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To require a study and report on the housing and service needs of survivors of trafficking and individuals at risk for trafficking.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Trafficking Survivors
5 Housing Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON HOUSING AND SERVICE**
7 **NEEDS OF SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING AND**
8 **INDIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR TRAFFICKING.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) SURVIVOR OF A SEVERE FORM OF TRAF-
2 FICKING.—The term “survivor of a severe form of
3 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “victim
4 of a severe form of trafficking” in section 103 of the
5 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
6 U.S.C. 7102).

7 (2) SURVIVOR OF TRAFFICKING.—The term
8 “survivor of trafficking” has the meaning given the
9 term “victim of trafficking” in section 103 of the
10 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
11 U.S.C. 7102).

12 (b) STUDY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Inter-
14 agency Council on Homelessness shall conduct a
15 study assessing the availability and accessibility of
16 housing and services for individuals experiencing
17 homelessness or housing instability who are—

18 (A) survivors of trafficking, including sur-
19 vivors of severe forms of trafficking; or

20 (B) at risk of being trafficked.

21 (2) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—In
22 conducting the study required under paragraph (1),
23 the United States Interagency Council on Homeless-
24 ness shall—

25 (A) coordinate with—

1 (i) the Interagency Task Force to
2 Monitor and Combat Trafficking estab-
3 lished under section 105 of the Trafficking
4 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
5 7103);

6 (ii) the United States Advisory Coun-
7 cil on Human Trafficking;

8 (iii) the Secretary of Housing and
9 Urban Development;

10 (iv) the Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services; and

12 (v) the Attorney General; and

13 (B) consult with—

14 (i) the National Advisory Committee
15 on the Sex Trafficking of Children and
16 Youth in the United States;

17 (ii) survivors of trafficking;

18 (iii) direct service providers, includ-
19 ing—

20 (I) organizations serving runaway
21 and homeless youth;

22 (II) organizations serving sur-
23 vivors of trafficking through commu-
24 nity-based programs; and

1 (III) organizations providing
2 housing services to survivors of traf-
3 ficking; and

4 (iv) housing and homelessness assist-
5 ance providers, including recipients of
6 grants under—

7 (I) the continuum of care pro-
8 gram authorized under subtitle C of
9 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-
10 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381
11 et seq.); and

12 (II) the Emergency Solutions
13 Grants Program authorized under
14 subtitle B of title IV of the McKin-
15 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

17 (3) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under
18 paragraph (1) shall include—

19 (A) with respect to the individuals de-
20 scribed in that paragraph—

21 (i) an evaluation of formal assess-
22 ments and outreach methods used to iden-
23 tify and assess the housing and service
24 needs of those individuals, including out-
25 reach methods to—

1 (I) ensure effective communica-
2 tion with individuals with disabilities;
3 and

4 (II) reach individuals with lim-
5 ited English proficiency;

6 (ii) a review of the availability and ac-
7 cessibility of homelessness or housing serv-
8 ices for those individuals, including the
9 family members of those individuals who
10 are minors involved in foster care systems,
11 that identifies the disability-related needs
12 of those individuals, including the need for
13 housing with accessibility features;

14 (iii) the effect of any policies and pro-
15 cedures of mainstream homelessness or
16 housing services that facilitate or limit the
17 availability of those services and accessi-
18 bility for those individuals, including those
19 individuals who are involved in the legal
20 system, as those services are in effect as of
21 the date on which the study is conducted;

22 (iv) an identification of best practices
23 in meeting the housing and service needs
24 of those individuals; and

1 (v) an assessment of housing discrimi-
2 nation against survivors of trafficking who
3 are members of a protected class under the
4 Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et
5 seq.);

6 (B) an assessment of the ability of main-
7 stream homelessness or housing services to
8 meet the specialized needs of survivors of traf-
9 ficking, including trauma responsive approaches
10 specific to labor and sex trafficking survivors;
11 and

12 (C) an evaluation of the effectiveness of,
13 and infrastructure considerations for, housing
14 and service-delivery models that are specific to
15 survivors of trafficking, including survivors of
16 severe forms of trafficking, including emergency
17 rental assistance models.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 of enactment of this Act, the United States Interagency
20 Council on Homelessness shall—

21 (1) submit to the Committee on Banking,
22 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the
23 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
24 Representatives a report containing the information

1 described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of sub-
2 section (b)(3); and

3 (2) make the report submitted under paragraph
4 (1) publicly available.

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