111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6101

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 10, 2010

Mr. Sestak introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPART-
- 4 MENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION PRO-
- 5 GRAM.
- 6 (a) Program Evaluation.—Section 416 of the En-
- 7 ergy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6866)

- 1 is amended by adding at the end the following: "An eval-
- 2 uation of the program authorized by this part shall,
- 3 through methods provided for in, and records kept pursu-
- 4 ant to, section 417, review such program to determine
- 5 whether there are systemic impediments to carrying out
- 6 such program and achieving its purpose, such as the in-
- 7 ability for low-income persons (especially low-income per-
- 8 sons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly
- 9 and the handicapped) to participate in such program be-
- 10 cause of the need for major repairs to the dwelling units
- 11 of such persons prior to receiving weatherization assist-
- 12 ance (including barriers to making such repairs), and rec-
- 13 ommendations for how such impediments should be ad-
- 14 dressed.".
- 15 (b) Administrative Provisions.—Section 417 of
- 16 the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C.
- 17 6867) is amended—
- 18 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting ", including
- reports or answers regarding systemic impediments
- 20 to carrying out the weatherization program author-
- 21 ized by this part (including reports or answers on
- the average time it takes to complete weatherization
- assistance for individual dwelling units and reports
- or answers on the approval and disapproval of re-

quests for such weatherization assistance)" after "to carry out their functions under this part";

- (2) in subsection (b), by inserting ", including records tracking the time it takes to complete weatherization assistance provided for by such project for each dwelling unit, and records tracking approval and disapproval of requests for weatherization assistance, including reasons for such a disapproval and what form, if any, of follow-up occurs regarding such a disapproval" after "effective financial audit and performance evaluation of such project"; and
- (3) in subsection (c), by inserting ", including records required under subsection (b)" after "pertinent to the financial assistance received under this part".
- 16 (c) Annual Report.—Section 421 of the Energy
 17 Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6871) is
 18 amended by adding "Such report shall include any find19 ings, determinations, and recommendations of the Sec20 retary regarding systemic impediments to carrying out the
 21 weatherization assistance program under this part result22 ing from an evaluation required by section 416." after
 23 "section 416.".