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To establish a pilot program to provide financial and non-financial housing assistance to certain homeless individuals, to provide for a study of the effects of the pilot program, and for other purposes.

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Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a pilot program to provide financial and non-financial housing assistance to certain homeless individuals, to provide for a study of the effects of the pilot program, 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 “Youth Homelessness
5 Guaranteed Income Pilot Program Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Each year, an estimated 4,200,000 youth
4 and young adults experience homelessness in the
5 United States.

6 (2) Youth and young adults face many barriers
7 to safe and stable housing, such as systemic and
8 structural racism, age discrimination, and a scarce
9 supply of affordable housing suitable for occupancy.

10 (3) Black, Indigenous, and other youth and
11 young adults of color have been systematically ex-
12 cluded from employment opportunities and access to
13 stable income.

14 (4) Prior to the COVID–19 pandemic, 1 in 5
15 young people of color were living in poverty, as op-
16 posed to 1 in 9 young White people, and the impact
17 of the pandemic has resulted in an exponential wid-
18 ening of the inequity faced by Black, Indigenous,
19 and other youth and young adults of color when
20 seeking safe housing and careers of their choice with
21 stable income.

22 (5) Full-time minimum-wage earners cannot af-
23 ford the average cost of a 2-bedroom apartment any-
24 where in the United States.

25 (6) The changing nature of the economy—in-
26 cluding the growth of the “gig economy” in which

1 workers earn income providing on-demand work,
2 services, or goods; unemployment risks posed by au-
3 tomation; and the fluctuating nature of waged
4 labor—will result in increased income volatility and
5 prevent upward economic mobility, especially among
6 young adults.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
10 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Financial Services
13 of the House of Representatives;

14 (B) the Committee on Ways and Means of
15 the House of Representatives;

16 (C) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
17 and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

18 (D) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-
19 ate.

20 (2) **CERTIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FI-**
21 **NANCIAL INSTITUTION.**—The term “certified com-
22 munity development financial institution” means a
23 community development financial institution, as de-
24 fined in section 103 of the Community Development
25 Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12

1 U.S.C. 4702), certified by the Community Develop-
2 ment Financial Institutions Fund under section
3 1805.201 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations.

4 (3) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the
5 National Youth Economic Advisory Council.

6 (4) DATABASE.—The term “database” means
7 the database created under section 4(b)(1).

8 (5) FAIR MARKET RENT.—The term “fair mar-
9 ket rent” means the applicable fair market rental es-
10 tablished pursuant to section 8(c) of the United
11 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(c)).

12 (6) HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMU-
13 NITIES.—The term “historically marginalized com-
14 munities” includes low-income communities and mi-
15 nority religious, racial, and ethnic groups.

16 (7) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the
17 meaning given that term in section 103 of the
18 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
19 U.S.C. 11302) and includes homeless children and
20 youths as defined in section 725 of such Act (42
21 U.S.C. 11434a).

22 (8) LOW-INCOME GEOGRAPHIC AREA.—The
23 term “low-income geographic area” has the meaning
24 given that term in section 351 of the Small Business
25 Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 689).

1 (9) PAYMENT-RECEIVING GROUP.—The term
2 “payment-receiving group” means the group des-
3 ignated to receive cash payments pursuant to section
4 4(c)(3).

5 (10) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “pilot pro-
6 gram” means the Youth Homelessness Guaranteed
7 Income Pilot Program.

8 (11) PROGRAM PAYMENT.—The term “program
9 payment” means a payment made under section
10 4(c)(3).

11 (12) RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP.—
12 The term “racial and ethnic minority group” has the
13 meaning given the term in section 1707(g) of the
14 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g)).

15 (13) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
16 means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

17 (14) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUP.—The
18 term “socially disadvantaged group” means a group
19 whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic,
20 or gender prejudice because of their identity as
21 members of a group without regard to their indi-
22 vidual qualities.

1 **SEC. 4. THE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS GUARANTEED INCOME**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
4 program, entitled the “Youth Homelessness Guaranteed
5 Income Pilot Program”, to provide housing assistance to
6 certain eligible individuals in accordance with this section.

7 (b) PREPARATION.—Within 2 years after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act:

9 (1) DATABASE OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.—

10 (A) CREATION OF DATABASE.—The Sec-
11 retary shall create a database of individuals
12 who are homeless while living in the United
13 States containing the information described in
14 section 6(b)(1).

15 (B) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—Based on
16 the recommendations issued by the Council
17 under section 6(b)(1), the Secretary—

18 (i) shall make reasonable efforts using
19 reliable sources to identify homeless indi-
20 viduals for inclusion in the database; and

21 (ii) may communicate recommenda-
22 tions to the Secretary of Agriculture, the
23 Secretary of Education, or the Secretary of
24 Housing and Urban Development with re-
25 spect to the prescription of regulations de-
26 scribed in subparagraph (C).

1 (C) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE REGULA-
2 TIONS.—The Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
3 retary of Education, and the Secretary of Hous-
4 ing and Urban Development may each prescribe
5 regulations requiring a recipient of funds or
6 other assistance under the McKinney-Vento
7 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301–
8 11435)—

9 (i) to make reasonable efforts to iden-
10 tify homeless individuals who receive bene-
11 fits or assistance provided through the
12 funds; and

13 (ii) to submit sufficient information to
14 the Secretary for the homeless individuals
15 to be listed in the database.

16 (D) REQUIREMENTS FOR DATABASE IN-
17 FORMATION.—The Secretary—

18 (i) shall verify the accuracy of the in-
19 formation in the database;

20 (ii) shall include in the database, with
21 respect to each individual listed in the
22 database, only the information necessary
23 to—

1 (I) determine the eligibility of the
2 individual to participate in the pilot
3 program; or

4 (II) administer the pilot program
5 with the individual as a participant;
6 and

7 (iii) may not include in the database
8 any information about the citizenship sta-
9 tus, immigration status, or Social Security
10 number of any individual listed in the
11 database.

12 (E) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE DATA-
13 BASE.—The Secretary shall submit a written
14 report to the appropriate congressional commit-
15 tees describing the process used to create the
16 database.

17 (2) SELECTION OF PILOT PROGRAM PARTICI-
18 PANTS.—

19 (A) CRITERIA.—The Secretary, in coordi-
20 nation with the External Partner and the Coun-
21 cil, shall develop criteria for the selection of
22 pilot program participants that are—

23 (i) consistent with the objectives of
24 the study described in section 5;

1 (ii) inclusive of low-income geographic
2 areas; and

3 (iii) representative of the demo-
4 graphics of the population of homeless in-
5 dividuals in the United States who have
6 not attained 30 years of age.

7 (B) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
8 lect, consistent with the criteria developed
9 under subparagraph (A), not more than
10 105,000 individuals listed in the database to
11 participate in the pilot program, each of whom
12 shall be—

13 (i) an emancipated minor; or

14 (ii) an individual who has attained 18
15 years of age but not 30 years of age.

16 (C) IMPERMISSIBLE FACTORS.—The Sec-
17 retary may not use citizenship or immigration
18 status as factors in the selection of pilot pro-
19 gram participants.

20 (3) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
21 PILOT PROGRAM.—An individual may not participate
22 in the pilot program until the individual, in a form
23 and manner determined by the Secretary—

24 (A) consents to the disclosure of Federal
25 and State income tax return information of the

1 individual to the Secretary and the External
2 Partner; and

3 (B) discloses other personal information
4 determined by the Secretary to be necessary for
5 the administration of the pilot program and the
6 study described in section 5, including the ZIP
7 Code of the primary place of residence main-
8 tained by the individual.

9 (c) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—

10 (1) DURATION.—The Secretary shall provide
11 the assistance described in this subsection to the
12 pilot program participants for 36 consecutive
13 months.

14 (2) ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTICI-
15 PANTS.—Based on the recommendations issued by
16 the Council under section 6(b)(2), and in consulta-
17 tion with the External Partner, the Secretary shall,
18 directly or by contract or cooperative agreement,
19 provide to each participant, appropriate to the cir-
20 cumstances of the participant, the following:

21 (A) Housing navigation services.

22 (B) Financial coaching courses.

23 (C) Workforce development services.

24 (D) Educational attainment services.

1 (E) Education on the landlord-tenant laws
2 of the jurisdiction of residence of the partici-
3 pant and the rights that the participant would
4 have as a tenant.

5 (F) Additional services recommended by
6 the Council and the External Partner, at the
7 discretion of the Secretary.

8 (G) Assistance in identifying, applying for,
9 and using any service or assistance available to
10 the participant that is funded under the McKin-
11 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
12 11301–11435).

13 (3) CASH PAYMENTS TO THE PAYMENT-RECEIV-
14 ING GROUP.—

15 (A) DIVISION INTO 2 GROUPS.—The Sec-
16 retary shall—

17 (i) divide the participants randomly
18 into 2 groups, approximately equal in size
19 and equally representative with respect to
20 the criteria for the selection of partici-
21 pants; and

22 (ii) designate 1 group to receive cash
23 payments pursuant to this paragraph.

24 (B) FREQUENCY; AMOUNT.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
2 make a payment to each member of the
3 payment-receiving group every month for
4 the duration described in paragraph (1),
5 with each monthly payment in the amount
6 equal to or the greater of \$1,400 or the
7 adjusted fair market rent cost for the
8 member involved.

9 (ii) ADJUSTED FAIR MARKET RENT
10 COST.—The Secretary shall determine the
11 adjusted fair market rent cost for such a
12 member based on the fair market rent cost
13 for a 2-bedroom home in the ZIP Code
14 designated by the member and any modi-
15 fications recommended by the Council
16 under section 6(b)(4).

17 (iii) LUMP SUM PAYMENT PERMITTED
18 FOR THE 1ST YEAR.—Notwithstanding
19 clause (i), not more than half of the mem-
20 bers of the payment-receiving group may
21 elect to receive not more than the first 12
22 monthly payments under clause (i) in a
23 single lump sum payment.

24 (C) FORMS OF PAYMENT.—The Secretary
25 shall make each program payment by whichever

of the following methods is elected by the participant involved:

(i) Cash.

(ii) Electronic funds transfer.

(iii) Prepaid debit card.

(iv) Any other method offered by the Secretary.

(D) DAY OF PAYMENT.—Each member of the payment-receiving group may elect to receive the monthly payment on the first or last weekday of the month that is not a legal public holiday.

(d) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—

(1) DISCLOSURES PROHIBITED.—A person shall not disclose any information related to the pilot program, except to the extent permitted by regulations prescribed under paragraph (2).

(2) REGULATIONS FOR SHARING INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Council and External Partner, may prescribe regulations to provide for the sharing of information in the database, without personal identifiers, with nonprofit organizations and academic institutions for non-commercial research purposes.

1 (3) DESTRUCTION OF DATABASE.—The Sec-
2 retary shall destroy the database within 30 days
3 after the Council terminates.

4 (4) VIOLATIONS.—

5 (A) Any person who, by virtue of an offi-
6 cial position or affiliation with the Secretary,
7 the Council, or the External Partner—

8 (i) has possession of, or access to, any
9 record containing individually identifiable
10 information the disclosure of which is pro-
11 hibited by or under this Act; and

12 (ii) knowingly discloses such a record
13 to any person or agency not entitled to re-
14 ceive the record,

15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not
16 more than \$25,000.

17 (B) Any person who knowingly requests or
18 obtains any record related to the pilot program
19 from the Secretary, the Council, or the External
20 Partner under false pretenses shall be guilty of
21 a misdemeanor and fined not more than
22 \$25,000.

23 (e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROGRAMS, BENE-
24 FITS, AND LAWS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
25 of law:

1 (1) Participation in the pilot program, including
2 the receipt of program payments, may not be consid-
3 ered for the purposes of determining—

4 (A) the eligibility of a participant for, or
5 the amount or timing of, any benefit or assist-
6 ance under any Federal program or under any
7 State or local program financed, in whole or in
8 part, with Federal funds; or

9 (B) whether a participant is a public
10 charge under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigra-
11 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(4))
12 or section 237(a)(5) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
13 1227(a)(5)).

14 (2) For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code
15 of 1986, gross income shall not include any program
16 payment to a participant.

17 (3) Section 401 of the Personal Responsibility
18 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
19 U.S.C. 1611) shall not apply to this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. STUDY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct, in
22 coordination with the External Partner selected pursuant
23 to this section, a study on the effects of the pilot program.

24 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The primary objectives of the
25 study shall be—

1 (1) to analyze the effect of the program pay-
2 ments on—

3 (A) the housing outcomes of the pilot pro-
4 gram participants;

5 (B) the microeconomic outcomes of the
6 participants;

7 (C) the physical and mental health and
8 well-being of the participants; and

9 (D) the social cost attributable to income
10 volatility and homelessness, including through
11 public expenditures for government-provided
12 services in health, education, employment, and
13 childcare; and

14 (2) to evaluate the feasibility of—

15 (A) expanding the pilot program to include
16 more participants in the payment-receiving
17 group; and

18 (B) using direct cash transfers to reduce
19 homelessness in the United States.

20 (c) SELECTION OF THE EXTERNAL PARTNER.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Within 270 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, and before complying
23 with section 4(b)(2), the Secretary shall choose an
24 organization with demonstrated experience and ex-
25 pertise in mixed-methods experimental design and

1 the implementation of cash-transfer programs and
2 randomized controlled trials to be the External Part-
3 ner.

4 (2) CONDITIONS ON SELECTION.—The Sec-
5 retary may require the External Partner to employ
6 the services of certain qualified individuals in car-
7 rying out the responsibilities of the External Partner
8 under this Act.

9 (3) COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES REN-
10 DERED.—The Secretary may pay not more than the
11 hourly equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for
12 grade GS–12, step 5, of the General Schedule for
13 each hour (including travel time) during which a
14 person affiliated with the External Partner is en-
15 gaged in the performance of duties of the External
16 Partner under this section.

17 (d) DUTIES OF THE EXTERNAL PARTNER.—

18 (1) SELECTION OF STUDY CRITERIA.—The Ex-
19 ternal Partner shall make recommendations to the
20 Secretary on—

21 (A) how to accomplish the primary objec-
22 tives described in subsection (b); and

23 (B) additional objectives for the study.

24 (2) DATA COLLECTION.—Under the oversight
25 of the Secretary, the External Partner shall collect

1 the data required for the study and may use any in-
2 formation about a pilot program participant given by
3 the Secretary to the External Partner for the study.

4 (e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary, in con-
5 sultation with the External Partner, shall submit to the
6 appropriate congressional committees—

7 (1) an interim report, within 24 months after
8 the commencement of pilot program services; and

9 (2) a final report, within 12 months after the
10 conclusion of the pilot program services.

11 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL YOUTH ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
13 the National Youth Economic Advisory Council.

14 (b) DUTIES.—

15 (1) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DATABASE
16 AND THE SELECTION OF THE EXTERNAL PART-
17 NER.—The Council shall issue recommendations to
18 the Secretary with respect to—

19 (A) the identification and utilization of re-
20 liable sources of information for identifying
21 homeless individuals and listing the individuals
22 in the database with sufficient information for
23 the Secretary to select any individual listed in
24 the database to participate in the pilot pro-
25 gram;

1 (B) any regulation that may be prescribed
2 by the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of
3 Agriculture, or the Secretary of Housing and
4 Urban Development with respect to the McKin-
5 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 11301–11435) to facilitate the identification of
7 homeless individuals for inclusion in the data-
8 base; and

9 (C) the selection of the External Partner.

10 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SELECTION
11 CRITERIA.—The Council shall issue recommenda-
12 tions to the Secretary with respect to the selection
13 criteria for pilot program participants that are con-
14 sistent with the objectives of the study and with the
15 demographics of the homeless population in the
16 United States.

17 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FORMS OF ASSIST-
18 ANCE.—The Council shall issue recommendations to
19 the Secretary on the forms of assistance to be pro-
20 vided to a pilot program participant pursuant to sec-
21 tion 4(c)(2).

22 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ADJUSTED
23 FAIR MARKET COST.—The Council shall issue rec-
24 ommendations to the Secretary on modifications to

1 the fair market cost in the determination of the ad-
2 justed fair market cost under section 4(c)(3)(B)(ii).

3 (5) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION
4 OF THE PROGRAM.—The Council may issue rec-
5 ommendations to the Secretary for improving the
6 performance and administration of the pilot pro-
7 gram.

8 (6) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STUDY.—The
9 Council may issue recommendations to the Secretary
10 or the External Partner on other objectives of the
11 study.

12 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 (1) APPOINTMENT.—

14 (A) REGULAR MEMBERS.—The Secretary
15 shall appoint the following regular members of
16 the Council:

17 (i) A member representing the Sec-
18 retary, who shall chair the Council.

19 (ii) A representative from a national
20 nonprofit homeless youth organization.

21 (iii) A representative from a national
22 nonprofit civil rights organization rep-
23 resenting historically marginalized commu-
24 nities or socially disadvantaged groups.

1 (iv) A representative from a national
2 organization representing LGBTQ+ popu-
3 lations.

4 (v) A representative from an economic
5 research organization or academic institu-
6 tion with expertise in cash-transfer pro-
7 grams.

8 (vi) A representative from a commu-
9 nity advocacy organization with expertise
10 in cash-transfer programs.

11 (vii) A representative from a certified
12 community development financial institu-
13 tion whose central demographic is of a ra-
14 cial and ethnic minority group.

15 (viii) A member representing the De-
16 partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
17 ment, nominated by the Secretary of Hous-
18 ing and Urban Development.

19 (ix) A member representing the De-
20 partment of Education, nominated by the
21 Secretary of Education.

22 (B) AUTHORIZED MEMBERS.—The Sec-
23 retary shall appoint to the Council 3 individuals
24 included in the database who were not selected
25 as pilot program participants, after the Sec-

1 retary begins providing the services under sec-
2 tion 4(c).

3 (2) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If an in-
4 cumbent member is appointed to the Council as a
5 representative of an organization and the incumbent
6 member ceases to be affiliated with the organization,
7 the incumbent member may continue as a member
8 until the Secretary appoints a new member in the
9 stead of the incumbent member.

10 (3) REMOVAL.—The Secretary may remove a
11 member for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfea-
12 sance in office.

13 (d) PAY.—

14 (1) RATES OF PAY.—Members of the Council
15 shall each be entitled to receive the daily equivalent
16 of the annual rate of basic pay for grade GS–14,
17 step 10, of the General Schedule for each day (in-
18 cluding travel time) during which such members are
19 engaged in the performance of duties of the Council.

20 (2) PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION OF FED-
21 ERAL EMPLOYEES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1),
22 the members of the Council who are full-time offi-
23 cers or employees of the United States or Members
24 of Congress for purposes of title 5, United States

1 Code, may not receive additional pay, allowances, or
2 benefits by reason of service on the Council.

3 (3) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall
4 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
5 subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions
6 of subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
7 States Code.

8 (e) STAFF.—On request of the Council and on a re-
9 imburseable basis, for the purpose of assisting the Council
10 in carrying out the duties of the Council, the Secretary,
11 the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services may each detail to the Council any
13 personnel of their respective departments.

14 (f) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall meet at
16 least every 3 months.

17 (2) DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY.—The
18 Secretary may require the Council to sit for addi-
19 tional meetings at the discretion of the Secretary.

20 (3) DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.—The Chair
21 may require the Council to sit for additional meet-
22 ings at the discretion of the Chair or on written re-
23 quest of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members.

1 (4) NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—The Chair shall
2 give each member of the Council notice of a meeting
3 no fewer than 15 days before the meeting.

4 (g) CHARTER; QUORUM.—

5 (1) COUNCIL CHARTER.—The Council shall
6 comply with section 1008(c) of title 5, United States
7 Code, as if—

8 (A) the Council were an advisory com-
9 mittee but not a Presidential advisory com-
10 mittee;

11 (B) the Secretary were the head of the
12 agency to whom the advisory committee reports;
13 and

14 (C) the appropriate congressional commit-
15 tees were the standing committees of the Sen-
16 ate and House of Representatives having legis-
17 lative jurisdiction over the agency to which the
18 advisory committee reports.

19 (2) ADDITIONAL CONTENTS IN COUNCIL CHAR-
20 TER.—The charter filed pursuant to paragraph (1)
21 shall contain provisions to determine—

22 (A) quorum;

23 (B) the information required to be dis-
24 closed, in any notice of a Council meeting,

1 about the matters to be discussed in the meet-
2 ing;

3 (C) when a member has a conflict of inter-
4 est in a matter being considered by the Council;
5 and

6 (D) the circumstances under which a con-
7 flict of interest in a matter may or shall dis-
8 qualify a member from participating in consid-
9 ering, or voting on, the matter.

10 (3) QUORUM.—Until the filing of the charter, a
11 majority of the members of the Council appointed
12 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may
13 hold hearings.

14 (h) POWERS.—

15 (1) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Council
16 may, for the purpose of carrying out this section,
17 hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take
18 testimony, administer oaths or affirmations to wit-
19 nesses appearing before the Council, and receive evi-
20 dence as the Council considers appropriate.

21 (2) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Council
22 may secure directly from any department or agency
23 of the United States information necessary to enable
24 the Council to carry out the duties of the Council
25 under this section.

1 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—On
2 request of the Council, the Administrator of General
3 Services shall provide to the Council, on a reimburs-
4 able basis, the administrative support services nec-
5 essary for the Commission to carry out the duties of
6 the Council under this section.

7 (i) REPORTS.—

8 (1) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Council may sub-
9 mit to the Secretary such interim reports as the
10 Council considers appropriate.

11 (2) FINAL REPORT.—The Council shall submit
12 a final report to the Secretary containing an assess-
13 ment of the Council with respect to—

14 (A) the pilot program; and

15 (B) the report submitted by the Secretary
16 pursuant to section 5(e)(2).

17 (j) TERMINATION.—The Council shall terminate
18 within 30 days after the Secretary submits the report pur-
19 suant to section 5(e)(2).

20 (k) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
21 MITTEE ACT.—Except as provided in subsection (g)(1) of
22 this section, chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code,
23 shall not apply to the Council, but the Secretary may pre-
24 scribe regulations directing the Council to comply with
25 sections 1009 through 1111 of such title if the Secretary

- 1 determines that the compliance is necessary for the Coun-
- 2 cil to discharge the duties of the Council.

