

AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54
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Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 60016. UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON**
2 **HOMELESSNESS.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF TERMINATION.—Title II of the
4 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
5 11311 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by striking section 209 (42 U.S.C. 11319);
7 and

8 (2) by redesignating sections 207 and 208 (42
9 U.S.C. 11317, 11318) as sections 208 and 209, re-
10 spectively.

11 (b) FUNCTIONS.—Section 203 of the McKinney-
12 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11313) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) in paragraph (12), by striking “and”
16 at the end;

17 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(14) rely on evidence-based practices;

4 “(15) identify and promote successful practices,
5 including the Housing First strategy and the perma-
6 nent supportive housing model; and

7 “(16) prioritize addressing disparities faced by
8 members of a population at higher risk of homeless-
9 ness, including by issuing reports and making rec-
10 ommendations to agencies.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and”
13 after the semicolon;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(3) make formal reports and recommendations
19 to Federal agencies, which shall include comments
20 on how proposed regulatory changes would impact
21 persons experiencing homelessness, housing insta-
22 bility, or who are cost-burdened.”.

23 (c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the McKinney-
25 Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amended by in-

1 serting after section 206 (42 U.S.C. 11316) the fol-
2 lowing new section:

3 **“SEC. 207. ADVISORY BOARD.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advi-
5 sory board for the Council.

6 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

7 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board shall
8 be composed of not less than 20 individuals, selected
9 in accordance with paragraph (3) from nominees
10 proposed pursuant to paragraph (2), as follows:

11 “(A) Not less than 10 members shall be
12 individuals who are homeless or experiencing
13 housing instability, or were so during the 5 cal-
14 endar years preceding appointment to the advi-
15 sory board or who have been so in the last 5
16 calendar years.

17 “(B) Not less than 8 members shall be in-
18 dividuals who are members of, or advocate on
19 behalf of, or both, a population at higher risk
20 of homelessness, including such transgender
21 and gender non-conforming persons, Asian,
22 Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawai-
23 ian, Pacific Islander, and other communities of
24 color, youth in or formerly in the foster care

1 system, and justice-system involved youth and
2 adults.

3 “(2) NOMINATION.—Nominees for members of
4 the advisory board shall be proposed by any grantee
5 or subgrantee under this Act.

6 “(3) SELECTION.—Advisory Board members
7 shall be selected as follows:

8 “(A) At least 5 members shall be selected
9 by the majority party members of the Com-
10 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
11 Representatives and 5 members shall be se-
12 lected by the minority party members of such
13 committee.

14 “(B) At least 5 members shall be selected
15 by the majority party members of the Com-
16 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
17 of the Senate and 5 members shall be selected
18 by the minority party members of such com-
19 mittee.

20 “(4) TERMS.—Members of the advisory board
21 shall serve terms of 2 years.

22 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The advisory board shall review
23 the work of the Council, make recommendations regarding
24 how the Council can most effectively pursue the goal of
25 ending homelessness, and raise specific points of concern

1 with members of the Council who represent Federal agen-
2 cies.

3 “(d) MEETINGS.—The advisory board shall meet not
4 less often than twice each year.

5 “(e) COUNCIL MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet
6 regularly and not less often than once a year with the advi-
7 sory board and shall provide timely written responses to
8 recommendations, proposals, and concerns issued by the
9 advisory board.

10 “(f) CHAIRMAN.—The position of Chairman of the
11 advisory board shall be filled by an individual who is a
12 current or former member of the advisory board, is nomi-
13 nated by at least two members of the advisory board, and
14 is confirmed by a vote of not less than 75 percent of the
15 members of the advisory board.

16 “(g) COMPENSATION.—Any amounts made available
17 for administrative costs of the Council may be used for
18 costs of travel or online access to meetings for participa-
19 tion by members of the advisory board in board meetings,
20 and for per diem compensation to advisory board members
21 for board meetings.

22 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The agencies imple-
23 menting this Act shall construe this Act in a manner that
24 facilitates and encourage the full participation of advisory
25 board members and shall consider the barriers faced by

1 persons experiencing homelessness and shall endeavor to
2 overcome such barriers to participation.”.

3 (2) REPRESENTATION OF CHAIRMAN ON COUN-
4 CIL.—Section 202(a) of the McKinney-Vento Home-
5 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11312(a)) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (22) as
8 paragraph (21); and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(22) The chairman of the advisory board es-
12 tablished by section 207.”.

13 (d) DIRECTOR.— Subsection (a) of section 204 of the
14 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
15 11314(a)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “(a) DIRECTOR.—The Council
17 shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall be”
18 and inserting the following:

19 “(a) DIRECTOR.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The chief executive officer
21 of the Council shall be the Executive Director, who
22 shall be appointed in accordance with paragraph (2)
23 and”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(1) PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT.—A vacancy
2 in the position of Executive Director shall be filled
3 by an individual nominated and appointed to such
4 position by the Council, except that the Council may
5 not appoint any nominee who is not confirmed by
6 approval of 75 percent of the aggregate of all mem-
7 bers of the Council and the advisory board under
8 section 207 pursuant to an election in which each
9 such member’s vote is given identical weight. If the
10 Council is unable to agree on an Executive Director,
11 the chairperson of the advisory council shall act as
12 interim Executive Director.”.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Section 207 of the McKinney-
14 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11317) is
15 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
16 graphs:

17 “(3) The term ‘Housing First’ means, with re-
18 spect to addressing homelessness, an approach to
19 quickly and successfully connect individuals and
20 families experiencing homelessness to permanent and
21 affordable housing opportunities and appropriate
22 services without preconditions and low or no barriers
23 to entry, including barriers relating to sobriety,
24 treatment, work requirements, and service participa-
25 tion requirements.

1 “(4) The term ‘permanent supportive housing’
2 means housing that provides—

3 “(A) indefinite leasing or rental assistance;
4 and

5 “(B) non-mandatory, culturally competent
6 supportive services to assist persons to achieve
7 housing stability and maintain their health and
8 well-being.

9 “(5)(A) The term ‘population at higher risk of
10 homelessness’ means a group of persons that is de-
11 fined by a common characteristic and that has been
12 found to experience homelessness, housing insta-
13 bility, or to be cost-burdened at a rate higher than
14 that of the general public.

15 “(B) Information that may be used in dem-
16 onstrating such a higher rate includes data gen-
17 erated by the Federal Government, by State or mu-
18 nicipal governments, by peer-reviewed research, and
19 by organizations having expertise in working with or
20 advocating on behalf of homeless, housing unstable,
21 or cost-burdened groups.

22 “(C) Such term shall include populations for
23 which such higher rate has already been dem-
24 onstrated, including Asian, Black, Latino, Native
25 American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and

1 other communities of color; persons with disabilities,
2 including mental health disabilities, elderly persons,
3 foster and former foster youth; LGBTQ persons,
4 gender non-binary and gender non-conforming per-
5 sons, justice system-involved persons, and vet-
6 erans.”.

7 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
8 tents in section 101(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
9 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 note) is amended by
10 striking the items relating to sections 209 and 210 and
11 inserting the following:

“Sec. 209. Encouragement of State involvement.”.

