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# S. 3769

To amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2022

Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 the “Weatherization Assist-  
5 ance Program Improvements Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) WEATHERIZATION READINESS FUND.—Section  
8 414 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42

1 U.S.C. 6864) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(d) WEATHERIZATION READINESS FUND.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
5 lish a fund, to be known as the ‘Weatherization  
6 Readiness Fund’, from which the Secretary shall dis-  
7 tribute funds to States receiving financial assistance  
8 under this part, in accordance with subsection (a).

9 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving  
11 funds under paragraph (1) shall use the funds  
12 for repairs to dwelling units described in sub-  
13 paragraph (B) that will remediate the applica-  
14 ble structural defects or hazards of the dwelling  
15 unit so that weatherization measures may be in-  
16 stalled.

17 “(B) DWELLING UNIT.—A dwelling unit  
18 referred to in subparagraph (A) is a dwelling  
19 unit occupied by a low-income person that, on  
20 inspection pursuant to the program under this  
21 part, was found to have significant defects or  
22 hazards that prevented the installation of  
23 weatherization measures under the program.

24 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
25 addition to amounts authorized to be appropriated

under section 422, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$65,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

(b) STATE AVERAGE COST PER UNIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 415(c) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6865(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) in the first sentence, by striking “\$6,500” and inserting “\$12,000”; and

(II) by striking “(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4)” and inserting the following:

“(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (3), (4), and (6)”;

(ii) by conforming the margins of subparagraphs (A) through (D) to the margin of subparagraph (E);

(iii) in subparagraph (D), by striking “, and” and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iv) in subparagraph (E), by adding a  
2 period at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,  
4 by striking “weatherized (including dwelling  
5 units partially weatherized)” and inserting  
6 “fully weatherized”;

7 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “\$3,000”  
8 and inserting “\$6,000”;

9 (D) in paragraph (5)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking  
11 “(6)(A)(ii)” and inserting “(7)(A)(ii)”; and

12 (ii) by striking “(6)(A)(i)(I)” each  
13 place it appears and inserting  
14 “(7)(A)(i)(I)”;

15 (E) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
16 paragraph (7); and

17 (F) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
18 following:

19 “(6) LIMIT INCREASE.—The Secretary may in-  
20 crease the amount of financial assistance provided  
21 per dwelling unit under this part beyond the limit  
22 specified in paragraph (1) if the Secretary deter-  
23 mines that market conditions require such an in-  
24 crease to achieve the purposes of this part.”.

1           (2)     CONFORMING     AMENDMENT.—Section  
2     414D(b)(1)(C) of the Energy Conservation and Pro-  
3     duction Act (42 U.S.C. 6864d(b)(1)(C)) is amended  
4     by striking “415(c)(6)(A)” and inserting  
5     “415(c)(7)”.

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