Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Legislation Requiring Expedited Waiver Procedures to States

Summary

This resolution urges Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that program.

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, states have applied to numerous waivers from federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, these waiver applications submitted because states wanted to try new innovative approaches to meet long-standing policy challenges; and

WHEREAS, each waiver application requires extensive efforts and costs, and the response and processing time from federal agencies adds the burdens of uncertainty and suspended state policymaking; and

WHEREAS, the difficulty, cost and delays of obtaining federal waivers discourage states from trying to meet their resident’s needs in innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, Congress is now considering legislation to require federal executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that program; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will allow each state to take advantage of creative policymaking ideas like welfare reform;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature urges Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk (of the House or Senate) transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States and to each member of Congress of the United States.