

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 1091

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT GRAND-**
7 **PARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.**

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

11 (b) OLDER RELATIVE CAREGIVER.—In this section,
12 the term “older relative caregiver” has the meaning given

1 the term under section 372(a)(3) of the National Family
2 Caregiver Support (42 U.S.C. 3030s(a)(3)).

3 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be
5 composed of the following members, or their des-
6 ignee:

7 (A) The Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services.

9 (B) The Attorney General.

10 (C) The Administrator of the Administra-
11 tion for Community Living.

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

14 (E) The Assistant Secretary for Mental
15 Health and Substance Use.

16 (F) The Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
17 ministration for Children and Families.

18 (G) The Director of the Indian Health
19 Service.

20 (H) The Administrator of the Centers for
21 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

22 (I) The head of each Federal department,
23 agency, or other governmental entity identified
24 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
25 as having responsibilities, or administering pro-

1 grams, relating to current issues affecting older
2 relative caregivers, including grandparents, rais-
3 ing children in their care.

4 (J) A grandparent raising a grandchild or
5 grandchildren as well as another older relative
6 caregiver of children.

7 (2) LEAD AGENCY.—The Department of Health
8 and Human Services shall be the lead agency for the
9 Task Force.

10 (d) DUTIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—

12 (A) INFORMATION.—The Task Force shall
13 identify, coordinate, and disseminate informa-
14 tion publicly about Federal information, re-
15 sources, and best practices available, on the
16 date of the determination, to help older relative
17 caregivers, including grandparents, raising chil-
18 dren in their care, including those raising chil-
19 dren in their care as a result of the opioid cri-
20 sis, meet the health, educational, nutritional,
21 and other needs of the children in their care as
22 well as maintain their own physical and mental
23 health and emotional well-being.

24 (B) NATIVE AMERICANS.—In carrying out
25 the duties described in subparagraph (A), the

1 Task Force shall ensure that the needs of Na-
2 tive Americans (as defined in section 102 of the
3 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
4 3002)) are considered.

5 (2) REPORT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
8 the Task Force shall submit a report to the
9 Special Committee on Aging, the Committee on
10 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and
11 the Committee on Finance of the Senate and
12 the Committee on Education and the Work-
13 force, the Committee on Energy and Commerce,
14 and the Committee on Ways and Means of the
15 House of Representatives that includes—

16 (i) best practices, resources, and other
17 useful information for older relative care-
18 givers, including grandparents, raising chil-
19 dren in their care; and

20 (ii) an identification of the gaps in
21 needs of older relative caregivers, including
22 grandparents, raising children in their
23 care.

24 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 4
25 years after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 the Task Force shall submit a final report to
2 the Special Committee on Aging, the Committee
3 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
4 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
5 and the Committee on Education and the
6 Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Com-
7 merce, and the Committee on Ways and Means
8 of the House of Representatives that includes
9 the final findings of the Task Force, rec-
10 ommendations for future actions to address
11 issues faced by older relative caregivers, includ-
12 ing grandparents, raising children in their care,
13 and any other useful information.

14 (3) PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INPUT.—The Task
15 Force shall establish a process for public input to in-
16 form the identification of, and updates to, the best
17 practices, resources, and other useful information
18 and the gaps in needs described in paragraph (2),
19 including a process for the public to submit rec-
20 ommendations to the Task Force and an opportunity
21 for public comment.

22 (e) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
23 date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this
24 Act.

1 (f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACCA.—The Federal Ad-
2 visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to
3 the Task Force.

4 (g) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
5 to be appropriated to carry out this section. The Task
6 Force shall be carried out with funds otherwise appro-
7 priated.