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H. R. 8878

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to incentivize local solutions to homelessness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2026

Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself and Ms. BYNUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to incentivize local solutions to homelessness.

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 “Incentivizing Local So-
5 lutions to Homelessness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCENTIVIZING LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESS-**
7 **NESS.**

8 Section 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
9 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

1 “(f) FUNDING CAP WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law or regulation, a recipient may re-
4 quest a waiver to the expenditure limit established
5 pursuant to section 415(b) for amounts provided for
6 each of fiscal years 2027 through 2030.

7 “(2) WAIVER REQUEST.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient seeking a
9 waiver described in paragraph (1) shall submit
10 to the Secretary a waiver request that includes
11 not more than the following:

12 “(i) A demonstration of local needs
13 and circumstances that necessitate a waiv-
14 er.

15 “(ii) A detailed plan for how the re-
16 cipient intends to use funds.

17 “(iii) A justification for how the pro-
18 posed use of funds supports the most re-
19 cent Consolidated Plan submitted by the
20 recipient.

21 “(iv) Any public input solicited under
22 subparagraph (B)(ii).

23 “(B) NOTIFICATION.—Each recipient
24 shall—

1 “(i) notify all subrecipients and local
2 Continuum of Care that serve the recipi-
3 ent’s geographic area of the availability of
4 waivers under this subsection; and

5 “(ii) prior to the submission of a
6 waiver request under subparagraph (A),
7 solicit public input regarding the potential
8 need for and proposed uses of such waiver.

9 “(C) APPROVAL; PUBLICATION.—The Sec-
10 retary shall—

11 “(i) make all waiver requests sub-
12 mitted under subparagraph (A) publicly
13 available on the website of the Department
14 of Housing and Urban Development;

15 “(ii) not later than 60 days after the
16 date on which the Secretary receives a
17 waiver request under subparagraph (A),
18 approve or deny the request; and

19 “(iii) deny any waiver request sub-
20 mitted under subparagraph (A) by a re-
21 cipient that relocates or threaten to relo-
22 cate individuals or their property without
23 providing emergency shelter, rapid rehous-
24 ing, transitional housing, permanent sup-

1 portive housing, or other permanent hous-
2 ing options.

3 “(3) REVOCATION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A waiver approved
5 under this subsection shall remain in effect for
6 the duration of the period of performance of fis-
7 cal year 2027 through 2030 grants, unless the
8 recipient notifies the Secretary in writing that
9 the recipient wishes to revoke the waiver.

10 “(B) NOTIFICATION.—If a recipient in-
11 tends to revoke a waiver under subparagraph
12 (A), the recipient shall—

13 “(i) solicit input from subrecipients
14 regarding the revocation before submitting
15 the revocation; and

16 “(ii) provide subrecipients with a sum-
17 mary of the input and the justification for
18 the revocation in its submittal prior to no-
19 tifying the Secretary in writing.

20 “(C) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall
21 publish any revocation of a waiver under sub-
22 paragraph (A) and the justification of the re-
23 cipient for the waiver on the website of the De-

1 partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
2 ment.”.

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