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To provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in persistent poverty counties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “An Act Targeting Re-
5 sources to Communities in Need”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—The term “de-
2 velopment program” means any of the following pro-
3 grams, offices, or appropriations accounts:

4 (A) Any program administered by the Of-
5 fice of Rural Development of the Department of
6 Agriculture.

7 (B) The Appalachian Regional Commis-
8 sion.

9 (C) Department of Commerce, Economic
10 Development Administration, Economic Devel-
11 opment Assistance Programs.

12 (D) The Delta Regional Authority.

13 (E) The Denali Commission.

14 (F) Any training or employment services
15 program administered by the Employment and
16 Training Administration of the Department of
17 Labor.

18 (G) Department of Health and Human
19 Services, Health Resources and Services Admin-
20 istration.

21 (H) Environmental Protection Agency,
22 State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

23 (I) Department of Commerce, National In-
24 stitute of Standards and Technology, Construc-
25 tion.

1 (J) Department of Justice, Office of Jus-
2 tice Programs.

3 (K) Department of Transportation, Office
4 of the Secretary, Nationally Significant Freight
5 and Highway Projects.

6 (L) Department of Transportation, Office
7 of the Secretary, National Infrastructure In-
8 vestments.

9 (M) Department of Transportation, Fed-
10 eral Transit Administration, Bus & Bus Facili-
11 ties Infrastructure Investment Program.

12 (N) Department of Transportation, Fed-
13 eral Transit Administration, Capital Investment
14 Grants Program.

15 (O) Any program of the Department of the
16 Treasury relating to Community Development
17 Financial Institutions (within the meaning of
18 section 103 of the Community Development
19 Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994
20 (12 U.S.C. 4702)).

21 (2) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY.—The term
22 “persistent poverty county” means any county with
23 a poverty rate of at least 20 percent, as determined
24 in each of the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses,
25 and in the Bureau of the Census’s Small Area In-

1 come and Poverty Estimates for the most recent
2 year for which the estimates are available.

3 (3) HIGH-POVERTY AREA.—The term “high-
4 poverty area” means a census tract with a poverty
5 rate of at least 20 percent during the 3 years most
6 recently ending before the date of the enactment of
7 this Act.

8 **SEC. 3. 10-20-30 FORMULA FOR PERSISTENT POVERTY**
9 **COUNTIES.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the enti-
11 ty responsible for administering a development program
12 shall use not less than 10 percent of the amounts made
13 available in any appropriations Act for the program for
14 any of fiscal years 2019 through 2028, in persistent pov-
15 erty counties, if the entity is otherwise authorized to do
16 so.

17 **SEC. 4. TARGETING HIGH-POVERTY CENSUS TRACTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, the entity responsible for administering a de-
20 velopment program shall use not less than the amount de-
21 scribed in subsection (b) of the amounts made available
22 in any appropriations Act for the program for any of fiscal
23 years 2019 through 2028, for projects in high-poverty
24 areas, if the entity is otherwise authorized to do so.

1 (b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in
2 this subsection with respect to a program is an amount
3 equal to the sum of—

4 (1) the average percentage of Federal assist-
5 ance awarded under the program in the 3 fiscal
6 years most recently ending before the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act that were used for projects in
8 high-poverty areas; plus

9 (2) 5 percent of the average total Federal loan
10 and grant funds awarded under the program in the
11 3 fiscal years referred to in paragraph (1).

12 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—If an entity responsible
13 for administering a development program determines that
14 the provision of benefits under the program in a particular
15 census tract actually benefits individuals predominantly
16 living in other census tracts, then the entity shall, within
17 3 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, in-
18 form the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
19 et and the Congress that it would be more appropriate
20 to track the provision of benefits under the program based
21 on the census tracts in which the individuals who actually
22 receive the benefits reside and on whether the benefits
23 serve individuals who reside in predominantly low-income
24 census tracts.

1 **SEC. 5. FAILURE TO USE FUNDS.**

2 If the entity responsible for administering a develop-
3 ment program does not comply with section 4 with respect
4 to the program for a fiscal year, the entity shall submit
5 to the Congress a report that describes how the entity
6 plans to do so in the next fiscal year.

7 **SEC. 6. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

8 Within 6 months after the end of fiscal year 2019
9 and within 6 months after the end of each fiscal year
10 thereafter, the entity responsible for administering each
11 development program shall submit to the Congress a
12 progress report on the implementation of this Act with re-
13 spect to the development program.

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