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# S. 5337

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 21, 2022

Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for supportive services for very low-income veteran families to include former members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR**  
 2 **VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES TO**  
 3 **INCLUDE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RE-**  
 4 **SERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED**  
 5 **FORCES.**

6 (a) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section 2044 of  
 7 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**vet-**  
 9 **eran**” and inserting “**eligible**”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “veteran  
 12 families” and inserting “eligible families”;

13 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “veteran  
 14 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

15 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking “veteran  
 16 family” and inserting “eligible family”;

17 (3) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
 20 graph (A), by striking “veteran families”  
 21 and inserting “eligible families”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph (D)(vii), by strik-  
 23 ing “veteran family” and inserting “eligi-  
 24 ble family”;

25 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “veteran  
 26 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “veteran  
2 families” and inserting “eligible families”;

3 (4) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “veteran  
4 families” each place it appears and inserting “eligi-  
5 ble families”;

6 (5) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “veteran  
7 families” and inserting “eligible families”; and

8 (6) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “vet-  
10 eran family” each place it appears and inserting  
11 “eligible family”; and

12 (B) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-  
13 ing the following:

14 “(7) The term ‘eligible family’ includes—

15 “(A) a veteran who is a single person;

16 “(B) a family in which the head of house-  
17 hold or the spouse of the head of household is  
18 a veteran;

19 “(C) a former member of a reserve compo-  
20 nent of the Armed Forces who has retired or  
21 separated from service after having served a  
22 term of enlistment and is a single person; and

23 “(D) a family in which the head of house-  
24 hold or spouse of the head of household is a  
25 former member of a reserve component of the

1           Armed Forces who has retired or separated  
2           from service after having served a term of en-  
3           listment.”.

4           (b) FUNDING.—Subsection (e)(1) of such section is  
5   amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-  
6   graph:

7           “(I)(i) Such sums as may be available for such  
8           purposes for fiscal year 2023, of which \$50,000,000  
9           shall be available to carry out subsections (a), (b),  
10          and (c) with respect to eligible families described in  
11          subparagraphs (C) and (D) of subsection (f)(7).

12          “(ii) Any amounts made available under clause  
13          (i) to carry out subsections (a), (b), and (c) with re-  
14          spect to eligible families described in subparagraphs  
15          (C) and (D) of subsection (f)(7) that remain avail-  
16          able after supportive services have been provided to  
17          such families under this section shall be available  
18          during fiscal year 2023 to carry out subsections (a),  
19          (b), and (c) with respect to eligible families de-  
20          scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such sub-  
21          section.”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY EXPE-**  
2 **RIENCED BY MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE**  
3 **COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) STUDY ON FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY.—  
5 Not later than one year after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-  
7 gress a report detailing plans to establish a study to ana-  
8 lyze food and housing insecurity experienced by members  
9 of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

10 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after  
11 submitting the report required under subsection (a), and  
12 annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
13 to Congress a report including the findings of the study  
14 conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

15 (c) RESERVE COMPONENT DEFINED.—In this sec-  
16 tion, the term “reserve component” has the meaning given  
17 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

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