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To provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in persistent poverty counties, and for other purposes.

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 Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “An Act Targeting Re-
5 sources to Communities in Need”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—The term “de-
9 velopment program” means any of the following pro-
10 grams, offices, or appropriations accounts:

1 (A) Any program administered by the Of-
2 fice of Rural Development of the Department of
3 Agriculture.

4 (B) The Appalachian Regional Commission
5 established by section 14301(a) of title 40,
6 United States Code.

7 (C) Department of Commerce, Economic
8 Development Administration, Economic Devel-
9 opment Assistance Programs.

10 (D) The Delta Regional Authority estab-
11 lished by section 382B(a)(1) of the Consoli-
12 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
13 U.S.C. 2009aa-1(a)(1)).

14 (E) The Denali Commission established by
15 section 303(a) of the Denali Commission Act of
16 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; 112 Stat. 2681-
17 637).

18 (F) Any training or employment services
19 program administered by the Employment and
20 Training Administration of the Department of
21 Labor.

22 (G) Department of Health and Human
23 Services, Health Resources and Services Admin-
24 istration.

1 (H) Environmental Protection Agency,
2 State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

3 (I) Department of Commerce, National In-
4 stitute of Standards and Technology, Construc-
5 tion.

6 (J) Any program under the Juvenile Jus-
7 tice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974
8 (34 U.S.C. 11101 et seq.).

9 (K) The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
10 Assistance Grant Program under subpart 1 of
11 part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
12 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151
13 et seq.).

14 (L) A victim services program for victims
15 of trafficking, as authorized by section
16 107(b)(2) of the Trafficking Victims Protection
17 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(2)).

18 (M) Any program authorized under the
19 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization
20 Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–164; 119 Stat.
21 3558).

22 (N) Any program authorized under the Vi-
23 olence Against Women Reauthorization Act of
24 2013 (Public Law 113–4; 127 Stat. 54).

1 (O) The Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences
2 Improvement Grants program under part BB of
3 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
4 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10561 et seq.).

5 (P) DNA-related and forensic programs
6 and activities grants under part X of title I of
7 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
8 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10511 et seq.).

9 (Q) The grant program for community-
10 based sexual assault response reform grants
11 under part T of title I of the Omnibus Crime
12 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
13 U.S.C. 10441 et seq.).

14 (R) The court-appointed special advocate
15 program under section 217 of the Crime Con-
16 trol Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20323).

17 (S) A program under subtitle C of title II
18 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (34 U.S.C.
19 60541 et seq.).

20 (T) The “Cops on the Beat” program
21 under part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime
22 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
23 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.).

24 (U) The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse
25 Grant Program under part LL of title I of the

1 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
2 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701 et seq.).

3 (V) A grant under section 220531 of title
4 36, United States Code.

5 (W) The program authorized under part
6 AA of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and
7 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10551 et
8 seq.).

9 (X) Department of Transportation, Office
10 of the Secretary, Nationally Significant Freight
11 and Highway Projects.

12 (Y) Department of Transportation, Office
13 of the Secretary, National Infrastructure In-
14 vestments.

15 (Z) Department of Transportation, Fed-
16 eral Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Fa-
17 cilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

18 (AA) Department of Transportation, Fed-
19 eral Transit Administration, Capital Investment
20 Grants Program.

21 (BB) Any program of the Department of
22 the Treasury relating to Community Develop-
23 ment Financial Institutions (within the mean-
24 ing of section 103 of the Community Develop-

1 ment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
2 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702)).

3 (CC) The Southeast Crescent Regional
4 Commission established by section 15301(a)(1)
5 of title 40, United States Code.

6 (DD) The Southwest Border Regional
7 Commission established by section 15301(a)(2)
8 of title 40, United States Code.

9 (EE) The Northern Border Regional Com-
10 mission established by section 15301(a)(3) of
11 title 40, United States Code.

12 (FF) The Northern Great Plains Regional
13 Authority established by section 383B(a)(1) of
14 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
15 Act (7 U.S.C. 2009bb–1(a)(1)).

16 (GG) The fair housing initiatives program
17 under section 561 of the Housing and Commu-
18 nity Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C.
19 3616a).

20 (HH) A grant under section 4611 of the
21 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7261).

23 (2) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY.—The term
24 “persistent poverty county” means any county with
25 a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent, as deter-

1 mined in each of the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-
 2 suses, and in the Small Area Income and Poverty
 3 Estimates of the Bureau of the Census for the most
 4 recent year for which the estimates are available.

5 (3) HIGH-POVERTY AREA.—The term “high-
 6 poverty area” means a census tract with a poverty
 7 rate of not less than 20 percent during the 5-year
 8 period ending on the date of the enactment of this
 9 Act.

10 **SEC. 3. 10-20-30 FORMULA FOR PERSISTENT POVERTY**
 11 **COUNTIES.**

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the enti-
 13 ty responsible for administering a development program
 14 shall use not less than an amount equal to 10 percent of
 15 the amounts made available in any appropriations Act for
 16 the program for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2028
 17 in persistent poverty counties, if the entity is otherwise
 18 authorized to do so.

19 **SEC. 4. TARGETING HIGH-POVERTY CENSUS TRACTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 21 sion of law, the entity responsible for administering a de-
 22 velopment program shall use not less than the percentage
 23 described in subsection (b) of the amounts made available
 24 in any appropriations Act for the program for each of fis-

1 cal years 2019 through 2028 for projects in high-poverty
2 areas, if the entity is otherwise authorized to do so.

3 (b) PERCENTAGE DESCRIBED.—The percentage de-
4 scribed in this subsection with respect to a development
5 program is the percentage equal to the sum obtained by
6 adding—

7 (1) the average percentage of Federal assist-
8 ance awarded under the program in the 3-fiscal year
9 period ending on the date of enactment of this Act
10 that were used for projects in high-poverty areas;
11 and

12 (2) 5 percent of the average total Federal as-
13 sistance awarded under the program during the pe-
14 riod referred to in paragraph (1).

15 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, if an entity respon-
17 sible for administering a development program determines
18 that the provision of benefits under the program in a high-
19 poverty area in accordance with this section is primarily
20 benefitting individuals predominantly living in areas other
21 than a high-poverty area, the entity shall submit to the
22 Director of the Office of Management and Budget and
23 Congress—

24 (1) a notification of that determination; and

1 (2) a recommendation describing how the entity
2 could ensure that benefits under the development
3 program—

4 (A) are provided based on census tracts in
5 which the individuals receiving the benefit re-
6 side; and

7 (B) serve individuals who reside in pre-
8 dominantly low-income census tracts.

9 **SEC. 5. FAILURE TO USE FUNDS.**

10 If the entity responsible for administering a develop-
11 ment program does not comply with section 4 with respect
12 to the program for a fiscal year, the entity shall submit
13 to Congress a report that describes how the entity plans
14 to do so for the next fiscal year.

15 **SEC. 6. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the end of each fiscal
17 year, the entity responsible for administering each devel-
18 opment program shall submit to Congress a progress re-
19 port on the implementation of this Act with respect to the
20 development program.

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