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H. R. 4302

To authorize public housing agencies to share certain data regarding homeless individuals and families for the provision of housing and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN 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 “Homeless Assistance
5 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION RE-**
2 **GARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAM-**
3 **ILIES WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN**
4 **THE CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

5 Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
6 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION
9 REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
10 WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF
11 CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B.
12 McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988
13 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose,
14 to the entity designated by the collaborative applicant
15 within which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency
16 is located and any relevant State and local government
17 agencies, information regarding individuals and families
18 who are homeless (as such term is used in section 103
19 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
20 U.S.C. 11302)) or at risk of homelessness (as such term
21 is used in section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1360)), but
22 only—

23 “(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identi-
24 fication, assessment, and linkage of housing and
25 supportive services for such individuals and families

1 to ensure continuity of care, to the extent allowable
2 under State Law;

3 “(2) if the public housing agency takes appro-
4 priate measures to ensure that the privacy of the in-
5 dividuals and families is protected and that the in-
6 formation is used only for the purpose described in
7 paragraph (1); and

8 “(3) if the public housing agency takes appro-
9 priate measures to ensure clients’ information and
10 confidentiality is protected pursuant to section
11 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of
12 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations
13 promulgated pursuant to such section.”.

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