional officers or employees
20 of the United States as the Secretary deter-
21 mines necessary for the advisory council to ef-
22 fectively carry out its functions.

23 “(3) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—The Secretary
24 shall appoint not to exceed 18 individuals to the ad-
25 visory council, of which—

1 “(A) not more than two-thirds of such in-
2 dividual shall be appointed from among the
3 leading representatives of the health and sci-
4 entific disciplines (including public health and
5 the behavioral or social sciences) relevant to the
6 activities of the Center, and at least 7 such in-
7 dividuals shall be professional social workers
8 who are recognized experts in the area of clini-
9 cal practice, education, or research; and

10 “(B) not more than one-third of such indi-
11 viduals shall be appointed from the general
12 public and shall include leaders in fields of pub-
13 lic policy, law, health policy, economics, and
14 management.

15 The Secretary shall make appointments to the advi-
16 sory council in such a manner as to ensure that the
17 terms of the members do not all expire in the same
18 year.

19 “(4) COMPENSATION.—Members of the advi-
20 sory council who are officers or employees of the
21 United States shall not receive any compensation for
22 service on the advisory council. The remaining mem-
23 bers shall receive, for each day (including travel
24 time) they are engaged in the performance of the
25 functions of the advisory council, compensation at

1 rates not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual
2 rate in effect for an individual at grade GS-18 of
3 the General Schedule.

4 “(c) TERMS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term of office of an in-
6 dividual appointed to the advisory council under sub-
7 section (b)(3) shall be 4 years, except that any indi-
8 vidual appointed to fill a vacancy on the advisory
9 council shall serve for the remainder of the unex-
10 pired term. A member may serve after the expiration
11 of the member’s term until a successor has been ap-
12 pointed.

13 “(2) REAPPOINTMENTS.—A member of the ad-
14 visory council who has been appointed under sub-
15 section (b)(3) for a term of 4 years may not be re-
16 appointed to the advisory council prior to the expira-
17 tion of the 2-year period beginning on the date on
18 which the prior term expired.

19 “(3) VACANCY.—If a vacancy occurs on the ad-
20 visory council among the members under subsection
21 (b)(3), the Secretary shall make an appointment to
22 fill that vacancy not later than 90 days after the
23 date on which the vacancy occurs.

24 “(d) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the advi-
25 sory council shall be selected by the Secretary from among

1 the members appointed under subsection (b)(3), except
2 that the Secretary may select the Director of the Center
3 to be the chairperson of the advisory council. The term
4 of office of the chairperson shall be 2 years.

5 “(e) MEETINGS.—The advisory council shall meet at
6 the call of the chairperson or upon the request of the Di-
7 rector of the Center, but not less than 3 times each fiscal
8 year. The location of the meetings of the advisory council
9 shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Cen-
10 ter.

11 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The Director of
12 the Center shall designate a member of the staff of the
13 Center to serve as the executive secretary of the advisory
14 council. The Director of the Center shall make available
15 to the advisory council such staff, information, and other
16 assistance as the council may require to carry out its func-
17 tions. The Director of the Center shall provide orientation
18 and training for new members of the advisory council to
19 provide such members with such information and training
20 as may be appropriate for their effective participation in
21 the functions of the advisory council.

22 “(g) COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—The ad-
23 visory council may prepare, for inclusion in the biennial
24 report under section 485J—

1 “(1) comments with respect to the activities of
 2 the advisory council in the fiscal years for which the
 3 report is prepared;

4 “(2) comments on the progress of the Center in
 5 meeting its objectives; and

6 “(3) recommendations with respect to the fu-
 7 ture direction and program and policy emphasis of
 8 the center.

9 The advisory council may prepare such additional reports
 10 as it may determine appropriate.

11 **“SEC. 485J. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

12 “The Director of the Center, after consultation with
 13 the advisory council for the Center, shall prepare for inclu-
 14 sion in the biennial report under section 403, a biennial
 15 report that shall consist of a description of the activities
 16 of the Center and program policies of the Director of the
 17 Center in the fiscal years for which the report is prepared.

18 The Director of the Center may prepare such additional
 19 reports as the Director determines appropriate. The Di-
 20 rector of the Center shall provide the advisory council of
 21 the Center an opportunity for the submission of the writ-
 22 ten comments described in section 485I(g).”.

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