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The following is LRM ID: KCT80 -- Request for Views on H.R. 2716, James Drappeaux - Stuart Collick - Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act, as ordered reported.

The bill text of H.R. 2716 as ordered reported is attached below in pdf format and it consists of 45 pages. A summary of the amended bill text is also attached below and it consists of two pages.

Please comment on H.R. 2716 as ordered reported by Noon, Tomorrow, Friday, October 12th. If you do not respond by the deadline, I will assume that you have no objection to the bill.

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#### LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

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DEADLINE: Noon Friday, October 12, 2001

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President. Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

COMMENTS: H.R. 2716 was ordered reported by the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on October 10th. Provisions from H.R. 936, Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act, were incorporated into H.R. 2716. H.R. 2716 may be voted on by the House as early as next week, so please respond with your comments on the bill text ASAP.

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**TO H. R. 2716**  
**REPORTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “James Drappeaux—Stuart Collick—Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; references to title 38, United States Code.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. National goal to end homelessness among veterans.
- Sec. 4. Sense of the Congress regarding the needs of homeless veterans and the responsibility of Federal agencies.
- Sec. 5. Consolidation and improvement of provisions of law relating to homeless veterans.
- Sec. 6. Evaluation of homeless programs.
- Sec. 7. Study of outcome effectiveness of grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.
- Sec. 8. Additional programmatic expansions.
- Sec. 9. Coordination of employment services.
- Sec. 10. Use of real property.
- Sec. 11. Meetings of Interagency Council on Homeless.
- Sec. 12. Rental assistance vouchers for HUD Veterans Affairs Supported Housing program.

(c) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38 UNITED STATES CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-

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1 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
2 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) The term “homeless veteran” has the mean-  
6 ing given such term in section 2002 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, as added by section 5(a)(1).

8 (2) The term “grant and per diem provider”  
9 means an entity in receipt of a grant under section  
10 2011 or 2012 of title 38, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL GOAL TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG**  
12 **VETERANS.**

13 (a) NATIONAL GOAL.—Congress hereby declares it to  
14 be a national goal to end chronic homelessness among vet-  
15 erans within a decade of the enactment of this Act.

16 (b) COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ENCOURAGED.—Con-  
17 gress hereby encourages all departments and agencies of  
18 Federal, State, and local governments, quasi-governmental  
19 organizations, private and public sector entities, including  
20 community-based organizations, faith-based organizations,  
21 and individuals to work cooperatively to end chronic home-  
22 lessness among veterans within a decade.



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1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEEDS**  
2 **OF HOMELESS VETERANS AND THE RESPON-**  
3 **SIBILITY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

4 It is the sense of the Congress that—

5 (1) homelessness is a significant problem in the  
6 veterans community and veterans are disproportion-  
7 ately represented among homeless men;

8 (2) While many effective programs assist home-  
9 less veterans to again become productive and self-  
10 sufficient members of society, current resources pro-  
11 vided to such programs and other activities that as-  
12 sist homeless veterans are inadequate to provide all  
13 needed essential services, assistance, and support to  
14 homeless veterans;

15 (3) the most effective programs for the assist-  
16 ance of homeless veterans should be identified and  
17 expanded;

18 (4) federally funded programs for homeless vet-  
19 erans should be held accountable for achieving clear-  
20 ly defined results;

21 (5) Federal efforts to assist homeless veterans  
22 should include prevention of homelessness; and

23 (6) Federal agencies, particularly the Depart-  
24 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of  
25 Housing and Urban Development, should cooperate

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1 more fully to address the problem of homelessness  
2 among veterans.

3 **SEC. 5. CONSOLIDATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROVI-**  
4 **SIONS OF LAW RELATING TO HOMELESS VET-**  
5 **ERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Part II is amended by insert-  
7 ing after chapter 19 the following new chapter:

8 **“CHAPTER 20—BENEFITS FOR HOMELESS**  
9 **VETERANS**

**“SUBCHAPTER I—PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**“Sec.**

**“2001. Purpose.**

**“2002. Definitions.**

**“2003. Staffing requirements.**

**“2004. Employment assistance.**

**“SUBCHAPTER II—COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**“2011. Grants.**

**“2012. Per diem payments.**

**“2013. Authorization of appropriations.**

**“SUBCHAPTER III—TRAINING AND OUTREACH**

**“2021. Homeless veterans' reintegration programs.**

**“2022. Coordination of outreach services for veterans at risk of homelessness.**

**“2023. Demonstration program relating to referral and counseling for veterans  
transitioning from certain institutions who are at risk for  
homelessness.**

**“SUBCHAPTER IV—TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY  
MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS**

**“2031. General treatment.**

**“2032. Therapeutic housing.**

**“2033. Additional services at certain locations.**

**“2034. Coordination with other agencies and organizations.**

**“2035. Representative payee services.**

**“SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

**“2041. Housing assistance for homeless veterans.**

**“2042. Supported housing for veterans participating in compensated work  
therapies.**

**“2043. Domiciliary care programs.**

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“SUBCHAPTER VI—LOAN GUARANTEES FOR MULTIFAMILY TRANSITIONAL  
HOUSING

“2051. General authority.

“2052. Requirements.

“2053. Default.

“2054. Audit.

“SUBCHAPTER VII—OTHER PROVISIONS

“2061. Grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.

“2062. Dental care.

“2063. Technical assistance grants for nonprofit community-based groups.

“2064. Annual report on assistance to homeless veterans.

“2065. Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.

1 “SUBCHAPTER I—PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS;

2 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3 “§ 2001. Purpose

4 “The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the  
5 special needs of homeless veterans.

6 “§ 2002. Definitions

7 “In this chapter:

8 “(1) The term ‘homeless veteran’ means a vet-  
9 eran who—

10 “(A) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate  
11 nighttime residence; or

12 “(B) has a primary nighttime residence  
13 that is—

14 “(i) a supervised publicly or privately  
15 operated shelter designed to provide tem-  
16 porary living accommodations (including  
17 welfare hotels, congregate shelters, grant  
18 per diem shelters and transitional housing  
19 for the mentally ill);



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1                   “(ii) an institution that provides a  
2                   temporary residence for individuals in-  
3                   tended to be institutionalized; or

4                   “(iii) a public or private place not de-  
5                   signed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular  
6                   sleeping accommodation for human beings.

7                   “(2) The term ‘grant and per diem provider’  
8                   means an entity in receipt of a grant under section  
9                   2011 or 2012 of this title.

10   **“§ 2003. Staffing requirements**

11                   “(a) VBA STAFFING AT REGIONAL OFFICES.—The  
12                   Secretary shall ensure that there is assigned at each Vet-  
13                   erans Benefits Administration regional office at least one  
14                   employee assigned specifically to oversee and coordinate  
15                   homeless veterans programs in that region. In any such  
16                   regional office with at least 140 employees, there shall be  
17                   at least one full-time employee assigned to such functions.  
18                   The programs covered by such oversight and coordination  
19                   include the following:

20                   “(1) The housing program for veterans sup-  
21                   ported by the Department of Housing and Urban  
22                   Development.

23                   “(2) Housing programs supported by the Sec-  
24                   retary under this title or any other provision of law.

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1           “(3) The homeless veterans reintegration pro-  
2           gram of the Department of Labor under section  
3           2021 of this title.

4           “(4) The programs under section 2033 of this  
5           title.

6           “(5) The assessments required by section 2034  
7           of this title.

8           “(6) Such other duties relating to homeless vet-  
9           erans as may be assigned.

10          “(b) VHA CASE MANAGERS.—The Secretary shall  
11          ensure that the number of case managers in the Veterans  
12          Health Administration is sufficient to assure that every  
13          veteran who is provided a housing voucher through section  
14          8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
15          1437f(o)) is assigned to, and is able to be seen as needed  
16          by, a case manager.

17          **“§ 2004. Employment assistance**

18          “The Secretary may authorize homeless veterans re-  
19          ceiving care through vocational rehabilitation programs to  
20          participate in the compensated work therapy program  
21          under section 1718 of this title.

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1 "SUBCHAPTER II—COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE  
2 PROGRAMS

3 **"§ 2011. Grants**

4 "(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—(1) Subject to  
5 the availability of appropriations provided for such pur-  
6 pose, the Secretary shall make grants to assist eligible en-  
7 tities in establishing programs to furnish, and expanding  
8 or modifying existing programs for furnishing, the fol-  
9 lowing to homeless veterans:

10 "(A) Outreach.

11 "(B) Rehabilitative services.

12 "(C) Vocational counseling and training

13 "(D) Transitional housing assistance.

14 "(2) The authority of the Secretary to make grants  
15 under this section expires on September 30, 2005.

16 "(b) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—The Sec-  
17 retary shall establish criteria and requirements for the  
18 award of a grant under this section, including criteria for  
19 entities eligible to receive such grants, and shall publish  
20 such criteria and requirements in the Federal Register.  
21 The criteria established under this section shall include  
22 the following:

23 "(1) Specification as to the kinds of projects for  
24 which such grant support is available, which shall  
25 include—



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1           “(A) expansion, remodeling, or alteration  
2           of existing buildings, or acquisition of facilities,  
3           for use as service centers, transitional housing,  
4           or other facilities to serve homeless veterans;  
5           and

6           “(B) procurement of vans for use in out-  
7           reach to, and transportation for, homeless vet-  
8           erans to carry out the purposes set forth in  
9           subsection (a).

10          “(2) Specification as to the number of projects  
11          for which grant support is available.

12          “(3) Appropriate criteria for the staffing for the  
13          provision of the services for which a grant under this  
14          section is furnished.

15          “(4) Provisions to ensure that the award of  
16          grants under this section—

17               “(A) shall not result in duplication of on-  
18               going services; and

19               “(B) to the maximum extent practicable,  
20               shall reflect appropriate geographic dispersion  
21               and an appropriate balance between urban and  
22               nonurban locations.

23          “(5) Provisions to ensure that an entity receiv-  
24          ing a grant shall meet fire and safety requirements  
25          established by the Secretary, which shall include—

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1           “(A) such State and community require-  
2           ments that may apply; and

3           “(B) the fire and safety requirements ap-  
4           plicable under the Life Safety Code of the Na-  
5           tional Fire Protection Association.

6           “(6) Specifications as to the means by which an  
7           entity receiving a grant may contribute in-kind serv-  
8           ices to the start-up costs of any project for which  
9           support is sought and the methodology for assigning  
10          a cost to that contribution for purposes of subsection  
11          (c).

12          “(c) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—A grant under this  
13          section may not be used to support operational costs. The  
14          amount of a grant under this section may not exceed 65  
15          percent of the estimated cost of the expansion, remodeling,  
16          alteration, acquisition, or procurement provided for under  
17          this section.

18          “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary may make  
19          a grant under this section to an entity applying for such  
20          a grant only if the applicant for the grant—

21                 “(1) is a public or nonprofit private entity with  
22                 the capacity (as determined by the Secretary) to ef-  
23                 fectively administer a grant under this section;

24                 “(2) has demonstrated that adequate financial  
25                 support will be available to carry out the project for

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1 which the grant has been sought consistent with the  
2 plans, specifications, and schedule submitted by the  
3 applicant; and

4 “(3) has agreed to meet the applicable criteria  
5 and requirements established under subsections (b)  
6 and (g) (and the Secretary has determined that the  
7 applicant has demonstrated the capacity to meet  
8 those criteria and requirements).

9 “(e) APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—An entity de-  
10 scribed in subsection (d) desiring to receive assistance  
11 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-  
12 cation. The application shall set forth the following:

13 “(1) The amount of the grant requested with  
14 respect to a project.

15 “(2) A description of the site for such project.

16 “(3) Plans, specifications, and the schedule for  
17 implementation of such project in accordance with  
18 requirements prescribed by the Secretary under sub-  
19 section (b).

20 “(4) Reasonable assurance that upon comple-  
21 tion of the work for which assistance is sought, the  
22 program will become operational and the facilities  
23 will be used principally to provide to veterans the  
24 services for which the project was designed, and that  
25 not more than 25 percent of the services provided



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1 will serve clients who are not receiving such services  
2 as veterans.

3 “(f) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may  
4 not make a grant to an applicant under this section unless  
5 the applicant, in the application for the grant, agrees to  
6 each of the following requirements:

7 “(1) To provide the services for which the grant  
8 is furnished at locations accessible to homeless vet-  
9 erans.

10 “(2) To maintain referral networks for, and aid  
11 homeless veterans in, establishing eligibility for as-  
12 sistance, and obtaining services, under available enti-  
13 tlement and assistance programs.

14 “(3) To ensure the confidentiality of records  
15 maintained on homeless veterans receiving services  
16 under the grant.

17 “(4) To establish such procedures for fiscal  
18 control and fund accounting as may be necessary to  
19 ensure proper disbursement and accounting with re-  
20 spect to the grant and to such payments as may be  
21 made under section 2012 of this title.

22 “(5) To seek to employ homeless veterans and  
23 formerly homeless veterans in positions created for  
24 purposes of the grant for which those veterans are  
25 qualified.

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1       “(g) SERVICE CENTER REQUIREMENTS.—In addition  
2 to criteria established under subsection (b), the Secretary  
3 shall, in the case of an application for a grant for a service  
4 center for homeless veterans, require each of the following:

5           “(1) That such center provide services to home-  
6 less veterans during such hours as the Secretary  
7 may specify and be open to such veterans on an as-  
8 needed, unscheduled basis.

9           “(2) That space at such center will be made  
10 available, as mutually agreeable, for use by staff of  
11 the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department  
12 of Labor, and other appropriate agencies and orga-  
13 nizations in assisting homeless veterans served by  
14 such center.

15           “(3) That such center be equipped and staffed  
16 to provide, or to assist in providing, health care,  
17 mental health services, hygiene facilities, benefits  
18 and employment counseling, meals, transportation  
19 assistance, and such other services as the Secretary  
20 determines necessary.

21           “(4) That such center may be equipped and  
22 staffed to provide, or to assist in providing, job  
23 training and job placement services (including job  
24 readiness, job counseling, and literacy and skills  
25 training), as well as any outreach and case manage-

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1       ment services that may be necessary to carry out  
2       this paragraph.

3   **“§ 2012. Per diem payments**

4       “(a) PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR FURNISHING SERV-  
5   ICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.—(1) Subject to the avail-  
6   ability of appropriations provided for such purpose, the  
7   Secretary, pursuant to such criteria as the Secretary shall  
8   prescribe, shall provide to a recipient of a grant under sec-  
9   tion 2011 of this title (or an entity eligible to receive a  
10   grant under that section which after November 10, 1992,  
11   establishes a program that the Secretary determines car-  
12   ries out the purposes described in that section) per diem  
13   payments for services furnished to any homeless veteran—

14       “(A) whom the Secretary has referred to the  
15   grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant);  
16   or

17       “(B) for whom the Secretary has authorized the  
18   provision of services.

19       “(2) The rate for such per diem payments shall be  
20   the rate authorized for State homes for domiciliary care  
21   under section 1741(a)(1)(A) of this title.

22       “(3) In a case in which the Secretary has authorized  
23   the provision of services, per diem payments under para-  
24   graph (1) may be paid retroactively for services provided

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1 not more than three days before the authorization was  
2 provided.

3 “(b) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary may inspect any  
4 facility of an entity eligible for payments under subsection  
5 (a) at such times as the Secretary considers necessary. No  
6 per diem payment may be made to an entity under this  
7 section unless the facilities of that entity meet such stand-  
8 ards as the Secretary shall prescribe.

9 “(c) RECOVERY OF UNUSED GRANT FUNDS.—(1) If  
10 a grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant) under  
11 section 2011 of this title does not establish a program in  
12 accordance with that section or ceases to furnish services  
13 under such a program for which the grant was made, the  
14 United States shall be entitled to recover from such recipi-  
15 ent or entity the total of all unused grant amounts made  
16 under this section to such recipient or entity in connection  
17 with such program.

18 “(2) Any amount recovered by the United States  
19 under paragraph (1) may be obligated by the Secretary  
20 without fiscal year limitation to carry out provisions of  
21 this subchapter.

22 “(3) An amount may not be recovered under para-  
23 graph (1) as an unused grant amount before the end of  
24 the three-year period beginning on the date on which the  
25 grant is awarded.

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1 “(d) LIFE SAFETY CODE.—(1) Except as provided  
2 in paragraph (2), a per diem payment (or in-kind assist-  
3 ance in lieu of per diem payments) may not be provided  
4 under this section to a grant recipient unless the facilities  
5 of the grant recipient meet the fire and safety require-  
6 ments applicable under the Life Safety Code of the Na-  
7 tional Fire Protection Association.

8 “(2) During the five-year period beginning on the  
9 date of the enactment of this section, paragraph (1) shall  
10 not apply to an entity that received a grant under section  
11 3 of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Pro-  
12 grams Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–590; 38 U.S.C. 7721  
13 note) before that date if the entity meets fire and safety  
14 requirements established by the Secretary.

15 “(3) From amounts available for purposes of this sec-  
16 tion, not less than \$5,000,000 shall be used only for  
17 grants to assist entities covered by paragraph (2) in meet-  
18 ing the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection  
19 Association.

20 **“§ 2013. Authorization of appropriations**

21 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
22 this subchapter amounts as follows:

23 “(1) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

24 “(2) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

25 “(3) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

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1 “(4) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

2 “(5) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

3 “(6) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.

4 “SUBCHAPTER III—TRAINING AND OUTREACH

5 “§ 2021. Homeless veterans’ reintegration programs

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
7 propriations provided for under subsection (d) and made  
8 available for such purpose, the Secretary of Labor shall  
9 conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such pro-  
10 grams as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide  
11 job training, counseling, and placement services to expe-  
12 dite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor  
13 force.

14 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR EXPENDITURES  
15 OF FUNDS.—(1) The Secretary of Labor shall collect such  
16 information as the Secretary considers appropriate to  
17 monitor and evaluate the distribution and expenditure of  
18 funds appropriated to carry out this section. The informa-  
19 tion shall include data with respect to the results or out-  
20 comes of the services provided to each homeless veteran  
21 under this section.

22 “(2) The information under paragraph (1) shall be  
23 furnished to the Secretary of Labor in such form as the  
24 Secretary considers appropriate.



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1       “(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE ASSISTANT  
2 SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT  
3 AND TRAINING.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out  
4 this section through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for  
5 Veterans’ Employment and Training.

6       “(d) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
7 retary of Labor shall submit to Congress an annual report  
8 that evaluates services furnished to veterans under this  
9 section, and includes an analysis of the information col-  
10 lected under subsection (c).

11       “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)  
12 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this  
13 section amounts as follows:

14           “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

15           “(B) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

16           “(C) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

17           “(D) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

18           “(E) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

19           “(F) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.

20           “(G) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

21       “(2) Funds appropriated to carry out this section  
22 shall remain available until expended. Funds obligated in  
23 any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended  
24 in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.

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1 **“§ 2022. Coordination of outreach services for vet-**  
2 **erans at risk of homelessness**

3 “(a) OUTREACH PLAN.—The Secretary, acting  
4 through the Under Secretary for Health, shall provide for  
5 appropriate officials of the Mental Health Service and the  
6 Readjustment Counseling Service of the Veterans Health  
7 Administration to initiate a coordinated plan for joint out-  
8 reach to veterans at risk of homelessness, including par-  
9 ticularly veterans who are being discharged from institu-  
10 tions (including discharges from inpatient psychiatric  
11 care, substance abuse treatment programs, and penal in-  
12 stitutions).

13 “(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The outreach  
14 plan under subsection (a) shall include the following:

15 “(1) Strategies to identify and collaborate with  
16 external entities used by veterans who have not tra-  
17 ditionally used Department services to further out-  
18 reach efforts.

19 “(2) Strategies to ensure that mentoring pro-  
20 grams, recovery support groups, and other appro-  
21 priate support networks are optimally available to  
22 veterans.

23 “(3) Appropriate programs or referrals to fam-  
24 ily support programs.

25 “(4) Means to increase access to case manage-  
26 ment services.

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1 “(5) Plans for making additional employment  
2 services accessible to veterans.

3 “(6) Appropriate referral sources for mental  
4 health and substance abuse services.

5 “(c) COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.—The plan shall  
6 identify strategies for the Department to enter into formal  
7 cooperative relationships with entities outside the Depart-  
8 ment to facilitate making services and resources optimally  
9 available to veterans.

10 “(d) REVIEW OF PLAN.—The Secretary shall submit  
11 the plan under subsection (a) to the Advisory Committee  
12 on Homeless Veterans for its review and consultation.

13 “(e) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary shall  
14 carry out an outreach program to provide information to  
15 homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness.  
16 The program shall include at a minimum—

17 “(A) provision of information about benefits  
18 available to eligible veterans from the Department;  
19 and

20 “(B) contact information for local Department  
21 facilities, including medical facilities, regional offices,  
22 and veterans centers.

23 “(2) In developing and carrying out the program  
24 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, to the extent  
25 practicable, consult with appropriate public and private or-

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1 ganizations, including the Bureau of Prisons, State social  
2 service agencies, the Department of Defense, and mental  
3 health, veterans, and homeless advocates—

4 “(A) for assistance in identifying and con-  
5 tacting veterans who are homeless or at risk of  
6 homelessness;

7 “(B) to coordinate appropriate outreach activi-  
8 ties with those organizations; and

9 “(C) to coordinate services provided to veterans  
10 with services provided by those organizations.

11 “(f) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than two  
12 years after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
13 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
14 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
15 on the Secretary’s plan under subsection (a), including  
16 goals and time lines for implementation of the plan for  
17 particular facilities and service networks.

18 **“§ 2023. Demonstration program relating to referral**  
19 **and counseling for veterans transitioning**  
20 **from certain institutions who are at risk**  
21 **for homelessness**

22 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary and the  
23 Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section referred to  
24 as the ‘Secretaries’) shall carry out a demonstration pro-  
25 gram for the purpose of determining the costs and benefits

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1 of providing referral and counseling services to eligible vet-  
2 erans with respect to benefits and services available to  
3 such veterans under this title and under State law.

4 “(b) LOCATION OF DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

5 The demonstration program shall be carried out in at least  
6 six locations. One location shall be a penal institution  
7 under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons.

8 “(c) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.—(1) To the extent prac-

9 ticable, the demonstration program shall provide both re-  
10 ferral and counseling, and in the case of counseling, shall  
11 include counseling with respect to job training and place-  
12 ment, housing, health care, and such other benefits to as-  
13 sist the eligible veteran in the transition from institutional  
14 living.

15 “(2)(A) To the extent that referral or counseling

16 services are provided at a location under the program, re-  
17 ferral services shall be provided in person during the 60-  
18 day period that precedes the date of release or discharge  
19 of the eligible veteran under subsection (f)(1)(B), and  
20 counseling services shall be furnished after such date.

21 “(B) The Secretaries may furnish to officials of penal

22 institutions outreach information with respect to referral  
23 and counseling services for presentation to veterans in the  
24 custody of such officials during the 18-month period that  
25 precedes such date of release or discharge.

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1 “(3) The Secretaries may enter into contracts to  
2 carry out the counseling required under the demonstration  
3 program with entities or organizations that meet such re-  
4 quirements as the Secretaries may establish.

5 “(4) In developing the demonstration program, the  
6 Secretaries shall consult with officials of the Bureau of  
7 Prisons, officials of penal institutions of States and polit-  
8 ical subdivisions of States, and such other officials as the  
9 Secretaries determine appropriate.

10 “(d) REPORT.—(1) Not later than two years after the  
11 commencement of the demonstration program, the Sec-  
12 retary (after consultation with the Secretary of Labor)  
13 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of  
14 the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on  
15 the program.

16 “(2) The report under paragraph (1) shall include the  
17 following:

18 “(A) A description of the implementation and  
19 operation of the program.

20 “(B) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the  
21 program.

22 “(C) Recommendations, if any, regarding an ex-  
23 tension of the program.

24 “(e) DURATION.—The authority of the Secretaries to  
25 provide counseling services under the demonstration pro-



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1 gram shall cease on the date that is four years after the  
2 date of the commencement of the demonstration program.

3 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a vet-  
5 eran who—

6 “(A) is a resident of a penal institution or  
7 an institution that provides long-term care for  
8 mental illness;

9 “(B) is expected to be imminently released  
10 or discharged (as the case may be) from the fa-  
11 cility or institution; and

12 “(C) is at risk for homelessness absent re-  
13 ferral and counseling services provided under  
14 the program (as determined under guidelines  
15 established by the Secretaries).

16 “(2) The term ‘imminent’ means, with respect  
17 to a release or discharge under paragraph (1)(B),  
18 the 60-day period that ends on the date of such re-  
19 lease or discharge.

20 “SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING ASSISTANCE

21 “§ 2042. Supported housing for veterans participating  
22 in compensated work therapies

23 “The Secretary may authorize homeless veterans in  
24 the compensated work therapy program to be provided  
25 housing through the therapeutic residence program under

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1 section 2032 of title or through grant and per diem pro-  
2 viders under subchapter II of this chapter.

3 **“§ 2043. Domiciliary care programs**

4 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may establish up  
5 to 10 programs under section 1710(b) of this title (in ad-  
6 dition to any such program that is established as of the  
7 date of the enactment of this section) to provide domi-  
8 ciliary services under such section to homeless veterans.

9 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
11 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004 to es-  
12 tablish the programs referred to in subsection (a).

13 **“SUBCHAPTER VII—OTHER PROVISIONS**

14 **“§ 2061. Grant program for homeless veterans with**  
15 **special needs**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry  
17 out a program to make grants to health care facilities of  
18 the Department and to grant and per diem providers in  
19 order to encourage development by those facilities and  
20 providers of programs targeted at meeting special needs  
21 within the population of homeless veterans.

22 “(b) SPECIAL NEEDS.—For purposes of this section,  
23 homeless veterans with special needs include homeless vet-  
24 erans who—

25 “(1) are women;

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1           “(2) are 50 years of age or older;  
2           “(3) are substance abusers;  
3           “(4) are persons with post-traumatic stress dis-  
4       order;  
5           “(5) are terminally ill;  
6           “(6) are chronically mentally ill; or  
7           “(7) have care of minor dependents or other  
8       family members.

9       “(c) FUNDING.—(1) From amounts appropriated to  
10   the Department for ‘Medical Care’ for each of fiscal years  
11   2003, 2004, and 2005, the amount of \$10,000,000 shall  
12   be available for the purposes of the program under this  
13   section.

14       “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that funds for grants  
15   under this section are designated for the first three years  
16   of operation of the program under this section as a special  
17   purpose program for which funds are not allocated  
18   through the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation sys-  
19   tem.

20   **“§ 2062. Dental care**

21       “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
22   1712(a)(1)(H) of this title, outpatient dental services and  
23   treatment of a dental condition or disability of a veteran  
24   described in subsection (b) shall be considered to be medi-  
25   cally necessary, subject to subsection (c), if—

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1           “(1) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
2           essary for the veteran to successfully gain or regain  
3           employment;

4           “(2) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
5           essary to alleviate pain; or

6           “(3) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
7           essary for treatment of moderate, severe, or severe  
8           and complicated gingival and periodontal pathology.

9           “(b) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—Subsection (a) applies  
10          to a veteran who is—

11           “(1) enrolled for care under section 1705(a) of  
12           this title; and

13           “(2) who is receiving care (directly or by con-  
14           tract) in any of the following settings:

15           “(A) A domiciliary under section 1710 of  
16           this title.

17           “(B) A therapeutic residence under section  
18           2032 of this title.

19           “(C) Community residential care coordi-  
20           nated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
21           under section 1730 of this title.

22           “(D) A setting for which the Secretary  
23           provides funds for a grant and per diem pro-  
24           vider.

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1 “(c) LIMITATION.—Dental benefits provided by rea-  
2 son of this section shall be a one-time course of dental  
3 care provided in the same manner as the dental benefits  
4 provided to a newly discharged veteran.”.

5 **“§ 2063. Technical assistance grants for nonprofit**  
6 **community-based groups**

7 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry  
8 out a program to make technical assistance grants to non-  
9 profit community-based groups with experience in pro-  
10 viding assistance to homeless veterans in order to assist  
11 such groups in applying for grants under this chapter and  
12 other grants relating to addressing problems of homeless  
13 veterans.

14 “(b) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-  
15 priated to the Secretary the amount of \$750,000 for each  
16 of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 to carry out the pro-  
17 gram under this section.

18 **“§ 2064. Annual report on assistance to homeless vet-**  
19 **erans**

20 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than April 15 of  
21 each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
22 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-  
23 resentatives a report on the activities of the Department  
24 during the calendar year preceding the report under pro-  
25 grams of the Department under this chapter and other

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1 programs of the Department for the provision of assist-  
2 ance to homeless veterans.

3 “(b) GENERAL CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report  
4 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

5 “(1) The number of homeless veterans provided  
6 assistance under those programs.

7 “(2) The cost to the Department of providing  
8 such assistance under those programs.

9 “(3) Any other information on those programs  
10 and on the provision of such assistance that the Sec-  
11 retary considers appropriate.

12 “(4) The Secretary’s evaluation of the effective-  
13 ness of the programs of the Department (including  
14 residential work-therapy programs, programs com-  
15 bining outreach, community-based residential treat-  
16 ment, and case-management, and contract care pro-  
17 grams for alcohol and drug-dependence or use dis-  
18 abilities) in providing assistance to homeless vet-  
19 erans.

20 “(5) The Secretary’s evaluation of the effective-  
21 ness of programs established by recipients of grants  
22 under section 2011 of this title and a description of  
23 the experience of those recipients in applying for and  
24 receiving grants from the Secretary of Housing and



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1 Urban Development to serve primarily homeless per-  
2 sons who are veterans.

3 “(c) HEALTH CARE CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each  
4 report under subsection (a) shall include the following with  
5 respect to programs of the Department addressing health  
6 care needs of homeless veterans:

7 “(1) Information about expenditures, costs, and  
8 workload under the program of the Department  
9 known as the Health Care for Homeless Veterans  
10 program (HCHV).

11 “(2) Information about the veterans contacted  
12 through that program.

13 “(3) Information about processes under that  
14 program.

15 “(4) Information about program treatment out-  
16 comes under that program.

17 “(5) Information about supported housing pro-  
18 grams.

19 “(6) Information about the Department’s grant  
20 and per diem provider program under subchapter II  
21 of this chapter.

22 “(7) Other information the Secretary considers  
23 relevant in assessing the program.

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1 **“§ 2065. Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans**

2 “(a)(1) There is established in the Department the  
3 Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (hereinafter in  
4 this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

5 “(2) The Committee shall consist of not more than  
6 15 members appointed by the Secretary from among the  
7 following:

8 “(A) Veterans service organizations.

9 “(B) Advocates of homeless veterans and other  
10 homeless individuals.

11 “(C) Community-based providers of services to  
12 homeless individuals.

13 “(D) Previously homeless veterans.

14 “(E) State veterans affairs officials.

15 “(F) Experts in the treatment of individuals  
16 with mental illness.

17 “(G) Experts in the treatment of substance use  
18 disorders.

19 “(H) Experts in the development of permanent  
20 housing alternatives for lower income populations.

21 “(I) Experts in vocational rehabilitation.

22 “(J) Such other organizations or groups as the  
23 Secretary considers appropriate.

24 “(3) The Committee shall include, as ex officio  
25 members—

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1           “(A) the Secretary of Labor (or a representa-  
2           tive of the Secretary selected after consultation with  
3           the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Em-  
4           ployment);

5           “(B) the Secretary of Defense (or a representa-  
6           tive of the Secretary);

7           “(C) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
8           ices (or a representative of the Secretary); and

9           “(D) the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
10          velopment (or a representative of the Secretary).

11          “(4) The Secretary shall determine the terms of serv-  
12          ice and pay and allowances of the members of the Com-  
13          mittee, except that a term of service may not exceed three  
14          years. The Secretary may reappoint any member for addi-  
15          tional terms of service.

16          “(b)(1) The Secretary shall, on a regular basis, con-  
17          sult with and seek the advice of the Committee with re-  
18          spect to the provision by the Department of benefits and  
19          services to homeless veterans.

20          “(2)(A) In providing advice to the Secretary under  
21          this subsection, the Committee shall—

22               “(i) assemble and review information relating to  
23               the needs of homeless veterans;

24               “(ii) provide an on-going assessment of the ef-  
25               fectiveness of the policies, organizational structures,

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1 and services of the Department in assisting homeless  
2 veterans; and

3 “(iii) provide on-going advice on the most ap-  
4 propriate means of providing assistance to homeless  
5 veterans.

6 “(3) The Committee shall—

7 “(A) review the continuum of services provided  
8 by the Department directly or by contract in order  
9 to define cross-cutting issues and to improve coordi-  
10 nation of all services with the Department that are  
11 involved in addressing the special needs of homeless  
12 veterans;

13 “(B) identify (through the annual assessments  
14 under section 2034 of this title and other available  
15 resources) gaps in programs of the Department in  
16 serving homeless veterans, including identification of  
17 geographic areas with unmet needs, and provide rec-  
18 ommendations to address those program gaps;

19 “(C) identify gaps in existing information sys-  
20 tems on homeless veterans, both within and outside  
21 of the Department, and provide recommendations  
22 about redressing problems in data collection;

23 “(D) identify barriers under existing laws and  
24 policies to effective coordination by the Department

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1 with other Federal agencies and with State and local  
2 agencies addressing homeless populations;

3 “(E) identify opportunities for increased liaison  
4 by the Department with nongovernmental organiza-  
5 tions and individual groups addressing homeless  
6 populations;

7 “(F) with appropriate officials of the Depart-  
8 ment designated by the Secretary, participate with  
9 the Interagency Council on the Homeless under title  
10 II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
11 (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.);

12 “(G) recommend appropriate funding levels for  
13 specialized programs for homeless veterans provided  
14 or funded by the Department;

15 “(H) recommend appropriate placement options  
16 for veterans who, because of advanced age, frailty,  
17 or severe mental illness, may not be appropriate can-  
18 didates for vocational rehabilitation or independent  
19 living; and

20 “(I) perform such other functions as the Sec-  
21 retary may direct.

22 “(c)(1) Not later than March 31 of each year, the  
23 Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report on the  
24 programs and activities of the Department that relate to  
25 homeless veterans. Each such report shall include—

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1           “(A) an assessment of the needs of homeless  
2 veterans;

3           “(B) a review of the programs and activities of  
4 the Department designed to meet such needs;

5           “(C) a review of the activities of the Committee;  
6 and

7           “(D) such recommendations (including rec-  
8 ommendations for administrative and legislative ac-  
9 tion) as the Committee considers appropriate.

10          “(2) Not later than 90 days after the receipt of a  
11 report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall transmit  
12 to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and  
13 House of Representatives a copy of the report, together  
14 with any comments and recommendations concerning the  
15 report that the Secretary considers appropriate.

16          “(3) The Committee may also submit to the Sec-  
17 retary such other reports and recommendations as the  
18 Committee considers appropriate.

19          “(4) The Secretary shall submit with each annual re-  
20 port submitted to the Congress pursuant to section 529  
21 of this title a summary of all reports and recommendations  
22 of the Committee submitted to the Secretary since the pre-  
23 vious annual report of the Secretary submitted pursuant  
24 to that section.

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1       “(d) The Committee shall cease to exist December  
2 31, 2006.”.

3       (2) The tables of chapters before part I and at the  
4 beginning of part II are each amended by inserting after  
5 the item relating to chapter 19 the following new item;

“20. Benefits for Homeless Veterans ..... 2001”.

6       (b) HEALTH CARE.—(1) Subchapter VII of chapter  
7 17 is transferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection  
8 (a)), inserted after section 2023 (as so added), and redес-  
9 ignated as subchapter IV, and sections 1771, 1772, 1773,  
10 and 1774 therein are redesignated as sections 2031, 2032,  
11 2033, and 2034, respectively.

12       (2) Subsection (a)(3) of section 2031, as so trans-  
13 ferred and redesignated, is amended by striking “section  
14 1772 of this title” and inserting “section 2032 of this  
15 title”.

16       (c) HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—Section 3735 is trans-  
17 ferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection (a)), inserted  
18 after the heading for subchapter V, and redesignated as  
19 section 2041.

20       (d) MULTIFAMILY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.—(1)  
21 Subchapter VI of chapter 37 (other than section 3771)  
22 is transferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection (a))  
23 and inserted after section 2043 (as added by subsection  
24 (a)), and sections 3772, 3773, 3774, and 3775 therein are



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1 redesignated as sections 2051, 2052, 2053, and 2054, re-  
2 spectively.

3 (2) Such subchapter is amended—

4 (A) in the heading, by striking “FOR HOME-  
5 LESS VETERANS”;

6 (B) in subsection (d)(1) of section 2051, as so  
7 transferred and redesignated, by striking “section  
8 3773 of this title” and inserting “section 2052 of  
9 this title”; and

10 (C) in subsection (a) of section 2052, as so  
11 transferred and redesignated, by striking “section  
12 3772 of this title” and inserting “section 2051 of  
13 this title”.

14 (3) Section 3771 is repealed.

15 (c) REPEAL OF CODIFIED PROVISIONS.—The fol-  
16 lowing provisions of law are repealed:

17 (1) Sections 3, 4, and 12 of the Homeless Vet-  
18 erans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992  
19 (Public Law 102–590; 38 U.S.C. 7721 note).

20 (2) Section 1001 of the Veterans’ Benefits Im-  
21 provements Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–446; 38  
22 U.S.C. 7721 note).

23 (3) Section 4111.

24 (4) Section 738 of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
25 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448).

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1 (f) EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.—Sub-  
2 section (b) of section 2031, as redesignated by subsection  
3 (b)(1), and subsection (d) of section 2033, as so redesign-  
4 ated, are amended by striking “December 31, 2001” and  
5 inserting “December 31, 2006”.

6 (g) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) The table of sections at the beginning of  
8 chapter 17 is amended by striking the item relating  
9 to subchapter VII and the items relating to sections  
10 1771, 1772, 1773, and 1774.

11 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of  
12 chapter 37 is amended—

13 (A) by striking the item relating to section  
14 3735; and

15 (B) by striking the item relating to sub-  
16 chapter VI and the items relating to sections  
17 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, and 3775.

18 (3) The table of sections at the beginning of  
19 chapter 41 is amended by striking the item relating  
20 to section 4111.

21 **SEC. 6. EVALUATION OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS.**

22 (a) EVALUATION CENTERS.—The Secretary of Vet-  
23 erans Affairs shall support the continuation within the De-  
24 partment of Veterans Affairs of at least one center for  
25 evaluation to monitor the structure, process, and outcome

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1 of programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs that  
2 address homeless veterans.

3 (b) ANNUAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.—Section  
4 2034(b), as transferred and redesignated by section  
5 5(b)(1), is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “annual” in paragraph (1)  
7 after “to make an”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(6) The Secretary shall review each annual assess-  
11 ment under this subsection and shall consolidate the find-  
12 ings and conclusions of those assessments into an annual  
13 report to be submitted to Congress.”.

14 **SEC. 7. STUDY OF OUTCOME EFFECTIVENESS OF GRANT**  
15 **PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH**  
16 **SPECIAL NEEDS.**

17 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
18 conduct a study of the effectiveness [during fiscal year  
19 2002 through fiscal year 2004] of the grant program  
20 under section 2061 of title 38, United States Code, as  
21 added by section 5(a), in meeting the needs of homeless  
22 veterans with special needs (as specified in that section).  
23 As part of the study, the Secretary shall compare the re-  
24 sults of programs carried out under that section, in terms  
25 of veterans’ satisfaction, health status, reduction in addic-

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1 tion severity, housing, and encouragement of productive  
2 activity, with results for similar veterans in programs of  
3 the Department or of grant and per diem providers that  
4 are designed to meet the general needs of homeless vet-  
5 erans.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2005, the  
7 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-  
8 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
9 setting forth the results of the study under subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 8. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMATIC EXPANSIONS.**

11 (a) ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.—Sec-  
12 tion 1706 is amended by adding at the end the following  
13 new subsection:

14 “(c) The Secretary shall develop standards to ensure  
15 that mental health services are available to veterans in a  
16 manner similar to the manner in which primary care is  
17 available to veterans who require services by ensuring that  
18 each primary care health care facility of the Department  
19 has a mental health treatment capacity.”.

20 (b) COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS SERVICES PRO-  
21 GRAM.—Subsection (b) of section 2033, as transferred and  
22 redesignated by section 5(b)(1), is amended—

23 (1) by striking “not fewer” in the first sentence  
24 and all that follows through “services) at”; and

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1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
2 tence: “The Secretary shall carry out the program  
3 under this section in sites in at least each of the 20  
4 largest metropolitan statistical areas.”.

5 (c) OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY.—Section  
6 1720A is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 subsection:

8 “(d) The Secretary shall ensure that opioid substi-  
9 tution therapy is available at each Department medical  
10 center.”.

11 **SEC. 9. COORDINATION OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

12 (a) DISABLED VETERANS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM.—  
13 Section 4103A(e) is amended by adding at the end the  
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(11) Coordination of services provided to vet-  
16 erans with training assistance provided to veterans  
17 by entities receiving financial assistance under sec-  
18 tion 2021 of this title.”.

19 (b) LOCAL VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTA-  
20 TIVES.—Section 4104(b) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
22 (11);

23 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
24 graph (12) and inserting “; and”; and

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1 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3 “(13) coordinate services provided to veterans  
4 with training assistance for veterans provided by en-  
5 tities receiving financial assistance under section  
6 2021 of this title.”.

7 **SEC. 10. USE OF REAL PROPERTY.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION ON DECLARING PROPERTY EXCESS**  
9 **TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.**—Section 8122(d)  
10 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the  
11 following: “and is not suitable for use for the provision  
12 of services to homeless veterans by the Department or by  
13 another entity under an enhanced-use lease of such prop-  
14 erty under section 8162 of this title”.

15 (b) **WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS**  
16 **FOR ENHANCED-USE LEASES FOR PROPERTIES USED TO**  
17 **SERVE HOMELESS VETERANS.**—Section 8162(b)(1) is  
18 amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(b)(1)”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(B) In the case of a property that the Secretary de-  
22 termines is appropriate for use as a facility to furnish  
23 services to homeless veterans under chapter 20 of this  
24 title, the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease

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1 without regard to the selection procedures required under  
2 subparagraph (A).”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 subsection (b) shall apply to leases entered into on or after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 11. MEETINGS OF INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOME-**  
7 **LESS.**

8 Section 202(e) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
9 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11312(c)) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 “(c) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call  
12 of its Chairperson or a majority of its members, but not  
13 less often than annually.”.

14 **SEC. 12. RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS FOR HUD VET-**  
15 **ERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PRO-**  
16 **GRAM.**

17 Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
18 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the  
19 end the following new paragraph:

20 “(19) RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR VETERANS AF-  
21 FAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.—

22 “(A) SET ASIDE.—Subject to subpara-  
23 graph (C), the Secretary shall set aside, from  
24 amounts made available for rental assistance  
25 under this subsection, the amounts specified in

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1           subparagraph (B) for use only for providing  
2           such assistance through a supported housing  
3           program administered in conjunction with the  
4           Department of Veterans Affairs. Such program  
5           shall provide rental assistance on behalf of  
6           homeless veterans who have chronic mental ill-  
7           nesses or chronic substance use disorders, shall  
8           require agreement of the veteran to continued  
9           treatment for such mental illness or substance  
10          use disorder as a condition of receipt of such  
11          rental assistance, and shall ensure such treat-  
12          ment and appropriate case management for  
13          each veteran receiving such rental assistance.

14               “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in  
15          this subparagraph is—

16                   “(i) for fiscal year 2003, the amount  
17                   necessary to provide 500 vouchers for rent-  
18                   al assistance under this subsection;

19                   “(ii) for fiscal year 2004, the amount  
20                   necessary to provide 1,000 vouchers for  
21                   rental assistance under this subsection;

22                   “(iii) for fiscal year 2005, the amount  
23                   necessary to provide 1,500 vouchers for  
24                   rental assistance under this subsection;  
25                   and



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1           “(iv) for fiscal year 2006, the amount  
2           necessary to provide 2,000 vouchers for  
3           rental assistance under this subsection.

4           “(C) FUNDING THROUGH INCREMENTAL  
5           ASSISTANCE.—In any fiscal year, to the extent  
6           that this paragraph requires the Secretary to  
7           set aside rental assistance amounts for use  
8           under this paragraph in an amount that ex-  
9           ceeds that set aside in the preceding fiscal year,  
10          such requirement shall be effective only to such  
11          extent or in such amounts as are or have been  
12          provided in appropriation Acts for such fiscal  
13          year for incremental rental assistance under  
14          this subsection.”.

**SUMMARY**  
**H.R. 2716, AS AMENDED**  
**JAMES DRAPPEAUX—STUART COLLICK—HEATHER FRENCH**  
**HENRY HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE ACT**

The bill would:

1. Offer the short title of the bill as the “James Drappeaux—Stuart Collick —Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act”.
2. Establish definitions for the purposes of this Act.
3. Establish a national goal to end chronic homelessness among veterans and encourage all governmental and private agencies to work together to achieve this goal.
4. Promote a “Sense of the Congress” regarding the needs of homeless veterans and the responsibility of federal agencies in meeting those needs.
5. Consolidate and improve law relating to homeless veterans into a new chapter of Title 38, United States Code. Includes provisions to increase per diem payments to the rates paid to state home domiciliaries, to authorize appropriations for the homeless veterans’ reintegration program and to coordinate outreach services among agencies dealing with homeless individuals and undertake an outreach demonstration program within VA. Other provisions include establishment of a grant program for homeless veterans with special needs, establish a limited dental provision for veterans using VA homeless programs, to provide technical assistance to nonprofit community based groups and to establish an Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.
6. Establish evaluation centers for programs that serve homeless populations and requires annual program assessments to be submitted to Congress.
7. Require a study of outcome effectiveness of grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.

8. Require VA to develop a standard for access to mental health services; expands the comprehensive homeless services program; and expand opioid substitution therapy to every VA medical center.
9. Require disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives to coordinate employment services with entities receiving financial assistance under homeless veterans' reintegration programs.
10. Establish priorities for homeless programs when VA considers disposing of real property or entering into enhanced-use lease arrangements.
11. Require an annual meeting of the Interagency Council on Homeless.
12. Set aside rental assistance vouchers for HUD VA-Supported Housing Program.