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To establish a cabinet-level interagency task force to develop a comprehensive legislative proposal that coordinates and reforms all Federal programs that provide assistance to individuals with limited incomes.

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Mr. NEAL of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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 “Cabinet-Level Inter-
5 agency Task Force on Welfare Reform Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish a cabinet-level
8 interagency task force to develop a comprehensive legisla-

1 tive proposal that coordinates and reforms all Federal pro-
2 grams that provide assistance to individuals with limited
3 incomes in order to help such individuals achieve self-suffi-
4 ciency within a reasonable period of time.

5 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

6 There is established a cabinet-level interagency task
7 force to be known as the “Cabinet-Level Interagency Task
8 Force on Welfare Reform” (in this Act referred to as the
9 “Task Force”).

10 **SEC. 4. DUTIES.**

11 The Task Force shall—

12 (1) review all Federal programs that provide as-
13 sistance to individuals with limited incomes;

14 (2) in consultation with appropriate State and
15 local officials, develop a comprehensive legislative
16 proposal that coordinates and reforms such pro-
17 grams by—

18 (A) providing assistance under such pro-
19 grams according to a coordinated plan under
20 which services are designed to meet the needs
21 of each such individual;

22 (B) establishing eligibility standards for
23 such programs to allow maximum flexibility for
24 such individuals;

1 (C) establishing a single application form
2 and process for assistance under such pro-
3 grams, including a single location at which an
4 individual can apply for and receive such assist-
5 ance; and

6 (D) establishing as the clear purpose of all
7 assistance to individuals with limited incomes
8 the goal of self-sufficiency and independence for
9 such individuals; and

10 (3) not later than 6 months after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act, submit a report to the
12 Congress which contains the legislative proposal de-
13 veloped under paragraph (2).

14 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

15 (a) NUMBER.—The Task Force shall be composed of
16 6 members as follows:

17 (1) The Secretary of Agriculture.

18 (2) The Secretary of Education.

19 (3) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
20 ices.

21 (4) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
22 opment.

23 (5) The Secretary of Labor.

24 (6) The Secretary of the Treasury.

1 (b) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
2 life of the Task Force.

3 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Task Force shall elect a
4 chairperson from among its members.

5 (d) BASIC PAY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), each member shall serve without pay.

8 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall
9 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
10 subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and
11 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

12 (e) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet at the
13 call of the chairperson.

14 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members shall con-
15 stitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

16 **SEC. 6. DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**

17 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Task Force shall have a direc-
18 tor who shall be appointed by the chairperson subject to
19 rules prescribed by the Task Force.

20 (b) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request
21 of the chairperson, the head of any Federal agency may
22 detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of
23 the agency to the Task Force to assist the Task Force
24 in carrying out its duties.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
2 LAWS.—The director and staff of the Task Force may be
3 appointed without regard to title 5, United States Code,
4 governing appointments in the competitive service, and
5 may be paid without regard to the requirements of chapter
6 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating
7 to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except
8 that an individual so appointed may not receive pay in
9 excess of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable
10 for GS-13 of the General Schedule.

11 **SEC. 7. POWERS.**

12 (a) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The chairperson
13 may secure directly from any Federal agency information
14 necessary to enable the Task Force to carry out its duties.
15 Upon request of the chairperson, the head of the agency
16 shall furnish such information to the Task Force to the
17 extent such information is not prohibited from disclosure
18 by law.

19 (b) MAILS.—The Task Force may use the United
20 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
21 ditions as other Federal agencies.

22 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Upon the
23 request of the chairperson, the Administrator of General
24 Services shall provide to the Task Force, on a reimburs-

1 able basis, the administrative support services necessary
2 for the Task Force to carry out its duties.

3 (d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The chairperson may
4 contract with and compensate government and private
5 agencies or persons for the purpose of conducting re-
6 search, surveys, and other services necessary to enable the
7 Task Force to carry out its duties.

8 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

9 The Task Force shall terminate 3 months after the
10 date on which the Commission submits to the Congress
11 the report under section 4(3).

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