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# H. R. 5177

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to expand certain service coordinator programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 8, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Expanding Service Co-  
5 ordinator Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COVERED SERVICE COORDINATOR**  
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 671 of the Housing and  
4 Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13631)  
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if  
8 a covered federally assisted housing project is eligible to  
9 receive amounts under this title to employ or retain a serv-  
10 ice coordinator, the Secretary may not subject such cov-  
11 ered federally assisted housing project to any additional  
12 requirements in exchange for such amounts.”.

13 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE CO-  
14 ORDINATORS.—Subtitle E of title VI of the Housing and  
15 Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13631  
16 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
17 **“SEC. 678. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

18 “(a) FUNDING FOR SERVICE COORDINATOR TRAIN-  
19 ING.—An owner of a federally assisted housing project  
20 shall, each year, reserve not less than \$2,500 of amounts  
21 received to carry out a covered service coordinator pro-  
22 gram for use by a service coordinator to access training  
23 in areas described in section 802(d)(4) of the Cranston-  
24 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 8011(d)(4)).

1       “(b) SERVICE COORDINATOR TRAINING REPORTING  
2 REQUIREMENT.—A service coordinator operating pursu-  
3 ant to a covered service coordinator program shall, on an  
4 annual basis, submit to the Secretary information, as de-  
5 termined appropriate by the Secretary, with respect to  
6 training completed by the service coordinator in the pre-  
7 ceding year.

8       “(c) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary may not  
9 require an applicant for a grant under a covered service  
10 coordinator program to use all of the amounts available  
11 to the applicant prior to submitting an application for  
12 such grant.

13       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the  
15 operation of covered service coordinator programs and the  
16 continuation of existing congregate service grants for resi-  
17 dents of federally assisted housing projects \$225,000,000  
18 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

19       “(e) COVERED SERVICE COORDINATOR PROGRAM  
20 DEFINED.—The term ‘covered service coordinator pro-  
21 gram’ means the service coordinator programs established  
22 pursuant to—

23               “(1) this subtitle;

24               “(2) section 802 of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-  
25               tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8011);

1 “(3) section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959  
2 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); and

3 “(4) section 8 of the United States Housing  
4 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).”.

5 (c) PROVISION OF SERVICES.—Section 202(g)(3) of  
6 the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(g)(3)) is  
7 amended by inserting “, including with respect to the cal-  
8 culation of initial rents” after “eligible cost under sub-  
9 section (c)(2)”.

10 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS ELIGIBILITY.**

11 Section 455(m)(3)(B)(i) of the Higher Education Act  
12 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)(B)(i)) is amended by in-  
13 serting “public service as a service coordinator,” after  
14 “school-based services,”.

15 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF FUNDING FOR SERVICES FOR PUB-  
16 LIC AND INDIAN HOUSING RESIDENTS.**

17 Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937  
18 (42 U.S.C. 1437z–6) is amended by adding at the end  
19 the following:

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
22 out this section \$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
23 through 2028.”.

1 **SEC. 5. STUDY ON RURAL SERVICE COORDINATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller  
4 General of the United States shall conduct a study regard-  
5 ing the coordination of the provision of supportive services  
6 (in this section referred to as “service coordination”) by  
7 one or more individuals (in this section referred to as a  
8 “service coordinator”) in rural covered federally assisted  
9 housing projects, which shall include the following:

10 (1) An identification of the number of service  
11 coordinators that work in rural covered federally as-  
12 sisted housing projects.

13 (2) An identification of the number of rural  
14 covered federally assisted housing projects that do  
15 not employ a service coordinator.

16 (3) A description of the effect of service coordi-  
17 nators on the well-being of residents of rural covered  
18 federally assisted housing projects.

19 (4) A comparison of the met and unmet needs  
20 of residents of rural covered federally assisted hous-  
21 ing projects—

22 (A) that employ a service coordinator; and

23 (B) that do not employ a service coordi-  
24 nator.

1           (5) A description of models of service coordina-  
2           tion that are used in programs other than rural cov-  
3           ered federally assisted housing projects.

4           (6) A description of barriers, if any, to the op-  
5           eration of service coordinators in rural covered fed-  
6           erally assisted housing projects.

7           (7) A description of promising service coordina-  
8           tion practices that should be explored for use by  
9           service coordinators in rural covered federally as-  
10          sisted housing projects, including the following:

11                   (A) Multi-site service coordination.

12                   (B) Part-time service coordination.

13                   (C) Remote service coordination.

14          (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study required  
15          under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the  
16          United States shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
17          sional committees a report regarding the results of such  
18          study.

19          (c) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING DE-  
20          FINED.—In this section, the term “covered federally as-  
21          sisted housing” means—

22                   (1) federally assisted housing, as such term is  
23                   defined in section 683(2) of the Housing and Com-  
24                   munity Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C.  
25                   13641(2)); and

1           (2) housing that is assisted under section 514,  
2           515, 516, or 538 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42  
3           U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, or 1490p-2).

4 **SEC. 6. HRSA GRANTS FOR SERVICE COORDINATORS.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
6 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the  
7 Health Resources and Services Administration, shall es-  
8 tablish a program to award 150 grants to eligible prop-  
9 erties to fund service coordinators.

10          (b) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant awarded under this  
11 section shall be for a period of 3 years, and may be re-  
12 newed.

13          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14           (1) ELIGIBLE PROPERTY.—The term “eligible  
15 property” means a housing project with respect to  
16 which a person has claimed a credit under section  
17 42(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

18           (2) SERVICE COORDINATOR.—The term “serv-  
19 ice coordinator” has the meaning given the term in  
20 section 671 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
21 opment Act of 1992.

22          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated in fiscal year 2024 to carry  
24 out this section \$37,000,000.

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