

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To improve public housing agency accountability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To improve public housing agency accountability.

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 “Improving Public
5 Housing Agency Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTICE AND REVIEW OF RECEIVERS OR FEDERAL**
7 **MONITORS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require each
9 covered public housing agency to provide a notice each
10 year to the Secretary that—

1 (1) indicates whether a receiver or Federal
2 monitor remains appointed for the covered public
3 housing agency as of October 1 of the calendar year
4 to which such notice relates;

5 (2) provides the date on which the receiver or
6 Federal monitor was first appointed and the pro-
7 jected date, if known, the appointment of the re-
8 ceiver or Federal monitor will be terminated; and

9 (3) identifies the current receiver or Federal
10 monitor appointed to oversee the public housing
11 agency.

12 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than
13 180 days after receiving a written request from the Com-
14 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representa-
15 tives or the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
16 Affairs of the Senate, the Inspector General shall provide
17 to the requesting committee an analysis of—

18 (1) the status of any covered public housing
19 agency's compliance with any agreements entered
20 into between the covered public housing agency and
21 the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
22 ment, including specific areas of deficiency and
23 progress toward compliance;

24 (2) a review of actions taken by the receiver or
25 Federal monitor appointed to oversee a covered pub-

1 lic housing agency and any private sector housing
2 development partners pursuant to such agreement,
3 including any gaps in oversight by the receiver or
4 Federal monitor;

5 (3) an assessment of the physical conditions of
6 housing provided by the covered public housing
7 agency, including the status of the covered public
8 housing agency's compliance with relevant health
9 and safety requirements;

10 (4) an examination of any allegations of waste,
11 fraud, abuse or violations of Federal law committed
12 by employees or contractors of the covered public
13 housing agency;

14 (5) any additional pertinent information, as de-
15 termined necessary and appropriate by the Inspector
16 General; and

17 (6) any recommendations of the Inspector Gen-
18 eral that relate to how to improve the compliance of
19 the covered public housing agency with any agree-
20 ments entered into with the Department of Housing
21 and Urban Development or enhance the oversight of
22 the receiver or Federal monitor over such covered
23 public housing agency.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The
2 term “covered public housing agency” means a pub-
3 lic housing agency (as such term is defined in sec-
4 tion 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
5 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b))) for which an administrative
6 or judicial receiver or Federal monitor was ap-
7 pointed.

8 (2) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The term “Inspec-
9 tor General” means the Inspector General of the De-
10 partment of Housing and Urban Development.

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.