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S. 912

To require certain public housing agencies to absorb port-in housing choice vouchers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2019

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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. REQUIRING CERTAIN PUBLIC HOUSING AGEN-**

4 **CIES TO ABSORB PORT-IN VOUCHERS.**

5 Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of
6 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(21) PORTABILITY OF VOUCHERS.—

9 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

1 “(i) the term ‘covered public housing
2 agency’ means a public housing agency
3 that, in a given fiscal year, utilizes less
4 than 95 percent of the budget authority
5 available to the public housing agency;

6 “(ii) the term ‘initial public housing
7 agency’ has the meaning given the term
8 ‘initial PHA’ in section 982.4 of title 24,
9 Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
10 cessor regulation; and

11 “(iii) the term ‘portable family’ means
12 a family holding a voucher under this sub-
13 section that seeks to rent a dwelling unit
14 outside of the jurisdiction of the initial
15 public housing agency.

16 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—A covered public
17 housing agency that has jurisdiction over the
18 area in which a portable family is seeking to
19 use the voucher received from an initial public
20 housing agency—

21 “(i) shall be required to absorb and
22 receive the portable family by the end of
23 the calendar year in which the portable
24 family seeks to use the voucher;

1 “(ii) shall make assistance payments
2 to the portable family under an annual
3 contributions contract entered into between
4 the covered public housing agency and the
5 Secretary; and

6 “(iii) may not bill the initial public
7 housing agency for those assistance pay-
8 ments.”.

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