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To establish the Office of Executive Councils, and for other purposes.

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Mr. TIMMONS (for himself and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

To establish the Office of Executive Councils, 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 “Governmentwide Exec-
5 utive Councils Reform Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of General Serv-
10 ices.

1 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
2 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
3 et.

4 (3) COVERED GOVERNMENTWIDE EXECUTIVE
5 COUNCIL.—The term “covered governmentwide execu-
6 tive council” means each of the following:

7 (A) The Chief Acquisition Officers Council,
8 established under section 1311 of title 41,
9 United States Code.

10 (B) The Chief Data Officer Council, estab-
11 lished under section 3520A of title 44, United
12 States Code.

13 (C) The Chief Financial Officers Council,
14 established under section 302 of the Chief Fi-
15 nancial Officers Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. 901
16 note; Public Law 101–576).

17 (D) The Chief Human Capital Officers
18 Council, established under section 1303 of the
19 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (5 U.S.C. 1401
20 note; Public Law 107–296).

21 (E) The Chief Information Officers Coun-
22 cil, established under section 3603 of title
23 44, United States Code.

1 (F) The Performance Improvement Coun-
2 cil, established under section 1124 of title 31,
3 United States Code.

4 **SEC. 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COVERED GOVERNMENT-**
5 **WIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**

6 In addition to any other authority provided to any
7 covered governmentwide executive council, each such coun-
8 cil shall do the following:

9 (1) Maintain a publicly accessible website that
10 includes information relating to the mission, pur-
11 pose, priorities, and membership of such council.

12 (2) Not later than 1 year after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act, develop and publish on the
14 website described in paragraph (1) a charter out-
15 lining the roles of members, responsibilities, proce-
16 dures, and other relevant information concerning
17 such council that shall be updated not less fre-
18 quently than once each year.

19 (3) Not later than 1 year after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act, develop and publish a stra-
21 tegic plan that identifies the goals, priorities, and
22 expectations of such council that shall be updated
23 not less frequently than once every 2 years.

24 (4) Provide legislative, policy, technical anal-
25 ysis, or shared services recommendations to the Di-

1 rector, the Administrator, or Congress upon request
2 and as related to the specific area of expertise of
3 such council.

4 (5) Serve as a primary advisory body to the Di-
5 rector on the development and execution of the Fed-
6 eral Government performance plan under section
7 1115(a) of title 31, United States Code, and the
8 Federal Government priority goals under section
9 1120(a) of title 31, United States Code related to
10 the specific area of the expertise of such council.

11 **SEC. 4. GSA OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
13 General Services Administration the Office of Executive
14 Councils.

15 (b) DUTIES.—The Office of Executive Councils shall
16 do the following:

17 (1) In consultation with the Director, provide
18 administrative and project management support to
19 each covered governmentwide executive council.

20 (2) Detail employees of the General Services
21 Administration to any such council, as needed, to
22 support the operations and functions of such council.

23 (3) Submit any report, provide any information,
24 or respond to any request required by Congress.

1 (c) FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE.—The Office of
 2 Executive Councils shall be headed by an employee of Gen-
 3 eral Services Administration who shall—

4 (1) be designated by the Deputy Director for
 5 Management of the Office of Management and
 6 Budget, in consultation with the Administrator;

7 (2) carry out additional duties and functions
 8 the Director and Administrator jointly request; and

9 (3) facilitate collecting policy and technical
 10 viewpoints from each covered governmentwide execu-
 11 tive council and the members of each such council
 12 as may be requested by Congress.

13 (d) PROHIBITION.—The Office of Executive Councils
 14 may not provide any administrative or project manage-
 15 ment services to a covered governmentwide executive coun-
 16 cil that is not authorized by an Act of Congress.

17 (e) SUNSET.—The Office of Executive Councils shall
 18 terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of
 19 the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. HARMONIZING GOVERNMENTWIDE EXECUTIVE**
 21 **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ROLES.**

22 (a) CHIEF ACQUISITION OFFICERS COUNCIL.—Sec-
 23 tion 1311 of title 41, United States Code, is amended in
 24 subsection (c)—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Deputy Di-
2 rector for Management of the Office of Management
3 and Budget” and inserting “Administrator”;

4 (2) by striking paragraph (3); and

5 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
6 graph (3).

7 (b) CHIEF DATA OFFICER COUNCIL AND CHIEF IN-
8 FORMATION OFFICERS COUNCIL.—Title 44, United States
9 Code, is amended—

10 (1) in section 3520A—

11 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Office
12 of Management and Budget” and inserting “ex-
13 ecutive branch”;

14 (B) in subsection (c)—

15 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
16 and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5); and

17 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (2)
18 the following:

19 “(3) VICE CHAIR.—The Administrator of the
20 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs shall
21 serve as the Vice Chair of the Council.”;

22 (C) by redesignating subsections (d) and
23 (e) as subsections (e) and (f);

24 (D) by inserting after subsection (c) the
25 following:

1 “(d) SUPPORT.—The Administrator of General Serv-
 2 ices shall provide administrative support for the Council.”;
 3 and

4 (E) in subsection (f)(2), as so redesign-
 5 nated, by striking “upon the expiration of the
 6 2-year period that begins on the date the
 7 Comptroller General submits the report under
 8 paragraph (1) to Congress” and inserting “De-
 9 cember 31, 2031”; and
 10 (2) in section 3603—

11 (A) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) by striking paragraphs (1);

13 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
 14 through (7) as paragraphs (1) through (6),
 15 respectively; and

16 (iii) in paragraph (1), as so redesign-
 17 nated, by inserting before the period at the
 18 end “, who shall serve as Chair of the
 19 Council”; and

20 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “on
 21 behalf of the Deputy Director for Manage-
 22 ment”.

23 (c) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COUNCIL.—Section
 24 302 of the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (31
 25 U.S.C. 901 note; Public Law 101–576) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),
4 and (4) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respec-
5 tively;

6 (C) in paragraph (1), as so redesignated,
7 by inserting “, who shall serve as chair of the
8 Council” after “Management and Budget”; and

9 (D) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
10 by inserting “, who shall serve as vice chair of
11 the Council” after “Secretary of Treasury”;
12 and

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

14 “(c) SUPPORT.—The Administrator of General Serv-
15 ices shall provide administrative support for the Council.”.

16 (d) CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS COUNCIL.—
17 Section 1303 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (5
18 U.S.C. 1401 note) is amended by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(e) SUPPORT.—The Administrator of General Serv-
21 ices shall provide administrative support for the Council.”.

22 (e) PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL.—Sec-
23 tion 1124(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by amending subpara-
25 graph (A) to read as follows:

1 “(A) a designee of the Deputy Director for
 2 Management of the Office of Management and
 3 Budget, who shall have experience in the areas
 4 of strategic and performance planning, meas-
 5 urement, and analysis, including the use of per-
 6 formance information to improve the results of
 7 an agency;” and

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 9 graph (4) and by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 10 following:

11 “(3) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

12 “(A) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of
 13 the Performance Improvement Council shall be
 14 the designee of the Director of Management of
 15 the Office of Management and Budget de-
 16 scribed in paragraph (1)(A).

17 “(B) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Perform-
 18 ance Improvement Council shall select from
 19 among the members of the Council a Perform-
 20 ance Improvement Officer to serve as vice
 21 chairperson of the Council.”.

22 **SEC. 6. GAO ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE**
 23 **OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
 25 of this Act, and annually thereafter for six years, the Ad-

1 administrator shall submit to the Committees on Homeland
2 Security and Governmental Affairs and Appropriations of
3 the Senate and the Committees on Oversight and Account-
4 ability and Appropriations of the House of Representa-
5 tives a report on the activities of the Office of Executive
6 Councils, with respect to the previous year, that includes
7 the following:

8 (1) A description of the activities of the Office
9 of Executive Councils, including a summary of each
10 service provided by the Office of Executive Councils
11 to each covered governmentwide executive council.

12 (2) A detailed accounting of—

13 (A) the costs associated with the activities
14 of the Office of Executive Councils, organized
15 by each covered governmentwide executive coun-
16 cil; and

17 (B) any administrative costs associated
18 with the operations of the Office of Executive
19 Councils.

20 (3) A detailed accounting of any project, serv-
21 ice, or program provided to each covered govern-
22 mentwide executive council.

23 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

24 (a) TITLE 31.—Section 503 of title 31, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking paragraph (12); and

3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (13) and

4 (14) as paragraphs (12) and (13); and

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by striking paragraph (5); and

7 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6)

8 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-

9 spectively.

10 (b) TITLE 44.—Section 3602(f)(7) of title 44, United
11 States Code, is amended by striking “on behalf of the
12 Deputy Director for Management, who shall chair the
13 council”.

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