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S. 4502

To reauthorize the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for an additional 4 years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2022

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To reauthorize the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for an additional 4 years, and for other purposes.

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 “Supporting the Well-
5 Being and Mental Health of Grandfamilies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT**
 2 **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.**

3 (a) MEMBERSHIP.—Section 3(b) of the Supporting
 4 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act (Public Law
 5 115–196) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)
 8 through (I) as subparagraphs (H) through (J),
 9 respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
 11 the following:

12 “(G) The Surgeon General.”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(3) LIMITATION ON NON-FEDERAL MEM-
 15 BERS.—The number of non-Federal members serv-
 16 ing on the Advisory Council shall not exceed 10
 17 members.”.

18 (b) DUTIES.—Section 3(c) of the Supporting Grand-
 19 parents Raising Grandchildren Act (Public Law 115–196)
 20 is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (i) in clause (i), by striking “; and”
 24 and inserting a semicolon;

25 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
 26 riod and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(iii) address the long-term impact of
 4 potential trauma (such as the loss of a
 5 family member, drug misuse, or abandon-
 6 ment).”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
 9 striking “OPIOIDS” and inserting “CON-
 10 siderations”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “or the COVID–19
 12 pandemic” after “by the opioid crisis”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “date of
 14 enactment of this Act” and inserting “date of enact-
 15 ment of the Supporting the Well-Being and Mental
 16 Health of Grandfamilies Act”; and

17 (3) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 19 “REPORT” and inserting “REPORTS”;

20 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting
 21 “180 days”; and

22 (C) by inserting “and every 2 years there-
 23 after until the Advisory Council terminates
 24 under subsection (f),” after “submitted,”.

- 1 (c) SUNSET.—Section 3(f) of the Supporting Grand-
2 parents Raising Grandchildren Act (Public Law 115–196)
3 is amended by striking “4” and inserting “8”.

