

1 **COMMITTEE: NCSL Executive Committee**

2 **POLICY: IMPROVEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL**
3 **COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES AND THE**
4 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

5 **TYPE: RESOLUTION**

6 **WHEREAS**, The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-577) allowed
7 federal government agencies to provide certain services to state and local governments.
8 While most of this Act was repealed in 1982, the ability for the federal government
9 agencies to provide these services to states and localities was preserved and re-
10 codified in 31 U.S.C. 6505; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, for many years, NCSL has advocated for federal agencies to engage in
13 meaningful consultation with states on agency proposals and to provide greater
14 transparency and communication with states. As implementors of federal agency
15 actions, states are important stakeholders and are a level of government representing
16 the people of the United States; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, S. 3890, the “Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing
19 Duplication Act of 2022” seeks to remedy the lack of transparency and communication
20 between federal agencies and states with respect to the provision of important services
21 to states, and clarifies that states “should have the option, without being coerced or
22 required, to adopt and use important information, infrastructure, capabilities, and
23 services from the federal government if such offerings are made to benefit taxpayers
24 and the constituents served by those offerings;” and

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26 **WHEREAS**, S. 3890 would require federal agency heads to do whatever may be
27 necessary to increase cooperation and reduce administrative burdens between states
28 and federal agencies and requires the creation of strategic plan in consultation with
29 state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; and

30 **WHEREAS**, NCSL, as the national bipartisan organization representing our nation's
31 states and territories must be part of the development of the strategic plan as a relevant
32 stakeholder; and

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCSL urges Congress to pass S. 3890,
35 the "Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing Duplication Act of 2022"
36 so that states and NCSL have a voice in improving intergovernmental cooperation and
37 transparency between states and the federal government.

