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To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish  
a Commission on Youth Homelessness, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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to establish a Commission on Youth Homelessness, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Commission on Youth  
5 Homelessness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and  
8 Urban Development shall, not later than 60 days after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act, establish a Commission  
2 on Youth Homelessness.

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (1) CHAIR.—The Commission established pur-  
5 suant to subsection (a) shall be chaired by a person  
6 nominated by and representing the Secretary.

7 (2) MEMBERS.— The Commission established  
8 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be comprised of—

9 (A) not less than three persons, rec-  
10 ommended to the Secretary for appointment by  
11 one or more of the members described in sub-  
12 paragraphs (B) through (F), who have lived ex-  
13 perience of homelessness, (as defined by section  
14 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-  
15 ance Act), including homeless children and  
16 youths (as such terms are defined in section  
17 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-  
18 ance Act);

19 (B) a member representing the Depart-  
20 ment of Education, nominated by the Secretary  
21 of Education;

22 (C) a member representing the Depart-  
23 ment of Health and Human Services, nomi-  
24 nated by the Secretary of Health and Human  
25 Services;

1 (D) a representative from a national non-  
2 profit homeless youth organization;

3 (E) a representative from a national non-  
4 profit civil rights organization representing his-  
5 torically marginalized communities or socially  
6 disadvantaged groups; and

7 (F) a national organization representing  
8 LGBTQIA+ populations.

9 (c) MEETINGS.—The Commission on Youth Home-  
10 lessness shall have a meeting not less than 90 days after  
11 all of the members of such Commission have been ap-  
12 pointed by the Secretary.

13 (d) REPORT.—The Commission on Youth Homeless-  
14 ness shall, not later than 1 year after the date on which  
15 all members of such Commission have been appointed by  
16 the Secretary, submit a report to the Congress and to the  
17 President that includes the following:

18 (1) A description of any ways in which Federal,  
19 State, Tribal, and local laws, regulations, and poli-  
20 cies have harmed or otherwise impacted youth and  
21 young adults who are homeless or at-risk of home-  
22 lessness.

23 (2) A list of Federal, State, Tribal, and local  
24 laws, regulations, and policies that unnecessarily tar-  
25 get youth and young adults who identify as Black,

1 Indigenous, people of color, or LGBTQIA+ causing  
2 the criminalization, institutionalization, or incarcer-  
3 ation of historically and systemically marginalized  
4 people living in poverty.

5 (3) Makes legislative recommendations to  
6 achieve the following:

7 (A) Non-discriminatory housing applica-  
8 tions based on credit and income history for  
9 youth and young adults.

10 (B) Employment safeguards to avoid dis-  
11 crimination on the absence of a permanent  
12 mailing address, housing history, or employ-  
13 ment history.

14 (C) Low- or no-barrier access to mental  
15 health and substance use services for youth and  
16 young adults.

17 (D) The waiving of or assistance with mov-  
18 ing expenses, including move-in fees and appli-  
19 cation fees for youth and young adults.

20 (E) Actions that Federal agencies may  
21 take in removing barriers to prevent and end  
22 youth and young adult homelessness.

23 (F) Evidence-based solutions and rec-  
24 ommendations to prevent and end youth and  
25 young adult homelessness.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

2 (1) LIVED EXPERIENCE.—The term “lived ex-  
3 perience” means persons who have lived experience  
4 of homelessness, as defined by section 103 of the  
5 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 11302) and includes homeless children and  
7 youths as defined in section 725 of such Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 11434a), or other youth-serving systems, as  
9 defined by agencies that serve children, youth, and  
10 families. Agencies may include the Department of  
11 Health and Human Services, Department of Edu-  
12 cation, Child Welfare, Department of Juvenile Jus-  
13 tice, and agencies serving homeless youth.

14 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

16 (3) YOUTH.—The term “youth” means not  
17 older than 17 years old.

18 (4) YOUNG ADULT.—The term “young adult”  
19 means—

20 (A) 18 years or older but not older than  
21 30 years old; or

22 (B) emancipated minors under applicable  
23 State law.