

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4300
OFFERED BY MS. DEAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fostering Stable Hous-
3 ing Opportunities Act of 2019”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF FAMILY.

5 Subparagraph (A) of section 3(b)(3) of the United
6 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(A))
7 is amended—

8 (1) in the first sentence—

9 (A) by striking “(v)” and inserting “(vi)”;

10 and

11 (B) by inserting after “tenant family,” the
12 following: “(v) a youth described in section
13 8(x)(2)(B)”;

14 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “or
15 (vi)” after “clause (v)”.

1 **SEC. 3. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS FOR FOSTERING STA-**
2 **BLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.**

3 (a) ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER
4 CARE.—Section 8(x) of the United States Housing Act of
5 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “subject to
7 paragraph (5),” before “(B)”;

8 (2) in paragraph (3)—

9 (A) by striking “(3) ALLOCATION.—The”
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(3) ALLOCATION.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(B) ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH AGING OUT
16 OF FOSTER CARE.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, the Secretary shall, subject
18 only to the availability of funds, allocate such
19 assistance to any public housing agencies that
20 (i) administer assistance pursuant to paragraph
21 (2)(B), or seek to administer such assistance,
22 consistent with procedures established by the
23 Secretary, and (ii) have requested such assist-
24 ance so that they may provide timely assistance
25 to eligible youth.”;

1 (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
2 graph (6); and

3 (4) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(5) REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR
6 YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.—Assistance
7 provided under this subsection for an eligible youth
8 pursuant to paragraph (2)(B) shall be subject to the
9 following requirements:

10 “(A) REQUIREMENTS TO EXTEND ASSIST-
11 ANCE.—

12 “(i) PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY SELF-
13 SUFFICIENCY.—In the case of a public
14 housing agency that is providing such as-
15 sistance under this subsection on behalf of
16 an eligible youth and that is carrying out
17 a family self-sufficiency program under
18 section 23, the agency shall, subject only
19 to the availability of such assistance, ex-
20 tend the provision of such assistance for
21 up to 24 months beyond the period re-
22 ferred to in paragraph (2)(B), but only
23 during such period that the youth is in
24 compliance with the terms and conditions
25 applicable under section 23 and the regula-

1 tions implementing such section to a per-
2 son participating in a family self-suffi-
3 ciency program.

4 “(ii) EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DE-
5 VELOPMENT, OR EMPLOYMENT.—In the
6 case of a public housing agency that is
7 providing such assistance under this sub-
8 section on behalf of an eligible youth and
9 that is not carrying out a family self-suffi-
10 ciency program under section 23, the agen-
11 cy shall, subject only to the availability of
12 such assistance, extend the provision of
13 such assistance for two successive 12-
14 month periods, after the period referred to
15 in paragraph (2)(B), but only if during the
16 entire 12-month period preceding each
17 such extension the youth was—

18 “(I) engaged in obtaining a rec-
19 ognized postsecondary credential or a
20 secondary school diploma or its recog-
21 nized equivalent;

22 “(II) enrolled in an institution of
23 higher education, as such term is de-
24 fined in section 101(a) of the Higher
25 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 1001(a)) and including the institu-
2 tions described in subparagraphs (A)
3 and (B) of section 102(a)(1) of such
4 Act (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(1)); or

5 “(III) participating in a career
6 pathway, as such term is defined in
7 section 3 of the Workforce Innovation
8 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
9 3102).

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 this clause, a public housing agency shall
12 consider employment as satisfying the re-
13 quirements under this subparagraph.

14 “(iii) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding
15 clauses (i) and (ii), a public housing agen-
16 cy that is providing such assistance under
17 this subsection on behalf of an eligible
18 youth shall extend the provision of such as-
19 sistance for up to 24 months beyond the
20 period referred to in paragraph (2)(B),
21 and clauses (i) and (ii) of this subpara-
22 graph shall not apply, if the eligible youth
23 is—

24 “(I) a parent or other household
25 member responsible for the care of a

1 dependent child under the age of 6 or
2 for the care of an incapacitated per-
3 son;

4 “(II) a person who is regularly
5 and actively participating in a drug
6 addiction or alcohol treatment and re-
7 habilitation program; or

8 “(III) a person who is incapable
9 of complying with the requirement
10 under clause (i) or (ii), as applicable,
11 due to a documented medical condi-
12 tion.

13 “(iv) VERIFICATION OF COMPLI-
14 ANCE.—The Secretary shall require the
15 public housing agency to verify compliance
16 with the requirements under this subpara-
17 graph by each eligible youth on whose be-
18 half the agency provides such assistance
19 under this subsection on an annual basis
20 in conjunction with reviews of income for
21 purposes of determining income eligibility
22 for such assistance.

23 “(B) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—

24 “(i) ELIGIBILITY.—Each eligible
25 youth on whose behalf such assistance

1 under this subsection is provided shall be
2 eligible for any supportive services (as such
3 term is defined in section 103 of the Work-
4 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
5 U.S.C. 3102)) made available, in connec-
6 tion with any housing assistance program
7 of the agency, by or through the public
8 housing agency providing such assistance.

9 “(ii) INFORMATION.—Upon the initial
10 provision of such assistance under this
11 subsection on behalf of any eligible youth,
12 the public housing agency shall inform
13 such eligible youth of the existence of any
14 programs or services referred to in clause
15 (i) and of their eligibility for such pro-
16 grams and services.

17 “(C) APPLICABILITY TO MOVING TO WORK
18 AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, the requirements of this paragraph
20 shall apply to assistance under this subsection
21 pursuant to paragraph (2)(B) made available
22 by each public housing agency participating in
23 the Moving to Work Program under section 204
24 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and
25 Housing and Urban Development, and Inde-

1 pendent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42
2 U.S.C. 1437f note), except that in lieu of com-
3 pliance with clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph
4 (A) of this paragraph, such an agency may
5 comply with the requirements under such
6 clauses by complying with such terms, condi-
7 tions, and requirements as may be established
8 by the agency for persons on whose behalf such
9 rental assistance under this subsection is pro-
10 vided.

11 “(D) TERMINATION OF VOUCHERS UPON
12 TURN-OVER.—A public housing agency shall not
13 reissue any such assistance made available from
14 appropriated funds when assistance for the
15 youth initially assisted is terminated, unless
16 specifically authorized by the Secretary.

17 “(E) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall re-
18 quire each public housing agency that provides
19 such assistance under this subsection in any fis-
20 cal year to submit a report to the Secretary for
21 such fiscal year that—

22 “(i) specifies the number of persons
23 on whose behalf such assistance under this
24 subsection was provided during such fiscal
25 year;

1 “(ii) specifies the number of persons
2 who applied during such fiscal year for
3 such assistance under this subsection, but
4 were not provided such assistance, and
5 provides a brief identification in each in-
6 stance of the reason why the public hous-
7 ing agency was unable to award such as-
8 sistance; and

9 “(iii) describes how the public housing
10 agency communicated or collaborated with
11 public child welfare agencies to collect such
12 data.

13 “(F) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall
14 consult with the Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services to provide such information
16 and guidance to the Secretary of Health and
17 Human Services as may be necessary to facili-
18 tate such Secretary in informing States and
19 public child welfare agencies on how to correctly
20 and efficiently implement and comply with the
21 requirements of this subsection relating to as-
22 sistance provided pursuant to paragraph
23 (2)(B).”.

24 (b) COORDINATION BETWEEN PHAS AND PUBLIC
25 CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES.—

1 (1) APPLICABILITY TO FOSTERING STABLE
2 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.—Subparagraph
3 (A) of section 8(x)(4) of the United States Housing
4 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(4)(A)) is amended
5 by inserting before the semicolon at the end the fol-
6 lowing: “and establishing a point of contact at public
7 housing agencies to ensure that public housing agen-
8 cies receive appropriate referrals regarding eligible
9 recipients”.

10 (c) PHA ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.—Subsection (q) of
11 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
12 U.S.C. 1437f(q)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(4) SUPPLEMENTS FOR ADMINISTERING AS-
15 SISTANCE FOR YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER
16 CARE.—If a public housing agency has established a
17 residency requirement pursuant to subsection
18 (r)(1)(B)(i), the Secretary may provide supplemental
19 fees under this subsection to the agency for the cost
20 of administering any assistance for foster youth
21 under subsection (x)(2)(B), in an amount deter-
22 mined by the Secretary, but only if the agency
23 waives the residency requirement for such eligible
24 youth receiving assistance.”.

1 (d) PHA PLANS.—Subsection (d) of section 5A of the
2 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e-
3 1(d)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (19) as para-
5 graph (20); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (18) the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(19) FOSTERING STABLE HOUSING OPPORTU-
9 NITIES.—For any public housing agency that will
10 provide rental assistance pursuant section
11 8(x)(2)(B) during such fiscal year—

12 “(A) a statement describing how the agen-
13 cy will connect assisted youths with local com-
14 munity resources and self-sufficiency services
15 and obtain referrals from public child welfare
16 agencies regarding youths in foster care who
17 become eligible for such assistance; and

18 “(B) if the agency is requesting supple-
19 mental administrative fees pursuant to section
20 8(q)(4) and has established a residency require-
21 ment pursuant to subsection (r)(1)(B)(i), assur-
22 ances satisfactory to the Secretary that the
23 agency will waive the residency requirement for
24 eligible youth receiving such assistance as re-
25 quired by such section 8(q)(4).”.

1 **SEC. 4. EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATIONS FOR PROJECT-BASED**
2 **VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) **PERCENTAGE LIMITATION.**—The first sentence of
4 clause (ii) of section 8(o)(13)(B) of the United States
5 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(B)(ii)) is
6 amended by inserting before “or that” the following: “that
7 house eligible youths receiving assistance pursuant to sec-
8 tion 8(x)(2)(B),”.

9 (b) **INCOME-MIXING REQUIREMENT.**—Subclause (I)
10 of section 8(o)(13)(D)(ii) of the United States Housing
11 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(D)(ii)(I)) is amend-
12 ed by inserting after “elderly families” the following: “,
13 to eligible youths receiving assistance pursuant to section
14 8(x)(2)(B),”.

