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1ST SESSION

S. 913

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to distribute funds available for grants under title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to help ensure that each State receives not less than 0.5 percent of such funds for certain programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 1999

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking 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 “Homelessness Assist-
5 ance Funding Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM ALLOCATION UNDER SUPPORTIVE HOUS-**
2 **ING PROGRAM.**

3 Section 429 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
4 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11389) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
6 section (d); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(c) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In making grants using
11 amounts allocated for use under this subtitle, the
12 Secretary shall ensure that not less than 0.5 percent
13 of the total amount allocated for such use is pro-
14 vided to eligible applicants for use within each of the
15 several States, subject only to the lack of eligible ap-
16 plicants or the ability of such applicants to provide
17 funds required under section 426(e).

18 “(2) DISTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN CIR-
19 CUMSTANCES.—If the amount provided to eligible
20 applicants for use within a State under paragraph
21 (1) exceeds the amount competitively awarded under
22 this subtitle for use in the State, the amount pro-
23 vided for use by operation of paragraph (1) shall be
24 distributed among the remaining eligible applicants
25 on a pro rata basis for projects designated as pri-
26 ority in the applications submitted under this sub-

1 title, based on the amounts requested in those appli-
 2 cations.”.

3 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM ALLOCATION UNDER SECTION 8 SINGLE**
 4 **ROOM OCCUPANCY MODERATE REHABILITA-**
 5 **TION.**

6 Section 441(c) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
 7 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401(c)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 9 (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively,
 10 and indenting each subparagraph accordingly;

11 (2) by striking “The amounts” and inserting
 12 the following:

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
 14 and (3), the amounts”;

15 (3) by striking “No single” and inserting the
 16 following:

17 “(2) LIMITATION FOR CITIES AND URBAN
 18 COUNTIES.—No single”; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In providing assist-
 22 ance using amounts allocated for use under this
 23 section, the Secretary shall ensure that not less
 24 than 0.5 percent of the total amount allocated
 25 for such use is provided to eligible applicants

1 for use within each of the several States, sub-
2 ject only to the lack of eligible applicants.

3 “(B) DISTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN CIR-
4 CUMSTANCES.—If the amount provided to eligi-
5 ble applicants for use within a State under sub-
6 paragraph (A) exceeds the amount competi-
7 tively awarded under this subsection for use in
8 the State, the amount provided for use by oper-
9 ation of subparagraph (A) shall be distributed
10 among the remaining eligible applicants on a
11 pro rata basis for projects designated as pri-
12 ority in the applications submitted under this
13 section, based on the amounts requested in
14 those applications.”.

15 **SEC. 3. MINIMUM ALLOCATION UNDER SHELTER PLUS**
16 **CARE PROGRAM.**

17 Section 463 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
18 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11403h) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following:

20 “(c) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing assistance
22 using amounts allocated for use under this subtitle,
23 the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 0.5 per-
24 cent of the total amount allocated for such use is
25 provided to eligible applicants for use within each of

1 the several States, subject only to the lack of eligible
2 applicants or the ability of such applicants to pro-
3 vide funds required under section 453.

4 “(2) DISTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN CIR-
5 CUMSTANCES.—If the amount provided to eligible
6 applicants for use within a State under paragraph
7 (1) exceeds the amount competitively awarded under
8 this subtitle for use in the State, the amount pro-
9 vided for use by operation of paragraph (1) shall be
10 distributed among the remaining eligible applicants
11 on a pro rata basis for projects designated as pri-
12 ority in the applications submitted under this sub-
13 title, based on the amounts requested in those appli-
14 cations.”.

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