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To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish
a program to provide housing assistance to graduate students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. FOUSHEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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to establish a program to provide housing assistance
to graduate students.

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 “Grad Student Afford-
5 able Housing Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-
9 ing and Urban Development (hereafter referred to as the
10 “Secretary”) shall establish a program to provide tenant-

1 based assistance vouchers to covered graduate students,
2 in accordance with this section.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for assistance
4 under this section, a covered graduate student shall sub-
5 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
6 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
7 may require.

8 (c) COVERAGE OF HOUSING COSTS.—If selected for
9 assistance under this section, the Secretary shall provide
10 the covered graduate student with a tenant-based assist-
11 ance voucher that covers 80 percent of the cost of the fair
12 market value of the rental cost for the housing unit chosen
13 by the student.

14 (d) COVERED GRADUATE STUDENT DEFINED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered graduate
16 student” means an individual that—

17 (A) is enrolled in a graduate or profes-
18 sional program at an institution of higher edu-
19 cation (as such term is defined in section
20 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
21 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)));

22 (B) if considered a dependent—

23 (i) with respect to having 1 parent,
24 the parent has an annual adjusted avail-
25 able income that is not more than \$40,000,

1 as determined under the assessment de-
2 scribed in section 475(b) of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 108700(b)); or

5 (ii) with respect to having 2 parents,
6 the parents have a annual adjusted avail-
7 able income that is not more than \$80,000,
8 as determined under the assessment de-
9 scribed in section 475(b) of the Higher
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11 108700(b)); and

12 (C) if considered independent—

13 (i) with respect to a single individual,
14 has an annual available income that is not
15 more than \$40,000, as determined under
16 the assessment described in section 475(g)
17 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
18 U.S.C. 108700(g)); or

19 (ii) with respect to a married indi-
20 vidual, has an shared annual available in-
21 come that is not more than \$80,000 as de-
22 termined under the assessment described
23 in section 475(g) of the Higher Education
24 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 108700(g)).

1 (2) COST OF LIVING.—The Secretary may ad-
2 just income amounts described in subparagraphs (B)
3 and (C) to account for adjustments to the cost of
4 living, as determined by the Secretary.

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