

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 7523  
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Governmentwide Exec-  
3       utive Councils Reform Act of 2024”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act:

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

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

12           (3) COVERED GOVERNMENTWIDE EXECUTIVE  
13       COUNCIL.—The term “covered governmentwide exec-  
14       utive council” means each of the following:

15           (A) The Chief Acquisition Officers Council,  
16       established under section 1311 of title 41,  
17       United States Code.

1 (B) The Chief Data Officer Council, estab-  
2 lished under section 3520A of title 44, United  
3 States Code.

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

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

12 (E) The Chief Information Officers Coun-  
13 cil, established under section 3603 of title  
14 44, United States Code.

15 (F) The Performance Improvement Coun-  
16 cil, established under section 1124 of title 31,  
17 United States Code.

18 **SEC. 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COVERED GOVERNMENT-**  
19 **WIDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**

20 In addition to any other authority provided to any  
21 covered governmentwide executive council, each such coun-  
22 cil shall do the following:

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

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

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

13          (4) Provide legislative, policy, technical anal-  
14          ysis, or shared services recommendations to the Di-  
15          rector, the Administrator, or Congress upon request  
16          and as related to the specific area of expertise of  
17          such council.

18          (5) Serve as a primary advisory body to the Di-  
19          rector on the development and execution of the Fed-  
20          eral Government performance plan under section  
21          1115(a) of title 31, United States Code, and the  
22          Federal Government priority goals under section  
23          1120(a) of title 31, United States Code related to  
24          the specific area of the expertise of such council.

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

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
3 General Services Administration the Office of Executive  
4 Councils.

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

7 (1) In consultation with the Director, provide  
8 administrative and project management support to  
9 each covered governmentwide executive council.

10 (2) Detail employees of the General Services  
11 Administration to any such council, as needed, to  
12 support the operations and functions of such council.

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

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

18 (1) be designated by the Deputy Director for  
19 Management of the Office of Management and  
20 Budget, in consultation with the Administrator;

21 (2) carry out additional duties and functions  
22 the Director and Administrator jointly request; and

23 (3) facilitate collecting policy and technical  
24 viewpoints from each covered governmentwide execu-  
25 tive council and the members of each such council  
26 as may be requested by Congress.

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

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

8 **SEC. 5. HARMONIZING GOVERNMENTWIDE EXECUTIVE**  
9 **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ROLES.**

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

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

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

17 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
18 graph (3).

19 (b) CHIEF DATA OFFICER COUNCIL AND CHIEF IN-  
20 FORMATION OFFICERS COUNCIL.—Title 44, United States  
21 Code, is amended—

22 (1) in section 3520A—

23 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Office  
24 of Management and Budget” and inserting “ex-  
25 ecutive branch”;

1 (B) in subsection (c)—

2 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (3)

3 and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5); and

4 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (2)

5 the following:

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

9 (C) by redesignating subsections (d) and  
10 (e) as subsections (e) and (f);

11 (D) by inserting after subsection (c) the  
12 following:

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

16 (E) in subsection (f)(2), as so redesign-  
17 nated, by striking “upon the expiration of the  
18 2-year period that begins on the date the  
19 Comptroller General submits the report under  
20 paragraph (1) to Congress” and inserting “De-  
21 cember 31, 2031”; and

22 (2) in section 3603—

23 (A) in subsection (b)—

24 (i) by striking paragraphs (1);

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

4 (iii) in paragraph (1), as so redesign-  
5 nated, by inserting before the period at the  
6 end “, who shall serve as Chair of the  
7 Council”; and

8 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “on  
9 behalf of the Deputy Director for Manage-  
10 ment”.

11 (c) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COUNCIL.—Section  
12 302 of the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (31  
13 U.S.C. 901 note; Public Law 101–576) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

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

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

22 (D) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,  
23 by inserting “, who shall serve as vice chair of  
24 the Council” after “Secretary of Treasury”;  
25 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 “(A) a designee of the Deputy Director for  
15 Management of the Office of Management and  
16 Budget, who shall have experience in the areas  
17 of strategic and performance planning, meas-  
18 urement, and analysis, including the use of per-  
19 formance information to improve the results of  
20 an agency;”; and

21 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
22 graph (4) and by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
23 following:

24 “(3) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—



1           “(A) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of  
2           the Performance Improvement Council shall be  
3           the designee of the Director of Management of  
4           the Office of Management and Budget de-  
5           scribed in paragraph (1)(A).

6           “(B) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Perform-  
7           ance Improvement Council shall select from  
8           among the members of the Council a Perform-  
9           ance Improvement Officer to serve as vice  
10          chairperson of the Council.”.

11 **SEC. 6. GAO ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE**  
12 **OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.**

13          Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
14 of this Act, and annually thereafter for six years, the Ad-  
15 ministrator shall submit to the Committees on Homeland  
16 Security and Governmental Affairs and Appropriations of  
17 the Senate and the Committees on Oversight and Account-  
18 ability and Appropriations of the House of Representa-  
19 tives a report on the activities of the Office of Executive  
20 Councils, with respect to the previous year, that includes  
21 the following:

22           (1) A description of the activities of the Office  
23           of Executive Councils, including a summary of each  
24           service provided by the Office of Executive Councils  
25           to each covered governmentwide executive council.

1 (2) A detailed accounting of—

2 (A) the costs associated with the activities  
3 of the Office of Executive Councils, organized  
4 by each covered governmentwide executive coun-  
5 cil; and

6 (B) any administrative costs associated  
7 with the operations of the Office of Executive  
8 Councils.

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

12 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

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

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (13) and  
18 (14) as paragraphs (12) and (13); and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

21 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
22 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-  
23 spectively.

24 (b) TITLE 44.—Section 3602(f)(7) of title 44, United  
25 States Code, is amended by striking “on behalf of the

1 Deputy Director for Management, who shall chair the  
2 council”.

