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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS 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 "Emergency Housing5 Voucher Act of 2020".

6 SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHER PRO7 GRAM.

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing
10 and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the

1	- "Secretary"), \$10,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to re-
2	main available until expended, for—
-	(1) 200,000 incremental emergency vouchers
4	under subsection (b);
5	(2) renewals of the vouchers under subsection
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	(b); and (b) $f = f + f + f + i + i + i + i + i + i + i +$
7	(3) fees for the costs of administering vouchers
8	under subsection (b).
9	(b) Emergency Vouchers.—
10	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
11	emergency rental assistance vouchers under this sub-
12	section, which shall be tenant-based rental assistance
13	under section 8(0) of the United States Housing Act
14	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).
15	(2) Selection of families.—
16	(A) MANDATORY PREFERENCES.—Each
17	public housing agency administering assistance
18	under this section shall provide preference for
19	such assistance to eligible families that are—
20	(i) homeless (as such term is defined
21	in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento
22	Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
23	11302(a));
24	(ii) at risk of homelessness (as such
25	term is defined in section 401 of the

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1 ness, and economic and housing mar-2 ket conditions; (ii) allocate remaining amounts in ac-3 4 cordance with a formula that considers— 5 (I) the criteria under clause (i) 6 and the success of a public housing 7 agency in promptly utilizing vouchers 8 awarded under clause (i); and 9 (II) the capability of the public 10 housing agency to create and manage 11 structured partnerships with service 12 providers for the delivery of appro-13 priate community-based services; and 14 (iii) designate the number of vouchers 15 under this section that each public housing 16 agency that is awarded funds under this 17 section is authorized to administer. 18 (C) ELECTION NOT TO ADMINISTER.—If a 19 public housing agency elects not to administer 20 amounts under this section, the Secretary shall 21 award such amounts to other public housing 22 agencies according to the criteria in subpara-23 graph (B). 24 (D) FAILURE TO USE VOUCHERS PROMPT-25 LY.—If a public housing agency fails to issue

1 all of its authorized vouchers under this section 2 on behalf of eligible families within a reasonable 3 period of time as determined by the Secretary, 4 the Secretary shall reallocate any unissued 5 vouchers and associated funds to others public 6 housing agencies according to the criteria under 7 subparagraph (B)(ii). 8 (3)WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE **REQUIRE-**9 MENTS.—Any waiver or alternative requirement that 10 the Secretary makes available to all public housing 11 agencies in connection with assistance made available under the heading "Tenant-Based Rental As-12 sistance" in title XII of division B of the CARES 13

Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 601) shall
apply to assistance under this section until the expiration of such waiver or alternative requirement.

17 (4) TERMINATION OF VOUCHERS UPON TURN18 OVER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A public housing agency may not reissue any vouchers made available
under this section when assistance for the family initially assisted is terminated.

(B) REALLOCATION.—Upon termination of
assistance for one or more families assisted by
a public housing agency under this section, the

Secretary shall reallocate amounts that are no
 longer needed by such public housing agency
 for assistance under this section to another
 public housing agency for the renewal of vouch ers previously authorized under this section.