

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish
a program to provide housing assistance to graduate students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FOUSHEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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to establish a program to provide housing assistance
to graduate students.

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 “Grad Student Afford-
5 able Housing Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-

ing and Urban Development (hereafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish a program to provide tenant-based assistance vouchers to covered graduate students, in accordance with this section.

(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for assistance under this section, a covered graduate student shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) COVERAGE OF HOUSING COSTS.—If selected for assistance under this section, the Secretary shall provide the covered graduate student with a tenant-based assistance voucher that covers 80 percent of the cost of the fair market value of the rental cost for the housing unit chosen by the student.

(d) COVERED GRADUATE STUDENT DEFINED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered graduate student” means an individual that—

(A) is enrolled in a graduate or professional program at an institution of higher education (as such term is defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)));

(B) if considered a dependent—

1 (i) with respect to having 1 parent,
2 the parent has an annual adjusted avail-
3 able income that is not more than \$40,000,
4 as determined under the assessment de-
5 scribed in section 475(b) of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1087oo(b)); or

8 (ii) with respect to having 2 parents,
9 the parents have a annual adjusted avail-
10 able income that is not more than \$80,000,
11 as determined under the assessment de-
12 scribed in section 475(b) of the Higher
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
14 1087oo(b)); and

15 (C) if considered independent—

16 (i) with respect to a single individual,
17 has an annual available income that is not
18 more than \$40,000, as determined under
19 the assessment described in section 475(g)
20 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
21 U.S.C. 1087oo(g)); or

22 (ii) with respect to a married indi-
23 vidual, has an shared annual available in-
24 come that is not more than \$80,000 as de-
25 termined under the assessment described

1 in section 475(g) of the Higher Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087oo(g)).

3 (2) COST OF LIVING.—The Secretary may ad-
4 just income amounts described in subparagraphs (B)
5 and (C) to account for adjustments to the cost of
6 living, as determined by the Secretary.