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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Supportive Services
5 for National Guard and Reserve Veterans and Families
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY**
2 **LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES TO IN-**
3 **CLUDE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE**
4 **COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) **EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 2044 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**vet-**
8 **eran**” and inserting “**eligible**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “veteran
11 families” and inserting “eligible families”;

12 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “veteran
13 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking “veteran
15 family” and inserting “eligible family”;

16 (3) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
19 graph (A), by striking “veteran families”
20 and inserting “eligible families”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (D)(vii), by strik-
22 ing “veteran family” and inserting “eligi-
23 ble family”;

24 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “veteran
25 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “veteran
2 families” and inserting “eligible families”;

3 (4) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “veteran
4 families” each place it appears and inserting “eligi-
5 ble families”;

6 (5) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “veteran
7 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

8 (6) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) in paragraph (6)(A)—

10 (i) by striking “very low-income vet-
11 eran family” and inserting “very low-in-
12 come eligible family”; and

13 (ii) by striking “a veteran family” and
14 inserting “an eligible family”; and

15 (B) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(7) The term ‘eligible family’ includes—

18 “(A) a veteran who is a single person;

19 “(B) a family in which the head of house-
20 hold or the spouse of the head of household is
21 a veteran;

22 “(C) a former member of a reserve compo-
23 nent of the Armed Forces who has retired or
24 separated from service after having served a
25 term of enlistment and is a single person; and

1 “(D) a family in which the head of house-
2 hold or spouse of the head of household is a
3 former member of a reserve component of the
4 Armed Forces who has retired or separated
5 from service after having served a term of en-
6 listment.”.

7 (b) FUNDING.—Subsection (e) of such section, as
8 most recently amended by section 305(a) of the Joseph
9 Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Vet-
10 erans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022
11 (division U of Public Law 117–328), is further amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “From amounts”;
13 and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(2)(A) Of amounts available under paragraph
17 (1)(H) for fiscal year 2024, \$50,000,000 shall be available
18 to carry out subsections (a), (b), and (c) with respect to
19 eligible families described in subparagraphs (C) and (D)
20 of subsection (f)(7).

21 “(B) Any amounts made available under subpara-
22 graph (A) to carry out subsections (a), (b), and (c) with
23 respect to eligible families described in subparagraphs (C)
24 and (D) of subsection (f)(7) that remain available after
25 supportive services have been provided to such families

1 under this section shall be available during fiscal year
2 2024 to carry out subsections (a), (b), and (c) with respect
3 to eligible families described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
4 of such subsection.”.

5 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY EXPERIENCED BY MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE**
6 **COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**
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8 (a) **REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDY.**—Not
9 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
11 a report detailing plans to establish a study to analyze
12 food and housing insecurity experienced by members of
13 the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

14 (b) **CONDUCT OF STUDY.**—Not later than 120 days
15 after the date on which the report required by subsection
16 (a) is submitted, the Secretary of Defense shall begin con-
17 ducting the study described in such subsection.

18 (c) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than one year after
19 the date on which the report required by subsection (a)
20 is submitted, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of De-
21 fense shall submit to Congress a report including the find-
22 ings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (b).

1 (d) RESERVE COMPONENT DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “reserve component” has the meaning given
3 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

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