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S. 2228

To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to modify termination and reauthorization requirements for advisory committees, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 1998

Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. GLENN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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 “Advisory Committee
5 Termination and Streamlining Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

7 Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
8 (5. U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law
2 (including section 4(a) of this Act and this section) and
3 except as provided under paragraph (2), each advisory
4 committee established, authorized, or reauthorized by stat-
5 ute shall terminate 3 years after the date of enactment
6 of the Advisory Committee Termination and Streamlining
7 Act of 1998.

8 “(2) This subsection shall not apply to any advisory
9 committee the purpose of which is to—

10 “(A) provide for peer review of Federal grant or
11 research applications or similar activities;

12 “(B) provide advice and recommendations relat-
13 ing to academic certification of Federal institutions;
14 or

15 “(C) address critical needs relating to health,
16 safety, national security, or other concerns as the
17 President may certify.

18 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
19 reauthorize the continuation of any advisory committee
20 covered under paragraph (1) beyond the termination date
21 specified in the original authorization or any reauthoriza-
22 tion for the committee.”.

23 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

24 Section 7(e) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
25 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended in the first sentence by strik-

1 ing: “administrative guidelines” and inserting “regula-
2 tions”.

3 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

4 Section 6(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
5 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking the first sentence
6 and inserting: “Not later than March 15 of each year, the
7 President shall submit an annual report to Congress on
8 the activities, status, and changes in the composition of
9 advisory committees in existence during the preceding fis-
10 cal year.”.

11 **SEC. 5. ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES.**

12 Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee
13 Act (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(2) Except when the President determines otherwise
15 for reasons of national security, timely notice of each such
16 meeting shall be published in the Federal Register. The
17 Administrator shall prescribe regulations to provide for
18 other types of public notice in addition to, or in lieu of,
19 notices in the Federal Register to ensure that all inter-
20 ested persons are notified of such meeting prior thereto.”.

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