

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8942

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to ensure that certain employees, providers, and volunteers associated with the Indian Health Service receive educational training in the history and culture of the Tribes served by such persons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2024

Ms. HAGEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Tribal Cul-
5 tural Training for Providers Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRIBAL CULTURE AND HISTORY.**

2 Section 113 of the Indian Health Care Improvement
3 Act (25 U.S.C. 1616f) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “a program” and inserting
6 “an annual mandatory training program”; and

7 (B) by striking “appropriate employees of
8 the Service” and inserting “employees of the
9 Service, locum tenens medical providers, health
10 care volunteers, and other contracted employees
11 who work at Service hospitals or other Service
12 units and whose employment requires regular
13 direct patient access”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(c) REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE TRAINING PRO-
16 GRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, be-
17 ginning on the date of enactment of the Improving Tribal
18 Cultural Training for Providers Act of 2024, each em-
19 ployee or provider described in subsection (a) who enters
20 into a contract with the Service shall, as a condition of
21 employment, annually participate in and complete the pro-
22 gram established under subsection (a).”.

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