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To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a study on the implementation of work requirements by public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GARCIA of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 Self-Suffi-
5 ciency of Families in HUD-Subsidized Housing Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF FAMILIES IN**
7 **HUD-SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) STUDY.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
2 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall
3 conduct a study on the implementation of work re-
4 quirements implemented prior to the date of enact-
5 ment of this Act by public housing agencies de-
6 scribed in paragraph (4) participating in the Moving
7 to Work demonstration authorized under section 204
8 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing
9 and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies
10 Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).

11 (2) SCOPE.—The study required under para-
12 graph (1) shall—

13 (A) consider the short-, medium-, and
14 long-term benefits and challenges of work re-
15 quirements on public housing agencies described
16 in paragraph (4) and on program participants
17 who are subject to such requirements, including
18 the effects work requirements have on home-
19 lessness rates, poverty rates, asset building,
20 earnings growth, job attainment and retention,
21 and public housing agencies’ administrative ca-
22 pacity; and

23 (B) include quantitative and qualitative
24 evidence, including interviews with program

1 participants described in subparagraph (A) and
2 their respective resident councils.

3 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
5 submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
6 Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
7 Financial Services of the House of Representatives
8 a report on the initial findings of the study required
9 under paragraph (1).

10 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—
11 The public housing agencies described in this para-
12 graph are public housing agencies that, as part of an
13 application to participate in the demonstration au-
14 thorized under section 204 of the Departments of
15 Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act,
17 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), submit a proposal
18 identifying work requirements as an innovative pro-
19 posal.

20 (b) DETERMINATION.—The requirement under sub-
21 section (a) shall apply if the Secretary of Housing and
22 Urban Development determines that—

23 (1) there are a sufficient number of public
24 housing agencies described in subsection (a)(4) such
25 that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-

1 ment can rigorously evaluate the impact of the im-
2 plementation of work requirements described in that
3 subsection; and

4 (2) the study would not negatively impact low-
5 income families receiving assistance through a public
6 housing agency described in subsection (a)(4).

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