

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3552

To provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Targeting Resources
5 to Communities in Need Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASING SHARE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES TO**

7 **AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY AND OTHER**

8 **HIGH-POVERTY AREAS.**

9 (a) INCREASING SHARE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES.—

10 (1) GUIDANCE AND MEASURES TO INCREASE

11 FEDERAL INVESTMENTS.—Not later than 1 year

1 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director,
2 in consultation with Federal agencies, shall imple-
3 ment guidance and measures to increase the share
4 of Federal investments targeted to—

5 (A) areas of persistent poverty; and

6 (B) other areas of high and persistent pov-
7 erty that the Director, in consultation with
8 Federal agencies, determines to be appropriate.

9 (2) GUIDANCE FOR AGENCIES.—Not later than
10 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Director shall issue guidance to Federal agencies
12 identifying—

13 (A) the scope and type of programs subject
14 to the guidance and measures required under
15 paragraph (1);

16 (B) the share of Federal investments to be
17 targeted to covered areas;

18 (C) the manner in which Federal invest-
19 ments are to be targeted to covered areas; and

20 (D) measures to track the Federal invest-
21 ments targeted to covered areas over time.

22 (3) INVESTMENT AMOUNT.—In developing the
23 guidance and measures under paragraph (1), the Di-
24 rector shall include a minimum goal that Federal in-
25 vestments targeted to covered areas be in an amount

1 that is greater than the amount that is proportional
2 to the population of covered areas in the United
3 States relative to the population of the United
4 States as a whole.

5 (4) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Each fiscal year,
6 the Director, in consultation with Federal agencies,
7 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress a report that includes—

9 (A) a list of the programs, by agency,
10 under which the amount of Federal funds tar-
11 geted to covered areas were increased in the
12 previous fiscal year, in accordance with such
13 paragraph; and

14 (B) for each program listed under sub-
15 paragraph (A)—

16 (i) the amount of funds that were tar-
17 geted under the program to a covered area
18 during the previous fiscal year;

19 (ii) the percent change from the fiscal
20 year before the previous fiscal year in the
21 amount of funds that were targeted under
22 the program toward a covered area; and

23 (iii) to the extent practicable, an as-
24 sessment of the economic impact of the
25 program on the covered area, including

1 data on the categories of individuals im-
2 pacted by the targeting of funds to covered
3 areas under the program, disaggregated by
4 household income, race, gender, age, na-
5 tional origin, disability status, and whether
6 the individuals live in an urban area, sub-
7 urban area, or rural area.

8 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF AREAS OF PERSISTENT
9 POVERTY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Bureau of the
12 Census shall publish a list of all areas of persistent
13 poverty.

14 (2) UPDATE.—The Bureau of the Census shall
15 update annually the list published under paragraph
16 (1).

17 (c) GAO REPORTS.—

18 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comp-
20 troller General of the United States shall provide to
21 the appropriate committees of Congress a report on
22 the effectiveness of the measures implemented under
23 subsection (a), including an assessment regarding
24 the impact of increasing Federal investments spent
25 in covered areas.

1 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 10
2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
3 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-
4 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress at
5 least 2 reports, in addition to the report under para-
6 graph (1), providing the information described in
7 paragraph (1).

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2023,
10 \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses (including for enter-
11 ing contracts with non-Federal persons) to carry out this
12 Act.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
15 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
16 gress” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
18 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on
19 Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and
20 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
21 ernmental Affairs of the Senate;

22 (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
23 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on
24 Energy and Commerce, the Committee on
25 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the

1 Committee on Oversight and Reform of the
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (C) any other committee of Congress that
4 has jurisdiction over an agency with a role de-
5 veloping or implementing measures under sub-
6 section (a).

7 (2) AREA OF PERSISTENT POVERTY.—The term
8 “area of persistent poverty” means an area that is
9 a high-poverty census tract or a persistent poverty
10 county.

11 (3) COVERED AREA.—The term “covered area”
12 means an area of persistent poverty or other area of
13 high and persistent poverty described in subsection
14 (a)(1).

15 (4) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
16 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
17 et.

18 (5) HIGH-POVERTY CENSUS TRACT.—The term
19 “high-poverty census tract”—

20 (A) means a census tract that has a pov-
21 erty rate of not less than 20 percent in the
22 most recent American Community Survey 5-
23 year data published by the Bureau of the Cen-
24 sus; or

1 (B) in the case of an area where no such
2 data is collected from the American Community
3 Survey, includes a census tract in such an area
4 with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent
5 in the most recent decennial census of popu-
6 lation conducted by the Bureau of the Census.

7 (6) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTY.—The term
8 “persistent poverty county” means—

9 (A) a county, parish, or other equivalent
10 county division (as determined by the Bureau of
11 the Census) with a poverty rate of not less than
12 20 percent in the Small Area Income and Pov-
13 erty Estimates by the Bureau of the Census
14 during—

15 (i) the most recent year for which the
16 estimates are available; and

17 (ii) at least 25 of the most recent 30
18 years; or

19 (B) for an area for which Small Area In-
20 come and Poverty Estimates are not available,
21 a county, parish, or equivalent level of geog-
22 raphy, with a poverty rate of not less than 20
23 percent, as determined by the Bureau of the
24 Census, during—

- 1 (i) the most recent year for which an
- 2 estimate is available; and
- 3 (ii) at least 25 of the most recent 30
- 4 years.