AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54

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Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 60016. REPORT ON HOUSING NEEDS OF POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

(a) Study.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall enter into an agreement with an organization having expertise in housing, homelessness, and institutional racism and structural and implicit bias to carry out a study on the housing infrastructure needs of populations at higher risk of homelessness. The Secretary shall provide for such organization to complete the study and submit a report to the Secretary not later than the expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, which shall recommend regulatory, policy and practice changes that would ensure that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other Federal agencies effectively reduce and prevent homelessness and housing instability faced by populations at higher risk of homelessness.
(b) INFORMATION.—The report shall include information derived from individuals who are members of, or advocate on behalf of, or both, a population at higher risk of homelessness, including such transgender and gender non-conforming persons, Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and other communities of color, youth in or formerly in the foster care system, veterans, and justice-system involved youth and adults.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Upon receipt, the Secretary shall submit the report to the Congress and shall make the report publicly available.

(d) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “population at higher risk of homelessness” means a group of persons that is defined by a common characteristic and that has been found to experience homelessness, housing instability, or to be cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the general public.

(2) HIGHER RATE.—Information that may be used in demonstrating such a higher rate includes data generated by the Federal Government, by State or municipal governments, by peer-reviewed re-
search, and by organizations having expertise in working with or advocating on behalf of homeless, housing unstable, or cost-burdened groups.

(3) INCLUDED POPULATIONS.—Such term shall include populations for which such higher rate has already been demonstrated, including Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other communities of color; persons with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, elderly persons, foster and former foster youth; LGBTQ persons, gender non-binary and gender non-conforming persons, justice system-involved persons, and veterans.