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**TEXT OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR RECOVERY  
IN VIABLE ENVIRONMENTS DEMONSTRATION  
PROGRAM ACT**

[Showing the text of H.R. 5735, as ordered reported by the  
Committee on Financial Services]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Transitional Housing  
3 for Recovery in Viable Environments Demonstration Pro-  
4 gram Act” or the “THRIVE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO STUDY THE IMPACT**  
6                   **OF USING RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR SUP-**  
7                   **PORTIVE AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR**  
8                   **INDIVIDUALS RECOVERING FROM OPIOID**  
9                   **USE DISORDERS OR OTHER SUBSTANCE USE**  
10                  **DISORDERS.**

11       Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
12 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the  
13 end the following new paragraph:

14                   “(21) RENTAL VOUCHER DEMONSTRATION PRO-  
15                   GRAM FOR SUPPORTIVE AND TRANSITIONAL HOUS-  
16                   ING FOR INDIVIDUALS RECOVERING FROM OPIOID

1 USE DISORDERS OR OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DIS-  
2 ORDERS.—

3 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary  
4 shall establish a demonstration program under  
5 which the Secretary shall set aside, allocate,  
6 and distribute directly to eligible entities, from  
7 amounts made available for rental assistance  
8 under this subsection, the amounts specified in  
9 subparagraph (B) for an eligible entity to pro-  
10 vide a voucher for such assistance to a covered  
11 individual through a supportive and transitional  
12 housing program that provides treatment for  
13 opioid use disorders or other substance use dis-  
14 orders (as applicable), job skills training, and  
15 such assistance for a period of 12 to 24  
16 months.

17 “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in  
18 this subparagraph is, for each of fiscal years  
19 2019 through 2023, the amount necessary to  
20 provide the lesser of—

21 “(i) 0.5 percent of the total number of  
22 vouchers allocated under this subsection  
23 during the fiscal year ending immediately  
24 before the date of the enactment of this  
25 paragraph; or

1 “(ii) 10,000 vouchers.

2 “(C) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

3 An eligible entity shall—

4 “(i) provide an evidence-based treat-  
5 ment program and a job skills training  
6 program for individuals recovering from an  
7 opioid use disorder or other substance use  
8 disorder, as applicable, that meet stand-  
9 ards established by the Secretary; and

10 “(ii) demonstrate prior experience ad-  
11 ministering rental assistance vouchers,  
12 demonstrate prior experience administering  
13 transitional housing programs under the  
14 McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, or dem-  
15 onstrate a partnership with a public hous-  
16 ing agency or a housing program of a  
17 State, unit of local government, or Indian  
18 tribe (as such term is defined in section 4  
19 of the Native American Housing and Self-  
20 Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.  
21 4103)) that ensures effective administra-  
22 tion of rental assistance vouchers.

23 “(D) APPLICATION.—To receive a rental  
24 assistance voucher under this paragraph, an eli-

1           gible entity shall submit an application to the  
2           Secretary that shall include—

3                   “(i) a description of the terms of  
4                   treatment program, job skills training, and  
5                   rental assistance to be provided to a cov-  
6                   ered individual, and assurances that such  
7                   description shall be communicated to cov-  
8                   ered individuals that receive vouchers pur-  
9                   suant to the demonstration program estab-  
10                  lished under this paragraph; and

11                   “(ii) a transitional plan that begins on  
12                   the date on which a covered individual  
13                   completes the treatment program of the el-  
14                   igible entity that includes information on  
15                   additional treatment, job skills training,  
16                   and housing resources and services avail-  
17                   able to such covered individual.

18                  “(E) SELECTION.—In selecting eligible en-  
19                  tities to receive rental assistance vouchers  
20                  under this paragraph, the Secretary shall—

21                   “(i) ensure that such eligible enti-  
22                   ties—

23                                   “(I) are diverse;

1 “(II) represent an appropriate  
2 balance of eligible entities located in  
3 urban and rural areas; and

4 “(III) provide supportive and  
5 transitional housing programs in di-  
6 verse geographic regions with high  
7 rates of mortality due to opioid use  
8 disorders or other substance use dis-  
9 orders, as applicable, based on data of  
10 the Centers for Disease Control and  
11 Prevention; and

12 “(ii) consider—

13 “(I) the success of each recipient  
14 eligible entity at helping individuals  
15 complete the treatment program of  
16 the eligible entity and refrain from  
17 opioid or other substance usage, as  
18 applicable;

19 “(II) the type of job skills train-  
20 ing program provided by the eligible  
21 entity;

22 “(III) the percentage of partici-  
23 pants in the job skills training pro-  
24 gram that gain and maintain employ-  
25 ment;

1                   “(IV) the percentage of partici-  
2                   pants in the treatment program of the  
3                   eligible entity that—

4                               “(aa) do not relapse into  
5                               opioid or other substance usage,  
6                               as applicable; and

7                               “(bb) do not receive Federal  
8                               assistance for treatment of an  
9                               opioid use disorder or other sub-  
10                              stance use disorder, as applica-  
11                              ble, after completion of the pro-  
12                              gram.

13                   “(F) TRANSFER OF VOUCHER.—Upon ter-  
14                   mination of the provision of rental assistance  
15                   through a voucher to a covered individual, the  
16                   eligible entity that initially offered such voucher  
17                   may use such voucher to provide rental assist-  
18                   ance to another covered individual.

19                   “(G) DURATION.—The Secretary shall not  
20                   make rental assistance available under this  
21                   paragraph after the expiration of the 5-year pe-  
22                   riod beginning on the date of the enactment of  
23                   this paragraph.

24                   “(H) REPORTS.—

1           “(i) BY THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An  
2 eligible entity that receives a rental assist-  
3 ance voucher under this paragraph shall  
4 submit to the Secretary—

5           “(I) annually, the transitional  
6 plan described in subparagraph  
7 (D)(ii) and information on each cov-  
8 ered individual’s housing upon termi-  
9 nation of the provision of rental as-  
10 sistance through a voucher to such  
11 covered individual in a manner that  
12 protects the privacy of such covered  
13 individual; and

14           “(II) not later than 4 years after  
15 the date of the enactment of this  
16 paragraph, a plan describing the  
17 treatment and housing options for any  
18 covered individual assisted by such  
19 voucher who will not have completed  
20 the program before the day that is 5  
21 years after such date of enactment.

22           “(ii) BY THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
23 retary shall submit to Congress a report  
24 that analyzes the impact of rental assist-  
25 ance provided under this paragraph—

1                   “(I) not later than 2 years after  
2                   the date of the enactment of this  
3                   paragraph; and

4                   “(II) not later than 4 years after  
5                   the date of the enactment of this  
6                   paragraph, that includes recommenda-  
7                   tions for the continuation or expan-  
8                   sion of the program established under  
9                   this paragraph and improving the  
10                  process for providing such assistance.

11                  “(I) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

12                   “(i) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘el-  
13                   igible entity’ means a nonprofit organiza-  
14                   tion that meets the criteria described  
15                   under subparagraph (C).

16                   “(ii) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The  
17                   term ‘covered individual’ means an indi-  
18                   vidual recovering from an opioid use dis-  
19                   order or other substance use disorder.”.

20   **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF RENTAL VOUCHER DEMONSTRATION**  
21                   **PROGRAM.**

22                  Effective the day that is 5 years after the date of  
23                  the enactment of this Act, paragraph (21) of section 8(o)  
24                  of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
25                  1437f(o)), as added by this Act, is repealed.



1 **SEC. 4. RETURN OF VOUCHERS.**

2 An eligible entity that provided vouchers for rental  
3 assistance under paragraph (21) of section 8(o) of the  
4 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)),  
5 as added by this Act, shall return any such vouchers to  
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on the  
7 day that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this  
8 Act.

