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To improve outcomes for Native children by empowering Tribal communities, strengthening families, and increasing access to critical services, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To improve outcomes for Native children by empowering Tribal communities, strengthening families, and increasing access to critical services, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act of
6 2026”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions of Indian Tribe and Tribal organization.

TITLE I—JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

- Sec. 101. Advisory Committee on Tribal Juvenile Justice.
- Sec. 102. Department of Justice and DOI study on the number and status of Native American missing children cases.
- Sec. 103. Alaska Native Victim Services Fund at the Denali Commission.
- Sec. 104. Alaska Native and American Indian family violence, prevention, services, and treatment.
- Sec. 105. Tiwahe Initiative.
- Sec. 106. Tribal justice support.

TITLE II—IMPROVING RESEARCH AND DATA

- Sec. 201. National Institutes of Health Tribal Health Research Office.
- Sec. 202. Improving Native infant and maternal health data.

TITLE III—IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF NATIVE CHILDREN

- Sec. 301. Health Resources and Services Administration Tribal Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 302. Department of Health and Human Services study on the intersection of maternal mortality and domestic violence.
- Sec. 303. Grants to grow the perinatal workforce for Tribal communities.
- Sec. 304. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Technical Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 305. Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 306. Community mental health services grants for Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.
- Sec. 307. Substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery grants for Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.
- Sec. 308. Self-governance demonstration program for behavioral health programs for Indian Tribes.

TITLE IV—ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION

- Sec. 401. Native Children's Environmental Health Protection Task Force.
- Sec. 402. Integration of environmental health within primary care.

TITLE V—IMPROVING NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

- Sec. 501. Tribal pilot programs for SNAP administration.
- Sec. 502. Child nutrition programs Tribal pilot projects.

TITLE VI—ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

- Sec. 601. Program for housing assistance for homeless American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- Sec. 602. Program for housing assistance for homeless Native Hawaiians.
- Sec. 603. Tribal Continuum of Care Participation Grant Program.
- Sec. 604. Improving Tribal participation in the Continuum of Care Program.

TITLE VII—IMPROVING THE WORKFORCE FOR FAMILIES

- Sec. 701. Strengthening the 477 Initiative.

- Sec. 702. Interagency agreement to evaluate on-site child care in affordable housing.
- Sec. 703. Set-aside of Child Care and Development Block Grant funds for Indian Tribes.
- Sec. 704. Requirement of consultation with Indian Tribes.
- Sec. 705. Native American Advisory Committee on Early Childhood.

TITLE VIII—EDUCATION

- Sec. 801. Supporting Native American teacher training and teacher development.
- Sec. 802. Pilot program for Native teacher apprentices.
- Sec. 803. Supporting after-school programs for Native American children.
- Sec. 804. Promoting and strengthening Native languages.
- Sec. 805. Addressing the indirect administrative costs of Indian education programs.
- Sec. 806. Increasing access to Head Start for Native children.
- Sec. 807. Addressing homelessness in BIE schools.
- Sec. 808. Bureau of Indian Education Behavioral Health and Wellness Program.
- Sec. 809. Alaska Tribal School Program.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS OF INDIAN TRIBE AND TRIBAL ORGA-** 2 **NIZATION.**

3 In this Act, the terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal
4 organization” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
5 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education As-
6 sistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

7 **TITLE I—JUSTICE FOR CHIL-** 8 **DREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

9 **SEC. 101. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL JUVENILE** 10 **JUSTICE.**

11 Part A of title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delin-
12 quency Prevention Act (34 U.S.C. 11111 et seq.) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 224. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL JUVENILE** 15 **JUSTICE.**

16 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Advi-
2 sory Committee’ means the Advisory Committee on
3 Tribal Juvenile Justice established pursuant to sub-
4 section (b)(1).

5 “(2) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term ‘relevant congressional commit-
7 tees’ means—

8 “(A) the Committee on the Judiciary of
9 the Senate;

10 “(B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of
11 the Senate; and

12 “(C) the Committee on the Judiciary of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 “(3) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
15 ‘urban Indian organization’ has the meaning given
16 the term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-
17 provement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603).

18 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, act-
20 ing through the Administrator, shall establish a Fed-
21 eral advisory committee, to be known as the ‘Advi-
22 sory Committee on Tribal Juvenile Justice’.

23 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Advisory
24 Committee shall be to provide advice and rec-
25 ommendations to the Administrator, the Attorney

1 General, and Congress on all matters relating to ju-
2 venile justice, delinquency prevention and system im-
3 provement with respect to Tribal youth.

4 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Advisory Committee
6 shall be composed of not fewer than 16 members, of
7 whom—

8 “(A) 1 shall be from a national organiza-
9 tion focused on Tribal juvenile justice issues;

10 “(B) 1 shall be from an organization fo-
11 cused on juvenile issues in Native Hawaiian
12 communities;

13 “(C) 1 shall be from an urban Indian or-
14 ganization;

15 “(D) 12 shall be members of Indian Tribes
16 from diverse geographic regions; and

17 “(E) 1 shall be a Tribal youth with experi-
18 ence with the juvenile justice system.

19 “(2) APPOINTMENTS.—The Administrator shall
20 appoint members to the Advisory Committee from
21 among nominations submitted by Indian Tribes and
22 Tribal organizations.

23 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum ex-
24 tent feasible, the Administrator shall ensure that
25 members of the Committee—

1 “(A) have experience in Tribal juvenile jus-
2 tice systems, including—

3 “(i) courts; and

4 “(ii) law enforcement and child wel-
5 fare agencies; or

6 “(B) have experience in juvenile justice,
7 delinquency prevention, behavioral health, or
8 youth services.

9 “(4) PROHIBITION.—A member of the Advisory
10 Committee may not be an officer or employee of the
11 Federal Government.

12 “(5) TERMS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member if the
14 Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a
15 term of 3 years.

16 “(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member of the
17 Advisory Committee may be reappointed for not
18 more than 1 additional 3-year term.

19 “(C) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy on the Ad-
20 visory Committee shall be filled in the same
21 manner as the original appointment.

22 “(d) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

23 “(1) evaluate the effectiveness of programs and
24 grants administered by the Office as those programs
25 and grants relate to Tribal youth;

1 “(2) identify barriers to the provision of serv-
2 ices to Tribal youth, including jurisdictional, fund-
3 ing, and data challenges;

4 “(3) make recommendations to improve coordi-
5 nation between Federal, State, and Tribal justice
6 systems;

7 “(4) provide input on the development of regu-
8 lations, guidance, and policy relating to Tribal juve-
9 nile justice;

10 “(5) make recommendations for improving data
11 collection and research relating to Tribal youth;

12 “(6) make recommendations to improve access
13 to and resources for aftercare programs for Tribal
14 youth who have been released from detention;

15 “(7) make recommendations to strengthen
16 Tribal capacity to operate juvenile justice programs;
17 and

18 “(8) coordinate with the Federal Advisory Com-
19 mittee on Juvenile Justice, the Coordinating Council
20 on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,
21 and the Office of Tribal Justice.

22 “(e) MEETINGS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall meet
24 in person not less frequently than twice annually.

1 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—To the max-
 2 imum extent practicable, the Administrator and the
 3 members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile
 4 Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall attend the
 5 meetings of the Advisory Committee.

6 “(f) REPORTING.—

7 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not later than 1
 8 year after the date of enactment of this section, and
 9 not less frequently than biennially thereafter, the
 10 Advisory Committee shall submit to the Adminis-
 11 trator and the relevant congressional committees a
 12 report—

13 “(A) on the activities of the Committee;

14 “(B) on juvenile justice challenges affect-
 15 ing Tribal communities; and

16 “(C) that includes recommendations for
 17 legislative and administrative actions.

18 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45
 19 days after the date on which the Administrator re-
 20 ceives a report under paragraph (1), the Adminis-
 21 trator shall submit a written response to—

22 “(A) the Advisory Committee; and

23 “(B) the relevant congressional commit-
 24 tees.

25 “(g) COMPENSATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Advisory
2 Committee shall serve without compensation.

3 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Members of the Advi-
4 sory Committee shall be reimbursed for travel, sub-
5 sistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in
6 the course of carrying out the duties of the Advisory
7 Committee.

8 “(h) SUPPORT.—At the request of the Advisory Com-
9 mittee, the Administrator shall appoint such administra-
10 tive and staff support to the Advisory Committee to enable
11 the Advisory Committee to carry out the duties of the Ad-
12 visory Committee.

13 “(i) EXEMPTION FROM FACA PROVISION.—Section
14 1013 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to
15 the Advisory Committee.

16 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

19 **SEC. 102. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND DOI STUDY ON**
20 **THE NUMBER AND STATUS OF NATIVE AMER-**
21 **ICAN MISSING CHILDREN CASES.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in
24 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall con-
25 duct Tribal consultation and, after conducting that con-

1 sultation, complete a study on the number and status of
2 cases involving Native American missing children and
3 youth, including the scope and context of those cases that
4 are connected to juvenile justice system involvement, child
5 welfare system involvement, and non-custodial parent ab-
6 duction, including domestic violence, sexual assault, homi-
7 cide, drug activity, stalking, and human trafficking.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 on which the study required under subsection (a) is com-
10 pleted, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-
11 retary of the Interior, shall submit to the Committees on
12 Indian Affairs and the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-
13 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,
14 and the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs of
15 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives a report on the results of the study completed
17 under subsection (a), which shall include recommenda-
18 tions, as appropriate, relating to reporting gaps, barriers
19 to reporting, and how to improve reporting and training
20 with respect to missing Native American children and
21 youth.

22 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the require-
23 ments under this section, the Attorney General, in coordi-
24 nation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall coordinate

1 with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-
 2 dren to incorporate existing data.

3 **SEC. 103. ALASKA NATIVE VICTIM SERVICES FUND AT THE**
 4 **DENALI COMMISSION.**

5 The Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121
 6 note; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 312 as section 313;

8 and

9 (2) by inserting after section 311 the following:

10 **“SEC. 312. ALASKA NATIVE VICTIM SERVICES FUND.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Advi-
 13 sory Committee’ means the Alaska Native Victim
 14 Services Fund Advisory Committee established
 15 under subsection (d)(1).

16 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 17 tity’ means a nonprofit organization serving victims
 18 of crime in predominantly Indian communities.

19 “(3) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the Alas-
 20 ka Native Victim Services Fund established by sub-
 21 section (b).

22 “(b) ALASKA NATIVE VICTIM SERVICES FUND.—

23 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
 24 the Treasury of the United States the Alaska Native

1 Victim Services Fund, to be administered by the
2 Federal Cochairperson.

3 “(2) SOURCE AND USE OF AMOUNTS IN
4 FUND.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall con-
6 sist of—

7 “(i) such amounts as are appropriated
8 to the Fund; and

9 “(ii) such amounts as are received
10 from any payment made with respect to
11 any loan made from the Fund.

12 “(B) USES.—The Federal Cochairperson
13 shall use amounts in the Fund to carry out the
14 purposes of this section.

15 “(c) LOANS AND GRANTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Cochairperson
17 shall provide grants and loans from the Fund to eli-
18 gible entities under such terms and conditions the
19 Federal Cochairperson may prescribe.

20 “(2) PURPOSE.—A grant or loan under para-
21 graph (1) shall be for the purpose of providing
22 grants to eligible entities to provide victim services
23 for Alaska Native victims of crime, including for
24 physical infrastructure to support victim services, in-
25 cluding housing construction and repair and reha-

1 bilitation or improvement projects of existing facili-
2 ties.

3 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this sec-
4 tion, the Federal Cochairperson shall—

5 “(A) ensure that eligible entities who sub-
6 mit applications for assistance under this sec-
7 tion are provided reasonable flexibility in pro-
8 posing and implementing culturally appropriate
9 programs to serve Alaska Native victims of
10 crime; and

11 “(B) to the extent practicable, coordinate
12 with other Federal funding sources and Tribal
13 programs to reduce duplication and promote ef-
14 ficiency.

15 “(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Federal
16 Cochairperson shall provide, or contract with public
17 or private organizations to provide, information, ad-
18 vice, and technical assistance with respect to the
19 construction, rehabilitation, and operation by eligible
20 entities of facilities and housing for Alaska Native
21 victims of crime under this section.

22 “(d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Cochairperson
24 shall establish an Alaska Native Victim Services
25 Fund Advisory Committee.

1 “(2) MEMBERS.—The Advisory Committee
2 shall be composed of 9 members, to be appointed by
3 the Federal Cochairperson, including—

4 “(A) a representative of an Alaska Native
5 Tribe;

6 “(B) a representative of a Tribal organiza-
7 tion that provides victim services;

8 “(C) a representative of the Alaska Native
9 Women’s Resource Center; and

10 “(D) an Alaska Native survivor.

11 “(3) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee
12 shall meet not less frequently than annually.

13 “(4) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee
14 shall—

15 “(A) review criteria to receive a grant or
16 loan from the Fund under subsection (c);

17 “(B) assess the effectiveness of this sec-
18 tion;

19 “(C) identify service gaps in carrying out
20 this section;

21 “(D) recommend priorities on which to
22 focus in carrying out this section;

23 “(E) advise on accountability measures to
24 ensure that the Fund remains responsive to
25 Alaska Native communities and survivors; and

1 “(F) advise on mechanisms for ongoing
2 community input, including annual regional lis-
3 tening sessions and survivor feedback.

4 “(5) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this sec-
5 tion, the Federal Cochairperson shall consult with
6 the Advisory Committee before establishing or modi-
7 fying funding criteria, developing program guide-
8 lines, or making significant policy changes.

9 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000
11 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

12 **SEC. 104. ALASKA NATIVE AND AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY**
13 **VIOLENCE, PREVENTION, SERVICES, AND**
14 **TREATMENT.**

15 (a) TRIBE, TRIBAL, AND TRIBALLY.—The Family
16 Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401
17 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “tribe” each place it appears
19 and inserting “Tribe”;

20 (2) by striking “tribes” each place it appears
21 and inserting “Tribes”;

22 (3) by striking “tribal” each place it appears
23 and inserting “Tribal”; and

24 (4) by striking “tribally” each place it appears
25 and inserting “Tribally”.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 302 of the Family Vio-
2 lence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10402) is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “(25 U.S.C.
5 450b)” and inserting “(25 U.S.C. 5304)”;

6 (2) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(11) NATIVE HAWAIIAN; NATIVE HAWAIIAN
9 ORGANIZATION.—The terms ‘Native Hawaiian’ and
10 ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ have the meanings
11 given such terms in section 6207 of the Native Ha-
12 waiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).”;

13 (3) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
14 graph (15); and

15 (4) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(15) TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-
18 TION.—The term ‘Tribal Domestic Violence Coali-
19 tion’ means an established nonprofit, nongovern-
20 mental Indian organization, Alaska Native organiza-
21 tion, or Native Hawaiian organization recognized by
22 the Office on Violence Against Women of the De-
23 partment of Justice that—

24 “(A) provides education, support, and tech-
25 nical assistance to member Indian service pro-

1 viders, Native Hawaiian organizations, or the
 2 Native Hawaiian community in a manner that
 3 enables the member providers, organizations, or
 4 communities to establish and maintain cul-
 5 turally appropriate services, including shelter
 6 and supportive services designed to assist In-
 7 dian or Native Hawaiian victims of family vio-
 8 lence, domestic violence, or dating violence and
 9 the children and dependents of such victims;
 10 and

11 “(B) is comprised of board and general
 12 members who are representative of—

13 “(i) the member service providers, or-
 14 ganizations, or communities described in
 15 subparagraph (A); and

16 “(ii) the Tribal communities or Native
 17 Hawaiian communities in which the serv-
 18 ices are being provided.”.

19 (c) NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND TRAINING
 20 AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.—Section 310 of
 21 the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42
 22 U.S.C. 10410) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

24 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

25 (A), by striking “under this title and reserved

under section 303(a)(2)(C)” and inserting
 “under section 303 and made available to carry
 out this section”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “; and”
 and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “; and”
 and inserting a semicolon; and

(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 lowing:

“(iii) an Alaska Native Tribal re-
 source center on domestic violence, to re-
 duce Tribal disparities; and

“(iv) a Native Hawaiian resource cen-
 ter on domestic violence, to reduce Native
 Hawaiian disparities; and”;

(C) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(i) by striking “(including Alaska Na-
 tive)”;

(ii) by striking “subsection (b)(3)”
 and inserting “subsection (b)(5)”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) in clause (i), by striking “10
 2 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note” and insert-
 3 ing “34 U.S.C. 10452 note”;

4 (II) in clause (ii), by striking “10
 5 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note” and insert-
 6 ing “34 U.S.C. 10452 note”; and

7 (III) in clause (iii)—

8 (aa) by striking “Native Ha-
 9 waiians that” and inserting “Na-
 10 tive Hawaiians who”; and

11 (bb) by inserting “the Office
 12 for Victims of Crime and” after
 13 “Human Services, and”;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 15 paragraph (5);

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 17 following:

18 “(3) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CEN-
 19 TER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Sec-
 20 retary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for
 21 an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic
 22 violence to reduce Tribal disparities, which shall—

23 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of tech-
 24 nical assistance and training resources to In-
 25 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations, specifi-

1 cally designed to enhance the capacity of the
2 Tribes and organizations to respond to family
3 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence
4 and the findings of section 901 and purposes in
5 section 902 of the Violence Against Women and
6 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of
7 2005 (34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

8 “(B) coordinate all projects and activities
9 with the national resource center described in
10 paragraph (1)(B);

11 “(C) coordinate with the projects and ac-
12 tivities of that center that involve working with
13 non-Tribal State and local governments to en-
14 hance their capacity to understand the unique
15 needs of Alaska Natives;

16 “(D) provide comprehensive community
17 education and prevention initiatives relating to
18 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
19 violence in a culturally sensitive and relevant
20 manner; and

21 “(E) coordinate activities with other Fed-
22 eral agencies, offices, and grantees that address
23 the needs of Alaska Natives who experience
24 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
25 violence, including the Office of Justice Services

1 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian
2 Health Service, and the Office for Victims of
3 Crime and the Office on Violence Against
4 Women of the Department of Justice.

5 “(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—

6 In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary
7 shall award a grant to an eligible entity for a Native
8 Hawaiian resource center on domestic violence to re-
9 duce Native Hawaiian disparities, which shall—

10 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of tech-
11 nical assistance and training resources to Na-
12 tive Hawaiian organizations, specifically de-
13 signed to enhance the capacity of the Native
14 Hawaiian organizations to respond to family vi-
15 olence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

16 “(B) coordinate all projects and other ac-
17 tivities with the national resource center de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1)(B);

19 “(C) coordinate all projects and other ac-
20 tivities, with State and local governments, that
21 involve working with the State and local govern-
22 ments, to enhance their capacity to understand
23 the unique needs of Native Hawaiians;

24 “(D) provide comprehensive community
25 education and prevention initiatives relating to

1 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
 2 violence in a culturally sensitive and relevant
 3 manner; and

4 “(E) coordinate activities with other Fed-
 5 eral agencies, offices, and grantees that address
 6 the needs of Native Hawaiians who experience
 7 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
 8 violence, including the Office for Victims of
 9 Crime and the Office on Violence Against
 10 Women of the Department of Justice.”; and

11 (D) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 13 “nontribal” and inserting “non-Tribal”;
 14 and

15 (ii) by striking “(including Alaska Na-
 16 tives)” each place it appears; and

17 (3) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “42
 19 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note” each place it appears
 20 and inserting “34 U.S.C. 10452 note”;

21 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
 22 paragraph (6);

23 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
 24 following:

1 “(4) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CEN-
2 TER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—To be eligible to re-
3 ceive a grant under subsection (b)(3), an entity shall
4 be a Tribal organization, or a nonprofit private orga-
5 nization that focuses primarily on issues of family
6 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence with-
7 in Indian Tribes, in Alaska that submits information
8 to the Secretary demonstrating—

9 “(A) experience working with Indian
10 Tribes, and Tribal organizations, in Alaska to
11 respond to family violence, domestic violence,
12 and dating violence and the findings of section
13 901 of the Violence Against Women and De-
14 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of
15 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452
16 note);

17 “(B) experience providing Indian Tribes,
18 and Tribal organizations, in Alaska with assist-
19 ance in developing Tribally based prevention
20 and intervention services addressing family vio-
21 lence, domestic violence, and dating violence
22 and safety for American Indian and Alaska Na-
23 tive women consistent with the purposes of sec-
24 tion 902 of the Violence Against Women and
25 Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of

1 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452
2 note);

3 “(C) strong support for the entity’s des-
4 ignation as the Alaska Native Tribal resource
5 center on domestic violence from advocates
6 working with Indian Tribes in Alaska to ad-
7 dress family violence, domestic violence, and
8 dating violence and the safety of Alaska Native
9 women;

10 “(D) a record of demonstrated effective-
11 ness in assisting Indian Tribes, and Tribal or-
12 ganizations, in Alaska with prevention and
13 intervention services addressing family violence,
14 domestic violence, and dating violence; and

15 “(E) the capacity to serve geographically
16 diverse Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations,
17 in Alaska.

18 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—
19 To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection
20 (b)(4), an entity shall be a Native Hawaiian organi-
21 zation, or a nonprofit private organization that fo-
22 cuses primarily on issues of family violence, domestic
23 violence, and dating violence within the Native Ha-
24 waiian community, that submits information to the
25 Secretary demonstrating—

1 “(A) experience working with Native Ha-
2 waiian organizations to respond to family vio-
3 lence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

4 “(B) experience providing Native Hawaiian
5 organizations with assistance in developing pre-
6 vention and intervention services addressing
7 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
8 violence and safety for Native Hawaiian women;

9 “(C) strong support for the entity’s des-
10 ignation as the Native Hawaiian resource cen-
11 ter on domestic violence from advocates working
12 with Native Hawaiian organizations to address
13 family violence, domestic violence, and dating
14 violence and the safety of Native Hawaiian
15 women;

16 “(D) a record of demonstrated effective-
17 ness in assisting Native Hawaiian organizations
18 with prevention and intervention services ad-
19 dressing family violence, domestic violence, and
20 dating violence; and

21 “(E) the capacity to serve geographically
22 diverse Native Hawaiian communities and orga-
23 nizations.”; and

24 (D) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A), by striking “subsection (b)(3)”
3 and inserting “subsection (b)(5)”; and
4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “(including Alaska Natives)”.

6 (d) GRANTS TO STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-
7 TIONS.—Section 311(d) of the Family Violence Prevention
8 and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10411(d)) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
10 (8) as paragraphs (5) through (9), respectively; and
11 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (3) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(4) collaborating with, as applicable for the
14 State, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (or
15 Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian groups or com-
16 munities) to address the needs of Indian (including
17 Alaska Native) or Native Hawaiian victims of family
18 violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, as ap-
19 plicable in the State;”.

20 (e) GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALI-
21 TIONS.—The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
23 section 311 the following:

1 **“SEC. 311A. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COA-**
2 **LITIONS.**

3 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Beginning with fiscal
4 year 2027, out of amounts appropriated to carry out this
5 section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants
6 to eligible entities in accordance with this section.

7 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
8 a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal Do-
9 mestic Violence Coalition that provides services to Indian
10 Tribes.

11 “(c) APPLICATION.—Each Tribal Domestic Violence
12 Coalition desiring a grant under this section shall submit
13 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-
14 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
15 require. The application submitted by the coalition for the
16 grant shall provide documentation of the coalition’s work,
17 demonstrating that the coalition—

18 “(1) meets all the applicable requirements set
19 forth in this section; and

20 “(2) has the ability to conduct all activities de-
21 scribed in this section, as indicated by—

22 “(A) a documented experience in admin-
23 istering Federal grants to conduct the activities
24 described in subsection (d); or

1 “(B) a documented history of activities to
2 further the purposes of this section set forth in
3 subsection (d).

4 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A Tribal Domestic Violence
5 Coalition eligible under subsection (b) that receives a
6 grant under this section may use the grant funds for ad-
7 ministration and operation to further the purposes of fam-
8 ily violence, domestic violence, and dating violence inter-
9 vention and prevention activities, including—

10 “(1) working with local Tribal family violence,
11 domestic violence, or dating violence service pro-
12 grams and providers of direct services to encourage
13 appropriate and comprehensive responses to family
14 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence
15 against adults or youth within the Indian Tribes
16 served, including providing training and technical as-
17 sistance and conducting Tribal needs assessments;

18 “(2) participating in planning and monitoring
19 the distribution of subgrants and subgrant funds
20 within the State under section 308(a);

21 “(3) working in collaboration with Tribal serv-
22 ice providers and community-based organizations to
23 address the needs of victims of family violence, do-
24 mestic violence, and dating violence, and their chil-
25 dren and dependents;

1 “(4) collaborating with, and providing informa-
2 tion to, entities in such fields as housing, health care
3 (including mental health and substance use disorder
4 care), social welfare, education, and law enforcement
5 to support the development and implementation of
6 effective policies;

7 “(5) supporting the development and implemen-
8 tation of effective policies, protocols, legislation,
9 codes, and programs that address the safety and
10 support needs of adult and youth Tribal victims of
11 family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

12 “(6) encouraging appropriate responses to cases
13 of family violence, domestic violence, or dating vio-
14 lence against adults or youth, by working with Trib-
15 al, State, and Federal judicial agencies and law en-
16 forcement agencies;

17 “(7) working with Tribal, State, and Federal
18 judicial agencies, including family law judges, crimi-
19 nal court judges, child protective service agencies,
20 and children’s advocates to develop appropriate re-
21 sponses to child custody and visitation issues—

22 “(A) in cases of child exposure to family
23 violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;
24 or

25 “(B) in cases in which—

1 “(i) family violence, domestic violence,
2 or dating violence is present; and

3 “(ii) child abuse is present;

4 “(8) providing information to the public about
5 prevention of family violence, domestic violence, and
6 dating violence within Indian Tribes;

7 “(9) assisting Indian Tribes’ participation in,
8 and attendance of, Federal and State consultations
9 on family violence, domestic violence, or dating vio-
10 lence, including consultations mandated by the Vio-
11 lence Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public
12 Law 103–322), the Victims of Crime Act of 1984
13 (34 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.), or this title; and

14 “(10) providing services described in section
15 308(b) to victims of family violence, domestic vio-
16 lence, and dating violence.

17 “(e) REALLOCATION.—If, at the end of the sixth
18 month of any fiscal year for which sums are made avail-
19 able to carry out this section, a portion of the available
20 amount has not been awarded to Tribal Domestic Violence
21 Coalitions for grants under this section because of the fail-
22 ure of such coalitions to meet the requirements for such
23 grants, then the Secretary shall award such portion, in
24 equal shares, to Tribal Domestic Violence Coalitions that
25 meet such requirements.”.

1 (f) NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOT-
2 LINE GRANT.—

3 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection
4 is to increase the availability of information and as-
5 sistance to Indian adult and youth victims of family
6 violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family
7 and household members of such victims, and individ-
8 uals affected by such victimization by supporting a
9 national, toll-free telephonic and digital hotline to
10 provide services that are—

11 (A) informed of Federal Indian law and
12 Tribal laws impacting Indian victims of family
13 violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

14 (B) culturally appropriate to Indian adult
15 and youth victims; and

16 (C) developed in cooperation with victim
17 services offered by Indian Tribes and Tribal or-
18 ganizations.

19 (2) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Family Violence
20 Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et
21 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 313 the
22 following:

1 **“SEC. 313A. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOT-**
2 **LINE GRANT.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award a
4 grant to a Tribal organization or private, nonprofit entity
5 to maintain the ongoing operation of a 24-hour, national,
6 toll-free telephonic hotline and digital services to provide
7 information and assistance to Indian adult and youth vic-
8 tims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating vio-
9 lence, family and household members of such victims, and
10 other individuals affected by such victimization.

11 “(b) TERM.—The Secretary shall award a grant
12 under this section for a period of not more than 5 years.

13 “(c) CONDITIONS ON PAYMENT.—The provision of
14 payments under a grant awarded under this section shall
15 be subject to annual approval by the Secretary and subject
16 to the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year
17 to make the payments.

18 “(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
19 under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal organization
20 or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily
21 on issues of family violence, domestic violence, and dating
22 violence as it relates to American Indians and Alaska Na-
23 tives, and submit an application to the Secretary that
24 shall—

1 “(1) contain such agreements, assurances, and
2 information, be in such form, and be submitted in
3 such manner, as the Secretary shall prescribe;

4 “(2) include a complete description of the appli-
5 cant’s plan for the operation of a national Indian do-
6 mestic violence hotline and digital services, including
7 descriptions of—

8 “(A) the training program for advocacy
9 personnel, including training on the provision of
10 culturally appropriate services, Federal Indian
11 law and Tribal laws impacting Indian victims of
12 family violence, domestic violence, or dating vio-
13 lence, and resources and referrals for such vic-
14 tims;

15 “(B) the qualifications of the applicant
16 and the hiring criteria and qualifications for ad-
17 vocacy personnel, to ensure that hotline advo-
18 cates and other personnel have demonstrated
19 knowledge of Indian legal, social, and cultural
20 issues, to ensure that the unique needs of In-
21 dian callers and users of digital services are
22 met;

23 “(C) the methods for the creation, mainte-
24 nance, and updating of a resource database of
25 culturally appropriate victim services and re-

1 sources available from Indian Tribes and Tribal
2 organizations;

3 “(D) a plan for publicizing the availability
4 of the national Indian hotline and digital serv-
5 ices to Indian victims of family violence, domes-
6 tic violence, and dating violence;

7 “(E) a plan for providing service to callers
8 and digital services users with limited English
9 proficiency, including service through advocacy
10 personnel who have non-English language capa-
11 bility;

12 “(F) a plan for facilitating access to hot-
13 line and digital services by persons with disabil-
14 ities, including individuals who are deaf or hard
15 of hearing or are blind or have visual impair-
16 ments, and for training hotline and digital serv-
17 ices personnel in assisting persons with disabil-
18 ities when those persons are accessing the hot-
19 line and digital services; and

20 “(G) a plan for providing assistance and
21 referrals to Indian youth victims of family vio-
22 lence, domestic violence, and dating violence,
23 which plan may be carried out through a na-
24 tional Indian youth dating violence hotline and
25 other digital services and resources;

1 “(3) demonstrate recognized expertise providing
2 services, including information on healthy relation-
3 ships and referrals for Indian victims of family vio-
4 lence, domestic violence, or dating violence and co-
5 ordinating services with Indian Tribes or Tribal or-
6 ganizations;

7 “(4) demonstrate support from Indian victim
8 services programs, Tribal Domestic Violence Coali-
9 tions and Tribal grantees under this title;

10 “(5) demonstrate capacity and the expertise to
11 maintain a domestic violence hotline, digital services
12 and a comprehensive database of service providers
13 from Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

14 “(6) demonstrate that the applicant will follow
15 comprehensive quality assurance practices; and

16 “(7) contain such other information as the Sec-
17 retary may require.

18 “(e) INDIAN HOTLINE ACTIVITIES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a
20 grant under this section shall use funds made avail-
21 able through the grant for the purpose described in
22 subsection (a), consistent with paragraph (2).

23 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and oper-
24 ating the hotline and digital services, the entity—

1 “(A) shall contract with a carrier for the
2 use of a 24-hour toll-free telephone line and an
3 internet service provider for operating digital
4 services in accessible formats including TTY
5 and interpreter services, where applicable;

6 “(B) shall employ, train (including pro-
7 viding technology training), and supervise per-
8 sonnel to answer incoming calls and digital
9 services contacts, provide counseling, healthy
10 relationship information, and referral services
11 for Indian or Native Hawaiian callers and dig-
12 ital services users on a 24-hour-a-day basis, di-
13 rectly connect callers, and assist digital services
14 users in connecting to service providers;

15 “(C) shall assemble and maintain a data-
16 base of information relating to services for In-
17 dian victims of family violence, domestic vio-
18 lence, or dating violence to which Indian callers
19 or digital services users may be referred, includ-
20 ing information on the availability of shelter
21 and supportive services for victims of family vi-
22 olence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

23 “(D) shall widely publicize the hotline and
24 digital services (and, as appropriate, in acces-
25 sible formats, including formats compliant with

1 the most recent Web Content Accessibility
2 Guidelines or successor guideline as applicable)
3 throughout Indian Tribes and communities, in-
4 cluding—

5 “(i) national and regional member or-
6 ganizations of Indian Tribes;

7 “(ii) Tribal domestic violence services
8 programs; and

9 “(iii) Tribal nonprofit victim service
10 providers;

11 “(E) at the discretion of the hotline oper-
12 ator or digital services provider, may provide—

13 “(i) appropriate assistance and refer-
14 rals for family and household members of
15 Indian victims of family violence, domestic
16 violence, or dating violence, and Indians
17 affected by the victimization described in
18 subsection (a); and

19 “(ii) assistance, or referrals for coun-
20 seling or intervention, for identified Indian
21 perpetrators, including self-identified per-
22 petrators, of family violence, domestic vio-
23 lence, or dating violence, but shall not be
24 required to provide such assistance or re-
25 ferrals in any circumstance in which the

1 hotline operator or digital services provider
 2 fears the safety of a victim may be im-
 3 pacted by an abuser or suspected abuser.

4 “(f) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—The entity receiv-
 5 ing a grant under this section shall submit a report to
 6 the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required
 7 by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities
 8 that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain
 9 an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and
 10 provide such additional information as the Secretary may
 11 reasonably require.”.

12 **SEC. 105. TIWAHE INITIATIVE.**

13 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

14 (1) to strengthen Tribal families and commu-
 15 nities;

16 (2) to reduce the need for out-of-home place-
 17 ments of Indian children;

18 (3) to improve coordination among programs
 19 and agencies serving Indian families;

20 (4) to promote Tribal self-determination in the
 21 design and delivery of family-centered services; and

22 (5) to expand the availability of the Tiwahe
 23 model to Indian Tribes beyond the pilot sites.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the
 2 Tiwahe Tribal Advisory Council established under
 3 subsection (g)(1).

4 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
 5 ty” means—

6 (A) an Indian Tribe; and

7 (B) a Tribal organization.

8 (3) PILOT SITE.—The term “pilot site” means
 9 the 10 Tribal sites chosen as participants in the
 10 Tiwahe Demonstration Project carried out by the
 11 Bureau of Indian Affairs before the date of enact-
 12 ment of this Act, including—

13 (A) the Association of Village Council
 14 Presidents (comprised of 56 federally recog-
 15 nized Alaska Native Tribes located in 48 vil-
 16 lages);

17 (B) the Fort Belknap Indian Community
 18 of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana;

19 (C) the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona;

20 (D) the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indi-
 21 ans, Minnesota;

22 (E) the Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota;

23 (F) the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe;

24 (G) the Confederated Salish and Kootenai
 25 Tribes of the Flathead Reservation;

1 (H) the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe;

2 (I) the Oglala Sioux Tribe; and

3 (J) the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah.

4 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the As-
6 sistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

7 (5) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—The
8 term “self-determination contract” has the meaning
9 given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
10 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
11 5304).

12 (6) SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT.—The term
13 “self-governance compact” has the meaning given
14 the term “compact” in section 401 of the Indian
15 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
16 (25 U.S.C. 5361).

17 (7) TIWAHE INITIATIVE.—The term “Tiwahe
18 Initiative” means the Tiwahe Initiative established
19 under subsection (c)(1).

20 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 shall establish and carry out an initiative, to be
24 known as the “Tiwahe Initiative”, to support and
25 promote a family-centered delivery model for inte-

1 grated community services to improve outcomes for
2 Native children, families, and communities.

3 (2) LEADERSHIP ROLE OF PILOT SITES.—The
4 pilot sites shall serve as permanent partners of the
5 Secretary in the implementation, evaluation, and
6 continued development of the Tiwahe Initiative.

7 (d) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE EN-
8 TITIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
10 a process under which an eligible entity may apply
11 to participate in the Tiwahe Initiative.

12 (2) STRATEGIC PLAN.—As part of the process
13 established under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
14 require, at a minimum, the submission of a strategic
15 plan to accomplish the following goals:

16 (A) Placing families at the center of all
17 services, seeking their voice and aspirations and
18 responding to those aspirations to achieve their
19 potential.

20 (B) Building relationships of trust with
21 families to move those families beyond crisis
22 intervention and help those families achieve me-
23 dium-term and long-term goals and outcomes.

24 (C) Establishing a whole-of-Government
25 response to effectively meet the needs of fami-

1 lies, enabling those families to become self-gov-
2 erning and thriving contributors in their com-
3 munities.

4 (D) Building Tribal capacity and commit-
5 ment to deliver on the governing principles of
6 Tiwahe.

7 (e) DOI PROGRAMS SUPPORTING TIWAHE.—At a
8 minimum, in carrying out the Tiwahe Initiative, the Sec-
9 retary shall use the existing programs of the Department
10 of the Interior that support the pilot sites.

11 (f) INTERDEPARTMENTAL EXPANSION PILOT PRO-
12 GRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary, in coordination with the Attorney General,
16 the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Agriculture,
17 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
18 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the
19 Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Com-
20 merce, and the Secretary of Energy, shall consult
21 with the Council—

22 (A) to identify additional Federal agencies,
23 programs, and funding streams that may be
24 used to further the purposes of the Tiwahe Ini-
25 tiative; and

1 (B) to develop recommendations for a pilot
2 program to coordinate and align Federal re-
3 sources across Federal agencies to support the
4 objectives of the Tiwahe Initiative to eligible en-
5 tities participating in the Tiwahe Initiative.

6 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the
8 consultation and recommendations required
9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall enter
10 into a memorandum of understanding with such
11 Federal agencies as the Secretary determines
12 appropriate to carry out a pilot program, to be
13 known as the “Tiwahe Initiative Intergovern-
14 mental pilot program” (referred to in this sub-
15 section as the “pilot program”).

16 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The memorandum
17 of understanding entered into under subpara-
18 graph (A) shall establish a framework for inter-
19 agency coordination, information sharing, tech-
20 nical assistance, and the coordinated delivery of
21 Federal services and resources to eligible enti-
22 ties participating in the Tiwahe Initiative.

23 (3) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall
24 carry out the pilot program for a period of 5 years

1 in accordance with the memorandum of under-
2 standing entered into under paragraph (2)(A).

3 (4) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 3 years
4 after the date on which the pilot program is estab-
5 lished under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary, in
6 consultation with the Council and the Federal agen-
7 cies participating in the memorandum of under-
8 standing entered into under that paragraph, shall
9 submit to Congress a report describing—

10 (A) the activities carried out under the
11 pilot program;

12 (B) the extent to which the pilot program
13 has advanced the purposes of the Tiwahe Initia-
14 tive;

15 (C) outcomes and lessons learned from
16 interagency coordination; and

17 (D) recommendations relating to whether
18 the pilot program should be continued, ex-
19 panded, modified, or made permanent.

20 (5) RECOMMENDATION ON CONTINUATION.—
21 Not later than 180 days before the date on which
22 the pilot program concludes, the Secretary, the
23 Council, and the Federal agencies participating in
24 the memorandum of understanding entered into
25 under paragraph (2)(A) shall—

1 (A) jointly evaluate the pilot program; and

2 (B) submit to Congress a recommendation
3 relating to the continuation, expansion, modi-
4 fication, or permanent authorization of the pilot
5 program.

6 (g) TIWAHE TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary shall establish a Tiwahe Tribal Advisory
10 Council.

11 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be com-
12 posed of 15 members, to be appointed in accordance
13 with the following:

14 (A) 5 shall be appointed by the Secretary,
15 of which—

16 (i) 1 shall be a Native youth;

17 (ii) 1 shall be from a national organi-
18 zation supporting the Tiwahe Initiative;

19 and

20 (iii) 3 shall be members of an Indian
21 Tribe.

22 (B) 10 shall be appointed by each of the
23 pilot sites.

24 (3) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

1 (A) advise the Secretary on the implemen-
2 tation, coordination, and administration of the
3 Tiwahe Initiative;

4 (B) provide recommendations to the Sec-
5 retary to improve the delivery of Federal pro-
6 grams and services that support Tribal families,
7 children, and communities;

8 (C) identify barriers to interagency coordi-
9 nation and recommend strategies to improve
10 collaboration among Federal agencies and eligi-
11 ble entities participating in the Tiwahe Initia-
12 tive;

13 (D) assist the Secretary in identifying ex-
14 isting Federal programs, funding opportunities,
15 and resources that may be integrated into the
16 Tiwahe Initiative to advance the purposes of
17 the Tiwahe Initiative;

18 (E) provide recommendations to the Sec-
19 retary with respect to the selection, design, im-
20 plementation, and evaluation of any Tiwahe Ini-
21 tiative pilot program;

22 (F) consult with Indian Tribes, Tribal or-
23 ganizations, and Tribal service providers with
24 respect to the effectiveness of programs and
25 services provided under the Tiwahe Initiative;

1 (G) review and provide recommendations
 2 to the Secretary with respect to the memo-
 3 randum of understanding entered into under
 4 subsection (f)(2) to promote coordinated Fed-
 5 eral service delivery;

6 (H) establish performance measures and
 7 recommend outcome-based metrics to evaluate
 8 the effectiveness of the Tiwahe Initiative and
 9 any pilot program carried out under this sec-
 10 tion;

11 (I) identify best practices and successful
 12 Tribal approaches that may be replicated or ex-
 13 panded through the Tiwahe Initiative; and

14 (J) submit to the Secretary and Congress
 15 such recommendations as the Council deter-
 16 mines appropriate to advance the purposes of
 17 the Tiwahe Initiative.

18 (4) TERM LIMITS.—A member of the Council
 19 shall serve for such number of terms as the Council
 20 may prescribe by the bylaws adopted by the Council
 21 at the time of establishment of the Council, subject
 22 to the condition that a member of the Council may
 23 not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

24 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 25 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Coun-

1 cil to carry out the responsibilities of the Council
2 under this section \$200,000 for each of fiscal years
3 2027 through 2032.

4 (h) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary
5 shall administer funds supporting the Tiwahe Initiative
6 through grants, self-determination contracts, self-govern-
7 ance compacts, or other agreements.

8 (i) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section di-
9 minishes or otherwise affects—

10 (1) the sovereign rights of an Indian Tribe;

11 (2) any treaty or other right of an Indian
12 Tribe; or

13 (3) the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
14 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

15 (j) TREATMENT OF PILOT SITES.—Any pilot site re-
16 ceiving funding or participating in a Tiwahe Initiative
17 demonstration, pilot project, or related activity on the date
18 of enactment of this Act shall—

19 (1) remain eligible to participate in the Tiwahe
20 Initiative; and

21 (2) continue to receive funding at not less than
22 the level provided during the fiscal year preceding
23 the date of enactment of this Act, subject to the
24 availability of appropriations.

1 (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 (other than subsection (g)) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year
 4 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

5 **SEC. 106. TRIBAL JUSTICE SUPPORT.**

6 Section 103 of the Indian Tribal Justice Act (25
 7 U.S.C. 3613) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 8 lowing:

9 “(d) TREATMENT OF TRIBES IN PUBLIC LAW 280
 10 STATES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing base support
 12 funding under this section, the Secretary shall en-
 13 sure that an Indian tribe located wholly or partially
 14 within a State subject to section 1162 of title 18
 15 and section 1360 of title 28, United States Code,
 16 shall not be denied eligibility for, receive reduced
 17 consideration for, or otherwise be disadvantaged in
 18 receiving assistance under this section on the basis
 19 of—

20 “(A) the exercise of State jurisdiction
 21 under those sections; or

22 “(B) the absence of, or limited extent of,
 23 Indian country, an Indian reservation, or a
 24 Tribal land base.

1 “(2) RECURRING FUNDS.—The Secretary shall
 2 make base support funding under this section avail-
 3 able on a recurring basis through a contract, grant,
 4 or agreement entered into under subsection (a), and
 5 not solely as a 1-time or assessment-based award.

6 “(3) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this sub-
 7 section shall reduce, or require the reallocation of,
 8 base support funding otherwise available to any
 9 other Indian tribe that is not located wholly or par-
 10 tially within a State subject to section 1162 of title
 11 18 and section 1360 of title 28, United States
 12 Code.”.

13 **TITLE II—IMPROVING** 14 **RESEARCH AND DATA**

15 **SEC. 201. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH TRIBAL** 16 **HEALTH RESEARCH OFFICE.**

17 Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
 18 (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 19 the following:

20 **“SEC. 404P. TRIBAL HEALTH RESEARCH OFFICE.**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
 22 the Office of the Director of NIH an office, to be known
 23 as the ‘Tribal Health Research Office’ (referred to in this
 24 section as the ‘Office’). The Office shall be headed by a
 25 director, who shall be appointed by the Director of NIH.

1 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Office are—

2 “(1) the promotion of the Tribal health re-
3 search programs of the national research institutes
4 and national centers;

5 “(2) the coordination of such programs among
6 the national research institutes and national centers;
7 and

8 “(3) the coordination of such programs between
9 the national research institutes and national centers
10 and other public entities and private entities.

11 “(c) DUTIES.—The Director of the Office shall—

12 “(1) lead and coordinate Tribal health research
13 activities at the National Institutes of Health;

14 “(2) disseminate to Tribal communities trans-
15 parent and culturally aware information about the
16 National Institutes of Health and biomedical and be-
17 havioral research, including by overseeing the devel-
18 opment of a clearinghouse site on data-backed cul-
19 turally derived interventions;

20 “(3) provide grants to develop, test, and imple-
21 ment innovative approaches to Native American
22 health, including culturally based interventions and
23 research on early childhood, children, and youth, in-
24 cluding disparities;

1 “(4) work to enhance capacity for research in
2 Native and Tribal communities, including by designating not fewer than 2 employees of the Office to
3 serve as children’s funding and data liaisons for Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to facilitate access to grants,
4 research, and capacity building opportunities across
5 the Federal Government;

6 “(5) develop a process to ensure that the Office
7 has the opportunity to provide input in grant review
8 for the national research institutes and national centers;
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10 “(6) serve as the Executive Secretary of the
11 National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee established under section 404Q; and
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13 “(7) submit to Congress and make publicly
14 available an annual report that addresses—
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16 “(A) the status of interoperability of Federal data sets used by Federal agencies that involve Native peoples;
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18 “(B) the acceptance of traditional ecological knowledge in Federal research and grantmaking; and
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20 “(C) other issues relating to Tribal health research and data sovereignty.
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1 **“SEC. 404Q. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH TRIBAL AD-**
 2 **VISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 5 lish within the National Institutes of Health an advi-
 6 sory committee, to be known as the ‘National Insti-
 7 tutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee’ (re-
 8 ferred to in this section as the ‘Advisory Com-
 9 mittee’).

10 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Advisory
 11 Committee is to provide advice and recommendations
 12 to the Secretary, the Director of NIH, and the Di-
 13 rector of the Tribal Health Research Office on all
 14 matters relating to Tribal health research, pro-
 15 motion, and coordination.

16 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

17 “(1) COMPOSITION.—

18 “(A) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—The Advisory
 19 Committee shall be composed of not fewer than
 20 17 members, to be appointed by the Secretary,
 21 of whom—

22 “(i) 12 shall be Tribal leaders (or
 23 their designees) from each of the 12 re-
 24 gions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

25 “(ii) 1 shall be a representative of a
 26 Native Hawaiian organization;

1 “(iii) 2 shall be representatives of an
 2 urban Indian organization; and

3 “(iv) 2 shall be representatives of
 4 Tribal Epidemiology Centers.

5 “(B) OPTIONAL MEMBER.—In addition to
 6 the members required under subparagraph (A),
 7 the Secretary may appoint an additional mem-
 8 ber to serve on the Advisory Committee, who
 9 shall be a representative of Native youth.

10 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
 11 point members to the Advisory Committee from
 12 among nominations submitted by Indian Tribes,
 13 Tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations,
 14 and Native Hawaiian organizations.

15 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum ex-
 16 tent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that
 17 members of the Advisory Committee—

18 “(A) represent diverse geographic regions;
 19 and

20 “(B) have experience in Tribal issues, re-
 21 search, and theory of data sovereignty and tra-
 22 ditional ecological knowledge and practices.

23 “(c) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

24 “(1) advise staff of the National Institutes of
 25 Health and provide feedback on any action or policy

1 of the National Institutes of Health that will have
2 Tribal implications;

3 “(2) serve as a forum for Indian Tribes and the
4 National Institutes of Health to discuss proposals
5 for changes to policies, regulations, and procedures
6 of the National Institutes of Health, including re-
7 search priorities;

8 “(3) explore opportunities for participation in
9 other committees or working groups of the National
10 Institutes of Health;

11 “(4) respond to the National Institutes of
12 Health on cultural and technical issues regarding
13 grants and contract policies and the impact of such
14 policies on Indian Tribes;

15 “(5) raise pertinent issues to the attention of
16 Tribal leaders; and

17 “(6) if appropriate, propose clarifications, rec-
18 ommendations, and solutions to address issues
19 raised at Tribal, regional, and national levels, includ-
20 ing—

21 “(A) to increase the accessibility of Fed-
22 eral datasets containing data relating to Tribal
23 health disparities;

24 “(B) to develop data standards and stand-
25 ard definitions to be used across the Federal

1 Government to improve the interoperability of
 2 Federal datasets containing data relating to
 3 Tribal health;

4 “(C) to expand opportunities for Native
 5 communities to implement interventions using
 6 traditional Indigenous knowledge and practice-
 7 based evidence with Federal funds;

8 “(D) to increase opportunities for Federal
 9 agencies and communities to collect strengths-
 10 based and community values-centric data;

11 “(E) to improve policies for accessing and
 12 sharing data collected relating to Tribal com-
 13 munities; and

14 “(F) to expand opportunities for the ac-
 15 ceptance of traditional knowledge and cultural
 16 interventions that do not meet the current evi-
 17 dence-based practice standard of the Federal
 18 Government but are known to be effective by
 19 Native communities as practice-based evidence.

20 “(d) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall
 21 meet in person not less frequently than twice annually.

22 “(e) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall
 24 serve as the designated Federal officer for the Advi-
 25 sory Committee.

1 “(2) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.—The Director of
2 the Tribal Health Research Office shall serve as the
3 Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee.

4 “(f) REPORTING.—

5 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less fre-
6 quently than annually, the Advisory Committee shall
7 submit to the Secretary and the relevant committees
8 of Congress a report on—

9 “(A) the activities of the Advisory Com-
10 mittee;

11 “(B) research, data, and health challenges
12 affecting Native communities, particularly chil-
13 dren and youth; and

14 “(C) recommendations for legislative and
15 administrative actions, if appropriate.

16 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45
17 days after the date on which the Secretary receives
18 a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
19 submit a written response to—

20 “(A) the Advisory Committee; and

21 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

22 “(g) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Advisory
23 Committee shall serve without compensation. Members
24 shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence and other nec-

1 essary expenses incurred by such members in carrying out
2 the duties of the Advisory Committee.

3 “(h) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall provide tech-
4 nical and logistical support to the Advisory Committee.

5 “(i) FACA EXEMPTION.—Chapter 10 of title 5,
6 United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Federal Ad-
7 visory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Advisory
8 Committee.

9 “(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—

11 The term ‘relevant committees of Congress’ means—

12 “(A) the Committee on Indian Affairs of
13 the Senate;

14 “(B) the Committee on Health, Education,
15 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

16 “(C) the Committee on Natural Resources
17 of the House of Representatives; and

18 “(D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
19 merce of the House of Representatives.

20 “(2) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
21 ‘urban Indian organization’ has the meaning given
22 the term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-
23 provement Act.

1 “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

4 **SEC. 202. IMPROVING NATIVE INFANT AND MATERNAL**
 5 **HEALTH DATA.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) PAPA OLA LOKAHI.—The term “Papa Ola
 8 Lokahi” has the meaning given the term in section
 9 12 of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improve-
 10 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 11711).

11 (2) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
 12 “urban Indian organization” has the meaning given
 13 the term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Im-
 14 provement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603).

15 (b) INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH DATA IM-
 16 PROVEMENT.—The Director of the Centers for Disease
 17 Control and Prevention, in coordination with Indian
 18 Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal Epidemiology Centers,
 19 Papa Ola Lokahi, and urban Indian organizations, shall—

20 (1) develop guidance for State and local health
 21 agencies to improve the quality and accuracy of data
 22 with respect to Native American infant and maternal
 23 health;

24 (2) enter into cooperative agreements with In-
 25 dian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal Epidemi-

ology Centers, Papa Ola Lokahi, and urban Indian organizations to analyze and address misclassification and undersampling of Native American infant and maternal health datasets;

(3) adopt, based on local, statewide, Tribal, and national best practices, uniform methods for the collection of infant and maternal health data, including aggregating data over time, using weighted sampling, and oversampling small populations, such as Native American communities;

(4) encourage States to enter into data sharing agreements with Indian Tribes, Tribal Epidemiology Centers, and Papa Ola Lokahi to improve the quality and accuracy of Native American infant and maternal health data, including by addressing misclassification and undersampling of Native American data in State and local public health data systems;

(5) offer technical assistance to States to support the adoption, based on local, statewide, Tribal, and national best practices and in consultation with Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, and Papa Ola Lokahi, as appropriate, uniform methods for the collection of infant and maternal health data, including aggregating data over

1 time, using weighted sampling, and oversampling
2 small populations, such as Native American commu-
3 nities; and

4 (6) conduct Tribal consultations and identify
5 the barriers to Indian Tribes participating in the
6 programs described in subsection (d) of section
7 317K of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
8 247b–12) and offer technical assistance to Indian
9 Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Tribal Epidemiology
10 Centers, and urban Indian organizations to develop
11 maternal mortality review committees under such
12 section.

13 (c) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
15 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
16 vention shall submit to Congress and make publicly avail-
17 able a report on infant and maternal health data, includ-
18 ing Native American infant and maternal health data.

1 **TITLE III—IMPROVING THE**
 2 **PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL**
 3 **HEALTH OF NATIVE CHIL-**
 4 **DREN**

5 **SEC. 301. HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINIS-**
 6 **TRATION TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

7 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
 8 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 9 the following:

10 **“SEC. 399V-8. HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMIN-**
 11 **ISTRATION TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 14 lish within the Health Resources and Services Ad-
 15 ministration an advisory committee to be known as
 16 the ‘Health Resources and Services Administration
 17 Tribal Advisory Committee’ (referred to in this sec-
 18 tion as the ‘Advisory Committee’).

19 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Advisory Committee shall
 20 provide a forum wherein elected Tribal officials act-
 21 ing in their official capacity (or designated employ-
 22 ees of such officials) and Health Resources and
 23 Service Administration staff exchange views, infor-
 24 mation, or advice about emerging public health
 25 issues in Indian country, the identification of urgent

1 public health resources and service needs, and col-
2 laborative approaches to address the issues and
3 needs of American Indian and Alaska Native popu-
4 lations. The Advisory Committee shall support, but
5 not supplant, government-to-government consulta-
6 tion between the Secretary and Indian Tribes on ac-
7 tivities and policies of the Health Resources and
8 Service Administration that affect Tribes and Amer-
9 ican Indian and Alaska Native populations.

10 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

11 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Advisory Committee
12 shall be composed of at least 14 members, appointed
13 by the Secretary as described in paragraph (2), in-
14 cluding 1 representative for each of the 12 service
15 areas of the Indian Health Service, and 1 alternate
16 delegate for each such member.

17 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
18 point the members of the Advisory Committee from
19 nominations submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal or-
20 ganizations, and urban Indian organizations.

21 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the
22 Advisory Committee appointed by the Secretary
23 under this subsection shall—

24 “(A) be an elected Tribal official, acting in
25 their official capacity as an elected official of

1 their Tribe, or be designated by an elected
 2 Tribal official, in that official's elected capacity,
 3 with authority to act on behalf of the Tribal of-
 4 ficial; and

5 “(B) have experience in matters related to
 6 programs under the Department of Health and
 7 Human Services.

8 “(4) TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORS.—The Sec-
 9 retary shall ensure that members of the Advisory
 10 Committee have the support of Tribal technical advi-
 11 sors to support their work on the Advisory Com-
 12 mittee.

13 “(5) TERMS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
 15 Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a
 16 term of 3 years.

17 “(B) STAGGERED TERMS.—The Secretary
 18 shall establish a system of staggered terms to
 19 ensure continuity of the Advisory Committee.

20 “(C) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the
 21 Advisory Committee may be reappointed for not
 22 more than 2 consecutive terms.

23 “(D) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the mem-
 24 bership of the Advisory Committee shall be

1 filled in the same manner as the original ap-
2 pointment for the remainder of the term.

3 “(c) DUTIES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
5 shall—

6 “(A) identify evolving issues and barriers
7 to access, coverage, and delivery of services pur-
8 suant to Health Resources and Service Admin-
9 istration programs to American Indian and
10 Alaska Native individuals;

11 “(B) propose to the Secretary and to Con-
12 gress clarifications, recommendations, and solu-
13 tions to address issues raised at the Tribal, re-
14 gional, and national levels;

15 “(C) serve as a forum for Indian Tribes
16 and the Health Resources and Service Adminis-
17 tration to discuss changes to regulations, poli-
18 cies, and procedures of the Health Resources
19 and Service Administration;

20 “(D) identify priorities and provide advice
21 on appropriate strategies for Tribal consulta-
22 tion with the Health Resources and Service Ad-
23 ministration on issues at the Tribal, regional,
24 and national levels; and

1 “(E) communicate with Indian Tribes in
2 their respective areas and gather feedback on
3 pertinent issues.

4 “(2) SUBCOMMITTEES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chair and Vice
6 Chair of the Advisory Committee—

7 “(i) shall establish a subcommittee on
8 maternal health; and

9 “(ii) may establish such other sub-
10 committees as the Chair and Vice Chair
11 determine appropriate to carry out the du-
12 ties of such committee.

13 “(B) DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON MA-
14 TERNAL HEALTH.—The subcommittee on ma-
15 ternal health established under subparagraph
16 (A)(i) shall—

17 “(i) identify emerging issues affecting
18 maternal health outcomes among American
19 Indian and Alaska Native women;

20 “(ii) propose solutions and provide
21 recommendations, with respect to Amer-
22 ican Indian and Alaska Native women—

23 “(I) to reduce maternal mortality
24 and severe maternal morbidity;

1 “(II) to improve access to mater-
2 nal health care services;

3 “(III) to enhance culturally ap-
4 propriate care;

5 “(IV) to strengthen maternal
6 health data collection and surveillance;

7 “(V) to address social deter-
8 minants of maternal health;

9 “(VI) to address postpartum
10 mental health and substance use dis-
11 order treatment and care; and

12 “(VII) to recognize the inter-
13 connectedness between maternal
14 health and child health outcomes, en-
15 couraging initiatives that prioritize
16 comprehensive care for mothers to en-
17 hance child health;

18 “(iii) provide guidance on Tribal con-
19 sultation for maternal health initiatives;

20 “(iv) identify interdepartmental bar-
21 riers and propose solutions to the Advisory
22 Committee for coordination between the
23 Health Resources and Services Administra-
24 tion and—

25 “(I) the Indian Health Service;

1 “(II) the Centers for Medicare &
2 Medicaid Services;

3 “(III) the Substance Abuse and
4 Mental Health Services Administra-
5 tion;

6 “(IV) State maternal mortality
7 review committees; and

8 “(V) Tribal epidemiology centers;

9 “(v) guide the Advisory Committee in
10 traditional American Indian and Alaska
11 Native practices in maternal health serv-
12 ices;

13 “(vi) support emergency preparedness
14 for maternal health crises in Tribal com-
15 munities; and

16 “(vii) evaluate the progress of the De-
17 partment of Health and Human Services
18 in establishing regional American Indian
19 and Alaska Native maternal and child mor-
20 tality review boards, and provide rec-
21 ommendations for the establishment of
22 such boards.

23 “(d) MEETINGS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
2 shall meet in person not less frequently than twice
3 each year.

4 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Asso-
5 ciate Administrator of the Maternal and Child
6 Health Bureau (or a designee) shall attend each
7 meeting of the subcommittee on maternal health es-
8 tablished under subsection (c)(2)(A)(i).

9 “(e) REPORTING.—

10 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less fre-
11 quently than annually, the Advisory Committee shall
12 submit to the Secretary and the relevant committees
13 of Congress a report on—

14 “(A) the activities of the Committee;

15 “(B) public health challenges affecting
16 Tribal communities;

17 “(C) maternal health challenges affecting
18 Tribal communities; and

19 “(D) recommendations for legislative and
20 administrative actions.

21 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45
22 days after receiving a report under paragraph (1),
23 the Secretary shall submit a written response to
24 such report to—

25 “(A) the Advisory Committee; and

1 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

2 “(f) COMPENSATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Advisory
4 Committee shall serve without compensation.

5 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Members of the Advi-
6 sory Committee shall be reimbursed for travel, sub-
7 sistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in
8 the course of carrying out the duties of the Advisory
9 Committee.

10 “(g) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall provide tech-
11 nical and logistical support to the Advisory Committee.
12 Pursuant to subsection (b)(4), the Secretary shall provide
13 for Tribal technical support from a national Indian organi-
14 zation, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, from
15 within authorized appropriations, to carry out this section.

16 “(h) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of title
17 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Fed-
18 eral Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Advi-
19 sory Committee.

20 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Advi-
22 sory Committee’ means the Health Resources and
23 Services Administration Tribal Advisory Committee
24 established under subsection (a).

1 “(2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—

2 The term ‘relevant committees of Congress’ means—

3 “(A) the Committee on Health, Education,
4 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

5 “(B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of
6 the Senate;

7 “(C) the Committee on Finance of the
8 Senate;

9 “(D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
10 merce of the House of Representatives; and

11 “(E) the Committee on Ways and Means
12 of the House of Representatives.

13 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
15 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

16 **SEC. 302. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
17 **STUDY ON THE INTERSECTION OF MATERNAL**
18 **MORTALITY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

19 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 30 days after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
22 retary”), in consultation with the Attorney General and
23 the Secretary of the Interior, shall commence Tribal con-
24 sultation for purposes of a study on the intersection be-
25 tween maternal mortality and domestic violence with re-

1 spect to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Ha-
2 waiian mothers.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
5 the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on
6 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
7 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
8 of Representatives a report that describes the results of
9 the study conducted under subsection (a).

10 (c) COLLABORATION.—The consultation for purposes
11 of the study under subsection (a) shall include consulta-
12 tion with—

13 (1) Native leaders, Native health experts, Tribal
14 organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations
15 advancing maternal health and preventing domestic
16 violence; and

17 (2) other Federal agencies, as appropriate.

18 **SEC. 303. GRANTS TO GROW THE PERINATAL WORKFORCE**
19 **FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES.**

20 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
21 is amended by inserting after section 757 (42 U.S.C.
22 294f) the following:

1 **“SEC. 758. TRIBAL PERINATAL WORKFORCE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.**
2 **”**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
4 grants to eligible entities to establish or expand programs
5 to recruit, train, and retain maternity care providers, men-
6 tal and behavioral health care providers acting in accord-
7 ance with State law, registered dietitians or nutrition pro-
8 fessionals (as such term is defined in section 1861(vv)(2)
9 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(vv)(2))), and
10 other perinatal health workers to increase access to cul-
11 turally appropriate perinatal care in Tribal communities.

12 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Recipients of grants under
13 this section shall use the grants to grow and diversify the
14 perinatal workforce by—

15 “(1) establishing accredited schools, programs,
16 medical residencies, fellowships, or other education
17 and training opportunities that prepare individuals
18 to practice in an Indian Health Service facility,
19 Tribal health program, urban Indian organization,
20 or other Indian health program;

21 “(2) recruiting, training, and retaining individ-
22 uals for the programs described in paragraph (1),
23 including individuals who—

24 “(A) are members of an Indian Tribe (as
25 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
26 mination and Education Assistance Act);

1 “(B) have demonstrated experience or ex-
2 pertise working with Tribal communities; or

3 “(C) have completed training on providing
4 culturally appropriate care to Tribal commu-
5 nities;

6 “(3) developing and implementing culturally ap-
7 propriate workforce training, curricula, mentorship
8 programs, clinical experiences, or other educational
9 activities in partnership with Indian Tribes, Tribal
10 organizations, or urban Indian organizations;

11 “(4) supporting education, training, licensing,
12 certification, or clinical experience for—

13 “(A) maternity care providers;

14 “(B) mental and behavioral health care
15 providers acting in accordance with State law;

16 “(C) registered dietitians or nutrition pro-
17 fessionals (as defined in section 1861(vv)(2) of
18 the Social Security Act);

19 “(D) midwives who meet, at a minimum,
20 the international definition of a midwife and
21 global standards for midwifery education as es-
22 tablished by the International Confederation of
23 Midwives;

24 “(E) perinatal health workers;

25 “(F) physician assistants;

1 “(G) advanced practice registered nurses;
2 and

3 “(H) lactation consultants certified by the
4 International Board of Lactation Consultant
5 Examiners; and

6 “(5) expanding the capacity of existing accred-
7 ited schools, programs, medical residencies, or fel-
8 lowships described in paragraph (1), including by in-
9 creasing enrollment, expanding clinical training op-
10 portunities, and awarding scholarships, fellowships,
11 stipends, or other student support.

12 “(c) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding grants under
13 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible en-
14 tities that—

15 “(1) submit a joint application with, or dem-
16 onstrate a formal partnership with, an Indian Tribe,
17 Tribal organization, or urban Indian organization to
18 develop and implement culturally appropriate work-
19 force training, recruitment, and retention strategies;

20 “(2) have demonstrated a commitment to re-
21 cruiting and retaining students, faculty, and health
22 professionals who are members of Indian Tribes;

23 “(3) have developed a strategy to recruit and
24 retain students and providers who plan to practice

1 in a health professional shortage area designated
2 under section 332; or

3 “(4) have developed a strategy to recruit and
4 retain students and providers who plan to practice
5 in an Indian Health Service facility, Tribal health
6 program, or urban Indian organization.

7 “(d) REPORTING.—As a condition of receiving a
8 grant under this section, an eligible entity shall submit
9 to the Secretary an annual report on the activities con-
10 ducted through the grant, including—

11 “(1) the number and demographics of students
12 participating in the program;

13 “(2) the extent to which students participating
14 in the program enter careers in—

15 “(A) health professional shortage areas
16 designated under section 332; or

17 “(B) Indian Health Service facilities, Trib-
18 al health programs, or urban Indian organiza-
19 tions; and

20 “(3) the impact of the grant on increasing the
21 availability of culturally appropriate perinatal health
22 services in Tribal communities.

23 “(e) PERIOD OF GRANTS.—The period of a grant
24 under this section shall be up to 5 years.

1 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
 2 provide, directly or by contract, technical assistance to en-
 3 tities seeking or receiving a grant under this section on
 4 the development, use, evaluation, and postgrant period
 5 sustainability of the school or program described in sub-
 6 section (b) that is proposed to be, or is being, established
 7 or expanded through the grant.

8 “(g) REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—Not later than
 9 4 years after the date of enactment of this section, the
 10 Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress, and post
 11 on the website of the Department of Health and Human
 12 Services, a report on the effectiveness of the grant pro-
 13 gram under this section at increasing the number of
 14 perinatal health professionals working in an Indian Health
 15 Service facility, a Tribal facility, or an urban Indian orga-
 16 nization.

17 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the
 19 term ‘eligible entity’ means—

20 “(A) an institution of higher education;

21 “(B) an accredited school or program that
 22 provides education and training for maternity
 23 care providers, mental and behavioral health
 24 care providers, registered dietitians or nutrition

1 professionals, or other perinatal health profes-
 2 sionals;

3 “(C) a teaching health center or graduate
 4 medical education program;

5 “(D) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organiza-
 6 tion (as such terms are defined in section 4 of
 7 the Indian Self-Determination and Education
 8 Assistance Act);

9 “(E) an urban Indian organization (as de-
 10 fined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care
 11 Improvement Act); or

12 “(F) a consortium of entities described in
 13 subparagraphs (A) through (E).

14 “(2) MATERNITY CARE PROVIDER.—The term
 15 ‘maternity care provider’ means a health care pro-
 16 vider who is a physician, physician assistant midwife
 17 who meets at a minimum the international definition
 18 of a midwife and global standards for midwifery
 19 education as established by the International Con-
 20 federation of Midwives, advanced practice registered
 21 nurse, or a lactation consultant certified by the
 22 International Board of Lactation Consultant Exam-
 23 iners, and has a focus on maternal or perinatal
 24 health.

1 “(3) PERINATAL HEALTH WORKER.—The term
 2 ‘perinatal health worker’ means a nonclinical health
 3 worker focused on maternal or perinatal health, such
 4 as a doula, community health worker, peer sup-
 5 porter, lactation educator or counselor, nutritionist
 6 or dietitian, childbirth educator, social worker, home
 7 visitor, patient navigator or coordinator, or language
 8 interpreter.

9 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
 10 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
 11 priated \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through
 12 2032.”.

13 **SEC. 304. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERV-**
 14 **ICES ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL TECHNICAL**
 15 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

16 Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended
 17 by inserting after section 501C (42 U.S.C. 290aa–0b) the
 18 following:

19 **“SEC. 501D. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH**
 20 **SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL TECH-**
 21 **NICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

22 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting
 23 through the Assistant Secretary, shall establish within the
 24 Administration a Tribal Technical Advisory Committee to
 25 be known as the ‘Substance Abuse and Mental Health

1 Services Administration Tribal Technical Advisory Com-
2 mittee’ (referred to in this section as the ‘TTAC’).

3 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the TTAC shall be
4 to serve as an advisory committee to the Assistant Sec-
5 retary regarding the provision of culturally appropriate
6 mental health and substance use services to American In-
7 dian and Alaska Native communities, including—

8 “(1) identifying behavioral health priorities for
9 children and youth in Tribal communities;

10 “(2) improving the quality and effectiveness of
11 behavioral health services for American Indians and
12 Alaska Natives;

13 “(3) identifying evolving issues and barriers to
14 access, coverage, and delivery of services relating to
15 substance use and mental health services;

16 “(4) increasing Tribal consultation in program
17 planning and policies of the Administration;

18 “(5) supporting and enhancing government-to-
19 government relationships between Indian Tribes and
20 the Administration; and

21 “(6) providing recommendations on the policies
22 and activities of the Administration that affect Trib-
23 al communities.

24 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1 “(1) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days
 2 after the date of enactment of the Native Children’s
 3 Commission Implementation Act of 2026, the Assist-
 4 ant Secretary shall appoint the members of the
 5 TTAC in accordance with this subsection.

6 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The TTAC shall be com-
 7 posed of not fewer than 14 members, including the
 8 following:

9 “(A) 1 representative from each of the 12
 10 service areas of the Indian Health Service;

11 “(B) 2 representatives from national Trib-
 12 al organizations or urban Indian organizations
 13 (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the
 14 Indian Health Care Improvement Act) who pos-
 15 sess national expertise in behavioral health.

16 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the
 17 TTAC appointed under paragraph (2) shall—

18 “(A) be an elected Tribal official, acting in
 19 their official capacity as an elected official of
 20 their Tribe, or be designated by an elected
 21 Tribal official, in that official’s elected capacity,
 22 with authority to act on behalf of the Tribal of-
 23 ficial; and

24 “(B) have expertise in behavioral health,
 25 public health, or related fields.

1 “(4) TERMS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
3 TTAC shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

4 “(B) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the
5 TTAC shall be filled in the manner in which the
6 original appointment was made and shall not
7 affect the powers or duties of the TTAC.

8 “(5) TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORS.—The Sec-
9 retary shall ensure that TTAC members have the
10 support of Tribal technical advisors that have sub-
11 ject matter expertise to support the work of the
12 TTAC.

13 “(d) DUTIES.—The TTAC shall—

14 “(1) provide advice to the Assistant Secretary
15 on policies and programs affecting Tribal commu-
16 nities;

17 “(2) identify emerging issues and concerns re-
18 garding behavioral health in Tribal communities;

19 “(3) propose solutions and recommendations for
20 addressing identified issues; and

21 “(4) submit an annual report to the Assistant
22 Secretary summarizing the activities and rec-
23 ommendations of the TTAC.

24 “(e) SUPPORT.—

1 “(1) STAFF.—The Assistant Secretary shall
2 provide such staff and support services as may be
3 necessary for the TTAC to carry out its duties.

4 “(2) COMPENSATION.—Members of the TTAC
5 who are not officers or employees of the United
6 States shall not receive compensation for service on
7 the TTAC, but may receive travel expenses, includ-
8 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance
9 with applicable provisions under subchapter I of
10 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

11 “(f) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of title
12 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Fed-
13 eral Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Com-
14 mittee.

15 “(g) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall—

16 “(1) limit the obligation of the United States to
17 provide services to American Indians and Alaska
18 Natives; or

19 “(2) modify, diminish, or otherwise affect the
20 trust responsibility of the United States to Indian
21 Tribes.

22 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

1 **SEC. 305. SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

2 Part B of title II of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 238 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 249. SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
8 lish within the Department of Health and Human
9 Services a committee to be known as the ‘Secretary’s
10 Tribal Advisory Committee’ (referred to in this sec-
11 tion as the ‘Committee’).

12 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Committee
13 shall be to seek consensus, exchange views, share in-
14 formation, provide advice and recommendations, and
15 facilitate and enhance, but not supplant, govern-
16 ment-to-government consultation between the Sec-
17 retary and Indian Tribes on matters relating to
18 intergovernmental responsibilities or the administra-
19 tion of programs under the Department of Health
20 and Human Services.

21 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

22 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be
23 composed of 1 representative from each of the 12
24 service areas of the Indian Health Service.

25 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
26 point the members of the Committee from nomina-

1 tions submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal organiza-
2 tions, and national organizations representing Amer-
3 ican Indians and Alaska Natives.

4 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—With respect to the
5 members of the Committee appointed under para-
6 graph (2)—

7 “(A) each such member shall—

8 “(i) be an elected Tribal official, act-
9 ing in their official capacity as an elected
10 official of their Tribe, or be designated by
11 an elected Tribal official, in that official’s
12 elected capacity, with authority to act on
13 behalf of the Tribal official; and

14 “(ii) have experience in matters re-
15 lated to programs under the Department;
16 and

17 “(B) the members shall together represent
18 diverse geographic regions.

19 “(4) TERMS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
21 Committee shall be appointed for a term of 2
22 years.

23 “(B) STAGGERED TERMS.—The Secretary
24 shall establish a system of staggered terms to
25 ensure continuity of the Committee.

1 “(C) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the
2 Committee may be reappointed.

3 “(5) TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORS.—The Sec-
4 retary shall ensure that members of the Advisory
5 Committee have the support of Tribal technical advi-
6 sors to support their work on the Advisory Com-
7 mittee.

8 “(c) DUTIES.—The Committee shall—

9 “(1) identify evolving issues that affect the ad-
10 ministration of programs under the Department that
11 serve American Indians and Alaska Natives;

12 “(2) propose solutions and provide rec-
13 ommendations—

14 “(A) to improve access to, coverage of, and
15 delivery of services;

16 “(B) to enhance coordination between the
17 Department and Indian Tribes; and

18 “(C) to strengthen Department consulta-
19 tion with Indian Tribes;

20 “(3) identify interdepartmental barriers and
21 propose solutions for coordination between the agen-
22 cies and offices of the Department; and

23 “(4) advise on strategies for effective implemen-
24 tation of Department programs and policies in Trib-
25 al communities.

1 “(d) MEETINGS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall, to
3 the maximum extent practicable, meet in person not
4 less frequently than twice each year.

5 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Sec-
6 retary or the Secretary’s designee shall attend each
7 meeting of the Committee.

8 “(3) REQUIREMENT.—At least one meeting per
9 year shall be held in person in Indian country.

10 “(e) REPORTING.—

11 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less fre-
12 quently than every 2 years, the Committee shall sub-
13 mit to the Secretary and the relevant committees of
14 Congress a report on—

15 “(A) the activities of the Committee;

16 “(B) challenges affecting the government-
17 to-government relationship between the Sec-
18 retary and Indian Tribes; and

19 “(C) recommendations for legislative and
20 administrative actions relating to access, cov-
21 erage, and delivery of services to American In-
22 dian and Alaska Natives, related to programs of
23 the Department of Health and Human Services.

1 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45
2 days after receiving a report under paragraph (1),
3 the Secretary shall submit a written response to—

4 “(A) the Committee; and

5 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

6 “(f) COMPENSATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Advisory
8 Committee shall serve without compensation.

9 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Members of the Advi-
10 sory Committee shall be reimbursed for travel, sub-
11 sistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in
12 the course of carrying out the duties of the Advisory
13 Committee.

14 “(g) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall provide tech-
15 nical and logistical support to the Committee.

16 “(h) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of title
17 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Fed-
18 eral Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Com-
19 mittee.

20 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Committee’
22 means the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee
23 established under subsection (a)(1).

1 “(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’
2 means the Department of Health and Human Serv-
3 ices.

4 “(3) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—
5 The term ‘relevant committees of Congress’ means—

6 “(A) the Committee on Health, Education,
7 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

8 “(B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of
9 the Senate; and

10 “(C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives.

12 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

15 **SEC. 306. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS**
16 **FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZA-**
17 **TIONS.**

18 Subpart I of part B of title XIX of the Public Health
19 Service Act is amended by inserting after section 1918 (42
20 U.S.C. 300x–7) at the end the following:

21 **“SEC. 1918A. DIRECT GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIB-**
22 **AL ORGANIZATIONS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the Secretary
24 shall reserve 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under
25 section 1920(a) for the fiscal year for direct grants to In-

1 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations in accordance with
2 this section.

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—In order for an Indian Tribe or
4 Tribal organization to be eligible for a grant under sub-
5 section (a), such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization shall
6 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
7 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
8 retary may require.

9 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An Indian Tribe or Tribal or-
10 ganization that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall
11 use the grant funds to provide community mental health
12 services for adults with a serious mental illness and chil-
13 dren with a serious emotional disturbance, as defined in
14 accordance with section 1912(c).

15 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘In-
16 dian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings
17 given the terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
18 tion and Education Assistance Act.”.

19 **SEC. 307. SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND**
20 **RECOVERY GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND**
21 **TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

22 Subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health
23 Service Act is amended by inserting after section 1933 (42
24 U.S.C. 300x-33) the following:

1 **“SEC. 1933A. DIRECT GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIB-**
2 **AL ORGANIZATIONS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the Secretary
4 shall reserve 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under
5 section 1935(a) for the fiscal year for direct grants to In-
6 dian Tribes and Tribal organizations in accordance with
7 this section.

8 “(b) APPLICATION.—In order for an Indian Tribe or
9 Tribal organization to be eligible for a grant under sub-
10 section (a), such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization shall
11 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
12 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
13 retary may require.

14 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An Indian Tribe or Tribal or-
15 ganization that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall
16 use the grant funds for planning, carrying out, and evalu-
17 ating activities to prevent, treat, and provide recovery sup-
18 port services for substance use disorders.

19 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘In-
20 dian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings
21 given the terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
22 tion and Education Assistance Act.”.

1 **SEC. 308. SELF-GOVERNANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**
2 **FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR**
3 **INDIAN TRIBES.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 **“SEC. 554. SELF-GOVERNANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**
8 **FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR**
9 **INDIAN TRIBES.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
12 establish a demonstration program under which partici-
13 pating Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, or inter-Tribal
14 consortia may assume the administration of certain behav-
15 ioral health covered programs of the Department of
16 Health and Human Services through self-governance com-
17 pacts and funding agreements.

18 “(b) DEMONSTRATION DURATION.—The demonstra-
19 tion program shall operate for a period of 5 years begin-
20 ning on the date the Secretary executes the first funding
21 agreement under this section.

22 “(c) SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING INDIAN
23 TRIBES.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may select
25 not more than 15 Indian Tribes, Tribal organiza-
26 tions, or inter-Tribal consortia to administer 1 or

1 more covered programs, services, functions, or activi-
2 ties under this program each year of the demonstra-
3 tion program.

4 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to be selected
5 under paragraph (1), an Indian Tribe or inter-Tribal
6 consortium shall—

7 “(A) submit to the Secretary a request
8 pursuant to a resolution or other official action
9 by—

10 “(i) in the case of a request submitted
11 by an Indian Tribe, the governing body of
12 that Indian Tribe;

13 “(ii) in the case of a request sub-
14 mitted by a Tribal organization, the gov-
15 erning body of each Indian Tribe included
16 in the Tribal organization; and

17 “(iii) in the case of a request sub-
18 mitted by an inter-Tribal consortium, the
19 governing body of each Indian Tribe in-
20 cluded in that inter-Tribal consortium; and

21 “(B) as of the date of such submission—

22 “(i) be a party to a compact and
23 funding agreement under the Indian Self-
24 Determination and Education Assistance
25 Act; and

1 “(ii) satisfy any additional criteria es-
2 tablished by the Secretary in consultation
3 with Indian Tribes.

4 “(3) OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIAN TRIBE,
5 INTER-TRIBAL CONSORTIUM, OR TRIBAL ORGANIZA-
6 TION.—If an Indian Tribe authorizes another Indian
7 Tribe, an inter-Tribal consortium, or a Tribal orga-
8 nization by resolution to plan for or carry out an in-
9 cluded program on its behalf under this section, the
10 authorized Indian Tribe, inter-Tribal consortium, or
11 Tribal organization shall have the rights and respon-
12 sibilities of the authorizing Indian Tribe (except as
13 otherwise provided in the authorizing resolution).

14 “(d) COMPACTS AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
16 after the date of selection by the Secretary of a par-
17 ticipating Indian Tribe, inter-Tribal consortium, or
18 Tribal organization described in subsection (c)(2),
19 the Secretary shall negotiate and enter into a writ-
20 ten compact and funding agreement with the Indian
21 Tribe, Tribal organization, or inter-Tribal consor-
22 tium in a manner consistent with Federal trust re-
23 sponsibilities, treaty obligations, and the govern-
24 ment-to-government relationships between Indian
25 Tribes and the United States.

1 “(2) CONTENTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The contents of a
3 compact and funding agreement entered into or
4 modified under paragraph (1) shall be con-
5 sistent with the contents required to be in a
6 compact and funding agreement, respectively,
7 under sections 504 and 505 of the Indian Self-
8 Determination and Education Assistance Act,
9 except that such contents under this section
10 may include such reasonable modifications as
11 the Secretary and the Indian Tribe, Tribal or-
12 ganization authorized by an Indian Tribe, or
13 inter-Tribal consortium determine necessary to
14 support Tribal administration of included pro-
15 grams.

16 “(B) REPORTING.—The provisions of
17 chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code, re-
18 quiring a single agency audit report shall apply
19 to a compact and funding agreement under this
20 section, subject to the condition that any addi-
21 tional reporting provisions with respect to the
22 compact and funding agreement shall be subject
23 to negotiation under paragraph (1) between the
24 Indian Tribe and the Secretary.

25 “(e) FUNDING.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
2 funds to the Indian Tribe, Tribal organization au-
3 thorized by an Indian Tribe, or inter-Tribal consor-
4 tium under a self-governance compact or funding
5 agreement entered into under this section for pro-
6 grams included in such self-governance compact or
7 funding agreement in an amount that is equal to the
8 amount such Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or
9 inter-Tribal consortium would have been entitled to
10 receive under such programs. Funding shall be sub-
11 ject to a negotiations process, with the minimum
12 amount provided in an amount that is not less than
13 what the Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or inter-
14 Tribal consortium would have otherwise received
15 under such programs.

16 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—At the re-
17 quest of an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization au-
18 thorized by an Indian Tribe, or inter-Tribal consor-
19 tium selected under this section, if the Secretary de-
20 termines the request to be reasonable, the Secretary
21 shall waive any matching requirement that would
22 otherwise apply to the Indian Tribe, Tribal organiza-
23 tion, or inter-Tribal consortium under an included
24 program covered by a compact or funding agreement
25 under this section.

1 “(f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—The Secretary shall
 2 implement each provision of this section, and each provi-
 3 sion of a compact or funding agreement entered into or
 4 modified pursuant to this section, in a manner consistent
 5 with title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 6 cation Assistance Act, except the Secretary may make rea-
 7 sonable modifications—

8 “(1) to comply with the provisions of this title
 9 when the provisions of this title conflict with the
 10 provisions of title V of the Indian Self-Determina-
 11 tion and Education Assistance Act; and

12 “(2) to the extent necessary to fulfill the poli-
 13 cies described in the declaration of policy in section
 14 3 of title V of the Indian Self-Determination and
 15 Education Assistance Act relating to Tribal adminis-
 16 tration of programs, services, functions, or activities
 17 (or portions thereof) pursuant to title V of such Act.

18 “(g) WAIVERS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of an Indian
 20 Tribe, Tribal organization authorized by an Indian
 21 Tribe, or inter-Tribal consortium, if the Secretary
 22 determines that a waiver would further the declara-
 23 tion of policy under section 3 of the Indian Self-De-
 24 termination and Education Assistance Act, the Sec-
 25 retary shall grant a waiver of statutory, regulatory,

1 or program requirements to facilitate the ability of
 2 an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization authorized by
 3 an Indian Tribe, or inter-Tribal consortium to rede-
 4 sign or consolidate included programs or reallocate
 5 funds.

6 “(2) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary shall
 7 document all requests for a waiver under paragraph
 8 (1), including a description of—

9 “(A) the reasons for each request;

10 “(B) the effect of the waiver on the Indian
 11 Tribe, authorized Tribal organization, or inter-
 12 Tribal consortium making the request; and

13 “(C) the views of the Indian Tribe, author-
 14 ized Tribal organization, or inter-Tribal consor-
 15 tium regarding the requested waiver.

16 “(3) DISAGREEMENT.—Waiver requests shall
 17 be subject to the final offer process described in sec-
 18 tion 507(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and
 19 Education Assistance Act.

20 “(h) OTHER AGENCY STATEMENTS.—Unless ex-
 21 pressly agreed to by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization
 22 authorized by an Indian Tribe, or inter-Tribal consortium
 23 in a compact of funding agreement entered into or modi-
 24 fied pursuant to this section, an Indian Tribe, Tribal orga-
 25 nization, or inter-Tribal consortium selected under this

1 section shall not be subject to any agency circular, policy,
2 manual, guidance, or regulation.

3 “(i) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—The
4 following provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and
5 Education Assistance Act shall apply to a compact or
6 funding agreement under this title:

7 “(1) Section 102(d).

8 “(2) Subsections (b), (c)(1), (c)(2), (d), (e), and
9 (h) of section 506.

10 “(3) Subsections (g), (h), and (i) of section
11 508.

12 “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office
14 of Tribal Self-Governance of the Department of
15 Health and Human Services shall provide technical
16 assistance to the Secretary and participating Indian
17 Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out this
18 section, including technical assistance to Indian
19 Tribes and Tribal organizations to conduct evalua-
20 tions of programs for which such Indian Tribes and
21 Tribal organizations have participated in self-govern-
22 ance under this section.

23 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—The
24 Secretary shall award grants to national organiza-
25 tions with expertise on Tribal self-governance, for

1 purposes of providing technical assistance to Indian
2 Tribes and Tribal organizations in the negotiation of
3 self-governance compact or funding agreements de-
4 scribed in subsection (a).

5 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized
7 to be appropriated—

8 “(i) \$2,000,000 to carry out the tech-
9 nical assistance grants under paragraph
10 (2); and

11 “(ii) such sums as necessary to pro-
12 vide technical assistance under paragraph
13 (1).

14 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made
15 available pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall
16 remain available until expended.

17 “(k) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct
18 Tribal consultation before promulgating regulations to
19 carry out this section.

20 “(l) REPORTING.—The Secretary, in consultation
21 with the participating Indian Tribes and inter-Tribal con-
22 sortia, shall submit to Congress annual reports on the im-
23 plementation of this section.

24 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term ‘covered
2 program’ means any mental health, substance abuse
3 prevention and treatment, recovery support, crisis
4 response, suicide prevention, or related behavioral
5 health program of the Substance Abuse and Mental
6 Health Services Administration as the Secretary de-
7 termines appropriate.

8 “(2) FUNDING AGREEMENT.—The term ‘fund-
9 ing agreement’ means a negotiated agreement be-
10 tween the Secretary and an Indian Tribe or inter-
11 Tribal consortium that specifies the programs, serv-
12 ices, functions, and activities to be performed by
13 such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization.

14 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—
15 The terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’
16 have the meanings given such terms in section 4 of
17 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
18 ance Act.

19 “(4) INTER-TRIBAL CONSORTIUM.—The term
20 ‘inter-Tribal consortium’ has the meaning given the
21 term in section 501 of the Indian Self-Determination
22 and Education Assistance Act.

23 “(5) SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACT.—The term
24 ‘self-governance compact’ means a negotiated agree-
25 ment between the Secretary and an Indian Tribe,

1 inter-Tribal consortium, or a Tribal organization au-
 2 thorized by an Indian Tribe that establishes the gen-
 3 eral terms of the relationship between the Secretary
 4 and such Indian Tribe or inter-Tribal consortium.”.

5 **TITLE IV—ENVIRONMENTAL**
 6 **HEALTH PROTECTION**

7 **SEC. 401. NATIVE CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
 8 **PROTECTION TASK FORCE.**

9 The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is amend-
 10 ed by inserting after section 223 (25 U.S.C. 1621v) the
 11 following:

12 **“SEC. 224. NATIVE CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
 13 **PROTECTION TASK FORCE.**

14 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
 16 the Council on Environmental Quality a Native Chil-
 17 dren’s Environmental Health Protection Task Force
 18 (referred to in this section as the ‘Task Force’).

19 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force—

20 “(A) shall include—

21 “(i) the Chair of the Council on Envi-
 22 ronmental Quality, who shall serve as
 23 Chairperson of the Task Force; and

24 “(ii) 1 representative from each of—

1 “(I) the Department of Health
2 and Human Services, including the
3 Service;

4 “(II) the Environmental Protec-
5 tion Agency;

6 “(III) the Department of Hous-
7 ing and Urban Development;

8 “(IV) the Department of the In-
9 terior;

10 “(V) the Department of Agri-
11 culture;

12 “(VI) the Centers for Disease
13 Control and Prevention;

14 “(VII) the Department of Trans-
15 portation;

16 “(VIII) tribal organizations;

17 “(IX) Tribal environmental
18 health programs;

19 “(X) Tribal health directors; and

20 “(XI) the organization described
21 in section 12(7) of the Native Hawai-
22 ian Health Care Improvement Act (42
23 U.S.C. 11711(7)); and

24 “(B) may include a representative of Na-
25 tive youth.

1 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Task Force shall
2 be to serve as a coordinating body to protect the environ-
3 mental health of Native children through cross-agency col-
4 laboration, including by—

5 “(1) identifying and addressing environmental
6 health hazards that disproportionately affect Native
7 children;

8 “(2) enhancing coordination among Federal,
9 State, and Tribal agencies, tribal organizations, and
10 Native Hawaiian organizations on environmental
11 health issues affecting Native children;

12 “(3) developing and implementing culturally ap-
13 propriate solutions to environmental health chal-
14 lenges in Native communities;

15 “(4) leveraging resources across Federal, State,
16 and Tribal agencies to maximize impact and effi-
17 ciency of environmental health programs that serve
18 Native communities;

19 “(5) strengthening capacity among Indian
20 tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian or-
21 ganizations to address environmental health threats
22 through technical assistance and resource sharing;

23 “(6) ensuring environmental health interven-
24 tions respect Tribal sovereignty and incorporate tra-
25 ditional ecological knowledge;

1 “(7) promoting environmental justice for Native
2 children and their communities; and

3 “(8) reducing administrative burdens on Tribal-
4 serving and Native Hawaiian-serving environmental
5 health programs through streamlined processes and
6 integrated systems.

7 “(c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall develop and im-
8 plement a comprehensive strategic plan to address envi-
9 ronmental health threats to Native children, including
10 dust, mold, sanitation challenges, contaminated lands
11 from mining, industrial wastes, abandoned uranium
12 mines, pesticides from agricultural operations, oil spills,
13 groundwater contamination, wildfire smoke inhalation,
14 and other natural disasters.

15 “(d) CONSULTATION.—The Task Force shall consult
16 and engage with Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and
17 Native Hawaiian organizations, as appropriate, in devel-
18 oping and implementing all protocols and processes under
19 this section.

20 “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Annually, the Task Force
21 shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation
22 of this section, including any outcomes and recommenda-
23 tions, as applicable.”.

1 **SEC. 402. INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
2 **WITHIN PRIMARY CARE.**

3 (a) COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE PRO-
4 GRAM.—Section 107 of the Indian Health Care Improve-
5 ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1616) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(c) ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRAINING REQUIRE-
8 MENTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
10 that all health professional training programs ad-
11 ministered by the Service include mandatory train-
12 ing on—

13 “(A) environmental health assessment pro-
14 tocols specific to Tribal communities;

15 “(B) recognition of environmental health
16 issues affecting Native children;

17 “(C) home environmental assessment pro-
18 cedures and documentation;

19 “(D) cultural competency in discussing en-
20 vironmental health concerns with Tribal fami-
21 lies; and

22 “(E) integration of traditional ecological
23 knowledge in environmental health assessments.

24 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall de-
25 velop the training components described in para-
26 graph (1) in consultation with—

1 “(A) the Division of Environmental Health
2 Services of the Service;

3 “(B) Tribal environmental health pro-
4 grams;

5 “(C) Tribal Epidemiology Centers;

6 “(D) Tribal health boards; and

7 “(E) pediatric environmental health spe-
8 cialty units.”.

9 (b) COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
10 SYSTEM.—Title II of the Indian Health Care Improve-
11 ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 227. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SYSTEM.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
15 date of enactment of this section, the Service shall estab-
16 lish a comprehensive environmental health system (re-
17 ferred to in this section as the ‘system’) that includes—

18 “(1) electronic health record capabilities for—

19 “(A) standardized environmental exposure
20 history documentation;

21 “(B) automated clinical decision support
22 for environmental health concerns;

23 “(C) bi-directional data sharing between
24 clinical and environmental health services; and

1 “(D) geographic tracking of environmental
2 health conditions; and

3 “(2) standardized referral protocols that—

4 “(A) connect clinical providers with envi-
5 ronmental health services;

6 “(B) establish response time requirements;

7 “(C) require documented follow-up; and

8 “(D) include case management when need-
9 ed.

10 “(b) MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.—In imple-
11 menting the system, the Secretary shall offer to enter into
12 memoranda of agreement with Service units, Tribal envi-
13 ronmental programs, and relevant Federal and State
14 agencies.

15 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Annually, the Secretary
16 shall submit to Congress a report on system implementa-
17 tion, utilization, and outcomes.

18 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

1 **TITLE V—IMPROVING NUTRI-**
 2 **TION PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE**
 3 **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAM-**
 4 **ILIES**

5 **SEC. 501. TRIBAL PILOT PROGRAMS FOR SNAP ADMINIS-**
 6 **TRATION.**

7 The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
 8 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 31. TRIBAL PILOT PROGRAMS FOR SNAP ADMINIS-**
 10 **TRATION.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) TRIBAL PILOT PARTICIPANT.—The term
 13 ‘Tribal pilot participant’ means a covered Indian en-
 14 tity (as defined in subsection (b)(1)) or an Indian
 15 Tribe that is participating in a pilot program under
 16 this section.

17 “(2) TRIBAL SERVICE POPULATION.—The term
 18 ‘Tribal service population’ means households resid-
 19 ing within the service area identified by, as applica-
 20 ble—

21 “(A) a covered Indian entity (as defined in
 22 subsection (b)(1)) under subsection
 23 (b)(4)(A)(iii); or

24 “(B) an Indian Tribe under subsection
 25 (c)(2)(A)(iii).

1 “(b) ALASKA TRIBAL PILOT PROGRAM.—

2 “(1) DEFINITION OF COVERED INDIAN ENTI-
3 TY.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered Indian en-
4 tity’ means—

5 “(A) each of the 12 regional nonprofit cor-
6 porations established pursuant to the Alaska
7 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601
8 et seq.); and

9 “(B) the Metlakatla Indian Community of
10 the Annette Islands Reserve.

11 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180
12 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
13 Secretary shall establish a pilot program (referred to
14 in this subsection as the ‘pilot program’) under
15 which the Secretary shall award a grant to at least
16 1 covered Indian entity each fiscal year to admin-
17 ister all or portions of the supplemental nutrition as-
18 sistance program within the Tribal service area of
19 the covered Indian entity.

20 “(3) GRANT DURATION.—The term of a grant
21 awarded under the pilot program shall be 3 years,
22 which may be extended for an additional 3 years, as
23 determined by the Secretary.

24 “(4) 3-YEAR PLAN.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A covered Indian enti-
2 ty seeking a grant under the pilot program
3 shall submit to the Secretary a 3-year plan
4 that—

5 “(i) describes how the covered Indian
6 entity will administer the supplemental nu-
7 trition assistance program consistent with
8 this Act;

9 “(ii) specifies whether benefits and
10 administrative functions will be provided
11 directly or through agreements, contracts,
12 compacts, or consortia arrangements;

13 “(iii) identifies the Tribal service pop-
14 ulations and service areas to be served;

15 “(iv) identifies employment opportuni-
16 ties in or near the service areas and the
17 manner in which the covered Indian entity
18 will cooperate in enhancing those opportu-
19 nities consistent with applicable Federal
20 standards; and

21 “(v) describes financial management,
22 program integrity, accountability, and data
23 security procedures.

1 “(B) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review
2 the plan submitted under subparagraph (A) in
3 accordance with subsection (e).

4 “(C) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 90
5 days after receiving a plan under subparagraph
6 (A), the Secretary shall approve or deny the
7 plan.

8 “(5) AMOUNT DETERMINED.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a
10 grant awarded to a covered Indian entity under
11 the pilot program shall be the amount attrib-
12 utable to expenditures for Tribal service popu-
13 lations identified under paragraph (3)(A)(iii).

14 “(B) USE OF STATE-SUBMITTED DATA.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
16 shall use data submitted by the State of
17 Alaska to calculate the payment amount
18 under subparagraph (A).

19 “(ii) DISAGREEMENT WITH DETER-
20 MINATION.—If a covered Indian entity dis-
21 agrees with the data described in clause
22 (i), the covered Indian entity may submit
23 additional information to the Secretary for
24 consideration.

1 “(6) REDUCTION IN STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
2 PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall reduce the Federal
3 administrative payments otherwise payable to the
4 State of Alaska under section 16 by the amount at-
5 tributable to administrative functions assumed by a
6 covered Indian entity receiving a grant under the
7 pilot program.

8 “(c) LOWER-48 TRIBAL PILOT PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
11 retary shall establish a pilot program (referred to in
12 this subsection as the ‘pilot program’) under which
13 the Secretary shall award grants to at least 5 Indian
14 Tribes to administer all or portions of the supple-
15 mental nutrition assistance program within Tribal
16 service areas.

17 “(2) ADMINISTRATION PLAN.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An Indian Tribe seek-
19 ing a grant under the pilot program shall sub-
20 mit to the Secretary a plan that—

21 “(i) describes how the Indian Tribe
22 will administer the supplemental nutrition
23 assistance program consistent with this
24 Act;

1 “(ii) specifies whether benefits and
2 administrative functions will be provided
3 directly or through agreements, contracts,
4 or compacts, including agreements with
5 relevant State agencies;

6 “(iii) identifies the Tribal service pop-
7 ulations and service areas to be served;

8 “(iv) describes financial management,
9 program integrity, accountability, and data
10 security procedures; and

11 “(v) identifies employment opportuni-
12 ties in or near the service areas and the
13 manner in which the Indian Tribe will co-
14 operate in enhancing those opportunities
15 consistent with applicable Federal stand-
16 ards.

17 “(B) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review
18 the plan submitted under subparagraph (A) in
19 accordance with subsection (e).

20 “(C) APPROVAL.—Not later than 90 days
21 after receiving a plan under subparagraph (A),
22 the Secretary shall approve or deny the plan.

23 “(3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Each In-
24 dian Tribe participating in the pilot program shall
25 enter into a cooperative agreement with the Sec-

1 retary and the applicable State agency regarding ad-
2 ministration, data sharing, eligibility coordination,
3 program integrity, and operational responsibilities.

4 “(4) PHASED EXPANSION.—

5 “(A) INITIAL PARTICIPATION.—For the
6 first fiscal year in which the pilot program is
7 implemented, the Secretary shall select at least
8 5 Indian Tribes to participate in the pilot pro-
9 gram.

10 “(B) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.—For
11 each fiscal year following the first fiscal year
12 described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary
13 shall approve participation in the pilot program
14 of not more than 5 additional Indian Tribes.

15 “(C) PRIORITY.—In selecting Indian
16 Tribes to participate in the pilot program, the
17 Secretary shall prioritize geographic diversity,
18 demonstrated administrative capacity, and Trib-
19 al communities that have previously worked
20 with States on administering the supplemental
21 nutrition assistance program in those commu-
22 nities.

23 “(5) DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDING.—The Sec-
24 retary shall provide funding directly to Indian Tribes

1 participating in the pilot program without requiring
2 pass-through agreements with States.

3 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—In participating in a pilot
4 program under this section, a Tribal pilot participant
5 shall—

6 “(1) subject to waiver by the Secretary, comply
7 with requirements comparable to requirements appli-
8 cable to State agencies administering the supple-
9 mental nutrition assistance program;

10 “(2) prohibit households from receiving duplica-
11 tive assistance;

12 “(3) comply with section 5(f)(1) of the Indian
13 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
14 (25 U.S.C. 5305(f)(1)); and

15 “(4) maintain fiscal accountability consistent
16 with generally accepted accounting principles.

17 “(e) TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In reviewing a plan under
19 subsection (b)(3) or (c)(2), the Secretary shall con-
20 sider the demonstrated administrative capacity of
21 the Tribal pilot participant, which may include expe-
22 rience administering federally funded Tribal pro-
23 grams, including—

1 “(A) a Tribal family assistance program
2 operated under section 412 of the Social Secu-
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 612);

4 “(B) programs operated under contracts or
5 compacts authorized by the Indian Self-Deter-
6 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
7 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

8 “(C) employment and training programs
9 under section 6(d)(4);

10 “(D) programs administered under the In-
11 dian Employment, Training and Related Serv-
12 ices Demonstration Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C.
13 3401 et seq.); or

14 “(E) other public assistance, nutrition,
15 workforce development, or social service pro-
16 grams administered by the Tribal pilot partici-
17 pant.

18 “(2) NO ADDITIONAL BURDENSOME REQUIRE-
19 MENTS.—The Secretary shall not impose on Tribal
20 pilot participants requirements relating to adminis-
21 trative capacity that are more burdensome than re-
22 quirements applied to States administering the sup-
23 plemental nutrition assistance program.

24 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
25 provide funding to a Tribal organization to provide tech-

1 nical assistance, training, and implementation support to
 2 Tribal pilot participants to facilitate successful adminis-
 3 tration of the pilot programs under this section.

4 “(g) EXEMPTIONS AND STATE PROTECTIONS.—

5 “(1) EXEMPTION FROM MATCHING FUND RE-
 6 QUIREMENTS.—Households within a Tribal service
 7 population that is served pursuant to this section
 8 shall not be included in calculating under this Act—

9 “(A) any State payment error rate;

10 “(B) any State matching fund require-
 11 ment;

12 “(C) any State financial liability or penalty
 13 relating to payment accuracy; or

14 “(D) any State cost obligation under sec-
 15 tion 4(a)(2).

16 “(2) EXEMPTION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COST
 17 SHARING.—Of the administrative costs incurred by
 18 Tribal pilot participants under this section—

19 “(A) 100 percent shall be reimbursed by
 20 the Secretary; and

21 “(B) 0 percent shall be subject to adminis-
 22 trative cost-sharing requirements applicable to
 23 States under section 16.

24 “(3) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING TRIBAL EX-
 25 EMPTIONS.—Nothing in this section affects the ap-

1 plication of subparagraphs (F) and (G) of section
2 6(o)(3).

3 “(4) NO STATE PENALTIES.—A State shall not
4 be penalized, financially or administratively, based
5 on Tribal service populations that are served pursu-
6 ant to this section, including with respect to—

7 “(A) matching fund requirements;

8 “(B) administrative cost-sharing require-
9 ments;

10 “(C) work requirement compliance calcula-
11 tions;

12 “(D) payment error rates; or

13 “(E) administrative performance measures.

14 “(h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 5 years
15 after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary
16 shall evaluate, and submit to Congress a report on, with
17 respect to the pilot programs carried out under this sec-
18 tion—

19 “(1) participant access and food security out-
20 comes;

21 “(2) administrative efficiency;

22 “(3) payment accuracy and program integrity;

23 “(4) Tribal self-sufficiency outcomes; and

1 “(5) recommendations relating to whether those
 2 pilot programs should be continued, expanded, modi-
 3 fied, or made permanent.

4 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 5 tion diminishes—

6 “(1) the trust responsibility of the United
 7 States to Indian Tribes; or

8 “(2) the sovereign authority of Indian Tribes.”.

9 **SEC. 502. CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TRIBAL PILOT**
 10 **PROJECTS.**

11 (a) NUTRITION AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
 13 Human Services, acting through the Director of the
 14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in part-
 15 nership with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall con-
 16 duct a study on the intersection of nutrition pro-
 17 grams and health outcomes for Native children in
 18 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawai-
 19 ian communities.

20 (2) FOCUS AREAS.—The study under paragraph
 21 (1) shall examine—

22 (A) health outcomes from Federal nutri-
 23 tion programs in American Indian, Alaska Na-
 24 tive, and Native Hawaiian communities;

1 (B) integration of traditional foods in Fed-
 2 eral nutrition assistance;

3 (C) community-level nutrition intervention
 4 effectiveness;

5 (D) food sovereignty and community
 6 health connections; and

7 (E) coordinated nutrition-health service de-
 8 livery models.

9 (b) SCHOOL NUTRITION.—

10 (1) CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY.—Section
 11 9(b)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School
 12 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(5)) is amended—

13 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or”
 14 at the end;

15 (B) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking
 16 the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(F) a child who is an enrolled member, or
 19 who has 1 or more parents who are enrolled
 20 members, of an Indian tribe (as defined in sec-
 21 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
 22 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).”.

23 (2) REIMBURSEMENT RATES.—Section 12(f) of
 24 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
 25 (42 U.S.C. 1760(f)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “and” before “the Com-
2 monwealth”;

3 (B) by inserting “and geographic areas
4 that serve Bureau-funded schools (as defined in
5 section 1141 of the Education Amendments of
6 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021)) and elementary schools
7 and secondary schools (as those terms are de-
8 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary and
9 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 7801)) on or near an Indian reservation” before
11 “the Secretary”;

12 (C) by inserting “or area, as applicable,”
13 after “such State”; and

14 (D) by inserting “or areas, as applicable,”
15 after “those States”.

16 (c) TRIBALLY OPERATED MEAL PILOT PROGRAM.—
17 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
18 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by inserting after
19 subsection (c) the following:

20 “(d) TRIBALLY OPERATED MEAL PILOT PRO-
21 GRAM.—

22 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

23 “(A) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term
24 ‘covered institution’ means—

1 “(i) a Bureau-funded school (as de-
 2 fined in section 1141 of the Education
 3 Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021));

4 “(ii) a school (as such term is defined
 5 in section 12(d)) on or near an Indian res-
 6 ervation or in a noncontiguous State; and

7 “(iii) an early care and education fa-
 8 cility, including a facility that participates
 9 in a Head Start program authorized under
 10 the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et
 11 seq.).

12 “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligi-
 13 ble entity’ means—

14 “(i) an Indian tribe or Tribal organi-
 15 zation;

16 “(ii) a Tribal educational agency;

17 “(iii) a consortium of Indian tribes;

18 and

19 “(iv) a partnership between—

20 “(I) an Indian tribe; and

21 “(II)(aa) a State educational
 22 agency;

23 “(bb) a local educational agency;

24 “(cc) a tribal educational agency;

25 or

1 “(dd) the Bureau of Indian Edu-
2 cation.

3 “(C) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian
4 tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section
5 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
6 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

7 “(D) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’
8 means the pilot program established under
9 paragraph (2).

10 “(E) TRIBAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
11 The term ‘tribal educational agency’ has the
12 meaning given the term in section 6132(b) of
13 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
14 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7452(b)).

15 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
16 tablish a pilot program to award grants to 10 eligi-
17 ble entities to operate and implement in covered in-
18 stitutions 1 or more of the following programs:

19 “(A) The school lunch program authorized
20 under this Act.

21 “(B) The summer food service program for
22 children established under section 13.

23 “(C) The child and adult care food pro-
24 gram established under section 17.

1 “(D) The school breakfast program estab-
2 lished by section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act
3 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

4 “(3) TERMS OF GRANT.—

5 “(A) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
6 awarded to an eligible entity under the program
7 shall be negotiated with the eligible entity, but
8 shall be not less than \$10,000 and not more
9 than \$100,000 for each fiscal year.

10 “(B) PERIOD.—A grant awarded to an eli-
11 gible entity under the program shall be avail-
12 able for a period of 2 years after the date on
13 which the grant is received by the eligible enti-
14 ty.

15 “(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
16 grant under the program, an eligible entity shall
17 submit to the Secretary an application at such time,
18 in such manner, and containing such information as
19 the Secretary may require.

20 “(5) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—In selecting
21 eligible entities to receive grants under the program,
22 the Secretary shall select eligible entities that—

23 “(A) are located in diverse geographic
24 areas; and

1 “(B) serve Indian tribes of varying popu-
2 lation size.

3 “(6) REIMBURSEMENTS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, an eligible entity that re-
6 ceives a grant under the program to operate
7 and implement a program described in subpara-
8 graphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2)
9 shall—

10 “(i) with respect to the program de-
11 scribed in subparagraph (A) of that para-
12 graph, be reimbursed under that program
13 as if the eligible entity were a State de-
14 scribed in section 12(f);

15 “(ii) with respect to the program de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (B) of that para-
17 graph, be reimbursed under that program
18 as if the eligible entity were a State under
19 section 13;

20 “(iii) with respect to the program de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (C) of that para-
22 graph, be reimbursed under that program
23 as if the eligible entity were a State under
24 section 17; and

1 “(iv) in the case of the program de-
 2 scribed in subparagraph (D) of that para-
 3 graph, shall be reimbursed under that pro-
 4 gram as if the eligible entity were a State
 5 educational agency.

6 “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.—An eligi-
 7 ble entity that receives a grant under the pro-
 8 gram shall receive administrative funds at a
 9 rate that is consistent with the amount received
 10 by a State under section 7 of the Child Nutri-
 11 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1776).

12 “(7) DURATION.—The program shall terminate
 13 on the date that is 7 years after the date on which
 14 the program is established.

15 “(8) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the
 16 date of enactment of the Native Children’s Commis-
 17 sion Implementation Act of 2026, the Secretary
 18 shall evaluate, and submit to Congress a report on,
 19 with respect to the program—

20 “(A) participant access, food security, and
 21 nutrition outcomes;

22 “(B) the incorporation of traditional, lo-
 23 cally sourced, and culturally appropriate foods;

1 “(C) Tribal capacity, administrative effi-
 2 ciency, and program implementation outcomes;
 3 and

4 “(D) recommendations relating to whether
 5 the program should be continued, expanded,
 6 modified, or made permanent.”.

7 **TITLE VI—ADDRESSING HOME-**
 8 **LESSNESS IN NATIVE COMMU-**
 9 **NITIES**

10 **SEC. 601. PROGRAM FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOME-**
 11 **LESS AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NA-**
 12 **TIVES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Native American
 14 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
 15 (25 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 16 the following:

17 **“SEC. 706. PROGRAM FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR**
 18 **HOMELESS AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA**
 19 **NATIVES.**

20 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NA-
 22 TIVES.—The term ‘American Indians and Alaska
 23 Natives’ means individuals who are regarded as
 24 American Indian or Alaska Native by the Indian or
 25 Alaska Native community in which the individual

1 lives, as evidenced by tribal membership, enrollment,
2 eligibility for enrollment, active participation in trib-
3 al affairs, or other indicia of community affiliation.

4 “(2) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
5 tic violence’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
6 tion 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
7 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

8 “(3) ELIGIBLE AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA
9 NATIVES.—The term ‘eligible American Indians and
10 Alaska Natives’ means American Indians and Alaska
11 Natives who are homeless or at risk of homelessness,
12 as defined by the Indian tribe.

13 “(4) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible
14 recipient’ means an Indian tribe, or a tribally des-
15 ignated housing entity or tribal organization des-
16 ignated by such Indian tribe to apply for a grant on
17 its behalf under this section.

18 “(5) HOMELESS YOUTH.—The term ‘homeless
19 youth’ has the meaning given the term in section
20 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (34
21 U.S.C. 11279).

22 “(6) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
23 the program established under subsection (b).

24 “(7) SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
25 SERVICES.—The term ‘Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services’ means the Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services, acting through the Indian Health
3 Service.

4 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
6 tion with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7 ices, shall establish and administer a grant program
8 to provide rental assistance and supportive housing
9 services to be known as the ‘Tribal Homeless Hous-
10 ing Assistance Grant Program’ for American Indi-
11 ans and Alaska Natives who are homeless or at risk
12 of homelessness.

13 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
14 to establish a supportive housing competitive grant
15 program that—

16 “(A) provides rental assistance for Amer-
17 ican Indians and Alaska Natives who are home-
18 less or at risk of homelessness;

19 “(B) integrates supportive services and
20 case management;

21 “(C) prioritizes homeless youth, families
22 with children, and survivors of domestic vio-
23 lence;

24 “(D) strengthens tribal self-determination
25 in housing administration; and

1 “(E) reduces and prevents homelessness in
2 tribal communities and Native populations.

3 “(3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as otherwise pro-
4 vided in this section, the Secretary shall administer
5 the Program in a manner similar to the program
6 under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing
7 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) and the dem-
8 onstration program established under paragraph (5)
9 under the heading ‘TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSIST-
10 ANCE’ under the heading ‘PUBLIC AND INDIAN
11 HOUSING’ in title II of division K of the Consoli-
12 dated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
13 2015 (Public Law 113–235; 128 Stat. 2732), in ac-
14 cordance with the regulations promulgated to carry
15 out those programs.

16 “(4) AUTHORIZATION.—Of the amounts made
17 available for grants under title IV of the McKinney-
18 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et
19 seq.) each fiscal year, the Secretary may make avail-
20 able not more than 5 percent to carry out this sec-
21 tion.

22 “(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, in coordina-
23 tion with the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
24 shall consult with eligible recipients to ensure effective de-
25 livery of grants under the Program.

1 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each eligible recipient applying
 2 for a grant under the Program shall submit to the Sec-
 3 retary an application that describes how the eligible recipi-
 4 ent will provide 2 years of mandatory case management
 5 services to eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives
 6 under the Program, including in partnership with other
 7 qualified organizations or the Indian Health Service, when
 8 appropriate.

9 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

10 “(1) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible recipient
 12 receiving a grant under the Program—

13 “(i) may use the grant to provide sup-
 14 portive services to eligible American Indi-
 15 ans and Alaska Natives; and

16 “(ii) shall determine the supportive
 17 services that are necessary and appropriate
 18 to prevent or end homelessness, reducing
 19 housing instability, preserving family unity
 20 where housing instability is a contributing
 21 factor, or promote long-term housing sta-
 22 bility.

23 “(B) TRIBAL FLEXIBILITY.—An eligible
 24 recipient receiving a grant under the Program
 25 shall determine the nature, scope, and delivery

1 of supportive services described in subpara-
2 graph (A), which may include services to ad-
3 dress behavioral health needs, substance use
4 disorders, transportation barriers, employment
5 and education needs, child welfare involvement,
6 domestic violence, or other barriers to housing
7 stability identified by the eligible recipient.

8 “(C) DEFERENCE TO TRIBAL DETERMINA-
9 TION.—The Secretary—

10 “(i) shall defer to the determination
11 of an eligible recipient regarding the de-
12 sign, scope, and delivery of supportive serv-
13 ices under subparagraph (B), including
14 culturally appropriate and traditional serv-
15 ices identified by the eligible recipient; and

16 “(ii) may not require a showing that
17 a specific service category is authorized
18 under any other Federal housing or home-
19 less assistance program, provided that the
20 eligible recipient determines and docu-
21 ments that the services are reasonably re-
22 lated to the housing stability for eligible
23 American Indians and Alaska Natives.

24 “(2) PRIORITY.—An eligible recipient that re-
25 ceives a grant under the Program shall prioritize

1 providing assistance to homeless youth, families with
2 children, and survivors of domestic violence.

3 “(f) FUNDING CRITERIA.—Grants awarded under the
4 Program shall be based on need, administrative capacity,
5 service of homeless youth, families with children and sur-
6 vivors of domestic violence, and other criteria established
7 by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services and eligible recipients.

9 “(g) ADMINISTRATION AND WAIVER AUTHORITY.—
10 The Secretary may waive, or specify alternative require-
11 ments for, any provision of any statute or regulation that
12 the Secretary administers in connection with the use of
13 funds made available under the Program (except for re-
14 quirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, and
15 labor standards), upon a finding by the Secretary that any
16 such waiver or alternative requirement is necessary for the
17 effective delivery and administration of such assistance.

18 “(h) RENEWAL GRANTS.—The Secretary may set
19 aside amounts made available under subsection (b)(4) for
20 renewal grants under the Program and define renewal cri-
21 teria, including data reporting.

22 “(i) STUDY ON BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION.—
23 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the
24 Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act of
25 2026, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary, in co-

1 ordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
 2 ices, shall review and submit to Congress a report on the
 3 implementation of the Program, including any rec-
 4 ommendations to improve the Program and its implemen-
 5 tation.”.

6 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 7 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Native Amer-
 8 ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
 9 1996 (Public Law 104–330; 110 Stat. 4016) is amended
 10 by inserting after the item relating to section 705 the fol-
 11 lowing:

“706. Program for housing assistance for homeless American Indians and Alas-
 ka Natives.”.

12 **SEC. 602. PROGRAM FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOME-**
 13 **LESS NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

14 Title VIII of the Native American Housing Assist-
 15 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221
 16 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 825. PROGRAM FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR**
 18 **HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

19 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
 21 tic violence’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
 22 tion 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of
 23 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term
2 ‘eligible Native Hawaiian’ means a Native Hawaiian
3 who is homeless or at risk of homelessness, as de-
4 fined in sections 103 and 401 of the McKinney-
5 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302,
6 11360).

7 “(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible
8 recipient’ means the Department of Hawaiian Home
9 Lands, a Native Hawaiian Organization, or a Native
10 Hawaiian community-based organization.

11 “(4) HOMELESS YOUTH.—The term ‘homeless
12 youth’ has the meaning given the term in section
13 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (34
14 U.S.C. 11279).

15 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION; NATIVE
16 HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
17 terms ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ and ‘Native
18 Hawaiian community-based organization’ have the
19 meanings given those terms in section 6207 of the
20 Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).

21 “(6) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
22 the program established under subsection (b).

23 “(7) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The term
24 ‘Secretary of the Interior’ means the Secretary of

1 the Interior, acting through the Office of Native Ha-
 2 waiian Relations.

3 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
 5 tion with the Secretary of the Interior, shall estab-
 6 lish and administer a grant program to provide rent-
 7 al assistance and supportive housing services for Na-
 8 tive Hawaiians who are homeless or at risk of home-
 9 lessness, to be known as the ‘Native Hawaiian
 10 Homeless Housing Assistance Grant Program’.

11 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
 12 to establish a supportive housing competitive grant
 13 program that—

14 “(A) provides rental assistance for Native
 15 Hawaiians who are homeless or at risk of home-
 16 lessness;

17 “(B) integrates supportive services and
 18 case management;

19 “(C) prioritizes homeless youth, families
 20 with children, and survivors of domestic vio-
 21 lence;

22 “(D) strengthens Native Hawaiian self-de-
 23 termination in housing administration; and

24 “(E) reduces and prevents homelessness in
 25 Native Hawaiian populations.

1 “(3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as otherwise pro-
2 vided in this section, the Secretary shall administer
3 the Program in a manner similar to the program
4 under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing
5 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) and the dem-
6 onstration program established under paragraph (5)
7 under the heading ‘TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSIST-
8 ANCE’ under the heading ‘PUBLIC AND INDIAN
9 HOUSING’ in title II of division K of the Consoli-
10 dated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
11 2015 (Public Law 113–235; 128 Stat. 2732), in ac-
12 cordance with the regulations promulgated to carry
13 out those programs.

14 “(4) AUTHORIZATION.—Of the amounts made
15 available for grants under title IV of the McKinney-
16 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et
17 seq.) each fiscal year, the Secretary may make avail-
18 able not more than 0.2 percent of such amounts to
19 carry out this section.

20 “(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, in coordina-
21 tion with the Secretary of the Interior, shall consult with
22 eligible recipients to ensure effective delivery of grants
23 under the Program.

24 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each eligible recipient applying
25 for a grant under the Program shall submit to the Sec-

1 retary an application that describes how the eligible recipi-
 2 ent will provide 2 years of mandatory case management
 3 services to eligible Native Hawaiians under the Program,
 4 including in partnership with other qualified organiza-
 5 tions, when appropriate.

6 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

7 “(1) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible recipient
 9 receiving a grant under the Program—

10 “(i) may use the grant to provide sup-
 11 portive services to eligible Native Hawai-
 12 ians; and

13 “(ii) shall determine the supportive
 14 services that are necessary and appropriate
 15 to prevent or end homelessness, reducing
 16 housing instability, preserving family unity
 17 where housing instability is a contributing
 18 factor, or promote long-term housing sta-
 19 bility.

20 “(B) FLEXIBILITY.—An eligible recipient
 21 receiving a grant under the Program shall de-
 22 termine the nature, scope, and delivery of sup-
 23 portive services described in subparagraph (A),
 24 which may include services to address behav-
 25 ioral health needs, substance use disorders,

1 transportation barriers, employment and edu-
 2 cation needs, child welfare involvement, domes-
 3 tic violence, or other barriers to housing sta-
 4 bility identified by the eligible recipient.

5 “(C) DEFERENCE TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN
 6 DETERMINATION.—The Secretary—

7 “(i) shall defer to the determination
 8 of an eligible recipient regarding the de-
 9 sign, scope, and delivery of supportive serv-
 10 ices under subparagraph (B), including
 11 culturally appropriate and traditional serv-
 12 ices identified by the eligible recipient; and

13 “(ii) may not require a showing that
 14 a specific service category is authorized
 15 under any other Federal housing or home-
 16 less assistance program, provided that the
 17 eligible recipient determines and docu-
 18 ments that the services are reasonably re-
 19 lated to the housing stability for eligible
 20 Native Hawaiians.

21 “(f) PRIORITY.—An eligible recipient that receives a
 22 grant under the Program shall prioritize providing assist-
 23 ance to homeless youth, families with children, and sur-
 24 vivors of domestic violence.

1 “(g) FUNDING CRITERIA.—Grants awarded under
2 the Program shall be based on need, administrative capac-
3 ity, service of homeless youth, families with children, and
4 survivors of domestic violence, and other criteria estab-
5 lished by the Secretary, in consultation with the Office of
6 Native Hawaiian Relations in the Department of the Inte-
7 rior and eligible recipients.

8 “(h) ADMINISTRATION AND WAIVER AUTHORITY.—
9 The Secretary may—

10 “(1) waive, or specify alternative requirements
11 for, any provision of any statute or regulation that
12 the Secretary administers in connection with the use
13 of funds made available under the Program (except
14 for requirements related to fair housing, non-
15 discrimination, labor standards, and the environ-
16 ment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any
17 such waivers or alternative requirements are nec-
18 essary for the effective delivery and administration
19 of such assistance; and

20 “(2) by regulation provide for the release of
21 funds for specific projects to eligible recipients under
22 this section if the Department of Hawaiian Home
23 Lands assumes all of the responsibilities for environ-
24 mental review, decisionmaking, and action pursuant
25 to section 806(a)(1)(B).

1 “(i) RENEWAL GRANTS.—The Secretary may set
 2 aside amounts made available under subsection (b)(4) for
 3 renewal grants under the Program and define renewal cri-
 4 teria, including data reporting.

5 “(j) STUDY ON BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION.—
 6 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this
 7 section, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary, in co-
 8 ordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall review
 9 and submit to Congress a report on the implementation
 10 of the Program, including any recommendations to im-
 11 prove the Program and its implementation.”.

12 **SEC. 603. TRIBAL CONTINUUM OF CARE PARTICIPATION**
 13 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Native American
 15 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
 16 (25 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.), as amended by section 601 of
 17 this title, is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 707. TRIBAL CONTINUUM OF CARE PARTICIPATION**
 19 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

20 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 22 tity’ means an Indian tribe and a tribally designated
 23 housing entity.

24 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
 25 the program established under subsection (b).

1 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
3 lish and administer a grant program, to be known
4 as the ‘Tribal Continuum of Care Participation
5 Grant Program’, to provide competitive grants to eli-
6 gible entities for participating in a continuum of
7 care program under subtitle C of title IV of the
8 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
9 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), either as a collaborative ap-
10 plicant or as a project applicant through a local con-
11 tinuum of care competition.

12 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program
13 is to ensure dedicated funding is available to eligible
14 entities working to address homelessness and hous-
15 ing instability affecting Indian tribes and Tribal
16 communities through participation in the continuum
17 of care program under subtitle C of title IV of the
18 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
19 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), including as a collaborative
20 applicant or as a project applicant within a con-
21 tinuum of care.

22 “(3) AUTHORIZATION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
24 available for competitive grants under subtitle C
25 of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-

1 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) each fis-
2 cal year, \$25,000,000 shall be available to carry
3 out this section.

4 “(B) HOLD HARMLESS.—Amounts made
5 available under subparagraph (A) shall only be
6 available for a fiscal year in which the total
7 amount appropriated for competitive grants
8 under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-
9 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
10 11381 et seq.) exceeds the amount appropriated
11 for such grants for fiscal year 2026.

12 “(C) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not
13 reserve amounts under subparagraph (A) if
14 doing so would reduce the amount available for
15 competitive grants under subtitle C of title IV
16 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) below the
18 amount appropriated for fiscal year 2026.

19 “(4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—An eligible enti-
20 ty may use not more than 10 percent of grant
21 amounts received under the Program for administra-
22 tive costs.

23 “(c) CERTIFICATION.—Notwithstanding section 106
24 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 12706), with respect to applications for

1 projects to be carried out on reservations or trust land
2 using grants awarded under this section—

3 “(1) the applications shall contain a certifi-
4 cation that the applicant consulted with each recipi-
5 ent required to submit an Indian housing plan devel-
6 oped under section 102 of this Act; and

7 “(2) Indian tribes and tribally designated hous-
8 ing entities that are recipients of awards for projects
9 on reservations or trust land from such funds shall
10 certify that they have consulted with the recipients
11 required to submit an Indian housing plan developed
12 under section 102 of this Act.

13 “(d) CONSOLIDATED PLAN EXEMPTION.—A collabo-
14 rative applicant for a Continuum of Care whose geo-
15 graphic area includes reservation or trust land is not re-
16 quired to meet the requirement described in section
17 402(f)(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 11360a(f)(2)) in order to be eligible for
19 assistance under the Continuum of Care program under
20 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.).

22 “(e) WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR TRIBAL PARTICIPA-
23 TION.—In administering the amounts made available
24 under this section, the Secretary may waive, or specify al-
25 ternative requirements for, any provision of any statute

1 or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection
 2 with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the re-
 3 cipient of these amounts (except for requirements related
 4 to labor standards and the environment), if the Secretary
 5 finds that—

6 “(1) good cause exists for the waiver or alter-
 7 native requirement; and

8 “(2) such waiver or alternative requirement is
 9 necessary to modify any requirements preventing the
 10 participation of eligible entities in the Continuum of
 11 Care Program under subtitle C of title IV of the
 12 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) or would expedite or facilitate
 14 the use of funds.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 16 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Native Amer-
 17 ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
 18 1996 (Public Law 104–330; 110 Stat. 4016) is amended
 19 by inserting after the item relating to section 706, as
 20 added by section 701 of this title, the following:

“707. Tribal Continuum of Care Participation Grant Program.”.

21 **SEC. 604. IMPROVING TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CON-**
 22 **TINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.**

23 Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
 24 Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.) is amended—

25 (1) in section 401 (42 U.S.C. 11360)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (32)
 2 through (35) as paragraphs (33) through (36)
 3 respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (31) the
 5 following:

6 “(32) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTI-
 7 TY.—The term ‘tribally designated housing entity’
 8 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
 9 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-De-
 10 termination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).”;

11 (2) in section 423(g) (42 U.S.C. 11383(g)), by
 12 inserting “Indian tribe, tribally designated housing
 13 entity,” after “private nonprofit organization,”; and

14 (3) in section 435 (42 U.S.C. 11389)—

15 (A) by striking “Notwithstanding” and in-
 16 serting “(a) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Notwith-
 17 standing”;

18 (B) in subsection (a), as so designated, by
 19 striking “(as defined in section 4 of the Native
 20 American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-
 21 mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103))”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(b) CIVIL RIGHTS EXEMPTIONS.—

24 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 “(A) FORMULA AREA.—The term ‘formula
2 area’ has the meaning given the term in section
3 1000.302 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
4 tions, or any successor regulation.

5 “(B) TRIBAL PROJECT.—The term ‘Tribal
6 project’ means a project in which amounts pro-
7 vided under this Act shall be used specifically to
8 benefit Tribal communities or Tribal members.

9 “(2) EXEMPTIONS.—With respect to grants
10 awarded to carry out eligible activities under this
11 subtitle, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
12 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and title VIII of the Civil
13 Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall
14 not apply to applications or awards for—

15 “(A) projects to be carried out—

16 “(i) on or off reservation or trust
17 lands for awards made to Indian Tribes or
18 tribally designated housing entities; or

19 “(ii) on reservation or trust lands for
20 awards made to eligible entities; or

21 “(B) Tribal projects located in Indian
22 Housing Block Grant formula areas.

23 “(c) CERTIFICATION.—Notwithstanding section 106
24 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 12706) and section 403 of this Act, with

1 respect to applications for projects to be carried out on
2 reservations or trust land using grants awarded under this
3 subtitle—

4 “(1) the applications shall contain a certifi-
5 cation of consistency with an approved Indian hous-
6 ing plan developed under section 102 of the Native
7 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
8 tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4112); and

9 “(2) Indian tribes and tribally designated hous-
10 ing entities that are recipients of awards for projects
11 on reservations or trust land from such funds shall
12 certify that they are following an approved housing
13 plan developed under section 102 of the Native
14 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
15 tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4112).

16 “(d) CONSOLIDATED PLAN EXEMPTION.—A collabo-
17 rative applicant for a continuum of care whose geographic
18 area includes only reservation or trust land is not required
19 to meet the requirement described in section 402(f)(2).

20 “(e) WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR TRIBAL PARTICIPA-
21 TION.—In administering the amounts made available
22 under this subtitle, the Secretary may waive, or specify
23 alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute
24 or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection
25 with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the re-

1 cipient of these amounts (except for requirements related
2 to labor standards and the environment), if the Secretary
3 finds that—

4 “(1) good cause exists for the waiver or alter-
5 native requirement; and

6 “(2) such waiver or alternative requirement—

7 “(A) is necessary to modify any require-
8 ments preventing the participation of Indian
9 tribes or tribally designated housing entities in
10 the program under this subtitle; or

11 “(B) would expedite or facilitate the use of
12 funds.

13 “(f) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—Projects under this
14 title shall be treated as assistance for special projects that
15 are subject to section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing
16 Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
17 3547), and subject to the regulations issued by the Sec-
18 retary to implement such section, and with respect to
19 projects under this title, an Indian tribe shall be consid-
20 ered a State for purposes of section 305(c) of such Act.”.

1 **TITLE VII—IMPROVING THE**
2 **WORKFORCE FOR FAMILIES**

3 **SEC. 701. STRENGTHENING THE 477 INITIATIVE.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—Section 2 of the In-
5 dian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of
6 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3401) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The purpose of this Act (com-
9 monly known and referred to in this section as the ‘477
10 Initiative’) is to support the self-sufficiency of Native peo-
11 ple, better deliver on the trust and treaty obligations of
12 the United States, and remove impediments to the exercise
13 of sovereignty by Indian tribes in their use of Federal
14 funds.

15 “(b) ACCOMPLISHING PURPOSE.—The 477 Initiative
16 accomplishes the purpose of this Act described in sub-
17 section (a) by facilitating the ability of Indian tribes to
18 integrate the self-sufficiency, employment, training, and
19 related services provided by Indian tribes from various
20 Federal sources in order to improve the effectiveness of
21 those services, increase self-sufficiency and reduce jobless-
22 ness in Indian communities, and serve Tribally determined
23 goals consistent with the policy of self-determination,
24 while reducing administrative, reporting, and accounting
25 costs.”.

1 (b) INTEGRATION OF SERVICES AUTHORIZED.—Sec-
2 tion 4 of the Indian Employment, Training and Related
3 Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3403) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including”
5 before “in accordance with”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “services (in-
7 cluding those supporting self-sufficiency)” before
8 “employment”.

9 (c) PROGRAMS AFFECTED.—Section 5 of the Indian
10 Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992
11 (25 U.S.C. 3404) is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The programs that may be inte-
15 grated pursuant to a plan approved under section 8 shall
16 only be programs that meet the following program eligi-
17 bility criteria:

18 “(1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The Federal agency
19 providing program funds to be used to implement
20 the plan shall be 1 of the following covered Federal
21 agencies:

22 “(A) The Department of Agriculture.

23 “(B) The Department of Commerce.

24 “(C) The Department of Education.

25 “(D) The Department of Energy.

1 “(E) The Department of Health and
2 Human Services.

3 “(F) The Department of Homeland Secu-
4 rity.

5 “(G) The Department of Housing and
6 Urban Development.

7 “(H) The Department of the Interior.

8 “(I) The Department of Justice.

9 “(J) The Department of Labor.

10 “(K) The Department of Transportation.

11 “(L) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

12 “(2) PROGRAM PURPOSE.—The program shall
13 be implemented for 1 of the following covered pur-
14 poses:

15 “(A) Encouraging self-sufficiency.

16 “(B) Job training.

17 “(C) Welfare-to-work and Tribal work ex-
18 perience.

19 “(D) Creating or enhancing employment
20 opportunities.

21 “(E) Skill development.

22 “(F) Assisting Indian youth and adults to
23 succeed in the workforce.

24 “(G) Familiarizing individual participants
25 with the world of work.

1 “(H) Facilitating the creation of job op-
2 portunities.

3 “(I) Economic development.

4 “(J) Any other purpose relating to the
5 purposes described in subparagraphs (A)
6 through (I), including programs and services
7 that foster economic security, stability, or well-
8 being for families, children, or youth.

9 “(3) FUNDING.—The program shall receive a
10 covered type of funding, which may include—

11 “(A) funding that an Indian tribe or mem-
12 bers of an Indian tribe—

13 “(i) are eligible to receive—

14 “(I) under a statutory or admin-
15 istrative formula making funds avail-
16 able to an Indian tribe; or

17 “(II) based solely or in part on
18 their status as Indians under Federal
19 law; or

20 “(ii) have secured as a result of a
21 noncompetitive process or a specific des-
22 ignation; or

23 “(B) funding from block grant funds pro-
24 vided to an Indian tribe, regardless of whether
25 the block grant is for the benefit of the Indian

1 tribe because of the status of the Indian tribe
 2 or the status of the beneficiaries the grant
 3 serves.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “self-suffi-
 5 ciency,” before “employment”.

6 (d) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 6 of the Indian
 7 Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992
 8 (25 U.S.C. 3405) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and set the
 10 eligibility of” after “identity”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

12 (A) by striking “education, training, and
 13 related”; and

14 (B) by inserting “achieve self-sufficiency,
 15 including to” after “Indians to”.

16 (e) PLAN REVIEW.—Section 7 of the Indian Employ-
 17 ment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 (25
 18 U.S.C. 3406) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (d)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by striking “promulgated by the
 22 agency”; and

23 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (b)”
 24 and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 2 graph (A), by striking “with—” and all
 3 that follows through “or” in subparagraph
 4 (A) and inserting “with the purpose of this
 5 Act.”; and

6 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

7 (2) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 9 by striking “waiver—” and all that follows
 10 through “or” in paragraph (1) and inserting
 11 “waiver will be inconsistent with the purpose of
 12 this Act.”; and

13 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

14 (3) in subsection (g)(1), in the matter pre-
 15 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “provisions of
 16 this Act” and all that follows through “under this
 17 Act” and inserting “purpose of this Act”.

18 (f) PLAN APPROVAL; SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY; RE-
 19 VIEW OF DECISION.—Section 8 of the Indian Employ-
 20 ment, Training and Related Agencies Act of 1992 (25
 21 U.S.C. 3407) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by inserting “and exercise” after
 24 “shall have”; and

1 (B) by inserting “, including each program
2 requested for integration into a plan,” after “a
3 plan”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “in
6 whole or in part” before the period at the end;

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) by inserting “in whole or in part”
9 after “approves a plan”; and

10 (ii) by inserting “approved part of
11 the” after “identified in the”;

12 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “in
13 whole or in part” after “denies the plan”; and

14 (D) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “,
15 without waiver decision,” after “grant partial
16 approval”;

17 (3) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) by striking “Notwithstanding any
19 other” and inserting the following:

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
21 and notwithstanding any other”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) LIMITATION.—For each plan submitted by
24 an Indian tribe in accordance with section 6, the

Secretary may only provide 1 extension or alteration
under paragraph (1).”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “in whole or in part” after “denies a plan”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “with a hearing” and inserting “the opportunity for a hearing”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting “relating to approval of a plan” after “a decision”;

(II) by striking “the Department of Health and Human Services” and inserting “relating to approval of a waiver by an affected Federal agency”; and

(III) by inserting a comma after “‘Department’”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the Indian Health Service or”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) EFFECT OF APPROVAL.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On approval of a plan
3 under this section, each program included in the ap-
4 proved plan shall remain eligible for integration
5 under the plan unless—

6 “(A) the Indian tribe submits an amend-
7 ment removing the program;

8 “(B) the program is repealed or otherwise
9 made unavailable by an Act of Congress; or

10 “(C) the Secretary determines, based on a
11 change in Federal law enacted after approval of
12 the plan, that continued inclusion of the pro-
13 gram is prohibited by law.

14 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—No Federal agency may—

15 “(A) require an Indian tribe to remove a
16 program from an approved plan based solely on
17 an administrative interpretation, policy, guid-
18 ance, regulation, or other agency action adopted
19 after approval of the plan; or

20 “(B) subsequently revoke, limit, or condi-
21 tion the integration of a program included in an
22 approved plan except as expressly required by
23 Federal law.”.

1 (g) FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section 11 of the
2 Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act
3 of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3410) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “any
6 consolidated activities” and inserting “the con-
7 solidated services”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “,
9 subject to the condition that the memorandum
10 of understanding may not contradict, restrict,
11 or interfere with any authority provided pursu-
12 ant to this Act” before the period at the end;
13 and

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
17 “, to include continuing to provide under-
18 lying services that would otherwise be pro-
19 vided by integrated programs” before the
20 semicolon at the end; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
22 “or otherwise made inapplicable through
23 the integration of the program into the
24 plan, including limitations on consolidation
25 and reallocation of funds or program re-

porting requirements” before the period at
the end; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “LIMITATION” and inserting “LIMITATIONS”;

(ii) by striking “The report format” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The report format”;

and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) NO ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—When an Indian tribe integrates a program into a plan approved under section 8—

“(I) the Indian tribe shall no longer be required to submit any separate reports on that program; and

“(II) the only report required to be submitted by the Indian tribe is the single plan report described in this section.

“(ii) NO WAIVER REQUIRED.—No waiver shall be required for an Indian tribe

1 to no longer be required to submit the sep-
2 arate reports described in clause (i)(I).”.

3 (h) NO REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS.—Section 12 of the
4 Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act
5 of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3411) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, or the
7 integration of a program into a plan,” after “a
8 plan”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or
11 compacting” after “contracting”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or
13 compacting” after “contracting”.

14 (i) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—Section
15 14(a)(1)(A) of the Indian Employment, Training and Re-
16 lated Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3413(a)(1)(A)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding any other pro-
19 vision” and inserting the following:

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
21 any other provision”;

22 (2) in clause (i) (as so designated)—

23 (A) by striking “a tribe” and inserting “an
24 Indian tribe”; and

1 (B) by inserting “self-sufficiency,” before
 2 “employment”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(ii) CONSOLIDATION OR REALLOCA-
 5 TION.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—When an In-
 7 dian tribe integrates a program into a
 8 plan approved under section 8, that
 9 Indian tribe may consolidate and re-
 10 allocate the funding associated with
 11 that program across services or activi-
 12 ties provided under the plan.

13 “(II) NO WAIVER REQUIRED.—
 14 No waiver shall be required for a con-
 15 solidation or reallocation described in
 16 subclause (I).”.

17 **SEC. 702. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO EVALUATE ON-**
 18 **SITE CHILD CARE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
 20 Urban Development, acting through the Office of Native
 21 American Programs, shall enter into a memorandum of
 22 understanding with the Secretary of Health and Human
 23 Services, acting through the Administration for Children
 24 and Families, to evaluate outcomes associated with the co-
 25 location of child care services within affordable housing

1 developments receiving assistance under programs admin-
2 istered by the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
3 opment.

4 (b) SCOPE OF EVALUATION.—The evaluation re-
5 quired under subsection (a) shall assess the extent to
6 which the availability of on-site child care in affordable
7 housing developments—

8 (1) improves housing stability for low-income
9 families;

10 (2) increases workforce participation and em-
11 ployment retention among residents;

12 (3) supports early childhood development and
13 school readiness;

14 (4) reduces barriers to accessing child care, in-
15 cluding cost, transportation, and availability; and

16 (5) produces other measurable outcomes for
17 families, including impacts on health, economic mo-
18 bility, and family well-being.

19 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the
20 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the
21 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall consult
22 with Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Native
23 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
24 of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)), tribally designated housing en-
25 tities (as defined in that section), the Department of Ha-

1 waiian Home Lands (as defined in section 801 of that Act
 2 (25 U.S.C. 4221)), public housing agencies, and other rel-
 3 evant stakeholders, as appropriate.

4 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
 5 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 6 retary of Housing and Urban Development, in coordina-
 7 tion with the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
 8 shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
 9 Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Indian Af-
 10 fairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Financial Serv-
 11 ices of the House of Representatives a report that—

12 (1) summarizes the findings of the evaluation
 13 conducted under subsection (a); and

14 (2) includes recommendations for administra-
 15 tive, regulatory, and legislative actions to improve
 16 access to affordable, high-quality child care for fami-
 17 lies residing in housing assisted by the Department
 18 of Housing and Urban Development, including in
 19 Native communities.

20 **SEC. 703. SET-ASIDE OF CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT**
 21 **BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

22 Section 658O(a)(2) of the Child Care and Develop-
 23 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(a)(2))
 24 is amended, in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking
 25 “2 percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

1 **SEC. 704. REQUIREMENT OF CONSULTATION WITH INDIAN**
 2 **TRIBES.**

3 Section 658O(c) of the Child Care and Development
 4 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(c)) is amend-
 5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) CONSULTATION.—In establishing require-
 7 ments, including requirements relating to applica-
 8 tions, under this subsection, the Secretary shall con-
 9 sult with Indian tribes and tribal organizations (in-
 10 cluding such tribes that are Alaska Native villages
 11 or regional or village corporations, and including Na-
 12 tive Hawaiian organizations and other organizations
 13 described in section 658P(15)(B)), experts in Indian
 14 early childhood education and development, linguists,
 15 and the National Indian Child Care Association.”.

16 **SEC. 705. NATIVE AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON**
 17 **EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

18 The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act
 19 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) is amended by adding
 20 at the end the following:

21 **“SEC. 658T. NATIVE AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON**
 22 **EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

23 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
 25 through the Assistant Secretary for Children and
 26 Families (referred to in this section as the ‘Sec-

1 retary'), shall establish within the Office of Early
2 Childhood Development an advisory committee to be
3 known as the 'Native American Advisory Committee
4 on Early Childhood'.

5 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Committee shall facilitate,
6 but not supplant, government-to-government con-
7 sultation between the Secretary and Indian tribes on
8 matters relating to early childhood development of
9 American Indian and Alaska Native children.

10 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

11 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be
12 composed of 15 members, appointed in accordance
13 with paragraphs (2) and (3), as follows:

14 “(A) 1 representative from each of the 12
15 service areas of the Indian Health Service.

16 “(B) 1 representative from the National
17 Indian Child Care Association.

18 “(C) 1 representative from the National
19 Indian Head Start Association.

20 “(D) 1 representative from a national
21 urban Indian organization.

22 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall ap-
23 point the members of the Committee from nomina-
24 tions submitted by Indian tribes, tribal organiza-

1 tions, urban Indian organizations, and Native Ha-
2 waiian organizations.

3 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum ex-
4 tent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that—

5 “(A) members of the Committee—

6 “(i) represent diverse geographic re-
7 gions, including Alaska and Hawai‘i;

8 “(ii) have expertise in Tribally led
9 early childhood education efforts; and

10 “(iii) have expertise in areas such as
11 early childhood development, Tribal child
12 care, or public health; and

13 “(B) not fewer than 1 member represents
14 Native youth.

15 “(4) TERMS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the
17 Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3
18 years.

19 “(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the
20 Committee may be reappointed for not more
21 than 2 consecutive terms.

22 “(C) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the mem-
23 bership of the Committee shall be filled in the
24 same manner as the original appointment for
25 the remainder of the term.

1 “(c) DUTIES.—The Committee shall—

2 “(1) identify emerging issues affecting the early
3 childhood of American Indian, Alaska Native, and
4 Native Hawaiian children;

5 “(2) propose solutions and provide rec-
6 ommendations, with respect to American Indian,
7 Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children—

8 “(A) to improve programs for Tribes that
9 support early childhood education and develop-
10 ment;

11 “(B) to improve access to child care;

12 “(C) to enhance culturally appropriate
13 care; and

14 “(D) to strengthen early childhood data
15 collection and surveillance;

16 “(3) provide guidance on Tribal consultation for
17 early childhood initiatives;

18 “(4) identify interdepartmental barriers and
19 propose solutions for coordination between the Ad-
20 ministration for Children and Families and—

21 “(A) the Indian Health Service;

22 “(B) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
23 Services;

24 “(C) the Substance Abuse and Mental
25 Health Services Administration; and

1 “(D) the Department of the Interior; and

2 “(5) advise on integration of traditional Amer-
3 ican Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian
4 practices in early childhood development programs.

5 “(d) MEETINGS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall meet
7 in person not less frequently than twice each year.

8 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Assist-
9 ant Secretary for Children and Families (or a des-
10 ignee) shall attend each meeting of the Committee.

11 “(e) REPORTING.—

12 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less fre-
13 quently than annually, the Committee shall submit
14 to the Secretary and the relevant committees of Con-
15 gress a report on—

16 “(A) the activities of the Committee;

17 “(B) early childhood education and child
18 care challenges affecting Tribal communities;
19 and

20 “(C) recommendations for legislative and
21 administrative actions.

22 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45
23 days after receiving a report under paragraph (1),
24 the Secretary shall submit a written response to—

25 “(A) the Committee; and

1 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

2 “(f) COMPENSATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Committee
4 shall serve without compensation.

5 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Members of the Com-
6 mittee shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence,
7 and other necessary expenses incurred in the course
8 of carrying out the duties of Committee.

9 “(g) SUPPORT.—At the request of the Committee,
10 the Secretary shall appoint such administrative and staff
11 support to the Committee to enable the Committee to
12 carry out the duties of the Committee.

13 “(h) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of title
14 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Fed-
15 eral Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Com-
16 mittee.

17 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Committee’
19 means the Native American Advisory Committee on
20 Early Childhood established under subsection (a)(1).

21 “(2) NATIVE YOUTH.—The term ‘Native youth’
22 means an individual—

23 “(A) who is 24 years of age or less; and

24 “(B) who is an American Indian, an Alas-
25 ka Native, or a Native Hawaiian.

1 “(3) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—

2 The term ‘relevant committees of Congress’ means—

3 “(A) the Committee on Health, Education,

4 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

5 “(B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of

6 the Senate; and

7 “(C) the Committee on Energy and Com-

8 merce of the House of Representatives.

9 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

12 **TITLE VIII—EDUCATION**

13 **SEC. 801. SUPPORTING NATIVE AMERICAN TEACHER** 14 **TRAINING AND TEACHER DEVELOPMENT.**

15 Section 311 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
16 U.S.C. 1057) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(4) Special consideration shall be given to an
20 eligible institution that is a Tribal College or Univer-
21 sity (as defined in section 316(b)), a Native Amer-
22 ican-serving, nontribal institution (as defined in sec-
23 tion 319(b)), an Alaska Native-serving institution
24 (as defined in section 317(b)), or a Native Hawai-

1 ian-serving institution (as defined in such section).”;
2 and

3 (2) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraph (13) as
5 paragraph (14); and

6 (B) by inserting after paragraph (12) the
7 following:

8 “(13) Development or improvement of academic
9 programs that will serve American Indian and Alas-
10 ka Native teachers or support the development of
11 culturally appropriate curricula for American Indian
12 and Alaska Native populations, including Native
13 American language programs.”.

14 **SEC. 802. PILOT PROGRAM FOR NATIVE TEACHER APPREN-**
15 **TICES.**

16 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

17 (1) **ESEA DEFINITIONS.**—The terms “elemen-
18 tary school” and “secondary school” have the mean-
19 ings given the terms in section 8101 of the Elemen-
20 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
21 U.S.C. 7801).

22 (2) **EDUCATION-RELATED OCCUPATION.**—The
23 term “education-related occupation” includes the oc-
24 cupations of childcare worker, preschool teacher,
25 teaching assistant, elementary school teacher, sec-

1 ondary school teacher, elementary school or sec-
 2 ondary school administrator, and any other edu-
 3 cational occupation approved by the Secretary of
 4 Labor for purposes of a registered apprenticeship
 5 program.

6 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
 7 ty” means—

8 (A) an entity that—

9 (i) is—

10 (I) an Indian Tribe;

11 (II) a Tribal organization;

12 (III) a Native Hawaiian organi-
 13 zation, as defined in section 6207 of
 14 the Native Hawaiian Education Act
 15 (20 U.S.C. 7517); or

16 (IV) an Indian Head Start pro-
 17 gram; and

18 (ii) enters into a partnership for pur-
 19 poses of a grant under this section with an
 20 institution of postsecondary education de-
 21 scribed in any of subclauses (I) through
 22 (IV) of subparagraph (B)(i); or

23 (B) a postsecondary education institution
 24 that—

25 (i) is—

1 (I) a Tribal College or Univer-
 2 sity, as defined in section 316 of the
 3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
 4 U.S.C. 1059c);

5 (II) a Native American-serving,
 6 nontribal institution, as defined in
 7 section 319 of such Act (20 U.S.C.
 8 1059f);

9 (III) an Alaska Native-serving in-
 10 stitution or a Native Hawaiian-serving
 11 institution, as defined in section 317
 12 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1059d); or

13 (IV) another institution of higher
 14 education, as defined in section 101 of
 15 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1001); and

16 (ii) enters into a partnership for pur-
 17 poses of the grant under this section with
 18 an Indian Tribe or organization described
 19 in any of subclauses (I) through (III) of
 20 subparagraph (A)(i).

21 (4) INDIAN HEAD START PROGRAM.—The term
 22 “Indian Head Start program” means a Head Start
 23 program (including an Early Head Start program)
 24 funded under section 645(d)(1) of the Head Start
 25 Act (42 U.S.C. 9840(d)(1)) and operated by an In-

1 dian tribe (as defined in section 637 of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 9832)), Tribal organization, or other entity
3 serving primarily Native American children and fam-
4 ilies.

5 (5) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP.—The term
6 “registered apprenticeship” means an apprenticeship
7 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
8 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”;
9 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

10 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

12 (7) TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—
13 The term “teacher apprenticeship program” means
14 an apprenticeship program through which individ-
15 uals receive accreditation or certification in an edu-
16 cation-related occupation.

17 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
18 Commissioner of the Administration for Native Ameri-
19 cans, shall establish a pilot program to provide grants to
20 eligible entities to carry out teacher apprenticeship pro-
21 grams to address the shortage of education professionals
22 serving Native American early childhood programs and
23 Native American elementary school and secondary school
24 students, particularly in remote or rural communities.

1 (c) ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity receiving a grant
2 under this section shall use grant funds to carry out 1
3 or more of the following:

4 (1) The planning and establishment of a teach-
5 er apprenticeship program, including the creation of
6 a unique community-tailored curriculum for such an
7 apprenticeship program.

8 (2) The support and expansion of an existing
9 teacher apprenticeship program.

10 (3) The investigation of efficacy of a teacher
11 apprenticeship program in teacher retention and sat-
12 isfaction and student outcomes (including student
13 well-being).

14 (4) Providing wraparound services to students
15 in the teacher apprenticeship program, which may
16 include the following:

17 (A) Tuition.

18 (B) Textbooks and other class materials.

19 (C) Technology, such as laptops and inter-
20 net stipends.

21 (D) Childcare support.

22 (E) Salaries or stipends for program staff,
23 such as a coordinator or student mentors.

24 (F) Any other activity, item, or service in-
25 cluded in the student's cost of attendance, as

1 defined in section 472 of the Higher Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ll), for the pro-
3 gram.

4 (d) APPLICATION; SELECTION.—

5 (1) AWARD BASIS.—

6 (A) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
7 lect not fewer than 5 eligible entities to receive
8 a grant as part of the pilot program under this
9 section.

10 (B) PRIORITY.—In selecting eligible enti-
11 ties to receive a grant under this section, the
12 Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
13 serving rural or remote communities with dem-
14 onstrated shortages of teachers or in other edu-
15 cation-related occupations.

16 (2) APPLICATION.—Each eligible entity desiring
17 to receive a grant under this section shall submit an
18 application to the Secretary, at such time, in such
19 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
20 retary shall reasonably require, including the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (A) A detailed description of the program
23 for which the grant is requested, including—

24 (i) the relevant degree or certification
25 program for program participants;

- 1 (ii) the workplaces in which program
2 participants will serve as paid apprentices;
3 (iii) mentorship plans for program
4 participants; and
5 (iv) additional resources for program
6 participants.

7 (B) A detailed budget for the program.

8 (C) A detailed description of the challenges
9 faced by the community to be served by the
10 program with respect to teacher and other edu-
11 cator recruitment and retention, and how the
12 program will address such challenges.

13 (D) A detailed description of a plan to be
14 carried out by the eligible entity to evaluate the
15 program supported with grant funds under this
16 section.

17 (E) In the case of an eligible entity that
18 determines that the objectives of the program
19 would be accomplished more effectively through
20 a partnership arrangement with an educational
21 entity (such as a school or preschool) at which
22 participants will be placed in teacher appren-
23 ticeships, an identification of such entity as a
24 partner.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.

4 **SEC. 803. SUPPORTING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR NA-**
 5 **TIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN.**

6 Section 6115(b) of the Elementary and Secondary
 7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7425(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (12) and (13)
 9 as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (11) the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 “(12) after-school programming;”.

13 **SEC. 804. PROMOTING AND STRENGTHENING NATIVE LAN-**
 14 **GUAGES.**

15 (a) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE RESOURCE CEN-
 16 TERS.—Section 2 of the Native American Language Re-
 17 source Center Act of 2022 (20 U.S.C. 7457) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
 19 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

20 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(e) REPORTS.—

23 “(1) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE RESOURCE
 24 CENTER REPORTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
2 after the date of enactment of the Native Chil-
3 dren’s Commission Implementation Act of 2026
4 and every 3 years thereafter, the national Na-
5 tive American language resource center estab-
6 lished under subsection (b) shall produce a re-
7 port, in coordination with the regional centers
8 of the Native American language resource cen-
9 ter, that provides information on the status of
10 the work of the Native American language re-
11 source center and each of the regional centers
12 and recommendations to Congress—

13 “(i) for the strengthening of Native
14 American language teaching and learning,
15 including through Indian Head Start pro-
16 grams; and

17 “(ii) regarding how to use, practice,
18 and develop Native American languages in
19 alignment with the policy described in sec-
20 tion 104 of the Native American Lan-
21 guages Act (25 U.S.C. 2903).

22 “(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each report
23 produced under subparagraph (A) shall be
24 shared publicly and with Congress.

1 “(2) INFORMATION ON NALA SCHOOLS.—Not
2 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the
3 Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act
4 of 2026, the national Native American language re-
5 source center established under subsection (b) shall
6 submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs and the
7 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
8 sions of the Senate, and the Committee on Natural
9 Resources and the Committee on Education and
10 Workforce of the House of Representatives, a report
11 on NALA schools in the United States that shall in-
12 clude—

13 “(A) identification of all NALA schools op-
14 erating in the United States that are certified
15 under section 3(c);

16 “(B) for each such certified NALA
17 school—

18 “(i) the level at which such NALA
19 school operates, as determined by the per-
20 centage of time spent with the Native
21 American language functioning as the me-
22 dium of communication in the classroom;

23 “(ii) an estimate of the number of pu-
24 pils at each grade level and age range
25 served at each such NALA school;

1 “(iii) the cost per-pupil at each such
2 NALA school;

3 “(iv)(I) the estimated number of stu-
4 dents at each such NALA school who have
5 completed the highest grade level of such
6 school; and

7 “(II) to the extent available, the esti-
8 mated numbers—

9 “(aa) of such students grad-
10 uating high school; and

11 “(bb) of such students enrolling
12 in postsecondary education; and

13 “(v) a description of the Federal
14 funding sources used by each such NALA
15 school;

16 “(C) a description of the barriers to fund-
17 ing and operation faced by certified NALA
18 schools; and

19 “(D) information on—

20 “(i) certified NALA schools that are
21 using 1 or more Native American lan-
22 guages as a language of instruction at a
23 level equal to less than 51 percent of the
24 time; and

1 “(ii) individuals and entities who have
 2 contacted the national Native American
 3 language resource center seeking informa-
 4 tion on how to increase the level of Native
 5 American language used in school.”;

6 (3) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by
 7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(5) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES SCHOOL;
 9 NALA SCHOOL.—The term ‘Native American lan-
 10 guages school’, also referred to as a ‘NALA school’,
 11 mean an early childhood education, elementary, or
 12 secondary school or program—

13 “(A) that serves students in any grade in
 14 early childhood education (including infant
 15 classes) through grade 12; and

16 “(B) for which a Native American lan-
 17 guage serves as the primary medium of instruc-
 18 tion for all grade levels and all academic sub-
 19 jects offered by the school, except for English
 20 language arts instruction.”; and

21 (4) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—

22 (A) by striking “There are” and inserting
 23 the following:

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

1 (B) by inserting “(except for subsection
2 (e))” after “this section”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(B) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (e), \$1,000,000
5 for fiscal year 2027, and \$250,000 for each
6 subsequent fiscal year.”.

9 (b) SUPPORT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE
10 SCHOOLS.—The Native American Language Resource
11 Center Act of 2022 (20 U.S.C. 7457) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE**
14 **SCHOOLS.**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The definitions under section 2(f) shall apply.

18 “(2) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of
19 the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

20 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education
22 shall award grants, from allotments made under
23 paragraph (2), to Native American languages
24 schools that are certified under subsection (c) and
25 have an approved application, as described in sub-

section (d), to enable such schools to carry out activities described in subsection (e).

“(2) AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Secretary shall allot to each NALA school with an approved application an amount equal to the product of—

“(i) the number of students served by such NALA school;

“(ii) the amount by which the percentage of time spent at the NALA school using a Native American language as the primary language of instruction at each grade level in the school exceeds 50 percent; and

“(iii) the greater of—

“(I) the average per-pupil expenditure at elementary schools or secondary schools or both (as applicable depending on if the NALA school serves elementary school students or secondary school students, or both), of the State in which such NALA school is located; or

1 “(II) 80 percent of the average
 2 per-pupil expenditure at elementary
 3 schools or secondary schools, or both
 4 (as applicable depending on if the
 5 NALA school serves elementary school
 6 students or secondary school students,
 7 or both), of all the States.

8 “(B) RATABLE AMOUNTS.—If the sums
 9 appropriated for any fiscal year under sub-
 10 section (h) are insufficient to pay in full the al-
 11 lotments determined under subparagraph (A)
 12 for all NALA schools, each of those amounts
 13 shall be ratably reduced.

14 “(C) AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDS FOR
 15 NALA SCHOOLS THAT ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD
 16 EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall
 17 allot to each NALA school that is an early
 18 childhood education program with an approved
 19 application, as described in subsection (d), an
 20 amount equal to the product of the number of
 21 students served by such NALA school and an
 22 amount determined by the Secretary.

23 “(c) NALA SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFI-
 24 CATION.—

1 “(1) STANDARD.—Not later than 120 days
 2 after the date of enactment of this section, the na-
 3 tional Native American language resource center es-
 4 tablished under section 2(b) shall develop a certifi-
 5 cation standard for NALA schools, to be renewed
 6 every 2 years, which may include requirements re-
 7 lated to a NALA school’s family engagement pro-
 8 gramming.

9 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—Based on the standard
 10 developed under paragraph (1), the national Native
 11 American language resource center shall certify eligi-
 12 ble schools as certified NALA schools.

13 “(d) APPLICATION.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A NALA school that de-
 15 sires to receive an allotment under this section shall
 16 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
 17 in such manner, and containing such information as
 18 the Secretary and the national Native American lan-
 19 guage resource center established under section 2(b)
 20 may reasonably require.

21 “(2) CONTENTS.—The application submitted
 22 under this subsection shall include—

23 “(A) verification that the NALA school is
 24 certified under subsection (c); and

1 “(B) a description of the services and ac-
2 tivities to be supported under the allotment.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.—
4 Each NALA school that receives a grant under this sec-
5 tion shall use the allotment for services and activities that
6 preserve Native American languages, such as services and
7 activities that—

8 “(1) are designed to support the use, practice,
9 and development of Native American languages and
10 fluent language acquisition and maintenance in
11 alignment with the policy described in section 104 of
12 the Native American Languages Act (25 U.S.C.
13 2903); and

14 “(2) supplement, enrich, and strengthen the
15 education program of such NALA school.

16 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE CAP.—A NALA school receiv-
17 ing an allotment under this section may use the allotments
18 for administrative costs in accordance with the federally
19 negotiated indirect cost rate applicable to the eligible enti-
20 ty.

21 “(g) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATIVE FUNDING.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A NALA school that re-
23 ceives an allotment under this section for a fiscal
24 year shall not be eligible to receive funding under
25 section 6133 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-

1 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7453) for the same
 2 fiscal year.

3 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
 4 this subsection shall be construed to limit eligibility
 5 under section 6133 of the Elementary and Sec-
 6 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7453) for
 7 a NALA school, Native American language program,
 8 or other eligible entity under such section that does
 9 not receive funding under this section.

10 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 12 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

13 **SEC. 805. ADDRESSING THE INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE**
 14 **COSTS OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.—Sec-
 16 tion 6115 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
 17 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7425) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “for adminis-
 19 trative purposes” and inserting “for direct adminis-
 20 trative costs”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(f) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this sub-
 23 part shall be for a 5-year period.”.

24 (b) IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNI-
 25 TIES FOR INDIAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH.—Section

1 6121(e) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
 2 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441(e)) is amended by striking “for
 3 administrative purposes” and inserting “for direct admin-
 4 istrative costs”.

5 (c) NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE LAN-
 6 GUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS.—Section
 7 6133 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
 8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “3 years”
 10 and inserting “5 years”; and

11 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “for adminis-
 12 trative purposes” and inserting “for direct adminis-
 13 trative costs”.

14 (d) ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM.—Section
 15 6304 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
 16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7544) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
 18 following:

19 “(4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Any limitation
 20 on the use of funds for administrative purposes
 21 under this part shall apply only to direct administra-
 22 tive costs and shall not include indirect costs recov-
 23 ered pursuant to a federally negotiated indirect cost
 24 rate.”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
2 section (c); and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(b) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this sec-
6 tion shall be for a 5-year period.”.

7 (e) NATIVE HAWAIIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM.—Sec-
8 tion 6205 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7515) is amended—

10 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 5 percent of
14 funds provided to a recipient of a grant or contract
15 under subsection (a) for any fiscal year may be used
16 for administrative purposes.

17 “(2) LIMITATION.—Any limitation on the use of
18 funds for administrative purposes under this part
19 shall apply only to direct administrative costs and
20 shall not include indirect costs recovered pursuant to
21 a federally negotiated indirect cost rate.”;

22 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
23 section (d); and

24 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(c) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this section
2 shall be for a 5-year period.”.

3 **SEC. 806. INCREASING ACCESS TO HEAD START FOR NA-**
4 **TIVE CHILDREN.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 637 of the Head Start
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 9832) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “(27)(A) The term ‘Indian’ means a member of
9 an Indian tribe.

10 “(B) The term ‘Indian Head Start agency’
11 means an Indian tribe that operates, or an entity
12 that is designated by an Indian tribe to operate on
13 its behalf, a Head Start program (including an
14 Early Head Start program).

15 “(28) The term ‘Native American language’ has
16 the meaning given the term in section 103 of the
17 Native American Languages Act (25 U.S.C. 2902).

18 “(29)(A) The term ‘Native Hawaiian’ has the
19 meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Na-
20 tive Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).

21 “(B) The term ‘Native Hawaiian Head Start’
22 means an entity, in the State of Hawaii, that has ex-
23 perience developing or operating programs for Na-
24 tive Hawaiians or programs of instruction in the Na-
25 tive Hawaiian language or culture, that is des-

1 ignated by the Secretary to operate a Head Start
2 program (including an Early Head Start program).

3 “(C) The term ‘Native Hawaiian language’ has
4 the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the
5 Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).”.

6 (b) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section 640(a) of the
7 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)—

9 (A) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

11 (B) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause
12 (vii); and

13 (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(vi) if a base grant has been established
16 through appropriations for the Native Hawaiian
17 Head Start agencies administering Native Hawaiian
18 Head Start programs (including Native Hawaiian
19 Early Head Start programs), to provide an amount
20 for the Native Hawaiian Head Start programs that
21 is equal to the amount provided for base grants for
22 agencies described in this clause under this sub-
23 chapter for the prior fiscal year, by allotting to each
24 agency described in this clause an amount equal to

1 that agency’s base grant for the prior fiscal year;
2 and”;

3 (2) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i)(II), by striking
5 “programs), and” and inserting “programs),
6 not more than \$1,000,000 for Native Hawaiian
7 Head Start programs, and”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (i) by striking clause (i) and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(i) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘special
12 expansion provisions’ means clause (i)(II), and subclauses
13 (I)(aa) and (II)(bb) of clause (ii), of subparagraph (A).”;
14 and

15 (ii) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “In-
16 dian Head Start programs or migrant or
17 seasonal Head Start programs” and insert-
18 ing “Indian Head Start programs, Native
19 Hawaiian Head Start programs, or mi-
20 grant or seasonal Head Start programs”;

21 (3) in paragraph (4)(D)—

22 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “3 percent”
23 and inserting “5 percent”;

24 (B) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv)
25 as clauses (iv) and (v), respectively; and

1 (C) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(iii) for any fiscal year after the last fiscal
 4 year for which Native Hawaiian Head Start pro-
 5 grams receive funds under the special expansion pro-
 6 visions, use 0.3 percent for Head Start programs
 7 funded under paragraph (2)(B)(vi) (other than
 8 Early Head Start programs);”;

9 (4) in paragraph (5)(B), by inserting after
 10 clause (viii) the following:

11 “(ix) Acquiring and maintaining proper facili-
 12 ties for Indian Head Start agencies (including Alas-
 13 ka Native Head Start agencies) and Native Hawai-
 14 ian Head Start agencies.”; and

15 (5) in paragraph (7)(A), by inserting before the
 16 period at the end the following: “, including the
 17 amount established through appropriations as de-
 18 scribed in clause (v) or (vi) of paragraph (2)(B)”.

19 (c) WAIVER FOR MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 640(b)
 20 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(b)) is amended by adding
 21 at the end the following: “If the Secretary approves finan-
 22 cial assistance under this subchapter in excess of 80 per-
 23 cent of the approved costs of the assisted program or ac-
 24 tivities in accordance with this subsection for an Indian
 25 Head Start program, that approval shall be for a 5-year

1 period or, if shorter, the remaining duration of the cor-
2 responding Head Start agency's designation period.”.

3 (d) FARMWORKER, INDIAN, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN
4 HEAD START PROGRAMS.—Section 640(l) of the Head
5 Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(l)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Indian chil-
7 dren and children of migrant and seasonal farm-
8 worker families” and inserting “Indian children, Na-
9 tive Hawaiian children, and children of migrant and
10 seasonal farmworker families”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(5)(A) For the purposes of carrying out paragraph
13 (3), the Secretary shall annually engage with Native Ha-
14 waiian Head Start agencies operating Native Hawaiian
15 Head Start (including Early Head Start) programs or op-
16 erating Head Start (including Early Head Start) pro-
17 grams.

18 “(B) The engagements shall be for the purpose of
19 better meeting the needs of Native Hawaiian children and
20 families, in accordance with this subchapter, taking into
21 consideration funding allotments, distribution formulas,
22 and other issues affecting the delivery of Head Start serv-
23 ices in their geographic locations.

1 “(C) The Secretary shall publish a notification of the
2 engagements in the Federal Register before conducting
3 the engagements.

4 “(D) The Secretary shall ensure that a detailed re-
5 port of each engagement shall be prepared and made avail-
6 able, within 90 days after the engagement, to all Native
7 Hawaiian Head Start agencies receiving funds under this
8 subchapter.”.

9 (e) DESIGNATION OF HEAD START AGENCIES.—Sec-
10 tion 641(c)(7) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
11 9836(c)(7)) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (C) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(iv) in the case of a Native Hawaiian
20 Head Start agency, to not be delivering a
21 high-quality and comprehensive Head
22 Start program shall (notwithstanding
23 clause (ii)) be subject to the requirements
24 of subparagraph (C).”; and

1 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B), the
2 following:

3 “(C) NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEAD START EN-
4 GAGEMENT AND REEVALUATION.—On making a
5 determination described in subparagraph
6 (A)(iv), the Secretary shall engage in stake-
7 holder engagement with the appropriate Native
8 Hawaiian Head Start agencies for the purpose
9 of establishing a plan to improve the quality of
10 Head Start programs operated by the Native
11 Hawaiian Head Start agency. Such plan shall
12 be established and implemented within 6
13 months after the Secretary’s determination. Not
14 more than 6 months after the implementation
15 of that plan, the Secretary shall reevaluate the
16 performance of the Native Hawaiian Head
17 Start agency. If the Native Hawaiian Head
18 Start agency is still not delivering a high-qual-
19 ity and comprehensive Head Start program, the
20 Secretary shall conduct an open competition as
21 described in subsection (d).”.

22 (f) STANDARDS; MONITORING OF HEAD START
23 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.—Section 641A of the Head
24 Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) consult with Indian tribes, including Alaska Natives, and engage with Native Hawaiian Head Start agencies and experts in Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian early childhood education and development, linguists, and the National Indian Head Start Directors Association on the review and promulgation of standards under paragraph (1) (including standards for language acquisition and school readiness).”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, including Indian Head Start agencies and Native Hawaiian Head Start agencies,” after “Head Start agencies”; and

(3) in subsection (h)(6)(A)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv) as clauses (iv) and (v), respectively;

(B) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEAD START PROGRAMS.—If such funds are derived from a Native Hawaiian Head Start program, then such funds shall be redistrib-

1 uted to increase enrollment by the end of
 2 the following fiscal year in 1 or more Na-
 3 tive Hawaiian Head Start programs.”;

4 (C) in clause (iv), as so redesignated, by
 5 adding at the end the following: “If such funds
 6 are derived from a Native Hawaiian Early
 7 Head Start program, then such funds shall be
 8 redistributed to increase enrollment by the end
 9 of the following fiscal year in 1 or more Native
 10 Hawaiian Early Head Start programs.”; and

11 (D) in clause (v), as so redesignated, by
 12 striking “clauses (i) through (iii)” each place
 13 the term appears and inserting “clauses (i)
 14 through (iv)”.

15 (g) HEAD START COLLABORATION; STATE EARLY
 16 EDUCATION AND CARE.—Section 642B of the Head Start
 17 Act (42 U.S.C. 9837b) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “section
 20 640(a)(2)(B)(vi)” and inserting “section
 21 640(a)(2)(B)(vii)”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “, to
 23 the State administrative office serving Native
 24 Hawaiian Head Start programs,” after “to
 25 each State”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(C)(vi), by striking “in-
2 cluding migrant and seasonal Head Start programs
3 and Indian Head Start programs” and inserting “in-
4 cluding migrant or seasonal Head Start programs,
5 Indian Head Start programs, and Native Hawaiian
6 Head Start programs, as applicable”.

7 (h) REALLOCATIONS.—Section 645 of the Head Start
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 9840) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “(d)” and all
10 that following through “(3) Notwithstanding” and
11 inserting “(d)(1) Notwithstanding”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
14 a Native Hawaiian Head Start agency that operates both
15 an Early Head Start program under section 645A and a
16 Head Start program may, at its discretion, at any time
17 during the grant period involved, reallocate funds between
18 the Early Head Start program and the Head Start pro-
19 gram in order to address fluctuations in client populations,
20 including pregnant women and children from birth to com-
21 pulsory school age. The reallocation of such funds between
22 programs by a Native Hawaiian Head Start agency during
23 a year shall not serve as the basis for the Secretary to
24 reduce a base grant (as defined in section 640(a)(7)) for
25 either program in succeeding years.”.

1 (i) MEMBER PRIORITY SELECTION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 645 of the Head
3 Start Act is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(e)(1) An Indian tribe that operates a Head Start
6 program may, at its discretion, establish selection criteria,
7 including criteria to prioritize children in families for
8 which a child, a family member, or a member of the same
9 household, is a member of an Indian tribe, to enroll chil-
10 dren who would benefit from the Head Start program.

11 “(2) A Native Hawaiian Head Start agency may de-
12 termine eligibility for Head Start services without regard
13 to family income. Such agency shall establish selection cri-
14 teria, consistent with community needs identified pursuant
15 to this subchapter, to determine which children shall be
16 enrolled and prioritized for services.”.

17 (2) REPEAL.—The Further Consolidated Ap-
18 propriations Act, 2024, is amended by striking sec-
19 tion 238 of division D (42 U.S.C. 9840 note).

20 (j) NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEAD START FLEXIBILI-
21 TIES.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Head Start
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), the Secretary of Health and
23 Human Services, after engagement with Native Hawaiian
24 Head Start agencies that operate Native Hawaiian Head
25 Start programs, including Native Hawaiian Early Head

1 Start programs, shall promulgate regulations under such
 2 Act that provide flexibilities for Native Hawaiian Head
 3 Start programs (including Native Hawaiian Early Head
 4 Start programs) that are analogous to the flexibilities pro-
 5 vided for Indian Head Start programs (including Indian
 6 Early Head Start programs), as appropriate, including
 7 with respect to impasse procedures, service areas, eligi-
 8 bility requirements, reallocation of funds across Head
 9 Start and Early Head Start programs, selection criteria,
 10 facilities, data systems, Native American cultural preser-
 11 vation and language revitalization activities, designation
 12 renewal, and replacement of grant recipients.

13 **SEC. 807. ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN BIE SCHOOLS.**

14 Section 722(c)(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
 15 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(c)(2)) is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (A) in clause (i)—

18 (i) by striking “1 percent” and insert-
 19 ing “2 percent, subject to subparagraph
 20 (C),”; and

21 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
 22 lowing: “Of that transferred amount, not
 23 more than \$250,000 may be used to pro-
 24 vide grant funding to a nonprofit organiza-
 25 tion for technical assistance, including

1 training, materials, grant application as-
2 sistance, proper enumeration of children,
3 capacity expansion, and coordination be-
4 tween the Bureau of Indian Education and
5 schools funded by the Secretary of the In-
6 terior.”; and

7 (B) in clause (ii), by adding at the end the
8 following: “Such agreement shall also provide
9 that the transferred funds described in clause
10 (i) may be used for emergency housing for stu-
11 dents.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(C) HOLD HARMLESS.—For any fiscal
14 year in which, after the application of subpara-
15 graph (A), the amount of an allotment under
16 paragraph (1) to a State for a fiscal year would
17 be less than the amount that such State re-
18 ceived under such paragraph for fiscal year
19 2024 (referred to in this subparagraph as the
20 ‘FY 2024 amount’), the Secretary shall reduce
21 the percentage reserved under subparagraph
22 (B) in order to provide each State with the FY
23 2024 amount, except that in no case shall the
24 Secretary reduce such percentage to less than 1
25 percent.”.

1 **SEC. 808. BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION BEHAVIORAL**
2 **HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM.**

3 Part B of title XI of the Education Amendments of
4 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.) is amended by inserting
5 after section 1139 (25 U.S.C. 2019) the following:

6 **“SEC. 1139A. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term ‘eligible
10 recipient’ means any student or staff or faculty
11 member at a Bureau-funded school.

12 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
13 the Behavioral Health and Wellness Program estab-
14 lished under subsection (b).

15 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
16 the Secretary, acting through the Director of the
17 Bureau of Indian Education.

18 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
19 lish a program, to be known as the ‘Behavioral Health
20 and Wellness Program’, to fill existing behavioral health
21 gaps across Bureau-funded schools, including dormitories.

22 “(c) SERVICES.—In carrying out the Program, the
23 Secretary shall provide to eligible recipients, subject to the
24 availability of funding, and at the discretion of the leader-
25 ship of the applicable Bureau-funded school—

26 “(1) virtual counseling services;

1 “(2) a hotline available 24 hours a day, 7 days
2 a week, for immediate crisis support relating to be-
3 havioral health;

4 “(3) crisis response and support services; and

5 “(4) such other behavioral health services as de-
6 termined appropriate by the Secretary.

7 “(d) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—For purposes of
8 providing any service described in subsection (c), the Sec-
9 retary may enter into a contract, memorandum of under-
10 standing, or interagency agreement, as applicable, with—

11 “(1) a relevant Federal partner; or

12 “(2) an entity that has a demonstrated record
13 of providing behavioral health services and working
14 with tribes, Bureau-funded schools, and Indian stu-
15 dents.

16 “(e) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
17 Secretary may provide training and technical assistance
18 to Bureau-funded schools that implement services de-
19 scribed in subsection (c) or any other additional behavioral
20 health services.

21 “(f) CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM.—The program
22 carried out under this section shall be a continuation of
23 the Behavioral Health and Wellness Program carried out
24 by the Bureau of Indian Education that terminated on
25 January 31, 2026.

1 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program
 3 \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.”.

4 **SEC. 809. ALASKA TRIBAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 5212 of the Tribally Con-
 6 trolled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2511) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 9 (9) as paragraphs (2) through (10), respectively;
 10 and

11 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-
 12 designated) the following:

13 “(1) ALASKA TRIBAL SCHOOL.—The term
 14 ‘Alaska Tribal school’ means a full-time public
 15 school program operated in Alaska by—

16 “(A) an Indian Tribe (as defined in section
 17 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 18 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304));

19 “(B) a Tribal organization (as defined in
 20 that section); or

21 “(C) a public or public charter school
 22 that—

23 “(i) operates specifically to serve Alas-
 24 ka Native students; and

1 “(ii) has a resolution of support from
2 an Indian Tribe (as so defined).”.

3 (b) ALASKA TRIBAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Tribally Controlled
5 Schools Act of 1988 is amended—

6 (A) by redesignating sections 5209
7 through 5212 (25 U.S.C. 2508 through 2511)
8 as sections 5210 through 5213, respectively;
9 and

10 (B) by inserting after section 5208 the fol-
11 lowing:

12 **“SEC. 5209. ALASKA TRIBAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

13 “(a) ISDEAA TERMS.—In this section, the terms
14 ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings
15 given those terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
16 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

17 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
18 lish a program within the Department of the Interior to
19 provide grants to—

20 “(1) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
21 that operate a public or public charter school in
22 Alaska that has been certified as an Alaska Tribal
23 school by the Secretary; and

24 “(2) a public or public charter school operated
25 specifically to serve Alaska Native students that—

1 “(A) has a resolution of support from an
2 Indian Tribe; and

3 “(B) has been certified as an Alaska Trib-
4 al school by the Secretary.

5 “(c) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall deter-
7 mine the amounts of grants awarded under this sec-
8 tion based on a per-student formula determined
9 through a negotiated rulemaking with Alaska Tribal
10 schools in existence on the date of enactment of the
11 Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act
12 of 2026.

13 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The formula determined
14 under paragraph (1) shall consider—

15 “(A) the hours served per day by the appli-
16 cable Alaska Tribal school;

17 “(B) the grades served by the Alaska Trib-
18 al school;

19 “(C) the isolation of the Alaska Tribal
20 school;

21 “(D) the cost of living of the area served
22 by the Alaska Tribal school; and

23 “(E) additional costs associated with Na-
24 tive language programs, as determined by the
25 Secretary.

1 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Except as otherwise provided
 2 in this section, a grant awarded under this section may
 3 be used for any of the following:

4 “(1) Expenditures for education-related activi-
 5 ties, including school operations, academics, extra-
 6 curricular programs, residential offerings, guidance
 7 and counseling, and administrative purposes.

8 “(2) Support services for the applicable Alaska
 9 Tribal school, including transportation.

10 “(e) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 1 grant
 12 may be awarded under this section with respect to
 13 any Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or public
 14 charter school each fiscal year.

15 “(2) NO ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR
 16 CONSTRUCTION.—A grant awarded under this sec-
 17 tion may not be used—

18 “(A) to acquire real property; or

19 “(B) to construct a facility.

20 “(f) APPLICATION.—

21 “(1) INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDU-
 22 CATION ASSISTANCE ACT.—Indian Tribes may in-
 23 clude funding provided under this section in con-
 24 tracts or compacts made with the Department of the

1 Interior under the Indian Self-Determination and
2 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

3 “(2) ENDOWMENTS.—Section 5212 shall apply
4 to Alaska Tribal schools receiving a grant under this
5 section.

6 “(g) ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines
8 that an Alaska Tribal school is eligible for assistance
9 under this section, the eligibility determination shall
10 remain in effect until the determination is revoked
11 by the Secretary.

12 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Each recipient of a
13 grant awarded under this section shall complete, and
14 submit to the applicable Tribal council and the Sec-
15 retary, an annual report, which shall include—

16 “(A) a description of the activities carried
17 out using grant funds;

18 “(B) information on how those activities
19 supported student academic achievement, stu-
20 dent well-being, and other student outcomes
21 identified by the applicable Indian Tribe or
22 Tribal organization; and

23 “(C) any recommendations on how to im-
24 prove the program under this section.

1 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) Section 5204(b) of the Tribally Con-
 6 trolled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C.
 7 2503(b)) is amended—

8 (i) in paragraph (4)(A)—

9 (I) by striking “section
 10 5204(a)(2)” and inserting “subsection
 11 (a)(2)”; and

12 (II) by striking “section
 13 5204(a)” and inserting “subsection
 14 (a)”; and

15 (ii) in each of paragraphs (4)(B)(iv)
 16 and (5)(B), by striking “section 5209(e)”
 17 and inserting “section 5208(e)”.

18 (B) Section 1001(a)(6) of the Energy Act
 19 of 2020 (42 U.S.C. 6371k(a)(6)) is amended by
 20 striking “section 5212 of the Tribally Con-
 21 trolled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2511))”
 22 and inserting “section 5213 of the Tribally
 23 Controlled Schools Act of 1988)”.

24 (C) Section 741(a)(5)(A)(v) of the Energy
 25 Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.

1 16091(a)(5)(A)(v)) is amended, in the matter
2 preceding subclause (I), by striking “section
3 5212 of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of
4 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2511))” and inserting “section
5 5213 of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of
6 1988)”.
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