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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1998”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the tribal right of self-government flows from the inherent sovereignty of Indian tribes and nations;

(2) the United States recognizes a special government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes, including the right of the Indian tribes to self-governance, as reflected in the Constitution, treaties, Federal statutes, and the course of dealings of the United States with Indian tribes;

(3) although progress has been made, the Federal bureaucracy, with its centralized rules and regulations, has eroded tribal self-governance and dominates tribal affairs;

(4) the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project, established under title III of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450f note) was designed to improve and perpetuate the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States and to strengthen tribal control over Federal funding and program management;
(5) although the Federal Government has made considerable strides in improving Indian health care, it has failed to fully meet its trust responsibilities and to satisfy its obligations to the Indian tribes under treaties and other laws; and

(6) Congress has reviewed the results of the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project and finds that transferring full control and funding to tribal governments, upon tribal request, over decision making for Federal programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof)—

(A) is an appropriate and effective means of implementing the Federal policy of government-to-government relations with Indian tribes; and

(B) strengthens the Federal policy of Indian self-determination.

SEC. 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is the policy of Congress to—

(1) permanently establish and implement tribal self-governance within the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) call for full cooperation from the Department of Health and Human Services and its con-
stituent agencies in the implementation of tribal self-governance—

(A) to enable the United States to maintain and improve its unique and continuing relationship with, and responsibility to, Indian tribes;

(B) to permit each Indian tribe to choose the extent of its participation in self-governance in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to the provision of Federal services to Indian tribes;

(C) to ensure the continuation of the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribes and Indian individuals;

(D) to affirm and enable the United States to fulfill its obligations to the Indian tribes under treaties and other laws;

(E) to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes through direct and meaningful consultation with all tribes;

(F) to permit an orderly transition from Federal domination of programs and services to provide Indian tribes with meaningful authority,
control, funding, and discretion to plan, conduct, redesign, and administer programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) that meet the needs of the individual tribal communities;

(G) to provide for a measurable parallel reduction in the Federal bureaucracy as programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) are assumed by Indian tribes;

(H) to encourage the Secretary to identify all programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) of the Department of Health and Human Services that may be managed by an Indian tribe under this Act and to assist Indian tribes in assuming responsibility for such programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof); and

(I) to provide Indian tribes with the earliest opportunity to administer programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) from throughout the Department of Health and Human Services.
SEC. 4. TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new titles:

“TITLE V—TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

“SEC. 501. ESTABLISHMENT.

“The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish and carry out a program within the Indian Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services to be known as the ‘Tribal Self-Governance Program’ in accordance with this title.

“SEC. 502. DEFINITIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title—

“(1) the term ‘construction project’ means an organized noncontinuous undertaking to complete a specific set of predetermined objectives for the planning, environmental determination, design, construction, repair, improvement, or expansion of buildings or facilities, as described in a construction project agreement. The term ‘construction project’ does not mean construction program administration and activities described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 4(m), which may otherwise be included in a funding agreement under this title;
“(2) the term ‘construction project agreement’
means a negotiated agreement between the Secretary
and an Indian tribe which at a minimum—

“(A) establishes project phase start and
completion dates;

“(B) defines a specific scope of work and
standards by which it will be accomplished;

“(C) identifies the responsibilities of the
Indian tribe and the Secretary;

“(D) addresses environmental consider-
ations;

“(E) identifies the owner and operations/
maintenance entity of the proposed work;

“(F) provides a budget;

“(G) provides a payment process; and

“(H) establishes the duration of the agree-
ment based on the time necessary to complete
the specified scope of work, which may be 1 or
more years;

“(3) the term ‘inherent Federal functions’
means those Federal functions which cannot legally
be delegated to Indian tribes;

“(4) the term ‘inter-tribal consortium’ means a
coalition of two or more separate Indian tribes that
join together for the purpose of participating in self-
governance, including, but not limited to, a tribal organization;

“(5) the term ‘gross mismanagement’ means a significant, clear, and convincing violation of compact, funding agreement, or regulatory, or statutory requirements applicable to Federal funds transferred to a tribe by a compact or funding agreement that results in a significant reduction of funds available for the programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) assumed by an Indian tribe;

“(6) the term ‘tribal shares’ means an Indian tribe’s portion of all funds and resources that support secretarial programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) that are not required by the Secretary for performance of inherent Federal functions;

“(7) the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services; and

“(8) the term ‘self-governance’ means the program established pursuant to section 501.

“(b) INDIAN TRIBE.—Where an Indian tribe has authorized another Indian tribe, an inter-tribal consortium, or a tribal organization to plan for or carry out programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) on its behalf under this title, the authorized Indian tribe,
inter-tribal consortium, or tribal organization shall have
the rights and responsibilities of the authorizing Indian
tribe (except as otherwise provided in the authorizing reso-
lution or in this title). In such event, the term ‘Indian
tribe’ as used in this title shall include such other author-
ized Indian tribe, inter-tribal consortium, or tribal organi-
zation.

“SEC. 503. SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING INDIAN TRIBES.

“(a) CONTINUING PARTICIPATION.—Each Indian
tribe that is participating in the Tribal Self-Governance
Demonstration Project under title III on the date of enact-
ment of this title may elect to participate in self-govern-
ance under this title under existing authority as reflected
in tribal resolutions.

“(b) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.—

“(1) In addition to those Indian tribes partici-
pating in self-governance under subsection (a), each
year an additional 50 Indian tribes that meet the eli-
gibility criteria specified in subsection (c) shall be
entitled to participate in self-governance.

“(2)(A) An Indian tribe that has withdrawn
from participation in an inter-tribal consortium or
tribal organization, in whole or in part, shall be enti-
tled to participate in self-governance provided the
Indian tribe meets the eligibility criteria specified in subsection (c).

“(B) If an Indian tribe has withdrawn from participation in an inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization, it shall be entitled to its tribal share of funds supporting those programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) that it will be carrying out under its compact and funding agreement.

“(C) In no event shall the withdrawal of an Indian tribe from an inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization affect the eligibility of the inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization to participate in self-governance.

“(c) APPLICANT POOL.—The qualified applicant pool for self-governance shall consist of each Indian tribe that—

“(1) successfully completes the planning phase described in subsection (d);

“(2) has requested participation in self-governance by resolution or other official action by the governing body (or bodies) of the Indian tribe or tribes to be served; and
“(3) has demonstrated, for the previous 3 fiscal years, financial stability and financial management capability.

Evidence that during such years the Indian tribe had no uncorrected significant and material audit exceptions in the required annual audit of the Indian tribe’s self-determination contracts or self-governance funding agreements shall be conclusive evidence of the required stability and capability for the purposes of this subsection.

“(d) PLANNING PHASE.—Each Indian tribe seeking participation in self-governance shall complete a planning phase. The planning phase shall be conducted to the satisfaction of the Indian tribe and shall include—

“(1) legal and budgetary research; and

“(2) internal tribal government planning and organizational preparation relating to the administration of health care programs.

“(e) GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, any Indian tribe meeting the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (e) shall be eligible for grants—

“(1) to plan for participation in self-governance; and

“(2) to negotiate the terms of participation by the Indian tribe or tribal organization in self-govern-
ance, as set forth in a compact and a funding agreement.

“(f) Receipt of Grant Not Required.—Receipt of a grant under subsection (e) shall not be a requirement of participation in self-governance.

“SEC. 504. COMPACTS.

“(a) Compact Required.—The Secretary shall negotiate and enter into a written compact with each Indian tribe participating in self-governance in a manner consistent with the Federal Government’s trust responsibility, treaty obligations, and the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States.

“(b) Contents.—Each compact required under subsection (a) shall set forth the general terms of the government-to-government relationship between the Indian tribe and the Secretary, including such terms as the parties intend shall control year after year. Such compacts may only be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

“(c) Existing Compacts.—An Indian tribe participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project under title III on the date of enactment of this title shall have the option at any time thereafter to—

“(1) retain its Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project compact (in whole or in part) to the extent the provisions of such compact are not di-
rectly contrary to any express provision of this title, or

“(2) negotiate in lieu thereof (in whole or in part) a new compact in conformity with this title.

“(d) TERM AND EFFECTIVE DATE.—The effective date of a compact shall be the date of the approval and execution by the Indian tribe or another date agreed upon by the parties, and shall remain in effect for so long as permitted by Federal law or until terminated by mutual written agreement, retrocession, or reassumption.

“SEC. 505. FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

“(a) FUNDING AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall negotiate and enter into a written funding agreement with each Indian tribe participating in self-governance in a manner consistent with the Federal Government’s trust responsibility, treaty obligations, and the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States.

“(b) CONTENTS.—Each funding agreement required under subsection (a) shall, as determined by the Indian tribe, authorize the Indian tribe to plan, conduct, consolidate, administer, and receive full tribal share funding, including tribal shares of Indian Health Service competitive grants (excluding congressionally earmarked competitive grants), for all programs, services, functions, and activi-
ties (or portions thereof), that are carried out for the benefit of Indians because of their status as Indians without regard to the agency or office of the Indian Health Service within which the program, service, function, or activity (or portion thereof) is performed. Such programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) include all programs, services, functions, activities (or portions thereof) where Indian tribes or Indians are primary or significant beneficiaries, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Indian Health Service and grants (which may be added to a funding agreement after award of such grants) and all local, field, service unit, area, regional, and central headquarters or national office functions administered under the authority of—

“(1) the Act of November 2, 1921 (25 U.S.C. 13);

“(2) the Act of April 16, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 452 et seq.);

“(3) the Act of August 5, 1954 (68 Stat. 674);

“(4) the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); or

“(5) the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986 (25 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.).
“(c) Inclusion in Compact or Funding Agreement.—Indian tribes or Indians need not be identified in the authorizing statute for a program or element of a program to be eligible for inclusion in a compact or funding agreement under this title.

“(d) Funding Agreement Terms.—Each funding agreement shall set forth terms that generally identify the programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) to be performed or administered, the general budget category assigned, the funds to be provided, including those to be provided on a recurring basis, the time and method of transfer of the funds, the responsibilities of the Secretary, and any other provisions to which the Indian tribe and the Secretary agree.

“(e) Subsequent Funding Agreements.—Absent notification from an Indian tribe that is withdrawing or retroceding the operation of one or more programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) identified in a funding agreement, or unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, each funding agreement shall remain in full force and effect until a subsequent funding agreement is executed, and the terms of the subsequent funding agreement shall be retroactive to the end of the term of the preceding funding agreement.
“(f) EXISTING FUNDING AGREEMENTS.—Each Indian tribe participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project established under title III on the date of enactment of this title shall have the option at any time thereafter to—

“(1) retain its Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project funding agreement (in whole or in part) to the extent the provisions of such funding agreement are not directly contrary to any express provision of this title; or

“(2) adopt in lieu thereof (in whole or in part) a new funding agreement in conformity with this title.

“(g) STABLE BASE FUNDING.—At the option of an Indian tribe, a funding agreement may provide for a stable base budget specifying the recurring funds (including, for purposes of this provision, funds available under section 106(a) of the Act) to be transferred to such Indian tribe, for such period as may be specified in the funding agreement, subject to annual adjustment only to reflect changes in congressional appropriations by sub-sub activity excluding earmarks.

“SEC. 506. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

“(a) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of this section shall apply to compacts and funding agreements nego-
tiated under this title and an Indian tribe may, at its op-

tion, include provisions that reflect such requirements in

a compact or funding agreement.

“(b) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—Indian tribes par-

ticipating in self-governance under this title shall ensure

that internal measures are in place to address conflicts

of interest in the administration of self-governance pro-

grams, services, functions, or activities (or portions there-

of).

“(c) AUDITS.—

“(1) SINGLE AGENCY AUDIT ACT.—The provi-

sions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code,

requiring a single agency audit report shall apply to

funding agreements under this title.

“(2) COST PRINCIPLES.—An Indian tribe shall

apply cost principles under the applicable Office of

Management and Budget Circular, except as modi-

fied by section 106 or other provisions of law, or by

any exemptions to applicable Office of Management

and Budget Circulars subsequently granted by Of-

fice of Management and Budget. No other audit or

accounting standards shall be required by the Sec-

retary. Any claim by the Federal Government

against the Indian tribe relating to funds received

under a funding agreement based on any audit
under this subsection shall be subject to the provi-
sions of section 106(f).

“(d) RECORDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless an Indian tribe
specifies otherwise in the compact or funding agree-
ment, records of the Indian tribe shall not be consid-
ered Federal records for purposes of chapter 5 of
title 5, United States Code.

“(2) RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM.—The Indian
tribe shall maintain a recordkeeping system, and,
after 30 days advance notice, provide the Secretary
with reasonable access to such records to enable the
Department of Health and Human Services to meet
its minimum legal recordkeeping system require-
ments under sections 3101 through 3106 of title 44,
United States Code.

“(e) REDESIGN AND CONSOLIDATION.—An Indian
tribe may redesign or consolidate programs, services, func-
tions, and activities (or portions thereof) included in a
funding agreement under section 505 and reallocate or re-
direct funds for such programs, services, functions, and
activities (or portions thereof) in any manner which the
Indian tribe deems to be in the best interest of the health
and welfare of the Indian community being served, only
if the redesign or consolidation does not have the effect
of denying eligibility for services to population groups otherwise eligible to be served under Federal law.

“(f) RETROCESSION.—An Indian tribe may retrocede, fully or partially, to the Secretary programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) included in the compact or funding agreement. Unless the Indian tribe rescinds the request for retrocession, such retrocession will become effective within the time frame specified by the parties in the compact or funding agreement. In the absence of such a specification, such retrocession shall become effective on—

“(1) the earlier of—

“(A) one year from the date of submission of such request; or

“(B) the date on which the funding agreement expires; or

“(2) such date as may be mutually agreed by the Secretary and the Indian tribe.

“(g) WITHDRAWAL.—

“(1) PROCESS.—An Indian tribe may fully or partially withdraw from a participating inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization its share of any program, function, service, or activity (or portions thereof) included in a compact or funding agreement. Such withdrawal shall become effective within
the time frame specified in the resolution which au-
thonorizes transfer to the participating tribal organiza-
tion or inter-tribal consortium. In the absence of a
specific time frame set forth in the resolution, such
withdrawal shall become effective on—

“(A) the earlier of—

“(i) one year from the date of submis-
sion of such request; or

“(ii) the date on which the funding

agreement expires; or

“(B) such date as may be mutually agreed
upon by the Secretary, the withdrawing Indian
tribe, and the participating tribal organization
or inter-tribal consortium that has signed the
compact or funding agreement on behalf of the
withdrawing Indian tribe, inter-tribal consor-
tium, or tribal organization.

“(2) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—When an In-
dian tribe or tribal organization eligible to enter into
a self-determination contract under title I or a com-
pact or funding agreement under this title fully or
partially withdraws from a participating inter-tribal
consortium or tribal organization, the withdrawing
Indian tribe or tribal organization shall be entitled
to its tribal share of funds supporting those pro-
grams, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) which it will be carrying out under its own self-determination contract or compact and funding agreement (calculated on the same basis as the funds were initially allocated in the funding agreement of the inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization), and such funds shall be transferred from the funding agreement of the inter-tribal consortium or tribal organization, provided that the provisions of sections 102 and 105(i), as appropriate, shall apply to such withdrawing Indian tribe.

“(3) Regaining mature contract status.—If an Indian tribe elects to operate all or some programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) carried out under a compact or funding agreement under this title through a self-determination contract under title I, at the option of the Indian tribe, the resulting self-determination contract shall be a mature self-determination contract.

“(h) Nonduplication.—For the period for which, and to the extent to which, funding is provided under this title or under the compact or funding agreement, the Indian tribe shall not be entitled to contract with the Secretary for such funds under section 102, except that such
Indian tribe shall be eligible for new programs on the same basis as other Indian tribes.

“SEC. 507. PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SECRETARY.

“(a) MANDATORY PROVISIONS.—

“(1) HEALTH STATUS REPORTS.—Compacts or funding agreements negotiated between the Secretary and an Indian tribe shall include a provision that requires the Indian tribe to report on health status and service delivery—

“(A) to the extent such data is not otherwise available to the Secretary and specific funds for this purpose are provided by the Secretary under the funding agreement; and

“(B) if such reporting shall impose minimal burdens on the participating Indian tribe and such requirements are promulgated under section 517.

“(2) REASSUMPTION—(A) Compacts and funding agreements negotiated between the Secretary and an Indian tribe shall include a provision authorizing the Secretary to reassume operation of a program, service, function, or activity (or portions thereof) and associated funding if there is a specific finding relative to that program, service, function, or activity (or portion thereof) of—
“(i) imminent endangerment of the public health caused by an act or omission of the Indian tribe, and the imminent endangerment arises out of a failure to carry out the compact or funding agreement; or

“(ii) gross mismanagement with respect to funds transferred to a tribe by a compact or funding agreement, as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Inspector General, as appropriate.

“(B) The Secretary shall not reassume operation of a program, service, function, or activity (or portions thereof) unless (i) the Secretary has first provided written notice and a hearing on the record to the Indian tribe; and (ii) the Indian tribe has not taken corrective action to remedy the imminent endangerment to public health or gross mismanagement.

“(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), the Secretary may, upon written notification to the tribe, immediately reassume operation of a program, service, function, or activity (or portion thereof) and associated funding if (i) the Secretary makes a finding of imminent substantial and irreparable endangerment of the public health caused by an act
or omission of the Indian tribe; and (ii) the endangerment arises out of a failure to carry out the compact or funding agreement. If the Secretary re-assumes operation of a program, service, function, or activity (or portion thereof) under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall provide the tribe with a hearing on the record not later than 10 days after such reassumption.

“(D) In any hearing or appeal involving a decision to reassume operation of a program, service, function, or activity (or portion thereof), the Secretary shall have the burden of proof of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence the validity of the grounds for the reassumption.

“(b) FINAL OFFER.—In the event the Secretary and a participating Indian tribe are unable to agree, in whole or in part, on the terms of a compact or funding agreement (including funding levels), the Indian tribe may submit a final offer to the Secretary. Not more than 45 days after such submission, or within a longer time agreed upon by the Indian tribe, the Secretary shall review and make a determination with respect to such offer. In the absence of a timely rejection of the offer, in whole or in part, made in compliance with subsection (c), the offer shall be deemed agreed to by the Secretary.
“(c) Rejection of Final Offers.—If the Secretary rejects an offer made under subsection (b) (or one or more provisions or funding levels in such offer), the Secretary shall provide—

“(1) a timely written notification to the Indian tribe that contains a specific finding that clearly demonstrates, or that is supported by a controlling legal authority, that—

“(A) the amount of funds proposed in the final offer exceeds the applicable funding level to which the Indian tribe is entitled under this title;

“(B) the program, function, service, or activity (or portion thereof) that is the subject of the final offer is an inherent Federal function that cannot legally be delegated to an Indian tribe;

“(C) the Indian tribe cannot carry out the program, function, service, or activity (or portion thereof) in a manner that would not result in significant danger or risk to the public health; or

“(D) the tribe is not eligible to participate in self-governance under section 503;
“(2) technical assistance to overcome the objections stated in the notification required by paragraph (1);

“(3) the Indian tribe with a hearing on the record with the right to engage in full discovery relevant to any issue raised in the matter and the opportunity for appeal on the objections raised, provided that the Indian tribe may, in lieu of filing such appeal, directly proceed to initiate an action in a Federal district court pursuant to section 110(a); and

“(4) the Indian tribe with the option of entering into the severable portions of a final proposed compact or funding agreement, or provision thereof, (including lesser funding amount, if any), that the Secretary did not reject, subject to any additional alterations necessary to conform the compact or funding agreement to the severed provisions. If an Indian tribe exercises the option specified herein, it shall retain the right to appeal the Secretary’s rejection under this section, and paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) shall only apply to that portion of the proposed final compact, funding agreement or provision thereof that was rejected by the Secretary.
“(d) Burden of Proof.—With respect to any hearing or appeal or civil action conducted pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence the validity of the grounds for rejecting the offer (or a provision thereof) made under subsection (b).

“(e) Good Faith.—In the negotiation of compacts and funding agreements the Secretary shall at all times negotiate in good faith to maximize implementation of the self-governance policy. The Secretary shall carry out this title in a manner that maximizes the policy of tribal self-governance, consistent with section 3.

“(f) Savings.—To the extent that programs, functions, services, or activities (or portions thereof) carried out by Indian tribes under this title reduce the administrative or other responsibilities of the Secretary with respect to the operation of Indian programs and result in savings that have not otherwise been included in the amount of tribal shares and other funds determined under section 508(c), the Secretary shall make such savings available to the Indian tribes, inter-tribal consortia, or tribal organizations for the provision of additional services to program beneficiaries in a manner equitable to directly served, contracted, and compacted programs.
“(g) **TRUST RESPONSIBILITY.**—The Secretary is prohibited from waiving, modifying, or diminishing in any way the trust responsibility of the United States with respect to Indian tribes and individual Indians that exists under treaties, Executive orders, other laws, or court decisions.

“(h) **DECISIONMAKER.**—A decision that constitutes final agency action and relates to an appeal within the Department of Health and Human Services conducted under subsection (c) shall be made either—

“(1) by an official of the Department who holds a position at a higher organizational level within the Department than the level of the departmental agency in which the decision that is the subject of the appeal was made; or

“(2) by an administrative judge.

``SEC. 508. TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Pursuant to the terms of any compact or funding agreement entered into under this title, the Secretary shall transfer to the Indian tribe all funds provided for in the funding agreement, pursuant to subsection (c), and provide funding for periods covered by joint resolution adopted by Congress making continuing appropriations, to the extent permitted by such resolutions. In any instance where a funding agreement requires
an annual transfer of funding to be made at the beginning
of a fiscal year, or requires semiannual or other periodic
transfers of funding to be made commencing at the begin-
ing of a fiscal year, the first such transfer shall be made
not later than 10 days after the apportionment of such
funds by the Office of Management and Budget to the
Department, unless the funding agreement provides other-
wise.

“(b) MultiYear Funding.—The Secretary is here-
by authorized to employ, upon tribal request, multiyear
funding agreements, and references in this title to funding
agreements shall include such multiyear agreements.

“(c) Amount of Funding.—The Secretary shall
provide funds under a funding agreement under this title
in an amount equal to the amount that the Indian tribe
would have been entitled to receive under self-determi-
nation contracts under this Act, including amounts for direct
program costs specified under section 106(a)(1) and
amounts for contract support costs specified under sec-
tions 106(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(5), and (a)(6), including any
funds that are specifically or functionally related to the
provision by the Secretary of services and benefits to the
Indian tribe or its members, all without regard to the or-
ganizational level within the Department where such func-
tions are carried out.
“(d) PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary is expressly pro-
hibited from—

“(1) failing or refusing to transfer to an Indian
tribe its full share of any central, headquarters, re-
gional, area, or service unit office or other funds due
under this Act, except as required by Federal law;

“(2) withholding portions of such funds for
transfer over a period of years; and

“(3) reducing the amount of funds required
herein—

“(A) to make funding available for self-
governance monitoring or administration by the
Secretary;

“(B) in subsequent years, except pursuant
to—

“(i) a reduction in appropriations
from the previous fiscal year for the pro-
gram or function to be included in a com-
pact or funding agreement;

“(ii) a congressional directive in legis-
lation or accompanying report;

“(iii) a tribal authorization;

“(iv) a change in the amount of pass-
through funds subject to the terms of the
funding agreement; or
“(v) completion of a project, activity, or program for which such funds were provided;

“(C) to pay for Federal functions, including Federal pay costs, Federal employee retirement benefits, automated data processing, technical assistance, and monitoring of activities under this Act; or

“(D) to pay for costs of Federal personnel displaced by self-determination contracts under this Act or self-governance;

except that such funds may be increased by the Secretary if necessary to carry out this Act or as provided in section 105(c)(2).

“(e) OTHER RESOURCES.—In the event an Indian tribe elects to carry out a compact or funding agreement with the use of Federal personnel, Federal supplies (including supplies available from Federal warehouse facilities), Federal supply sources (including lodging, airline transportation, and other means of transportation including the use of interagency motor pool vehicles) or other Federal resources (including supplies, services, and resources available to the Secretary under any procurement contracts in which the Department is eligible to partici-
pate), the Secretary is authorized to transfer such personnel, supplies, or resources to the Indian tribe.

“(f) Reimbursement to Indian Health Service.—With respect to functions transferred by the Indian Health Service to an Indian tribe, the Indian Health Service is authorized to provide goods and services to the Indian tribe, on a reimbursable basis, including payment in advance with subsequent adjustment, and the reimbursements received therefrom, along with the funds received from the Indian tribe pursuant to this title, may be credited to the same or subsequent appropriation account which provided the funding, such amounts to remain available until expended.

“(g) Prompt Payment Act.—Chapter 39 of title 31, United States Code, shall apply to the transfer of funds due under a compact or funding agreement authorized under this title.

“(h) Interest or Other Income on Transfers.—An Indian tribe is entitled to retain interest earned on any funds paid under a compact or funding agreement to carry out governmental or health purposes and such interest shall not diminish the amount of funds the Indian tribe is authorized to receive under its funding agreement in the year the interest is earned or in any sub-
sequent fiscal year. Funds transferred under this Act shall be managed using the prudent investment standard.

“(i) CARRYOVER OF FUNDS.—All funds paid to an Indian tribe in accordance with a compact or funding agreement shall remain available until expended. In the event that an Indian tribe elects to carry over funding from one year to the next, such carryover shall not diminish the amount of funds the Indian tribe is authorized to receive under its funding agreement in that or any subsequent fiscal year.

“(j) PROGRAM INCOME.—All medicare, medicaid, or other program income earned by an Indian tribe shall be treated as supplemental funding to that negotiated in the funding agreement and the Indian tribe may retain all such income and expend such funds in the current year or in future years except to the extent that the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) provides otherwise for medicare and medicaid receipts, and such funds shall not result in any offset or reduction in the amount of funds the Indian tribe is authorized to receive under its funding agreement in the year the program income is received or for any subsequent fiscal year.

“(k) LIMITATION OF COSTS.—An Indian tribe shall not be obligated to continue performance that requires an expenditure of funds in excess of the amount of funds
transferred under a compact or funding agreement. If at any time the Indian tribe has reason to believe that the total amount provided for a specific activity in the compact or funding agreement is insufficient the Indian tribe shall provide reasonable notice of such insufficiency to the Secretary. If the Secretary does not increase the amount of funds transferred under the funding agreement, the Indian tribe may suspend performance of the activity until such time as additional funds are transferred.

“SEC. 509. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

“(a) In General.—Indian tribes participating in tribal self-governance may carry out construction projects under this title if they elect to assume all Federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Historic Preservation Act, and related provisions of law that would apply if the Secretary were to undertake a construction project, by adopting a resolution (1) designating a certifying officer to represent the Indian tribe and to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under such laws, and (2) accepting the jurisdiction of the Federal court for the purpose of enforcement of the responsibilities of the responsible Federal official under such environmental laws.

“(b) Negotiations.—Construction project proposals shall be negotiated pursuant to the statutory process in
section 105(m) and resulting construction project agreements shall be incorporated into funding agreements as addenda.

“(c) CODES AND STANDARDS.—The Indian tribe and the Secretary shall agree upon and specify appropriate buildings codes and architectural/engineering standards (including health and safety) which shall be in conformity with nationally recognized standards for comparable projects.

“(d) RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION.—The Indian tribe shall assume responsibility for the successful completion of the construction project in accordance with the negotiated construction project agreement.

“(e) FUNDING.—Funding for construction projects carried out under this title shall be included in funding agreements as annual advance payments, with semiannual payments at the option of the Indian tribe. Annual advance and semiannual payment amounts shall be determined based on mutually agreeable project schedules reflecting work to be accomplished within the advance payment period, work accomplished and funds expended in previous payment periods, and the total prior payments. The Secretary shall include associated project contingency funds with each advance payment installment. The Indian
tribe shall be responsible for the management of the conti-
1 ningency funds included in funding agreements.
2 “(f) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall have at least
3 one opportunity to approve project planning and design
4 documents prepared by the Indian tribe in advance of con-
5 struction of the facilities specified in the scope of work
6 for each negotiated construction project agreement or
7 amendment thereof which results in a significant change
8 in the original scope of work. The Indian tribe shall pro-
9 vide the Secretary with project progress and financial re-
10 ports not less than semiannually. The Secretary may con-
11 duct on-site project oversight visits semiannually or on an
12 alternate schedule agreed to by the Secretary and the In-
13 dian tribe.
14 “(g) WAGES.—All laborers and mechanics employed
15 by contractors and subcontractors in the construction, al-
16 teration, or repair, including painting or decorating of
17 building or other facilities in connection with construction
18 projects undertaken by self-governance Indian tribes
19 under this Act, shall be paid wages at not less than those
20 prevailing wages on similar construction in the locality as
21 determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with
23 With respect to construction, alteration, or repair work to
24 which the Act of March 3, 1921, is applicable under the
terms of this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have
the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization
Plan Numbered 14, of 1950, and section 2 of the Act of

“(h) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.—Unless other-
wise agreed to by the Indian tribe, no provision of the Of-
lice of Federal Procurement Policy Act, the Federal Ac-
quision Regulations issued pursuant thereto, or any
other law or regulation pertaining to Federal procurement
(including Executive orders) shall apply to any construc-
tion project conducted under this title.

“SEC. 510. FEDERAL PROCUREMENT LAWS AND REGULA-
TIONS.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless
expressly agreed to by the participating Indian tribe, the
comacts and funding agreements entered into under this
title shall not be subject to Federal contracting or coopera-
tive agreement laws and regulations (including Executive
orders and the Secretary’s regulations), except to the ex-
tent that such laws expressly apply to Indian tribes.

“SEC. 511. CIVIL ACTIONS.

“(a) CONTRACT DEFINED.—For the purposes of sec-
tion 110, the term ‘contract’ shall include compacts and
funding agreements entered into under this title.


“SEC. 512. FACILITATION.

“(a) Secretarial Interpretation.—Except as otherwise provided by law, the Secretary shall interpret all Federal laws, Executive orders and regulations in a manner that will facilitate—

“(1) the inclusion of programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) and funds associated therewith, in the agreements entered into under this section;

“(2) the implementation of compacts and funding agreements entered into under this title; and

“(3) the achievement of tribal health goals and objectives.

“(b) Regulation Waiver.—
“(1) An Indian tribe may submit a written request to waive application of a regulation promulgated under this Act for a compact or funding agreement entered into with the Indian Health Service under this title, to the Secretary identifying the applicable Federal regulation sought to be waived and the basis for the request.

“(2) Not later than 90 days after receipt by the Secretary of a written request by an Indian tribe to waive application of a regulation for a compact or funding agreement entered into under this title, the Secretary shall either approve or deny the requested waiver in writing. A denial may be made only upon a specific finding by the Secretary that identified language in the regulation may not be waived because such waiver is prohibited by Federal law. A failure to approve or deny a waiver request not later than 90 days after receipt shall be deemed an approval of such request. The Secretary’s decision shall be final for the Department.

“(c) Access to Federal Property.—In connection with any compact or funding agreement executed pursuant to this title or an agreement negotiated under the Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project established under title III, as in effect before the enactment of the
Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1998, upon the request of an Indian tribe, the Secretary—

“(1) shall permit an Indian tribe to use existing school buildings, hospitals, and other facilities and all equipment therein or appertaining thereto and other personal property owned by the Government within the Secretary’s jurisdiction under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the tribe for their use and maintenance;

“(2) may donate to an Indian tribe title to any personal or real property found to be excess to the needs of any agency of the Department, or the General Services Administration, except that—

“(A) subject to the provisions of subparagraph (B), title to property and equipment furnished by the Federal Government for use in the performance of the compact or funding agreement or purchased with funds under any compact or funding agreement shall, unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe, vest in the appropriate Indian tribe;

“(B) if property described in subparagraph (A) has a value in excess of $5,000 at the time of retrocession, withdrawal, or reassumption, at the option of the Secretary upon the retrocess-
sion, withdrawal, or reassumption, title to such
property and equipment shall revert to the De-
partment of Health and Human Services; and

“(C) all property referred to in subpara-
graph (A) shall remain eligible for replacement,
maintenance, and improvement on the same
basis as if title to such property were vested in
the United States; and

“(3) shall acquire excess or surplus Government
personal or real property for donation to an Indian
tribe if the Secretary determines the property is ap-
propriate for use by the Indian tribe for any purpose
for which a compact or funding agreement is author-
ized under this title.

“(d) MATCHING OR COST-PARTICIPATION REQUIRE-
MENT.—All funds provided under compacts, funding
agreements, or grants made pursuant to this Act, shall
be treated as non-Federal funds for purposes of meeting
matching or cost participation requirements under any
other Federal or non-Federal program.

“(e) STATE FACILITATION.—States are hereby au-
thorized and encouraged to enact legislation, and to enter
into agreements with Indian tribes to facilitate and supple-
ment the initiatives, programs, and policies authorized by
this title and other Federal laws benefiting Indians and
Indian tribes.

“(f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Each provision of
this title and each provision of a compact or funding
agreement shall be liberally construed for the benefit of
the Indian tribe participating in self-governance and any
ambiguity shall be resolved in favor of the Indian tribe.

“SEC. 513. BUDGET REQUEST.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall identify in
the annual budget request submitted to the Congress
under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, all
funds necessary to fully fund all funding agreements au-
thorized under this title, including funds specifically iden-
tified to fund tribal base budgets. All funds so appro-
priated shall be apportioned to the Indian Health Service.
Such funds shall be provided to the Office of Tribal Self-
Governance which shall be responsible for distribution of
all funds provided under section 505. Nothing in this pro-
vision shall be construed to authorize the Indian Health
Service to reduce the amount of funds that a self-govern-
ance tribe is otherwise entitled to receive under its funding
agreement or other applicable law, whether or not such
funds are made available to the Office of Tribal Self-Gov-
ernance under this section.
“(b) Present Funding; Shortfalls.—In such budget request, the President shall identify the level of need presently funded and any shortfall in funding (including direct program and contract support costs) for each Indian tribe, either directly by the Secretary, under self-determination contracts, or under compacts and funding agreements authorized under this title.

“SEC. 514. REPORTS.

“(a) Annual Report.—Not later than January 1 of each year after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate a written report regarding the administration of this title. Such report shall include a detailed analysis of the level of need being presently funded or unfunded for each Indian tribe, either directly by the Secretary, under self-determination contracts under title I, or under compacts and funding agreements authorized under this Act. In compiling reports pursuant to this section, the Secretary may not impose any reporting requirements on participating Indian tribes or tribal organizations, not otherwise provided in this Act.

“(b) Contents.—The report shall be compiled from information contained in funding agreements, annual
audit reports, and Secretarial data regarding the disposition of Federal funds and shall—

“(1) identify the relative costs and benefits of self-governance;

“(2) identify, with particularity, all funds that are specifically or functionally related to the provision by the Secretary of services and benefits to self-governance Indian tribes and their members;

“(3) identify the funds transferred to each self-governance Indian tribe and the corresponding reduction in the Federal bureaucracy;

“(4) identify the funding formula for individual tribal shares of all headquarters funds, together with the comments of affected Indian tribes or tribal organizations, developed under subsection (c);

“(5) identify amounts expended in the preceding fiscal year to carry out inherent Federal functions, including an identification of those functions by type and location;

“(6) contain a description of the method or methods (or any revisions thereof) used to determine the individual tribal share of funds controlled by all components of the Indian Health Service (including funds assessed by any other Federal agency) for in-
clusion in self-governance compacts or funding agreements;

“(7) prior to being submitted to Congress, be distributed to the Indian tribes for comment, such comment period to be for no less than 30 days; and

“(8) include the separate views and comments of the Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

“(c) REPORT ON FUND DISTRIBUTION METHOD.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall, after consultation with Indian tribes, submit a written report to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate which describes the method or methods used to determine the individual tribal share of funds controlled by all components of the Indian Health Service (including funds assessed by any other Federal agency) for inclusion in self-governance compacts or funding agreements.

“SEC. 515. DISCLAIMERS.

“(a) NO FUNDING REDUCTION.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit or reduce in any way the funding for any program, project, or activity serving an Indian tribe under this or other applicable Federal law. Any Indian tribe that alleges that a compact or funding
agreement is in violation of this section may apply the provisions of section 110.

“(b) Federal Trust and Treaty Responsibilities.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish in any way the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribes and individual Indians that exists under treaties, Executive orders, or other laws and court decisions.

“(c) Tribal Employment.—For purposes of section 2(2) of the Act of July 5, 1935 (49 Stat. 450, chapter 372) (commonly known as the National Labor Relations Act), an Indian tribe carrying out a self-determination contract, compact, annual funding agreement, grant, or cooperative agreement under this Act shall not be considered an employer.

“(d) Obligations of the United States.—The Indian Health Service under this Act shall neither bill nor charge those Indians who may have the economic means to pay for services, nor require any Indian tribe to do so.

“SEC. 516. APPLICATION OF OTHER SECTIONS OF THE ACT.

“(a) Mandatory Application.—All provisions of sections 5(b), 6, 7, 102(c) and (d), 104, 105(k) and (l), 106(a) through (k), and 111 of this Act and section 314 of Public Law 101–512 (coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act), to the extent not in conflict with this title,
shall apply to compacts and funding agreements authorized by this title.

“(b) DISCRETIONARY APPLICATION.—At the request of a participating Indian tribe, any other provision of title I, to the extent such provision is not in conflict with this title, shall be made a part of a funding agreement or compact entered into under this title. The Secretary is obligated to include such provision at the option of the participating Indian tribe or tribes. If such provision is incorporated it shall have the same force and effect as if it were set out in full in this title. In the event an Indian tribe requests such incorporation at the negotiation stage of a compact or funding agreement, such incorporation shall be deemed effective immediately and shall control the negotiation and resulting compact and funding agreement.

“SEC. 517. REGULATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall initiate procedures under subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, to negotiate and promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out this title.

“(2) Proposed regulations to implement this title shall be published in the Federal Register by
the Secretary no later than 1 year after the date of
enactment of this title.

“(3) The authority to promulgate regulations
under this title shall expire 21 months after the date
of enactment of this title.

“(b) COMMITTEE.—A negotiated rulemaking commit-
tee established pursuant to section 565 of title 5, United
States Code, to carry out this section shall have as its
members only Federal and tribal government representa-
tives, a majority of whom shall be nominated by and be
representatives of Indian tribes with funding agreements
under this Act, and the Committee shall confer with, and
accommodate participation by, representatives of Indian
tribes, inter-tribal consortia, tribal organizations, and in-
dividual tribal members.

“(c) ADAPTATION OF PROCEDURES.—The Secretary
shall adapt the negotiated rulemaking procedures to the
unique context of self-governance and the government-to-
government relationship between the United States and
Indian tribes.

“(d) EFFECT.—The lack of promulgated regulations
shall not limit the effect of this title.

“(e) EFFECT OF CIRCULARS, POLICIES, MANUALS,
GUIDANCES, AND RULES.—Unless expressly agreed to by
the participating Indian tribe in the compact or funding
agreement, the participating Indian tribe shall not be sub-
ject to any agency circular, policy, manual, guidance, or
rule adopted by the Indian Health Service and the eligi-
bility provisions of section 105(g).

“SEC. 518. APPEALS.

“In any appeal (including civil actions) involving deci-
sions made by the Secretary under this title, the Secretary
shall have the burden of proof of demonstrating by clear
and convincing evidence—

“(1) the validity of the grounds for the decision
made; and

“(2) the decision is fully consistent with provi-
sions and policies of this title.

“SEC. 519. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
as may be necessary to carry out this title.

“TITLE VI—TRIBAL SELF-GOV-
ERNANCE—DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-
ICES

“SEC. 601. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FEASIBILITY.

“(a) Study.—The Secretary shall conduct a study
to determine the feasibility a Tribal Self-Governance Dem-
onstration Project for appropriate programs, services,
functions, and activities (or portions thereof) of the agency.

“(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—When conducting the study, the Secretary shall consider—

“(1) the probable effects on specific programs and program beneficiaries of such a demonstration project;

“(2) statutory, regulatory, or other impediments to implementation of such a demonstration project;

“(3) strategies for implementing such a demonstration project;

“(4) probable costs or savings associated with such a demonstration project;

“(5) methods to assure quality and accountability in such a demonstration project; and

“(6) such other issues that may be determined by the Secretary or developed through consultation pursuant to section 602.

“(c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate. The report shall contain—

“(1) the results of the study;
“(2) a list of programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) within the agency which it would be feasible to include in a Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project;

“(3) a list of programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) included in the list provided pursuant to paragraph (2) which could be included in a Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project without amending statutes, or waiving regulations that the Secretary may not waive;

“(4) a list of legislative actions required in order to include those programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) included in the list provided pursuant to paragraph (2) but not included in the list provided pursuant to paragraph (3) in a Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project; and

“(5) any separate views of tribes and other entities consulted pursuant to section 602 related to the information provided pursuant to paragraph (1) through (4).

“SEC. 602. CONSULTATION.

“(a) STUDY PROTOCOL.—

“(1) Consultation with Indian tribes.—

The Secretary shall consult with Indian tribes to de-
termine a protocol for consultation under subsection (b) prior to consultation under such subsection with the other entities described in such subsection. The protocol shall require, at a minimum, that—

“(A) the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes forms the basis for the consultation process;

“(B) the Indian tribes and the Secretary jointly conduct the consultations required by this section; and

“(C) the consultation process allow for separate and direct recommendations from the Indian tribes and other entities described in subsection (b).

“(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.—In determining the protocol described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish the proposed protocol and allow a period of not less than 30 days for comment by entities described in subsection (b) and other interested individuals, and shall take comments received into account in determining the final protocol.

“(b) CONDUCTING STUDY.—In conducting the study under this title, the Secretary shall consult with Indian tribes, States, counties, municipalities, program bene-
ficiaries, and interested public interest groups, and may
consult with other entities as appropriate.

“SEC. 603. DEFINITIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title, the
Secretary may use definitions provided in title V.

“(b) AGENCY.—For purposes of this title, the term
‘agency’ shall mean any agency or other organizational
unit of the Department of Health and Human Services,
other than the Indian Health Service.

“SEC. 604. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
years 1999 and 2000 such sums as may be necessary to
carry out this title. Such sums shall remain available until
expended.”.

SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS CLARIFYING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.

(a) BURDEN OF PROOF IN DISTRICT COURT AC-
TIONS.—Section 102(e)(1) of the Indian Self-Determi-
nation and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450f(e)(1))
is amended by inserting after “subsection (b)(3)” the fol-
lowing: “or any civil action conducted pursuant to section
110(a)”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
this section shall apply to any proceedings commenced
after October 25, 1994.
SEC. 6. SPEEDY ACQUISITION OF GOODS, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES.

Section 105(k) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450j(k)) is amended—

(1) by striking “deemed an executive agency” and inserting “deemed an executive agency and part of the Indian Health Service”; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following: “At the request of an Indian tribe, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement for the acquisition, on behalf of the Indian tribe, of any goods, services, or supplies available to the Secretary from the General Services Administration or other Federal agencies that are not directly available to the Indian tribe under this section or any other Federal law, including acquisitions from prime vendors. All such acquisitions shall be undertaken through the most efficient and speedy means practicable, including electronic ordering arrangements.

SEC. 7. PATIENT RECORDS.

Section 105 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450j) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(o) At the option of an Indian tribe or tribal organization, Indian patient records may be deemed to be Fed-
eral records under the Federal Records Act of 1950 for
the limited purposes of making such records eligible for
storage by Federal Records Centers to the same extent
and in the same manner as other Department of Health
and Human Services patient records.”.

SEC. 8. REPEAL.

Title III of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450f note) is hereby re-
pealed.

SEC. 9. SAVINGS PROVISION.

Funds appropriated for title III of the Indian Self-
Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
450f note) shall be available for use under title V of such
Act.

SEC. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this
Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
Act.

Passed the House of Representatives October 5,
1998.

Attest:

Clerk.