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# S. 812

To modify the minimum allocation requirement for the emergency solutions grants program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2019

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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 “Local Solutions to End  
5 Homelessness Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM ALLOCATION REQUIREMENT FOR EMER-**  
7 **GENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM.**

8 Section 414(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
9 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373(b)) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

1 “(b) MINIMUM ALLOCATION REQUIREMENT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, under the allocation  
3 provisions applicable under this subtitle, a metropoli-  
4 tan city or an urban county would receive a grant  
5 of less than .05 percent of the amounts appropriated  
6 under section 408 and made available to carry out  
7 this subtitle for any fiscal year, such amount shall  
8 be reallocated to the State in which the metropolitan  
9 city or urban county, as applicable, is located, except  
10 that—

11 “(A) in the case of the metropolitan city,  
12 such amount shall be reallocated to the urban  
13 county in which the metropolitan city is located,  
14 if the urban county—

15 “(i) has previously received and ad-  
16 ministered assistance under this section;  
17 and

18 “(ii) agrees to receive such amount;  
19 and

20 “(B) in the case of the urban county, such  
21 amount shall be provided to the urban county  
22 if the urban county has previously received and  
23 administered assistance under this section.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph  
25 (1), a metropolitan city shall receive the grant

1 amount described such paragraph if the metropoli-  
2 tan city—

3 “(A) is located in a State that does not  
4 have counties as local governments;

5 “(B) has a population greater than 40,000  
6 but less than 50,000 as used in determining the  
7 fiscal year 1987 community development block  
8 grant program allocation; and

9 “(C) was allocated in excess of \$1,000,000  
10 in community development block grant funds in  
11 fiscal year 1987.

12 “(3) AMOUNTS REALLOCATED TO URBAN COUN-  
13 TIES.—An urban county that receives amounts re-  
14 allocated under paragraph (1)(A) shall expend those  
15 amounts for the benefit of metropolitan cities lo-  
16 cated in the urban county.”.

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