

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18** ____ . **STUDY AND REPORT ON CERTAIN POLICIES RE-**
2 **LATING TO THE PROVISION OF HOUSING AS-**
3 **SISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

4 (a) **STUDY AND REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a study on the effective-
7 ness and success of housing first policies in addressing
8 homelessness by connecting homeless veterans with hous-
9 ing and voluntary services and submit to the Committees
10 on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and
11 the Senate a report on such study.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under subsection (a)
13 shall include the findings of such study with respect to—

14 (1) barriers, if any, that people experiencing
15 homelessness face when attempting to secure perma-
16 nent housing; and

17 (2) impact on costs, if any, to States and local
18 governments relating to healthcare, emergency hous-

1 ing, judicial services, law enforcement services, and
2 benefits resulting from the adoption of housing first
3 policies.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “homeless veteran” has the mean-
6 ing given such term in section 2002 of title 38,
7 United States Code.

8 (2) The term “housing first policy” means a
9 policy that—

10 (A) prioritizes housing assistance for an
11 individual or a family to become stably housed
12 by providing voluntary services as needed, in-
13 cluding counseling, job training, and addiction
14 treatment; or

15 (B) prohibits conditioning the provision of
16 housing assistance for an individual or a family
17 on such individuals or family meeting certain
18 prerequisites, including sobriety or lack of drug
19 use.

20 (3) The term “State” has the meaning given
21 such term in section 101 of title 38, United States
22 Code.

