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To provide priority under certain federally assisted housing programs to assist youths who are aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

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Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MARINO, Mr. HILL, Ms. MOORE, and Ms. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

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A BILL

To provide priority under certain federally assisted housing programs to assist youths who are aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

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 “Fostering Stable Hous-*
5 *ing Opportunities Act of 2018”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF FAMILY.**

7 *Subparagraph (A) of section 3(b)(3) of the United*
8 *States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(A)) is*
9 *amended—*

10 *(1) in the first sentence—*

11 *(A) by striking “(v)” and inserting “(vi)”;*

12 *and*

13 *(B) by inserting after “tenant family,” the*
14 *following: “(v) a child who is in foster care and*
15 *has attained an age such that the provision of*
16 *foster care for such child will end by reason of*
17 *the age of the child within 6 months,”; and*

18 *(2) in the second sentence, by inserting “or (vi)”*
19 *after “clause (v)”.*

20 **SEC. 3. PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING OCCUPANCY AND**
21 **SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE.**

22 *(a) PUBLIC HOUSING.—Subparagraph (A) of section*
23 *6(c)(4) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.*
24 *1437d(c)(4)(A)) is amended—*

1 (1) by striking “may establish a system for mak-
2 ing dwelling units available that provides preference”
3 and inserting the following: “shall establish a system
4 for making dwelling units available that—

5 “(i) shall provide preferences”;

6 (2) by striking “each system of preferences estab-
7 lished pursuant to this subparagraph shall be based”
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(ii) except as provided in clause (iii),
10 shall be based”;

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 clause:

13 “(iii) except for projects or portions of
14 projects designated for occupancy pursuant
15 to section 7(a), shall provide that the high-
16 est preference for occupancy shall be given
17 to otherwise eligible children who are in fos-
18 ter care, have attained an age such that the
19 provision of foster care for such child will
20 end by reason of the age of the child within
21 6 months, meet the requirements under
22 clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of the
23 definition of ‘at risk of homelessness’ in sec-
24 tion 91.5 of the Secretary’s regulations (24
25 C.F.R. 91.5), as in effect on September 1,

1 2016, and have agreed to comply with the
2 requirements under section 39(c); and

3 “(iv) may provide highest preference
4 for occupancy to, in addition to eligible
5 children described in clause (iii), not more
6 than two other types of families.”.

7 (b) *VOUCHER ASSISTANCE*.—Subparagraph (A) of sec-
8 tion 8(o)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
9 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(6)(A)) is amended—

10 (1) in clause (i), by striking “may” the first
11 place such term appears and inserting “shall”;

12 (2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);

13 (3) by inserting before clause (iii), as so redesign-
14 ated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, the fol-
15 lowing new clause:

16 “(i) *HIGHEST PREFERENCE*.—Each
17 system of preferences established pursuant
18 to this subparagraph—

19 “(I) shall provide that the highest
20 preference for assistance shall be given
21 to otherwise eligible children who are
22 in foster care, have attained an age
23 such that the provision of foster care
24 for such child will end by reason of the
25 age of the child within 6 months, meet

1 the requirements under clauses (i) and
2 (ii) of paragraph (1) of the definition
3 of ‘at risk of homelessness’ in section
4 91.5 of the Secretary’s regulations (24
5 C.F.R. 91.5), as in effect on September
6 1, 2016, and have agreed to comply
7 with the requirements under section
8 39(c); and

9 “(II) may provide highest pref-
10 erence for assistance to, in addition to
11 eligible children described in subclause
12 (I), not more than two other types of
13 eligible families.”; and

14 (4) in clause (iii), as so redesignated by para-
15 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “Each sys-
16 tem” and inserting “Except as provided in clause
17 (ii)(I), each system”.

18 (c) *PHA PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.*—
19 Subparagraph (J) of section 8(o)(13) of the United States
20 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(J)) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (1) by striking “(J) *TENANT SELECTION.—A*
23 *public*” and inserting the following:

24 “(J) *TENANT SELECTION.—*

1 “(i) *SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY.—A*
2 *public*”;

3 (2) *by striking “The agency or owner may estab-*
4 *lish preferences or criteria for selection for a unit as-*
5 *sisted under this paragraph that” and inserting the*
6 *following:*

7 “(ii) *PREFERENCES FOR OCCU-*
8 *PANCY.—The agency or owner shall estab-*
9 *lish a system of preferences or criteria for*
10 *selection for a unit assisted under this sec-*
11 *tion that—*

12 “(I) *shall provide that the highest*
13 *preference shall be given to otherwise*
14 *eligible children who are in foster care,*
15 *have attained an age such that the pro-*
16 *vision of foster care for such child will*
17 *end by reason of the age of the child*
18 *within 6 months, meet the require-*
19 *ments under clauses (i) and (ii) of*
20 *paragraph (1) of the definition of ‘at*
21 *risk of homelessness’ in section 91.5 of*
22 *the Secretary’s regulations (24 C.F.R.*
23 *91.5), as in effect on September 1,*
24 *2016, and have agreed to comply with*

1 *the requirements under section 39(c);*
2 *and*

3 *“(II) may provide highest pref-*
4 *erence to, in addition to eligible chil-*
5 *dren described in subclause (I), not*
6 *more than two other types of eligible*
7 *families; and*

8 *“(III) except as provided under*
9 *subclause (I),”;* and

10 *(3) by striking “Any family that” and inserting*
11 *the following:*

12 *“(iii) WAITING LISTS.—Any family*
13 *that”.*

14 *(d) PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSIST-*
15 *ANCE.—Subparagraph (A) of section 8(d)(1) of the United*
16 *States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(d)(1)(A)) is*
17 *amended—*

18 *(1) by realigning such subparagraph so as to be*
19 *indented 2 ems from the left margin;*

20 *(2) by striking “except that with respect” and*
21 *inserting the following: “except that—*

22 *“(i) with respect to assisted dwelling units*
23 *in a project assisted with project-based assistance*
24 *under this section, the tenant selection criteria*
25 *used by the owner—*

1 “(I) shall provide that the highest pref-
2 erence shall be given to otherwise eligible
3 children who are in foster care, have at-
4 tained an age such that the provision of fos-
5 ter care for such child will end by reason of
6 the age of the child within 6 months, meet
7 the requirements under clauses (i) and (ii)
8 of paragraph (1) of the definition of ‘at risk
9 of homelessness’ in section 91.5 of the Sec-
10 retary’s regulations (24 C.F.R. 91.5), as in
11 effect on September 1, 2016, and have
12 agreed to comply with the requirements
13 under section 39(c); and

14 “(II) may provide highest preference
15 to, in addition to eligible children described
16 in subclause (I), not more than two other
17 types of eligible families; and

18 “(ii) with respect”; and

19 (3) by inserting “who are not eligible for highest
20 preference pursuant to clause (i)(I)” after “to be as-
21 sisted”.

22 (e) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PRIORITY.*—Title I of
23 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437
24 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new
25 section:

1 **“SEC. 39. TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PREFERENCE FOR**
2 **ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AGING OUT OF**
3 **FOSTER CARE.**

4 *“(a) PREFERENCE.—For purposes of this section, the*
5 *term ‘preference for housing assistance’ means preference,*
6 *for an otherwise eligible child in foster care, for—*

7 *“(1) occupancy in a public housing dwelling*
8 *unit, pursuant to section 6(c)(4)(A)(iii);*

9 *“(2) tenant-based assistance under section 8(o),*
10 *pursuant to paragraph (6)(A)(ii)(I) of such section;*

11 *“(3) project-based assistance under section*
12 *8(o)(13), pursuant to subparagraph (J)(ii)(I) of such*
13 *section; and*

14 *“(4) occupancy in a dwelling unit in a project*
15 *assisted with project-based assistance under section 8,*
16 *pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(A)(i)(I) of such section.*

17 *“(b) EARLY APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.—Notwith-*
18 *standing the period during which a preference for housing*
19 *assistance is provided for a person, an otherwise eligible*
20 *person may apply for such occupancy or assistance at any*
21 *time after such person attains 16 years of age.*

22 *“(c) REQUIREMENT FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING.—*

23 *“(1) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided in*
24 *paragraph (2), each person occupying a dwelling unit*
25 *pursuant to a preference for housing assistance shall,*
26 *not later than 30 months after such initial occu-*

1 *pancy, comply with the requirements under one of the*
2 *following subparagraphs, as selected by the public*
3 *housing agency for or project owner of the assisted*
4 *housing dwelling unit involved, in consultation with*
5 *relevant public child welfare agencies:*

6 *“(A) OPTION 1.—The requirements under*
7 *this subparagraph are—*

8 *“(i) obtaining a recognized postsec-*
9 *ondary credential or a secondary school di-*
10 *ploma or its recognized equivalent;*

11 *“(ii) enrollment in an institution of*
12 *higher education, as such term is defined in*
13 *section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act*
14 *of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) and including*
15 *the institutions described in subparagraphs*
16 *(A) and (B) of section 102(a)(1) of such Act*
17 *(20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(1)); or*

18 *“(iii) participation in a career path-*
19 *way, as such term is defined in section 3 of*
20 *the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity*
21 *Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).*

22 *Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
23 *paragraph, a public housing agency or project*
24 *owner may consider employment as satisfying*
25 *the requirements under this subparagraph.*

1 “(B) *OPTION 2.*—*The requirements under*
2 *this subparagraph are compliance with the terms*
3 *and conditions applicable under section 23 of the*
4 *United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.*
5 *1437u) and the regulations implementing such*
6 *section to a person participating in a family*
7 *self-sufficiency program under such section, ex-*
8 *cept that—*

9 “(i) *a public housing agency may se-*
10 *lect the option under this subparagraph*
11 *only if the agency is participating in such*
12 *self-sufficiency program or has made such*
13 *commitments to commence participation as*
14 *the Secretary considers sufficient; and*

15 “(ii) *a project owner of assisted hous-*
16 *ing may select the option under this sub-*
17 *paragraph only if the public housing agency*
18 *in whose jurisdiction the project is located*
19 *is participating in such self-sufficiency pro-*
20 *gram or has made such commitments to*
21 *commence participation as the Secretary*
22 *considers sufficient.*

23 “(C) *OPTION 3.*—*The requirements under*
24 *this subparagraph are compliance with any com-*
25 *bination of the terms, conditions, and require-*

1 *ments under subparagraphs (A) and (B), as may*
2 *be established by the public housing agency, ex-*
3 *cept that a project owner of assisted housing*
4 *may select the option under this subparagraph*
5 *only if the public housing agency in whose juris-*
6 *isdiction the project is located has selected the op-*
7 *tion under this subparagraph and has estab-*
8 *lished such terms, conditions, and requirements.*
9 *In designing such terms, conditions, and require-*
10 *ments, the public housing agency may consult*
11 *with local workforce development agencies and*
12 *other organizations and entities with expertise*
13 *and experience in this field.*

14 “(2) *EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement under*
15 *paragraph (1) shall not apply to—*

16 “(A) *a parent or other household member*
17 *responsible for the care of a dependent child*
18 *under the age of 6 or for the care of an incapaci-*
19 *tated person;*

20 “(B) *a person who is regularly and actively*
21 *participating in a drug addiction or alcohol*
22 *treatment and rehabilitation program; and*

23 “(C) *a person who is incapable of com-*
24 *plying with the requirement under paragraph*
25 *(1) due to a documented medical condition.*

1 “(3) *VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.*—*The Sec-*
2 *retary shall require the public housing agency or*
3 *project owner, as applicable, to verify compliance*
4 *with the requirement under paragraph (1) by each*
5 *person occupying a dwelling unit assisted or adminis-*
6 *tered by such agency or owner, as applicable, pursu-*
7 *ant to a preference for housing assistance annually in*
8 *conjunction with reviews of income for purposes of de-*
9 *termining eligibility for assistance described in sub-*
10 *section (a).*

11 “(d) *LIMITATION ON BEDROOMS.*—*A dwelling unit*
12 *that is occupied by a person, or assisted with assistance*
13 *made available on behalf of a person, pursuant to a pref-*
14 *erence for housing assistance may contain more than one*
15 *bedroom only if such additional bedrooms are occupied only*
16 *by other persons who occupy such dwelling unit, or receive*
17 *assistance made available, pursuant to a preference for*
18 *housing assistance.*

19 “(e) *SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.*—

20 “(1) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*Each person occupying a*
21 *dwelling unit pursuant to a preference for housing as-*
22 *istance shall be eligible for any supportive services*
23 *(as such term is defined in section 103 of the Work-*
24 *force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.*
25 *3102)) made available, in connection with any hous-*

1 *ing assistance program of the agency, by or through*
2 *the public housing agency providing such preference*
3 *or, in the case of a preference for housing assistance*
4 *for housing not assisted by such agency, by or through*
5 *the public housing agency in whose jurisdiction the*
6 *housing is located, including any services provided*
7 *under a family self-sufficiency program under section*
8 *23 of this Act.*

9 *“(2) INFORMATION.—Upon the initial provision*
10 *of housing assistance for any person pursuant to a*
11 *preference for such assistance, the public housing*
12 *agency or owner, as applicable, shall inform such per-*
13 *son of the existence of any programs or services re-*
14 *ferred to in paragraph (1) and of their eligibility for*
15 *such programs and services.*

16 *“(f) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The public hous-*
17 *ing agency or project owner, as applicable, shall terminate*
18 *any occupancy of, or assistance on behalf of, a person pur-*
19 *suant to any preference for housing assistance upon the per-*
20 *son attaining 25 years of age or upon substantial non-*
21 *compliance with the requirement under subsection (c), ex-*
22 *cept that nothing in this subsection may be construed to*
23 *prohibit the occupancy of housing assisted under this title*
24 *by, or the provision of rental assistance under section 8 for,*
25 *any person, or to affect the eligibility of any person for such*

1 *occupancy or assistance, other than pursuant to a pref-*
2 *erence for housing assistance.*

3 “(g) *APPLICABILITY TO MOVING TO WORK AGEN-*
4 *CIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*
5 *preferences for housing assistance identified in subsection*
6 *(a) of this section shall apply to assistance made available*
7 *by each public housing agency participating in the Moving*
8 *to Work Program under section 204 of the Departments of*
9 *Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and*
10 *Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C.*
11 *1437f note), except that in lieu of compliance with one of*
12 *the options under subsection (c)(1) of this section, such an*
13 *agency may comply with the requirement under such sub-*
14 *section by complying with such terms, conditions, and re-*
15 *quirements as may be established by the agency for persons*
16 *occupying dwelling units pursuant to a preference for hous-*
17 *ing assistance.*

18 “(h) *REPORTS.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban*
19 *Development shall require each public housing agency that*
20 *provides any preference for housing assistance pursuant to*
21 *this section in any fiscal year to submit a report to the*
22 *Secretary for such fiscal year that—*

23 “(1) *specifies the number of applications for such*
24 *preferences received during such fiscal year*
25 *disaggregated by—*

1 “(A) the number received by persons who
2 have attained 16 years of age but have not at-
3 tained an age such that the provision of foster
4 care for such child will end by reason of the age
5 of the child within 6 months; and

6 “(B) the number received by persons who
7 have attained an age such that the provision of
8 foster care for such child will end by reason of
9 the age of the child within 6 months;

10 “(2) specifies the number of persons provided a
11 preference for housing assistance during such fiscal
12 year; and

13 “(3) describes how the public housing agency
14 communicated or collaborated with public child wel-
15 fare agencies to collect such data.”.

16 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY FOR RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

17 Paragraph (2) of section 521(a) of the Housing Act
18 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490a(a)(2)) is amended by adding at
19 the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(F)(i) In making occupancy in a project assisted
21 under this paragraph, and rental assistance under this
22 paragraph, available on behalf of eligible families, the
23 project owner—

24 “(I) shall provide that the highest preference
25 shall be given to otherwise eligible children who—

1 “(aa) are in foster care;

2 “(bb) have attained an age such that the
3 provision of foster care for such child will end by
4 reason of the age of the child within 6 months;

5 “(cc) meet the requirements under clauses
6 (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of the definition of
7 ‘at risk of homelessness’ in section 91.5 of the
8 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development’s
9 regulations (24 C.F.R. 91.5), as in effect on Sep-
10 tember 1, 2016; and

11 “(dd) have agreed to comply with the re-
12 quirements under clause (iii); and

13 “(II) may provide highest preference to, in addi-
14 tion to eligible children described in subclause (I), not
15 more than two other types of eligible families.

16 “(ii) Notwithstanding the period during which a pref-
17 erence pursuant to clause (i)(I) for occupancy in project
18 assisted under this paragraph or for rental assistance under
19 this paragraph is provided for a person, an otherwise eligi-
20 ble person may apply for such occupancy or assistance at
21 any time after the person attains 16 years of age.

22 “(iii)(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), each
23 person occupying a dwelling unit pursuant to a preference
24 under clause (i)(I) shall, not later than 30 months after
25 such initial occupancy, be—

1 “(aa) obtaining a recognized postsecondary cre-
2 dential or a secondary school diploma or its recog-
3 nized equivalent;

4 “(bb) enrolled in an institution of higher edu-
5 cation, as such term is defined in section 101(a) of
6 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1001(a)) and including the institutions described in
8 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 102(a)(1) of
9 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(1)); or

10 “(cc) participating in a career pathway, as such
11 term is defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innova-
12 tion and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subclause, a
14 project owner may consider employment as satisfying the
15 requirements under this subclause.

16 “(II) The requirement under subclause (I) shall not
17 apply to—

18 “(aa) a parent or other household member re-
19 sponsible for the care of a dependent child under the
20 age of 6 or for the care of an incapacitated person;

21 “(bb) a person who is regularly and actively
22 participating in a drug addiction or alcohol treat-
23 ment and rehabilitation program; and

1 “(cc) a person who is incapable of complying
2 with the requirement under subclause (I) due to a
3 documented medical condition.

4 “(III) The Secretary shall require a project owner to
5 verify compliance with the requirement under this clause
6 by each person occupying a dwelling unit pursuant to a
7 preference under clause (i)(I) annually in conjunction with
8 reviews of income for purposes of determining eligibility for
9 assistance described in clause (i).

10 “(iv) A dwelling unit that is occupied by a person pur-
11 suant to a preference under clause (i)(I) may contain more
12 than one bedroom only if such additional bedrooms are oc-
13 cupied only by other persons who occupy such dwelling unit
14 pursuant to a preference under clause (i)(I).

15 “(v) The project owner shall terminate any occupancy
16 of a person pursuant to the preference under clause (i)(I)
17 upon the person attaining 25 years of age or upon substan-
18 tial noncompliance with the requirement under clause (iii),
19 except that nothing in this clause may be construed to pro-
20 hibit the occupancy in a project assisted under this para-
21 graph by, or the provision of rental assistance under this
22 paragraph for, any person, or to affect the eligibility of any
23 person for such occupancy or assistance, other than pursu-
24 ant to a preference under clause (i)(I).”.

1 **SEC. 5. EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATIONS FOR PROJECT-BASED**
2 **VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) *PERCENTAGE LIMITATION.*—*The first sentence of*
4 *clause (ii) of section 8(o)(13)(B) of the United States Hous-*
5 *ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(B)(ii)) is amended*
6 *by inserting before “or that” the following: “that house eligi-*
7 *ble children described in section 6(c)(4)(A)(iii) who comply*
8 *with the requirements under section 39(c),”.*

9 (b) *INCOME-MIXING REQUIREMENT.*—*Subclause (I) of*
10 *section 8(o)(13)(D)(ii) of the United States Housing Act of*
11 *1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(D)(ii)(I)) is amended by in-*
12 *serting after “elderly families” the following: “, to eligible*
13 *children described in section 6(c)(4)(A)(iii),”.*

14 **SEC. 6. GUIDANCE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION.**

15 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Housing and*
16 *Urban Development jointly with the Secretary of Agri-*
17 *culture, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and*
18 *Human Services, shall develop guidance for public housing*
19 *agencies and owners of assisted housing regarding how to*
20 *correctly and efficiently implement and comply with the re-*
21 *quirements of this Act and the amendments made by this*
22 *Act and shall make such guidance available to such agencies*
23 *and owners.*

24 (b) *CONSULTATION WITH HHS.*—*The Secretary of*
25 *Housing and Urban Development jointly with the Secretary*
26 *of Agriculture shall consult with the Secretary of Health*

1 *and Human Services to provide such information and guid-*
2 *ance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services as*
3 *may be necessary to facilitate such Secretary in informing*
4 *States and public child welfare agencies on how to correctly*
5 *and efficiently implement and comply with the require-*
6 *ments of this Act and the amendments made by this Act.*

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