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116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Reducing Veteran
5 Homelessness Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS BE-**
2 **TWEEN THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS AND ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERV-**
4 **ICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 Section 2012(a)(2)(B) of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) in clause (i)—

8 (A) by striking “under subsection (c) of
9 that section.” and inserting an em dash; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 subclauses:

12 “(I) under subsection (c) of that section; or

13 “(II) using applicable percentages for locality
14 pay under section 5304 of title 5.”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new
16 clause:

17 “(iii) In addition to the rate determined under this
18 paragraph, the Secretary may reimburse the recipient of
19 a grant under section 2011, 2012, 2013, or 2061 of this
20 title for fees charged to that grant recipient for the use
21 of the homeless management information system described
22 in section 402 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
23 ance Act (Public Law 100–77; 42 U.S.C. 11630a)—

24 “(I) in amounts the Secretary determines to be
25 reasonable; and

1 “(II) if the Secretary determines that the grant
2 recipient is unable to obtain information contained
3 in such system through other means and at no cost
4 to the grant recipient.”.

5 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY FOR**
6 **HUD-VASH CASE MANAGERS.**

7 Paragraph (3) of section 7401 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended by striking “social workers” and
9 inserting “social workers (including those employed as
10 case managers for the supported housing program carried
11 out under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing
12 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)))”.

13 **SEC. 4. CONTRACTING FOR HUD-VASH CASE MANAGERS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304 of the Honoring
15 America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Fami-
16 lies Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–154; 38 U.S.C. 2041
17 note) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-
20 retary”;

21 (B) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraphs:

23 “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the
24 director of a covered medical center shall seek to enter
25 into a contract or agreement described in paragraph (1).

1 “(B) A contract or agreement under subparagraph
2 (A) may not require that a case manager employed by an
3 eligible entity have credentials equivalent to those of a case
4 manager of the Department.

5 “(C) The Secretary may waive the requirement under
6 subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that ful-
7 filling such requirement is infeasible. If the Secretary
8 grants such a waiver, the Secretary shall submit, not later
9 than 90 days after granting such waiver, to the Commit-
10 tees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
11 resentatives, a report containing—

12 “(i) an explanation of that determination;

13 “(ii) a plan to increase the number of case
14 managers of the Department; and

15 “(iii) a plan for the covered medical center to
16 increase use of such vouchers.

17 “(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘covered medical
18 center’ means a medical center of the Department that
19 the Secretary determines—

20 “(i) had more than 15 percent of vouchers allo-
21 cated to that medical center under the program de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1) for the fiscal year pre-
23 ceding such determination go unused due to a lack
24 of case management services provided by the Sec-
25 retary; and

1 “(ii) has a case manager position that has been
2 vacant for at least nine consecutive months imme-
3 diately preceding the date of such determination.

4 “(3) The Secretary shall pay for contracts or agree-
5 ments under this subsection from amounts appropriated
6 or otherwise made available to the Secretary in the Med-
7 ical Services account.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

9 (A) in the matter before subparagraph (A),
10 by striking “, including because—” and insert-
11 ing a period; and

12 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A), (B),
13 and (C).

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
15 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
16 fiscal year to begin on or after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.