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H. R. 508

To require a study and report on the housing and service needs of victims of trafficking and individuals at risk for trafficking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BEATTY (for herself and Mrs. WAGNER) 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 “Trafficking Victims
5 Housing Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON HOUSING AND SERVICE**
7 **NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND IN-**
8 **DIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR TRAFFICKING.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “severe
10 forms of trafficking in persons” and “victim of traf-

1 ficking” have the meanings given those terms in section
2 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
3 U.S.C. 7102).

4 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—The United States Inter-
5 agency Council on Homelessness, in coordination with the
6 United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking,
7 the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the
8 Administration for Children and Families of the Depart-
9 ment of Health and Human Services, and the Department
10 of Justice, and in consultation with the National Advisory
11 Committee on Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in
12 the United States and direct service providers and housing
13 and homelessness practitioners, shall conduct a study as-
14 sessing the availability and accessibility of housing and
15 services for individuals experiencing homelessness who are
16 victims of trafficking, victims of severe forms of traf-
17 ficking in persons, or at risk of being trafficked, which
18 shall include—

19 (1) an evaluation of formal assessments and
20 outreach methods used to identify and assess the
21 housing and service needs of those individuals;

22 (2) a review of the availability and accessibility
23 of homelessness or housing services for those individ-
24 uals, including the families of those individuals who

1 are minors and youth involved in foster care sys-
2 tems;

3 (3) the effect of any policies and procedures of
4 mainstream homelessness or housing services that
5 facilitate or limit their availability and accessibility
6 for those individuals, as those services are in effect
7 as of the date on which the report is submitted;

8 (4) an assessment of the ability of mainstream
9 homelessness or housing services to meet the special-
10 ized needs of victims of trafficking, including trauma
11 responsive approaches specific to labor and sex traf-
12 ficking victims;

13 (5) an evaluation of the effectiveness of and in-
14 frastructure considerations for housing and service-
15 delivery models that are specific to victims of severe
16 forms of trafficking in persons, including emergency
17 rental assistance models; and

18 (6) an identification of best practices in meet-
19 ing the housing and service needs of those individ-
20 uals.

21 (c) REPORT SUBMISSIONS.—The United States
22 Interagency Council on Homelessness shall submit to the
23 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
24 the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of
25 the House of Representatives—

1 (1) not later than 18 months after the date of
2 the enactment of this Act, an interim report con-
3 taining the information described in paragraphs (1)
4 through (5) of subsection (b); and

5 (2) not later than 36 months after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, a final report con-
7 taining—

8 (A) the information described in para-
9 graphs (1) through (6) of subsection (b); and

10 (B) any updates to the information con-
11 tained in the interim report submitted under
12 paragraph (1).

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