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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a pilot program to recapture and reallocate rental assistance for veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEUSER 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 “Veterans Housing Op-
5 portunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HUD-VASH NATIONAL POOL PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary,

1 in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
2 shall establish a pilot program to be known as the “HUD-
3 VASH National Pool Pilot Program”.

4 (b) RECAPTURE AND REALLOCATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the pilot program,
6 the Secretary—

7 (A) shall identify public housing agencies
8 with chronically underutilized HUD-VASH
9 voucher assistance, as determined by the Sec-
10 retary;

11 (B) may recapture such voucher assist-
12 ance; and

13 (C) may reallocate such assistance to redis-
14 tribute HUD-VASH voucher assistance to pub-
15 lic housing agencies through a process estab-
16 lished by the Secretary.

17 (2) NOTICE TO PHAS WITH UNDERUTILIZA-
18 TION.—Upon a finding that a public housing agency
19 is chronically underutilizing HUD-VASH voucher
20 assistance as described in paragraph (1)(A), the Sec-
21 retary shall—

22 (A) notify such public housing agency of
23 the underutilization; and

24 (B) provide such public housing agency
25 with a period of time, as determined by the Sec-

1 retary, to utilize such voucher assistance before
2 recapturing and reallocating pursuant to sub-
3 paragraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1).

4 (c) AVAILABILITY OF VOUCHERS.—The HUD-VASH
5 voucher assistance that is reallocated pursuant to sub-
6 section (b)(1)(C) shall be made available to veterans that
7 are—

8 (1) homeless; or

9 (2) at risk of homelessness, as determined by
10 the Secretary.

11 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
12 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall sub-
13 mit to the Congress a report that describes—

14 (1) HUD-VASH voucher utilization rates;

15 (2) housing outcomes for veterans;

16 (3) impacts of the pilot program on the admin-
17 istration of HUD-VASH vouchers; and

18 (4) whether the pilot program has improved the
19 efficiency of the HUD-VASH voucher program.

20 (e) SUNSET.—The pilot program established by this
21 section shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after
22 the date of the enactment of this section, except as pro-
23 vided in subsection (f).

24 (f) PARTICIPANTS AFTER TERMINATION.—Any indi-
25 vidual that receives a HUD-VASH voucher under the pilot

1 program, and retains such voucher after the sunset de-
 2 scribed in subsection (d), shall retain such voucher under
 3 the standard HUD-VASH program described in section
 4 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
 5 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) and any implementing regulations.

6 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) CHRONICALLY UNDERUTILIZED.—The term
 8 “chronically underutilized” means sustained under-
 9 utilization over a meaningful period of time, as de-
 10 termined by the Secretary.

11 (2) HUD-VASH VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—The
 12 term “HUD-VASH voucher assistance” means rent-
 13 al assistance provided—

14 (A) under section 8(o)(19) of the United
 15 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
 16 1437f(o)(19)); or

17 (B) any similar assistance made under an
 18 appropriations Act.

19 (3) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
 20 “public housing agency” has the meaning given the
 21 term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing
 22 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

23 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 24 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 (5) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 2002 of title 38,
3 United States Code.

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