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To direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide certain information to Department of Veterans Affairs medical center staff and homelessness service providers regarding the Coordinated Entry program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio (for himself and Miss RICE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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 “Improving Housing
5 Outcomes for Veterans Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHARING OF**
2 **INFORMATION RELATED TO DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CO-**
4 **ORDINATED ENTRY PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for Health
6 of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall—

7 (1) provide to Department of Veterans Affairs
8 medical center staff and homelessness service pro-
9 viders the information described in subsection (b);
10 and

11 (2) ensure that such information, and other re-
12 sources the Under Secretary determines are appro-
13 priate, are accessible to Department of Veterans Af-
14 fairs medical center staff and homelessness service
15 providers.

16 (b) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information de-
17 scribed in this subsection is information related to best
18 practices with respect to the collaboration between Depart-
19 ment of Veterans Affairs medical centers, homelessness
20 service providers, and other local partners (including local
21 Department of Housing and Urban Development offices
22 or public housing agencies) on activities under the Coordi-
23 nated Entry program of the Department of Housing and
24 Urban Development, including making referrals and shar-
25 ing data, as the Under Secretary determines appropriate.

1 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNICA-**
2 **TION WITH EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR**
3 **HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

4 The Under Secretary for Health of the Department
5 of Veterans Affairs shall clearly communicate with em-
6 ployees of the Department of Veterans Affairs whose re-
7 sponsibilities are related to homelessness assistance pro-
8 grams regarding—

- 9 (1) the measurement of performance by the
10 Homeless Program Office of the Department; and
11 (2) how to obtain and provide feedback about
12 performance measures.

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