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H. R. 9706

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the Congress with respect to Federal homelessness programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Comprehensive Ac-
5 countability and Responsibility to End homelessness Act”
6 or the “CARE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON FEDERAL HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall submit to the Congress a report
2 that assesses the effectiveness of each program adminis-
3 tered by a Federal agency that assists homeless individ-
4 uals, including—

5 (1) a cost-benefit analysis of each program that
6 includes—

7 (A) the number and demographics of
8 homeless individuals served;

9 (B) the services provided by each program;

10 (C) the amounts allocated to each program
11 by the agency each fiscal year and any amounts
12 allocated to such program that remain unused;
13 and

14 (D) the outcomes of homeless individuals
15 who participated in each program with respect
16 to—

17 (i) housing stability;

18 (ii) criminal justice involvement;

19 (iii) employment; and

20 (iv) healthcare access;

21 (2) a description of—

22 (A) the programs that provide the best
23 outcomes for the long-term housing stability of
24 homeless individuals served;

1 (B) any weaknesses, inefficiencies, or areas
2 of concerns for each program;

3 (C) the most effective laws, regulations,
4 and guidance that reduce homelessness; and

5 (D) any challenges with respect to work-
6 force shortages for any continuum of care or
7 any other homelessness service provider; and

8 (3) recommendations to improve—

9 (A) the performance, accountability, and
10 oversight of such programs; and

11 (B) existing data systems that any con-
12 tinuum of care or any other homelessness serv-
13 ice providers use to measure program outcomes.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term “con-
16 tinuum of care” means a collaborative applicant es-
17 tablished and operating for a geographic area for
18 purposes of the Continuum of Care Program under
19 subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-
20 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

21 (2) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
22 agency” has the meaning given such term “agency”
23 in section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

24 (3) HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.—The term “home-
25 less individual” has the meaning given such term in

1 section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
2 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302).

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