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H. R. 576

To amend the definition of “homeless person” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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

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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 “Homeless Children and
5 Youth Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOME-**
2 **LESS ASSISTANCE ACT.**

3 The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
4 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 103—

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

7 (i) in paragraph (5)(A)—

8 (I) by striking “are sharing” and
9 all that follows through “charitable
10 organizations,”;

11 (II) by striking “14 days” each
12 place that term appears and inserting
13 “30 days”;

14 (III) in clause (i), by inserting
15 “or” after the semicolon;

16 (IV) by striking clause (ii); and

17 (V) by redesignating clause (iii)
18 as clause (ii); and

19 (ii) by amending paragraph (6) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(6) unaccompanied youth and homeless fami-
22 lies with children and youth defined as homeless
23 under other Federal statutes who—

24 “(A) are certified as homeless by the direc-
25 tor or designee of a director of a program fund-
26 ed under any other Federal statute; or

1 “(B) have been certified by a director or
2 designee of a director of a program funded
3 under this Act or a director or designee of a di-
4 rector of a public housing agency as lacking a
5 fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime resi-
6 dence, which shall include—

7 “(i) temporarily sharing the housing
8 of another person due to loss of housing,
9 economic hardship, or other similar reason;
10 or

11 “(ii) living in a room in a motel or
12 hotel.”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(f) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15 “(1) the term ‘other Federal statute’ has the
16 meaning given that term in section 401; and

17 “(2) the term ‘public housing agency’ means an
18 agency described in section 3(b)(6) of the United
19 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
20 1437a(b)(6)).”;

21 (2) in section 401—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)(C)—

23 (i) by striking clause (iv); and

24 (ii) by redesignating clauses (v), (vi),
25 and (vii) as clauses (iv), (v), and (vi);

1 (B) in paragraph (7)—

2 (i) by striking “Federal statute other
3 than this subtitle” and inserting “other
4 Federal statute”; and

5 (ii) by inserting “of” before “this
6 Act”;

7 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (14)
8 through (33) as paragraphs (15) through (34),
9 respectively; and

10 (D) by adding after paragraph (13) the
11 following:

12 “(14) OTHER FEDERAL STATUTE.—The term
13 ‘other Federal statute’ includes—

14 “(A) the Runaway and Homeless Youth
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

16 “(B) the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831
17 et seq.);

18 “(C) subtitle N of the Violence Against
19 Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e et
20 seq.);

21 “(D) section 330(h) of the Public Health
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h));

23 “(E) section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
24 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

1 “(F) the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.); and

3 “(G) subtitle B of title VII of this Act.”;
4 (3) by inserting after section 408 the following:

5 **“SEC. 409. PUBLIC REPORT ON HMIS DATA.**

6 “The Secretary shall aggregate and publicly report
7 information provided to the Secretary pursuant to section
8 402(f)(3) and shall ensure that any public report does not
9 contain personally identifiable information.”;

10 (4) in section 422—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) by striking “The Secretary” and
13 inserting the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

15 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(2) RESTRICTION.—In awarding grants under
18 paragraph (1), the Secretary may not consider or
19 prioritize the specific homeless populations intended
20 to be served by the applicant if the applicant dem-
21 onstrates that the project—

22 “(A) would meet the priorities identified in
23 the plan submitted under section 427(b)(1)(B);
24 and

1 “(B) is cost-effective in meeting the overall
2 goals and objectives identified in that plan.”;
3 and

4 (B) by striking subsection (j);
5 (5) in section 424(d), by striking paragraph
6 (5);

7 (6) in section 427(b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (I) in clause (vi), by adding
11 “and” at the end;

12 (II) in clause (vii), by striking
13 “and” at the end; and

14 (III) by striking clause (viii);

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

16 (I) in clause (iii), by adding
17 “and” at the end;

18 (II) in clause (iv)(VI), by striking
19 “and” at the end; and

20 (III) by striking clause (v);

21 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by adding
22 “and” at the end;

23 (iv) by striking subparagraph (F); and

24 (v) by redesignating subparagraph (G)
25 as subparagraph (F); and

1 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

2 (7) by amending section 433 to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 433. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to
5 Congress an annual report, which shall—

6 “(1) summarize the activities carried out under
7 this subtitle and set forth the findings, conclusions,
8 and recommendations of the Secretary as a result of
9 the activities; and

10 “(2) include, for the year preceding the date on
11 which the report is submitted—

12 “(A) data required to be made publically
13 available in the report submitted under section
14 409; and

15 “(B) data on programs funded under any
16 other Federal statute, as such term is defined
17 in section 401.

18 “(b) TIMING.—A report under subsection (a) shall be
19 submitted not later than 4 months after the end of each
20 fiscal year.”.

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