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

SEC. 18. STUDY AND REPORT ON CERTAIN POLICIES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

(a) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a study on the effectiveness and success of housing first policies in addressing homelessness by connecting homeless veterans with housing and voluntary services and submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on such study.

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

(1) barriers, if any, that people experiencing homelessness face when attempting to secure permanent housing; and

(2) impact on costs, if any, to States and local governments relating to healthcare, emergency hous-
ing, judicial services, law enforcement services, and
benefits resulting from the adoption of housing first
policies.

(c) Definitions.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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