

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 715

To amend section 428 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide incentives to grantees under the Continuum of Care program to re-house all former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2019

Mr. STIVERS (for himself and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Housing Our Military
5 Servicemembers Act of 2019” or the “HOMeS Act of
6 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCENTIVE FOR PROVEN STRATEGIES.**

2 Subsection (d) of section 428 of the McKinney-Vento
3 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11386b(d)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
7 “and former servicemembers” before the semi-
8 colon at the end; and

9 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
10 “and former servicemembers” before the first
11 comma; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(4) FORMER SERVICEMEMBER.—For purposes
15 of this subsection, the term ‘former servicemember’
16 means a person who served in the active or inactive
17 military, naval, or air service, and who was dis-
18 charged or released therefrom.”.

19 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO END HOMELESS AMONG FORMER**
20 **SERVICEMEMBERS.**

21 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
22 shall develop a strategy to identify and eliminate homeless-
23 ness among former servicemembers who are not eligible
24 for the veterans affairs supported housing program under
25 section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
26 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19); known as HUD–VASH) and

1 other housing programs of the Department of Veterans
2 Affairs. Not later than the expiration of the 12-month pe-
3 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
4 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall
5 submit a report to the Committees on Financial Services
6 and Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
8 and Veterans' Affairs of the Senate setting forth such
9 strategy and a schedule for implementing such strategy.

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