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H. R. 4302

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To authorize public housing agencies to share certain data
regarding homeless individuals and families for the provi-
sion of housing and services, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Assistance
3 Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION RE-**
5 **GARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAM-**
6 **ILIES WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN**
7 **CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

8 Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
9 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following new subsection:

11 “(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION
12 REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
13 WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF
14 CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B.
15 McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988
16 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose,
17 to the collaborative applicant of the local Continuum of
18 Care or designee of the collaborative applicant within
19 which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency is lo-
20 cated, information regarding individuals and families who
21 are homeless (as such term is used in section 103 of the
22 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
23 11302)) or at risk of homelessness (as such term is used
24 in section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11360)), but only—
25 “(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identi-
26 fication, assessment, and linkage of housing and

“(2) if the public housing agency takes appropriate measures to ensure that the privacy of the individuals and families is protected and that the information, including any personally identifiable information, is used only for the purpose described in paragraph (1); and

“(3) if the public housing agency takes appropriate measures to ensure clients’ information and confidentiality is protected pursuant to section 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations promulgated pursuant to such section.”.

Passed the House of Representatives January 13,
2020.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.