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H. R. 1231

To reauthorize and expand the pilot program to help individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder become stably housed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) 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 “Supporting Transition
5 And Recovery Through Housing Act of 2025” or the
6 “START Housing Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RECOVERY HOUSING PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and
4 Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “2019 through 2023” and
7 inserting “2026 through 2031”;

8 (B) by striking “for a period of not more
9 than 2 years or”; and

10 (C) by striking “, whichever is earlier”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, act-
13 ing through the Office of Community Planning
14 and Development in consultation with the Of-
15 fice of Special Needs Assistance,” before “not
16 later than”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
19 “allocated to” and inserting “prioritized
20 for”; and

21 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
22 inserting the following new subparagraph:

23 “(B) PRIORITY.—Among the States, pri-
24 ority shall be given to States with the greatest
25 need, as such need is determined by the Sec-
26 retary based on the following factors:

1 “(i) The highest average rates of un-
2 employment based on data provided by the
3 Bureau of Labor Statistics for calendar
4 years 2019 through 2023.

5 “(ii) The lowest average labor force
6 participation rates based on data provided
7 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for cal-
8 endar years 2019 through 2023.

9 “(iii) The highest age-adjusted rates
10 of drug overdose deaths based on data
11 from the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention.

13 “(iv) The highest rates of unsheltered
14 homelessness as determined by the most
15 recent annual point-in-time count of per-
16 sons experiencing homelessness required by
17 the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
18 velopment under title IV of the McKinney-
19 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 11360 et seq.).”;

21 (3) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) by inserting “, low-barrier” after
24 “effective”; and

1 (ii) by inserting before the period at
2 the end the following: “with an expectation
3 that persons participating in the program
4 have access to stable housing upon exiting
5 the program”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraphs:

8 “(4) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—As a con-
9 dition of receiving funds under this section, a State
10 shall use such funds received under this section only
11 to supplement the level of State or local funds that
12 would, in the absence of the receipt of funds under
13 this section, be made available for related housing
14 and recovery services.

15 “(5) CONSULTATION.—Each State that receives
16 amounts pursuant to this section shall consult with
17 continuums of care and public housing agencies to
18 assess needs for implementing funds and developing
19 a plan to support individuals receiving stable hous-
20 ing in connection with funding under this section
21 with transfer to other housing at the end of the indi-
22 viduals’ eligibility.”; and

23 (4) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the
24 following new subsection:

1 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
2 use not more than 2 percent of the funds made available
3 under this section for technical assistance, to publish best
4 practices, and to conduct outreach to grantees or poten-
5 tially eligible participants.”.

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