Next Steps for a National Secure Data Service

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Origination of the Idea

Figure 6. Key Functions of the National Secure Data Service (NSDS)

- Privacy and Transparency
- Secure Linkage
- Data Access and Analysis
Evolution of the NSDS Concept

- Review nuanced approaches for a service based on specified criteria
- Recommend a new FFDRC via the National Science Foundation
- Identify administrative approaches for implementation, in addition to key questions for further review
Necessary Attributes of a Data Service

1. Transparency and Trust
2. Legal authority to protect privacy and confidentiality
3. Independence
4. Legal authority to collect data from agencies
5. Scalable functionality
6. Sustainability
7. Oversight and accountability
8. Intergovernmental support
Congressional Action: NSDS Act

- Lead Sponsor: Rep Beyer (VA)
- Key Provisions:
  - Establishes NSDS as demonstration project at NSF / NCSES, with option for a contract (as an FFRDC)
  - Builds on Evidence Act and CIPSEA
  - Align with advice from Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building
  - $56m/year authorization
- Status:
  - Filed May 2021 (HR3133) – attached to NSF for the Future Act (HR 2225)
  - Passed House, pending in Senate
Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building Role

- Considering implications for vision, operations, services of a data service
- Public meetings monthly (next meeting on 9/17)
- Expected report forthcoming later this year

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