improves future law enforcement investigation and
prosecution; and

(2) data for research to support the response to
and prevention of interpersonal violence, improved
ability of health care providers to adequately re-
respond to patients who exhibit signs of victimization,
and address the unique needs of Tribal communities.

TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR
VICTIMS

SEC. 601. HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMES-
TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL
ASSAULT, AND STALKING.

Section 41411(a) of the Violence Against Women Act
of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “brother,
sister,” and inserting “sibling,”; and

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-
fore the semicolon at the end the following: “,
including the direct loan program under such
section”;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “the
program under subtitle A of” and inserting
“the programs under”;

(C) in subparagraph (I)—
(i) by striking “sections 514, 515, 516, 533, and 538 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, 1490m, and 1490p–2)” and inserting “sections 514, 515, 516, 533, 538, and 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, 1490m, 1490p–2, 1490r)”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end;

(D) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(K) the provision of assistance from the Housing Trust Fund established under section 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4501);

“(L) the provision of assistance for housing under the Comprehensive Service Programs for Homeless Veterans program under subchapter II of chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code;

“(M) the provision of assistance for housing and facilities under the grant program for
homeless veterans with special needs under section 2061 of title 38, United States Code;

“(N) the provision of assistance for permanent housing under the program for financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing under section 2044 of title 38, United States Code;

“(O) the provision of transitional housing assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under the grant program under chapter 11 of subtitle B; and

“(P) any other Federal housing programs providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income persons by means of restricted rents or rental assistance, or more generally providing affordable housing opportunities, as identified by the appropriate agency through regulations, notices, or any other means.”.
SEC. 602. ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION;
PROHIBITING RETALIATION AGAINST VICTIMS.

Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence
Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.)
is amended by inserting after section 41411 the following:

“SEC. 41412. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS.

“(a) Regular Compliance Reviews.—

“(1) In general.—Each appropriate agency
shall establish a process by which to review compli-
ance with the requirements of this subtitle, which
shall—

“(A) where possible, be incorporated into
other existing compliance review processes of
the appropriate agency, in consultation with the
Gender-based Violence Prevention Office and
Violence Against Women Act Director described
in section 41413 and any other relevant offi-
cials of the appropriate agency; and

“(B) examine—

“(i) compliance with requirements
prohibiting the denial of assistance, ten-
ancy, or occupancy rights on the basis of
domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
assault, or stalking;
“(ii) compliance with confidentiality provisions set forth in section 41411(c)(4);

“(iii) compliance with the notification requirements set forth in section 41411(d)(2);

“(iv) compliance with the provisions for accepting documentation set forth in section 41411(c);

“(v) compliance with emergency transfer requirements set forth in section 41411(e); and

“(vi) compliance with the prohibition on retaliation set forth in section 41414.

“(2) FREQUENCY.—Each appropriate agency shall conduct the review described in paragraph (1) on a regular basis, as determined by the appropriate agency.

“(b) REGULATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, each appropriate agency shall issue regulations in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code, to implement subsection (a) of this section, which shall—
“(A) define standards of compliance under covered housing programs;

“(B) include detailed reporting requirements, including the number of emergency transfers requested and granted, as well as the length of time needed to process emergency transfers; and

“(C) include standards for corrective action plans where compliance standards have not been met.

“(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the regulations under paragraph (1), an appropriate agency shall engage in additional consultation with appropriate stakeholders including, as appropriate—

“(A) individuals and organizations with expertise in the housing needs and experiences of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and

“(B) individuals and organizations with expertise in the administration or management of covered housing programs, including industry stakeholders and public housing agencies.

“(c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each appropriate agency shall ensure that an agency-level assessment of the in-
formation collected during the compliance review process completed pursuant to this subsection—

“(1) includes an evaluation of each topic identified in subsection (a); and

“(2) is made publicly available.

“SEC. 41413. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION OFFICE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT DIRECTOR.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall establish a Gender-based Violence Prevention Office with a Violence Against Women Act Director (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’).

“(b) DUTIES.—The Director shall, among other duties—

“(1) support implementation of this chapter;

“(2) coordinate with Federal agencies on legislation, implementation, and other issues affecting the housing provisions under this subtitle, as well as other issues related to advancing housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

“(3) coordinate with State and local governments and agencies, including State housing finance
agencies, regarding advancing housing protections and access to housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

“(4) ensure that technical assistance and support are provided to each appropriate agency and housing providers regarding implementation of this subtitle, as well as other issues related to advancing housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including compliance with this subtitle;

“(5) implement internal systems to track, monitor, and address compliance failures; and

“(6) address the housing needs and barriers faced by victims of sexual assault, as well as sexual coercion and sexual harassment by a public housing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted under a covered housing program.

“(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

“SEC. 41414. PROHIBITION ON RETALIATION.

“(a) Non-retaliation Requirement.—No public housing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted under a covered housing program shall discriminate
against any person because that person has opposed any
act or practice made unlawful by this subtitle, or because
that person testified, assisted, or participated in any mat-
ter related to this chapter.

“(b) PROHIBITION ON COERCION.—No public hous-
ing agency or owner or manager of housing assisted under
a covered housing program shall coerce, intimidate, threat-
en, or interfere with, or retaliate against, any person in
the exercise or enjoyment of, on account of the person hav-
ing exercised or enjoyed, or on account of the person hav-
ing aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise
or enjoyment of, any rights or protections under this chap-
ter, including—

“(1) intimidating or threatening any person be-
cause that person is assisting or encouraging a per-
son entitled to claim the rights or protections under
this chapter; and

“(2) retaliating against any person because that
person has participated in any investigation or ac-
tion to enforce this chapter.

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall
implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and
in a manner that provides, the rights and remedies pro-
SEC. 603. PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME FROM ONE'S HOME.

Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after section 41414 the following:

“SEC. 41415. RIGHT TO REPORT CRIME AND EMERGENCIES FROM ONE'S HOME.

“(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘covered governmental entity’ means any municipal, county, or State government that receives funding under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306).

“(b) RIGHT TO REPORT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Landlords, homeowners, tenants, residents, occupants, and guests of, and applicants for, housing—

“(A) shall have the right to seek law enforcement or emergency assistance on their own behalf or on behalf of another person in need of assistance; and

“(B) shall not be penalized based on their requests for assistance or based on criminal ac-
tivity of which they are a victim or otherwise not at fault under statutes, ordinances, regulations, or policies adopted or enforced by covered governmental entities.

“(2) PROHIBITED PENALTIES.—Penalties that are prohibited under paragraph (1) include—

“(A) actual or threatened assessment of monetary or criminal penalties, fines, or fees;

“(B) actual or threatened eviction;

“(C) actual or threatened refusal to rent or renew tenancy;

“(D) actual or threatened refusal to issue an occupancy permit or landlord permit; and

“(E) actual or threatened closure of the property, or designation of the property as a nuisance or a similarly negative designation.

“(c) REPORTING.—Consistent with the process described in section 104(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b)), covered governmental entities shall—

“(1) report any of their laws or policies, or, as applicable, the laws or policies adopted by subgrantees, that impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, tenants, residents, occupants, guests, or housing applicants based on requests for law en-
forcement or emergency assistance or based on criminal activity that occurred at a property; and

“(2) certify that they are in compliance with the protections under this subtitle or describe the steps the covered governmental entities will take within 180 days to come into compliance, or to ensure compliance among subgrantees.

“(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Attorney General shall implement and enforce this chapter consistent with, and in a manner that provides, the same rights and remedies as those provided for in title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).

“(e) SUBGRANTEES.—For those covered governmental entities that distribute funds to subgrantees, compliance with subsection (e)(1) includes inquiring about the existence of laws and policies adopted by subgrantees that impose penalties on landlords, homeowners, tenants, residents, occupants, guests, or housing applicants based on requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance or based on criminal activity that occurred at a property.”.
SEC. 604. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS
FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING.

Section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12351) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “the Director of the Violence Against Women Office” and inserting “the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women”; and

(B) by inserting after “, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations” the following: “, population-specific organizations”; and

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2); and

(D) in paragraph (2)(B), as so redesignated, by striking “0.25 percent” and inserting “0.5 percent”.
SEC. 605. ADDRESSING THE HOUSING NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.

(a) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants.—The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 103 (42 U.S.C. 11302), by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Other Dangerous, Traumatic, or Life-threatening Conditions Relating to Such Violence.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to be homeless any individual or family who—

“(1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual’s or family’s current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;

“(2) has no other safe residence; and

“(3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.”; and
(2) in section 423(a) (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)), by adding at the end the following:

“(13) Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with subsection (e) of section 41411 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491) and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections of subsection (c)(4) of such section.”.

(b) Collaborative Grants To Increase the Long-Term Stability of Victims.—Section 41404(i) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12474(i)) is amended by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

(e) Grants To Combat Violence Against Women in Public and Assisted Housing.—Section 41405 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12475) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “the Director of the Violence Against Women Office” and inserting “the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women”;

(2) in subsection (c)(2)(D), by inserting after “linguistically and culturally specific service providers,” the following: “population-specific organizations,”; and
(3) in subsection (g), by striking “2014 through 2018” and inserting “2023 through 2027”.

(d) VAWA Training and Technical Assistance Grants.—Chapter 2 of subtitle N of title IV of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after section 41415 the following:


“There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to be used for training and technical assistance to support the implementation of this chapter, including technical assistance agreements with entities whose primary purpose and expertise is assisting survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence or providing culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.”.

SEC. 606. Study and Report on Housing and Service Needs of Survivors of Trafficking and Individuals at Risk for Trafficking.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Survivor of a severe form of trafficking.—The term “survivor of a severe form of
trafficking” has the meaning given the term “victim of a severe form of trafficking” in section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

(2) SURVIVOR OF TRAFFICKING.—The term “survivor of trafficking” has the meaning given the term “victim of trafficking” in section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

(b) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall conduct a study assessing the availability and accessibility of housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability who are—

(A) survivors of trafficking, including survivors of a severe form of trafficking; or

(B) at risk of being trafficked.

(2) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) coordinate with—

(i) the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking established under section 105 of the Trafficking
Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7103);

(ii) the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking;

(iii) the Secretary of Health and Human Services; and

(iv) the Attorney General; and

(B) consult with—

(i) the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States;

(ii) survivors of trafficking;

(iii) direct service providers, including—

(I) organizations serving runaway and homeless youth;

(II) organizations serving survivors of trafficking through community-based programs; and

(III) organizations providing housing services to survivors of trafficking; and

(iv) housing and homelessness assistance providers, including recipients of grants under—
(I) the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.); and

(II) the Emergency Solutions Grants program authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

(3) CONTENTS.—The study conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) with respect to the individuals described in such paragraph—

(i) an evaluation of formal assessments and outreach methods used to identify and assess the housing and service needs of such individuals, including outreach methods—

(I) to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities; and

(II) to reach individuals with limited English proficiency;
(ii) a review of the availability and accessibility of homelessness or housing services for such individuals, including the family members of such individuals who are minors involved in foster care systems, that identifies the disability-related needs of such individuals, including the need for housing with accessibility features;

(iii) an analysis of the effect of any policies and procedures of mainstream homelessness or housing services that facilitate or limit the availability of such services and accessibility for such individuals, including those such individuals who are involved in the legal system, as such services are in effect as of the date on which the study is conducted;

(iv) a determination of the best practices in meeting the housing and service needs of such individuals; and

(v) an assessment of barriers to fair housing and housing discrimination against survivors of trafficking who are members of a protected class under the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).
(B) an assessment of the ability of mainstream homelessness or housing services to meet the specialized needs of survivors of trafficking, including trauma responsive approaches specific to labor and sex trafficking survivors; and

(C) an evaluation of the effectiveness of, and infrastructure considerations for, housing and service-delivery models that are specific to survivors of trafficking, including survivors of severe forms of trafficking, including emergency rental assistance models.

(e) Report.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall—

(1) submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that contains the information described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (b)(3); and

(2) make the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) available to the public.