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# H. R. 1717

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2017

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “PATH Fairness Act  
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM ALLOTMENTS UNDER THE PROJECTS**  
2 **FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM**  
3 **HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM.**

4 Section 524 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 290cc-24) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 524. DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT.**

7 “(a) DETERMINATION UNDER FORMULA.—Subject  
8 to subsection (b), the allotment required by section 521  
9 for a State for a fiscal year is the product of—

10 “(1) an amount equal to the amount appro-  
11 priated under section 535 for the fiscal year; and

12 “(2) a percentage equal to the quotient of—

13 “(A) an amount equal to the population  
14 living in urbanized areas of the State involved,  
15 as indicated by the most recent data collected  
16 by the Bureau of the Census; and

17 “(B) an amount equal to the population  
18 living in urbanized areas of the United States,  
19 as indicated by the sum of the respective  
20 amounts determined for the States under sub-  
21 paragraph (A).

22 “(b) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
24 the allotment for a State under section 521 for a fis-  
25 cal year shall, at a minimum, be the greater of—

1           “(A) the amount the State received under  
2           section 521 for fiscal year 2016; and

3           “(B) \$750,000 for each of the several  
4           States, the District of Columbia, and the Com-  
5           monwealth of Puerto Rico, and \$100,000 for  
6           each of Guam, the Virgin Islands, American  
7           Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
8           Mariana Islands.

9           “(2) CONDITION.—If the funds appropriated  
10          for any fiscal year under section 535 are insufficient  
11          to ensure that States receive a minimum allotment  
12          in accordance with paragraph (1), then—

13                 “(A) no State shall receive less than the  
14                 amount received by the State in fiscal year  
15                 2016; and

16                 “(B) any funds remaining after amounts  
17                 are provided under subparagraph (A) shall be  
18                 used to meet the requirement of paragraph  
19                 (1)(B), to the maximum extent possible.”.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21          Section 535(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
22          U.S.C. 290cc-35(a)) is amended by striking “\$64,635,000  
23          for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting

1 “\$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through  
2 2022”.

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