

Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022

Section-by-Section Summary

Sec. 1. Short Title

- This Act is called the “Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022”.

Sec. 2. Increasing Share of Federal Resources to Areas of Persistent Poverty and Other High-Poverty Areas

- Directs the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to implement a plan to increase the share of Federal investments targeted to areas of persistent poverty and other places with high and persistent poverty.
- Directs the Director to issue guidance to agencies that identifies the scope, manner, and share of targeted investment programs and outlines measures to track these investments over time.
- Specifies that the minimum goal should be to provide funding to areas of persistent poverty and other places with high and persistent poverty at an amount greater than the amount proportional to their share of the U.S. population.
- Requires the Director to submit an annual report to Congress that includes a list of agency programs within the plan, the amount and the percentage change of funds allocated areas of persistent poverty and other places with high and persistent poverty under each program, and an assessment of their economic impacts that includes data on impacted individuals disaggregated by household income, race, gender, age, national origin, disability status, and whether the individual lives in an urban, suburban, or rural area.
- Directs the Bureau of the Census to publish a list of all defined “areas of persistent poverty” within 60 days of this bill’s enactment and annually thereafter.
- Directs the Comptroller General to will report to committees of Congress on the effectiveness and impact of the measures not later than 2 years after the bill’s enactment and two more times not later than 10 years after the bill’s enactment.
- Authorizes \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2023 for salaries and expenses to carry out this act.
- Defines the terms “appropriate committees of Congress”, “area of persistent poverty”, “director”, “high-poverty census tract”, “persistent poverty county”:
 - “Area of persistent poverty” refers to high-poverty census tracts and persistent poverty counties.
 - “High-poverty census tract” refers to a census tract that has a poverty rate of at least 20% measured by the most recent American Community Survey 5-year survey by the Bureau of the Census.
 - “Persistent poverty county” refers to a county division with a poverty rate of at least 20% in at least 25 of the last 30 years measured by the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates by the Bureau of the Census or other measure as determined by the Census Bureau.