

1 improves future law enforcement investigation and
2 prosecution; and

3 (2) data for research to support the response to
4 and prevention of interpersonal violence, improved
5 ability of health care providers to adequately re-
6 spond to patients who exhibit signs of victimization,
7 and address the unique needs of Tribal communities.

8 **TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR**
9 **VICTIMS**

10 **SEC. 601. HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMES-**
11 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL**
12 **ASSAULT, AND STALKING.**

13 Section 41411(a) of the Violence Against Women Act
14 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(a)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “brother,
16 sister,” and inserting “sibling,”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-
19 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “,
20 including the direct loan program under such
21 section”;

22 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “the
23 program under subtitle A of” and inserting
24 “the programs under”;

25 (C) in subparagraph (I)—

1 (i) by striking “sections 514, 515,
2 516, 533, and 538 of the Housing Act of
3 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486,
4 1490m, and 1490p-2)” and inserting “sec-
5 tions 514, 515, 516, 533, 538, and 542 of
6 the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,
7 1485, 1486, 1490m, 1490p-2, 1490r)”;
8 and

9 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;
10 (D) in subparagraph (J), by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
12 and

13 (E) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(K) the provision of assistance from the
15 Housing Trust Fund established under section
16 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Fi-
17 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12
18 U.S.C. 4501);

19 “(L) the provision of assistance for hous-
20 ing under the Comprehensive Service Programs
21 for Homeless Veterans program under sub-
22 chapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United
23 States Code;

24 “(M) the provision of assistance for hous-
25 ing and facilities under the grant program for

1 homeless veterans with special needs under sec-
2 tion 2061 of title 38, United States Code;

3 “(N) the provision of assistance for perma-
4 nent housing under the program for financial
5 assistance for supportive services for very low-
6 income veteran families in permanent housing
7 under section 2044 of title 38, United States
8 Code;

9 “(O) the provision of transitional housing
10 assistance for victims of domestic violence, dat-
11 ing violence, sexual assault, or stalking under
12 the grant program under chapter 11 of subtitle
13 B; and

14 “(P) any other Federal housing programs
15 providing affordable housing to low- and mod-
16 erate-income persons by means of restricted
17 rents or rental assistance, or more generally
18 providing affordable housing opportunities, as
19 identified by the appropriate agency through
20 regulations, notices, or any other means.”.

1 **SEC. 602. ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION;**
2 **PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST VIC-**
3 **TIMS.**

4 Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence
5 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.)
6 is amended by inserting after section 41411 the following:

7 **“SEC. 41412. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**

8 “(a) **REGULAR COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each appropriate agency
10 shall establish a process by which to review compli-
11 ance with the requirements of this subtitle, which
12 shall—

13 “(A) where possible, be incorporated into
14 other existing compliance review processes of
15 the appropriate agency, in consultation with the
16 Gender-based Violence Prevention Office and
17 Violence Against Women Act Director described
18 in section 41413 and any other relevant offi-
19 cials of the appropriate agency; and

20 “(B) examine—

21 “(i) compliance with requirements
22 prohibiting the denial of assistance, ten-
23 ancy, or occupancy rights on the basis of
24 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
25 assault, or stalking;

1 “(ii) compliance with confidentiality
2 provisions set forth in section 41411(c)(4);

3 “(iii) compliance with the notification
4 requirements set forth in section
5 41411(d)(2);

6 “(iv) compliance with the provisions
7 for accepting documentation set forth in
8 section 41411(c);

9 “(v) compliance with emergency trans-
10 fer requirements set forth in section
11 41411(e); and

12 “(vi) compliance with the prohibition
13 on retaliation set forth in section 41414.

14 “(2) FREQUENCY.—Each appropriate agency
15 shall conduct the review described in paragraph (1)
16 on a regular basis, as determined by the appropriate
17 agency.

18 “(b) REGULATIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
20 after the date of enactment of the Violence Against
21 Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, each ap-
22 propriate agency shall issue regulations in accord-
23 ance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code,
24 to implement subsection (a) of this section, which
25 shall—

1 “(A) define standards of compliance under
2 covered housing programs;

3 “(B) include detailed reporting require-
4 ments, including the number of emergency
5 transfers requested and granted, as well as the
6 length of time needed to process emergency
7 transfers; and

8 “(C) include standards for corrective ac-
9 tion plans where compliance standards have not
10 been met.

11 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the regu-
12 lations under paragraph (1), an appropriate agency
13 shall engage in additional consultation with appro-
14 priate stakeholders including, as appropriate—

15 “(A) individuals and organizations with ex-
16 pertise in the housing needs and experiences of
17 victims of domestic violence, dating violence,
18 sexual assault and stalking; and

19 “(B) individuals and organizations with ex-
20 pertise in the administration or management of
21 covered housing programs, including industry
22 stakeholders and public housing agencies.

23 “(c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each appropriate agen-
24 cy shall ensure that an agency-level assessment of the in-

1 formation collected during the compliance review process
2 completed pursuant to this subsection—

3 “(1) includes an evaluation of each topic identi-
4 fied in subsection (a); and

5 “(2) is made publicly available.

6 **“SEC. 41413. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PRE-**
8 **VENTION OFFICE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST**
9 **WOMEN ACT DIRECTOR.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
11 and Urban Development shall establish a Gender-based
12 Violence Prevention Office with a Violence Against
13 Women Act Director (in this section referred to as the
14 ‘Director’).

15 “(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall, among other du-
16 ties—

17 “(1) support implementation of this chapter;

18 “(2) coordinate with Federal agencies on legis-
19 lation, implementation, and other issues affecting
20 the housing provisions under this subtitle, as well as
21 other issues related to advancing housing protections
22 for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sex-
23 ual assault, and stalking;

24 “(3) coordinate with State and local govern-
25 ments and agencies, including State housing finance

1 agencies, regarding advancing housing protections
2 and access to housing for victims of domestic vio-
3 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

4 “(4) ensure that technical assistance and sup-
5 port are provided to each appropriate agency and
6 housing providers regarding implementation of this
7 subtitle, as well as other issues related to advancing
8 housing protections for victims of domestic violence,
9 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, includ-
10 ing compliance with this subtitle;

11 “(5) implement internal systems to track, mon-
12 itor, and address compliance failures; and

13 “(6) address the housing needs and barriers
14 faced by victims of sexual assault, as well as sexual
15 coercion and sexual harassment by a public housing
16 agency or owner or manager of housing assisted
17 under a covered housing program.

18 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2023
21 through 2027.

22 **“SEC. 41414. PROHIBITION ON RETALIATION.**

23 “(a) NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENT.—No public
24 housing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted
25 under a covered housing program shall discriminate

1 against any person because that person has opposed any
2 act or practice made unlawful by this subtitle, or because
3 that person testified, assisted, or participated in any mat-
4 ter related to this chapter.

5 “(b) PROHIBITION ON COERCION.—No public hous-
6 ing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted under
7 a covered housing program shall coerce, intimidate, threat-
8 en, or interfere with, or retaliate against, any person in
9 the exercise or enjoyment of, on account of the person hav-
10 ing exercised or enjoyed, or on account of the person hav-
11 ing aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise
12 or enjoyment of, any rights or protections under this chap-
13 ter, including—

14 “(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-
15 cause that person is assisting or encouraging a per-
16 son entitled to claim the rights or protections under
17 this chapter; and

18 “(2) retaliating against any person because that
19 person has participated in any investigation or ac-
20 tion to enforce this chapter.

21 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing
22 and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall
23 implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and
24 in a manner that provides, the rights and remedies pro-

1 vided for in title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42
2 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).”.

3 **SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME**
4 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

5 Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence
6 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.),
7 as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting
8 after section 41414 the following:

9 **“SEC. 41415. RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME AND EMERGENCIES**
10 **FROM ONE’S HOME.**

11 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘covered
12 governmental entity’ means any municipal, county, or
13 State government that receives funding under section 106
14 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
15 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

16 “(b) RIGHT TO REPORT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners,
18 tenants, residents, occupants, and guests of, and ap-
19 plicants for, housing—

20 “(A) shall have the right to seek law en-
21 forcement or emergency assistance on their own
22 behalf or on behalf of another person in need
23 of assistance; and

24 “(B) shall not be penalized based on their
25 requests for assistance or based on criminal ac-

1 tivity of which they are a victim or otherwise
2 not at fault under statutes, ordinances, regula-
3 tions, or policies adopted or enforced by covered
4 governmental entities.

5 “(2) PROHIBITED PENALTIES.—Penalties that
6 are prohibited under paragraph (1) include—

7 “(A) actual or threatened assessment of
8 monetary or criminal penalties, fines, or fees;

9 “(B) actual or threatened eviction;

10 “(C) actual or threatened refusal to rent
11 or renew tenancy;

12 “(D) actual or threatened refusal to issue
13 an occupancy permit or landlord permit; and

14 “(E) actual or threatened closure of the
15 property, or designation of the property as a
16 nuisance or a similarly negative designation.

17 “(c) REPORTING.—Consistent with the process de-
18 scribed in section 104(b) of the Housing and Community
19 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b)), covered
20 governmental entities shall—

21 “(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as
22 applicable, the laws or policies adopted by sub-
23 grantees, that impose penalties on landlords, home-
24 owners, tenants, residents, occupants, guests, or
25 housing applicants based on requests for law en-

1 forcement or emergency assistance or based on
2 criminal activity that occurred at a property; and

3 “(2) certify that they are in compliance with
4 the protections under this subtitle or describe the
5 steps the covered governmental entities will take
6 within 180 days to come into compliance, or to en-
7 sure compliance among subgrantees.

8 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing
9 and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall
10 implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and
11 in a manner that provides, the same rights and remedies
12 as those provided for in title VIII of the Civil Rights Act
13 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).

14 “(e) SUBGRANTEES.—For those covered govern-
15 mental entities that distribute funds to subgrantees, com-
16 pliance with subsection (c)(1) includes inquiring about the
17 existence of laws and policies adopted by subgrantees that
18 impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, tenants, resi-
19 dents, occupants, guests, or housing applicants based on
20 requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance or
21 based on criminal activity that occurred at a property.”.

1 **SEC. 604. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DAT-**
3 **ING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALK-**
4 **ING.**

5 Section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act
6 of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12351) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
8 paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by striking “the Director of the Vio-
10 lence Against Women Office” and inserting
11 “the Director of the Office on Violence Against
12 Women”; and

13 (B) by inserting after “, other nonprofit,
14 nongovernmental organizations” the following:
15 “, population-specific organizations”; and

16 (2) in subsection (g)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014
18 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through
19 2027”;

20 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

21 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
22 paragraph (2); and

23 (D) in paragraph (2)(B), as so redesign-
24 ated, by striking “0.25 percent” and inserting
25 “0.5 percent”.

1 **SEC. 605. ADDRESSING THE HOUSING NEEDS OF VICTIMS**
2 **OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,**
3 **SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.**

4 (a) MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE
5 GRANTS.—The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 103 (42 U.S.C. 11302), by
8 amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

9 “(b) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEX-
10 UAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND OTHER DANGEROUS,
11 TRAUMATIC, OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS RELAT-
12 ING TO SUCH VIOLENCE.—Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to
14 be homeless any individual or family who—

15 “(1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety
16 related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic
17 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or
18 other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening con-
19 ditions related to the violence against the individual
20 or a family member in the individual’s or family’s
21 current housing situation, including where the health
22 and safety of children are jeopardized;

23 “(2) has no other safe residence; and

24 “(3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe
25 permanent housing.”; and

1 (2) in section 423(a) (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)), by
2 adding at the end the following:

3 “(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to
4 ensure compliance with subsection (e) of section
5 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994
6 (34 U.S.C. 12491) and monitoring compliance with
7 the confidentiality protections of subsection (c)(4) of
8 such section.”.

9 (b) COLLABORATIVE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE
10 LONG-TERM STABILITY OF VICTIMS.—Section 41404(i) of
11 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
12 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018”
13 and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

14 (c) GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
15 IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section 41405 of
16 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
17 12475) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “the Direc-
19 tor of the Violence Against Women Office” and in-
20 serting “the Director of the Office on Violence
21 Against Women”;

22 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(D), by inserting after
23 “linguistically and culturally specific service pro-
24 viders,” the following: “population-specific organiza-
25 tions,”; and

1 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through
2 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

3 (d) VAWA TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
4 GRANTS.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Vio-
5 lence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et
6 seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by in-
7 serting after section 41415 the following:

8 **“SEC. 41416. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
9 **GRANTS.**

10 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development such sums as
12 may be necessary for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to
13 be used for training and technical assistance to support
14 the implementation of this chapter, including technical as-
15 sistance agreements with entities whose primary purpose
16 and expertise is assisting survivors of sexual assault and
17 domestic violence or providing culturally specific services
18 to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
19 sault, and stalking.”.

20 **SEC. 606. STUDY AND REPORT ON HOUSING AND SERVICE**
21 **NEEDS OF SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING AND**
22 **INDIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR TRAFFICKING.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) SURVIVOR OF A SEVERE FORM OF TRAF-
25 FICKING.—The term “survivor of a severe form of

1 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “victim
2 of a severe form of trafficking” in section 103 of the
3 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
4 U.S.C. 7102).

5 (2) SURVIVOR OF TRAFFICKING.—The term
6 “survivor of trafficking” has the meaning given the
7 term “victim of trafficking” in section 103 of the
8 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
9 U.S.C. 7102).

10 (b) STUDY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing
12 and Urban Development shall conduct a study as-
13 sessing the availability and accessibility of housing
14 and services for individuals experiencing homeless-
15 ness or housing instability who are—

16 (A) survivors of trafficking, including sur-
17 vivors of a severe form of trafficking; or

18 (B) at risk of being trafficked.

19 (2) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—In
20 conducting the study required under paragraph (1),
21 the Secretary shall—

22 (A) coordinate with—

23 (i) the Interagency Task Force to
24 Monitor and Combat Trafficking estab-
25 lished under section 105 of the Trafficking

1 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
2 7103);

3 (ii) the United States Advisory Coun-
4 cil on Human Trafficking;

5 (iii) the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services; and

7 (iv) the Attorney General; and

8 (B) consult with—

9 (i) the National Advisory Committee
10 on the Sex Trafficking of Children and
11 Youth in the United States;

12 (ii) survivors of trafficking;

13 (iii) direct service providers, includ-
14 ing—

15 (I) organizations serving runaway
16 and homeless youth;

17 (II) organizations serving sur-
18 vivors of trafficking through commu-
19 nity-based programs; and

20 (III) organizations providing
21 housing services to survivors of traf-
22 ficking; and

23 (iv) housing and homelessness assist-
24 ance providers, including recipients of
25 grants under—

1 (I) the Continuum of Care pro-
2 gram authorized under subtitle C of
3 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-
4 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381
5 et seq.); and

6 (II) the Emergency Solutions
7 Grants program authorized under
8 subtitle B of title IV of the McKin-
9 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

11 (3) CONTENTS.—The study conducted pursuant
12 to paragraph (1) shall include—

13 (A) with respect to the individuals de-
14 scribed in such paragraph—

15 (i) an evaluation of formal assess-
16 ments and outreach methods used to iden-
17 tify and assess the housing and service
18 needs of such individuals, including out-
19 reach methods—

20 (I) to ensure effective commu-
21 nication with individuals with disabil-
22 ities; and

23 (II) to reach individuals with lim-
24 ited English proficiency;

1 (ii) a review of the availability and ac-
2 cessibility of homelessness or housing serv-
3 ices for such individuals, including the
4 family members of such individuals who
5 are minors involved in foster care systems,
6 that identifies the disability-related needs
7 of such individuals, including the need for
8 housing with accessibility features;

9 (iii) an analysis of the effect of any
10 policies and procedures of mainstream
11 homelessness or housing services that fa-
12 cilitate or limit the availability of such
13 services and accessibility for such individ-
14 uals, including those such individuals who
15 are involved in the legal system, as such
16 services are in effect as of the date on
17 which the study is conducted;

18 (iv) a determination of the best prac-
19 tices in meeting the housing and service
20 needs of such individuals; and

21 (v) an assessment of barriers to fair
22 housing and housing discrimination against
23 survivors of trafficking who are members
24 of a protected class under the Fair Hous-
25 ing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.);

1 (B) an assessment of the ability of main-
2 stream homelessness or housing services to
3 meet the specialized needs of survivors of traf-
4 ficking, including trauma responsive approaches
5 specific to labor and sex trafficking survivors;
6 and

7 (C) an evaluation of the effectiveness of,
8 and infrastructure considerations for, housing
9 and service-delivery models that are specific to
10 survivors of trafficking, including survivors of
11 severe forms of trafficking, including emergency
12 rental assistance models.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-
15 ing and Urban Development shall—

16 (1) submit a report to the Committee on Bank-
17 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
19 Representatives that contains the information de-
20 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of sub-
21 section (b)(3); and

22 (2) make the report submitted pursuant to
23 paragraph (1) available to the public.