

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4302

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## AN ACT

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.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Assistance  
3 Act of 2019”.

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

8 Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937  
9 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new subsection:

11 “(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION  
12 REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
13 WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF  
14 CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B.  
15 McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988  
16 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose,  
17 to the collaborative applicant of the local Continuum of  
18 Care or designee of the collaborative applicant within  
19 which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency is lo-  
20 cated, information regarding individuals and families who  
21 are homeless (as such term is used in section 103 of the  
22 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 11302)) or at risk of homelessness (as such term is used  
24 in section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11360)), but only—

25 “(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identi-  
26 fication, assessment, and linkage of housing and

1       supportive services for such individuals and families  
2       to ensure continuity of care, to the extent allowable  
3       under State Law;

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

10              “(3) if the public housing agency takes appro-  
11       priate measures to ensure clients’ information and  
12       confidentiality is protected pursuant to section  
13       41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of  
14       1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations  
15       promulgated pursuant to such section.”.

Passed the House of Representatives January 13,  
2020.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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