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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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 “Expanding Service Co-
5 ordinator Act”.

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

3 (a) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE CO-**
4 **ORDINATORS.**—Subtitle E of title VI of the Housing and
5 Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13631
6 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 678. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

8 “(a) **FUNDING FOR SERVICE COORDINATOR TRAIN-**
9 **ING.**—An owner of a federally assisted housing project
10 shall, each year, reserve not less than \$2,500 of amounts
11 received to carry out a covered service coordinator pro-
12 gram for use by a service coordinator to access training
13 in areas described in section 802(d)(4) of the Cranston-
14 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
15 8011(d)(4)).

16 “(b) **SERVICE COORDINATOR TRAINING REPORTING**
17 **REQUIREMENT.**—A service coordinator operating pursu-
18 ant to a covered service coordinator program shall, on an
19 annual basis, submit to the Secretary information, as de-
20 termined appropriate by the Secretary, with respect to
21 training completed by the service coordinator in the pre-
22 ceding year.

23 “(c) **GRANT APPLICATIONS.**—The Secretary may not
24 require an applicant for a grant under a covered service
25 coordinator program to use all of the amounts available

1 to the applicant prior to submitting an application for
2 such grant.

3 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the
5 operation of covered service coordinator programs and the
6 continuation of existing congregate service grants for resi-
7 dents of federally assisted housing projects \$225,000,000
8 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

9 “(e) COVERED SERVICE COORDINATOR PROGRAM
10 DEFINED.—The term ‘covered service coordinator pro-
11 gram’ means the service coordinator programs established
12 pursuant to—

13 “(1) this subtitle;

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

16 “(3) section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959
17 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); and

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

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

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

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

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

8 Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
9 (42 U.S.C. 1437z–6) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

11 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
13 out this section \$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
14 through 2027.”.

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

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller
18 General of the United States shall conduct a study regard-
19 ing the coordination of the provision of supportive services
20 (in this section referred to as “service coordination”) by
21 one or more individuals (in this section referred to as a
22 “service coordinator”) in rural covered federally assisted
23 housing projects, which shall include the following:

24 (1) An identification of the number of service
25 coordinators that work in rural covered federally as-
26 sisted housing projects.

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

4 (3) A description of the effect of service coordi-
5 nators on the well-being of residents of rural covered
6 federally assisted housing projects.

7 (4) A comparison of the met and unmet needs
8 of residents of rural covered federally assisted hous-
9 ing projects—

10 (A) that employ a service coordinator; and

11 (B) that do not employ a service coordi-
12 nator.

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

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

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

23 (A) Multi-site service coordination.

24 (B) Part-time service coordination.

25 (C) Remote service coordination.

1 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study required
2 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the
3 United States shall submit to the appropriate congres-
4 sional committees a report regarding the results of such
5 study.

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

9 (1) federally assisted housing, as such term is
10 defined in section 683(2) of the Housing and Com-
11 munity Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C.
12 13641(2)); and

13 (2) housing that is assisted under section 514,
14 515, 516, or 538 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
15 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, or 1490p–2).