

1 Title: To improve programs relating to Native children and families, and for other purposes.

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4 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
5 Congress assembled,

6 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

7 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Native Children’s Commission
8 Implementation Act of 2025”.

9 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

10 Sec.1.Short title; table of contents.

11 Sec.2.Definition of Indian Tribe and Tribal organization.

12 TITLE I—CHILD WELFARE

13 Sec.101.Short title.

14 Sec.102.Additional resources and improvements for Tribal child welfare programs.

15 Sec.103.Authority to provide social services block grants directly to Indian Tribes.

16 Sec.104.Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act amendments.

17 TITLE II—JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND 18 FAMILIES

19 Sec.201.Tribal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

20 Sec.202.Department of Justice and BIA study on the number and status of AI/AN missing
21 children cases.

22 Sec.203.Alaska Native Victim Services Fund at the Denali Commission.

23 Sec.204.Alaska Native and American Indian family violence, prevention, services, and
24 treatment.

25 Sec.205.Tiwahe Program.

26 TITLE III—IMPROVING RESEARCH AND DATA

27 Sec.301.Office on Native Children; National Clearinghouse on Native Children.

28 Sec.302.Interagency Committee on Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological
29 Practices.

30 Sec.303.Tribal advisory committee on Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological
31 Practices.

32 Sec.304.Study on increasing Tribal capacity and grants management.

33 TITLE IV—IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL AND

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF NATIVE CHILDREN

Sec.401.Tribal Advisory Committee on Maternal Health.

Sec.402.Set-aside of maternal and child health services block grant for Indian Tribes.

Sec.403.Department of Health and Human Services study on the intersection of maternal mortality and domestic violence.

Sec.404.Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Technical Advisory Committee.

Sec.405.Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.

Sec.406.Community mental health services grants for Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Sec.407.Substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery grants for Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Sec.408.Self-governance demonstration program for behavioral health programs for Indian Tribes.

TITLE V—ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION

Sec.501.Native Children's Environmental Health Protection Task Force.

Sec.502.Integration of environmental health within primary care.

Sec.503.Office of Native Children's Environmental Health.

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

Sec.601.Food distribution program on Indian reservations under self-determination contracts and self-governance funding agreements.

Sec.602.Self-determination for SNAP.

Sec.603.Alaska pilot program for SNAP administration.

Sec.604.Child nutrition programs Tribal pilot projects.

TITLE VII—ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Sec.701.Pilot program for housing assistance for homeless Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Sec.702.Tribal and Rural Continuum of Care Builds program.

Sec.703.HUD Tribal intergovernmental advisory committee.

TITLE VIII—EDUCATION

Sec.801.Supporting American Indian and Alaska Native teacher training and teacher development.

1 Sec.802.Pilot program for native teacher apprentices.
2 Sec.803.Supporting after-school programs for American Indian and Alaska Native children.
3 Sec.804.Curriculum development of American Indian and Alaska Native history.
4 Sec.805.Completing the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act survey.
5 Sec.806.Addressing the indirect administrative costs of Indian education programs.
6 Sec.807.Improving Tribal Head Start functionality.
7 Sec.808.Addressing homelessness in BIE schools.
8 Sec.809.Family And Child Education Program.

9 TITLE IX—IMPROVING THE WORKFORCE FOR 10 FAMILIES

11 Sec.901.Strengthening the 477 Program.
12 Sec.902.Set-aside of Child Care and Development Block Grant funds for Indian Tribes.
13 Sec.903.Requirement of consultation with Indian Tribes.
14 Sec.904.Early childhood Tribal Advisory Committee.

15 SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE AND TRIBAL 16 ORGANIZATION.

17 In this Act, the terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal organization” have the meanings given those
18 terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
19 5304).

20 TITLE I—CHILD WELFARE

21 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

22 This title may be cited as the “Tribal Family Fairness Act”.

23 SEC. 102. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND 24 IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE 25 PROGRAMS.

26 (a) Minimum Grant Amount.—Section 433(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629c(a))
27 is amended to read as follows:

28 “(a) Indian Tribes or Tribal Consortia.—

29 “(1) INDIAN TRIBES.—

30 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount reserved pursuant to section 436(b)(2) for any
31 fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each Indian tribe with a plan approved under this
32 subpart—

1 “(i) \$5,000; plus

2 “(ii) an amount that bears the same ratio to the adjusted reserved amount as the
3 number of children in the Indian tribe bears to the total number of children in all
4 Indian tribes with State plans so approved, as determined by the Secretary on the
5 basis of the most current and reliable information available to the Secretary.

6 “(B) ADJUSTED RESERVE AMOUNT.—In subparagraph (A), the term ‘adjusted
7 reserved amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year—

8 “(i) the amount reserved pursuant to section 436(b)(2) for the fiscal year; minus

9 “(ii) the product of—

10 “(I) \$5,000; and

11 “(II) the number of Indian tribes to which an allotment is made under this
12 subsection for the fiscal year.

13 “(2) TRIBAL CONSORTIA.—If a consortium of Indian tribes submits a plan approved under
14 this subpart, the Secretary shall allot to the consortium an amount equal to the sum of the
15 allotments determined for each Indian tribe that is part of the consortium.”.

16 (b) Elimination of Special Rule and Recognizing Authority to Use Funds to Facilitate and
17 Support Tribal Customary Adoptions.—Section 432(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 629b(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

19 “(B) AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR TRIBAL CUSTOMARY ADOPTIONS.—An Indian
20 tribe or tribal consortium may use amounts provided under this part to facilitate and
21 support tribal customary adoptions.”.

22 (c) Increase in the Tribal Set-aside of Mandatory Funding to Promote Safe and Stable Families
23 Funding.—Section 436(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)(2)), as amended by
24 sections 107(b)(2) and 115(b)(1) of the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act (Public
25 Law 118–258, 138 Stat. 2955, 2968), is amended by striking “3 percent” and inserting “ 5
26 percent”.

27 (d) Increase in the Tribal Set-aside for the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services
28 Program.—Section 428(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 628(a)), as amended by section
29 107(a)(1)(A) of the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act (Public Law 118–258, 138
30 Stat. 2953), is amended by striking “3 percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

31 (e) Streamlining of Reporting Requirements.—Section 428(b) of the Social Security Act (42
32 U.S.C. 628(b)), as amended by section 107(a)(3)(A) of the Supporting America’s Children and
33 Families Act (Public Law 118–258, 138 Stat. 2955) is amended—

34 (1) by striking “the total of”;

35 (2) by striking “this part” and inserting “this subpart or subpart 2”; and

36 (3) by inserting “or subpart 2” after “allotted under this subpart”.

37 (f) Waiver or Modification of Matching Requirements; Use of In-kind Expenditures to Meet
38 Tribal Matching Rate.—

39 (1) STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM.—Section 428 of the

1 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 628), as amended by section 107(a)(3)(A) of the Supporting
2 America’s Children and Families Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(e) Matching Rate Requirements.—The Secretary—

4 “(1) may waive or modify any matching requirement imposed under this subpart on an
5 Indian tribe or tribal organization if the Secretary determines that the waiver or modification
6 is appropriate to the needs, culture, and circumstances of the Indian tribe or tribal
7 organization; and

8 “(2) may take into account in-kind expenditures of an Indian tribe or tribal organization
9 in determining the amount expended by the Indian tribe or tribal organization for activities
10 under this subpart.”.

11 (2) MARYLEE ALLEN PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM.—Section 434 of
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(e) Matching Rate Requirements.—The Secretary—

14 “(1) may waive or modify any matching requirement imposed under this subpart on an
15 Indian tribe or tribal organization if the Secretary determines that the waiver or modification
16 is appropriate to the needs, culture, and circumstances of the Indian tribe or tribal
17 organization; and

18 “(2) may take into account in-kind expenditures of an Indian tribe or tribal organization
19 in determining the amount expended by the Indian tribe or tribal organization for activities
20 under this subpart.”.

21 (g) Authority of Indian Tribal Organization to Elect to Substitute the Federal Negotiated
22 Indirect Cost Rate for Administrative Costs Cap for the Marylee Allen Promoting Safe and
23 Stable Families Program.—Section 434 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629d), as amended
24 by subsection (f)(2) of this section, is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(f) Tribal Authority to Substitute the Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate for
26 Administrative Costs Cap.—For purposes of sections 432(a)(4) and 434(d), an Indian tribal
27 organization may elect to have the weighted average of the indirect cost rates in effect under part
28 225 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations with respect to the administrative costs of the Indian
29 tribal organization apply in lieu of the percentage specified in each such section.”.

30 (h) Increase in Funding for Tribal Court Improvement Program.—Section 438(c)(3) of the
31 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629h(c)(3)), as amended by section 107(b)(3) of the Supporting
32 America’s Children and Families Act, is amended by striking “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal
33 years 2026 through 2029” and inserting “\$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year
34 thereafter”

35 (i) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1,
36 2025.

37 SEC. 103. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES 38 BLOCK GRANTS DIRECTLY TO INDIAN TRIBES.

39 Section 2003 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and the Northern Mariana Islands” the first place it
2 appears and inserting “the Northern Mariana Islands, and any participating Indian tribe or
3 tribal organization, as defined in subsection 428(d) (42 U.S.C. 628(d)),”;

4 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and the Northern Mariana Islands” each place it
5 appears and inserting “the Northern Mariana Islands, and any participating Indian tribe or
6 tribal organization, as defined in subsection 428(d) (42 U.S.C. 628(c)),”;

7 (3) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (11), by striking “thereafter.” and inserting “thereafter through
9 fiscal year 2025; and”;

10 (B) by inserting after paragraph (11), the following new paragraph:

11 “(12) \$1,790,000,000 for the fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(d) Tribal Allocations.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts specified in subsection (c) for a fiscal year, 5 percent
15 shall be available for grants made with Indian tribes or tribal organizations in accordance
16 with this subsection.

17 “(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make grants to Indian tribes or tribal
18 organizations for planning and carrying out programs and activities under this title.

19 “(3) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish criteria, in consultation with Indian tribes
20 and tribal organizations, for the review and approval of applications for grants under this
21 subsection.

22 “(4) ALLOTMENTS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount reserved pursuant to section subsection (d)(1)
24 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each Indian tribe with a grant approved
25 under this subpart—

26 “(i) \$25,000; plus

27 “(ii) an amount that bears the same ratio to the adjusted reserved amount as the
28 number of children in the Indian tribe bears to the total number of children in all
29 Indian tribes with approved grants, as determined by the Secretary on the basis of
30 the most current and reliable information available to the Secretary.

31 “(B) ADJUSTED RESERVE AMOUNT.—In subparagraph (A), the term ‘adjusted
32 reserved amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year—

33 “(i) the amount reserved pursuant to paragraph (1) for the fiscal year; minus

34 “(ii) the product of—

35 “(I) \$25,000; and

36 “(II) the number of Indian tribes which have approved grants under this
37 subsection for the fiscal year.

38 “(C) TRIBAL CONSORTIA.—If a grant submitted by a consortium of Indian tribes is

1 approved under this subpart, the Secretary shall allot to the consortium an amount
2 equal to the sum of the allotments determined for each Indian tribe that is part of the
3 consortium.

4 “(5) REALLOCATION.—Funds that are not distributed to Indian tribes and tribal
5 organizations during a fiscal year shall be available for reallocation to eligible tribes and
6 tribal organizations.

7 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to—

8 “(A) serve as an authorization to limit the eligibility of any individual to participate
9 in any program offered by a State or subdivision thereof;

10 “(B) modify any requirement imposed upon a State by any provision in this title; or

11 “(C) preclude or discourage an agreement between any Indian tribe and any State
12 that facilitates the provision of services by the Indian tribe to the service population of
13 the Indian tribe.”.

14 SEC. 104. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND 15 TREATMENT ACT AMENDMENTS.

16 (a) Geographical Distribution.—Section 108(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 5106d(b)) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting “Indian tribes, and tribal
18 organizations,” after “the States,”.

19 (b) Allocation of Amounts.—Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 5116b) is amended—

21 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

22 “(a) Reservation for Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations.—The Secretary shall reserve 5
23 percent of the amount appropriated under section 209 for each fiscal year to make allotments to
24 Indian tribes and tribal organizations.”; and

25 (2) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “section
26 210” and inserting “section 209”.

27 TITLE II—JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND 28 FAMILIES

29 SEC. 201. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 30 JUVENILE JUSTICE.

31 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

32 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Office
33 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.

34 (2) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee” means the Tribal Advisory Committee on
35 Juvenile Justice established pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

36 (3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term “Native Hawaiian” has the meaning given the term in

1 section 6207 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).

2 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “relevant committees of Congress”
3 means—

4 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;

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

6 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

7 (5) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term “urban Indian organization” has the
8 meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
9 1603).

10 (b) Establishment.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish within the Office of Juvenile Justice
12 and Delinquency Prevention a committee to be known as the “Tribal Advisory Committee
13 on Juvenile Justice”.

14 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Committee shall be to facilitate, but not supplant,
15 consultation between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes on matters relating to
16 juvenile justice of American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

17 (c) Membership.—

18 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be composed of not fewer than 15 members, of
19 whom—

20 (A) 1 shall be from a national organization focused on American Indian and Alaska
21 Native juvenile justice issues;

22 (B) 1 shall be from a national urban Indian organization;

23 (C) 10 shall be members of Indian Tribes;

24 (D) 1 shall be an American Indian or Alaska Native youth who has experience with
25 the juvenile justice system; and

26 (E) 1 shall be a Native Hawaiian.

27 (2) APPOINTMENT.—The Administrator shall appoint members to the Committee from
28 among nominations submitted by Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

29 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum extent feasible, the Administrator shall ensure—

30 (A) that members of the Committee—

31 (i) represent diverse geographic regions; and

32 (ii) have experience in Tribal juvenile justice issues; and

33 (B) that not fewer than 1 member of the Committee is an Alaska Native and not
34 fewer than 1 member is a Native Hawaiian.

35 (4) PROHIBITION.—A member of the Committee may not be an officer or employee of the
36 Federal Government.

1 (d) Duties.—The Committee shall—

2 (1) identify emerging issues among American Indian and Alaska Native youth in the
3 juvenile justice system, including residential placement trends;

4 (2) propose solutions and provide recommendations to—

5 (A) reduce the commitment rates of American Indian and Alaska Native youth to the
6 juvenile justice system;

7 (B) improve access to culturally responsive services; and

8 (C) improve the involvement of Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations with the
9 juvenile justice system; and

10 (3) identify barriers and propose solutions for coordination between the Federal juvenile
11 justice system and State juvenile justice systems on—

12 (A) the location of members of Indian Tribes in the juvenile justice system;

13 (B) the notification of Indian Tribes when a member is placed in the juvenile justice
14 system; and

15 (C) increasing referrals of American Indian and Alaska Native youth to Tribal
16 courts.

17 (e) Meetings.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall meet in person not less frequently than twice
19 annually.

20 (2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Administrator and members of the Coordinating
21 Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall attend the meetings of the
22 Committee.

23 (f) Reporting.—

24 (1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Committee shall submit
25 to the Administrator and the relevant committees of Congress a report on—

26 (A) the activities of the Committee;

27 (B) juvenile justice challenges affecting Tribal communities; and

28 (C) recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

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

31 (A) the Committee; and

32 (B) the relevant committees of Congress.

33 (g) Compensation.—Members of the Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal to the
34 daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule
35 for each day the member is engaged in Committee duties.

36 (h) Support.—The Administrator shall provide technical and logistical support to the
37 Committee.

1 (i) Faca Exemption.—Chapter 10 of part 1 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the
2 Committee.

3 (j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
4 section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

5 SEC. 202. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND BIA STUDY 6 ON THE NUMBER AND STATUS OF AI/AN MISSING 7 CHILDREN CASES.

8 (a) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney
9 General, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, shall conduct a study on
10 the number and status of cases involving American Indian and Alaska Native missing children,
11 including the scope and context of those cases that are connected to criminal circumstances,
12 including domestic violence, homicide, and human trafficking.

13 (b) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the study required under
14 subsection (a) is completed, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary
15 for Indian Affairs, shall submit to the Committees on Indian Affairs and the Judiciary of the
16 Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, and the Subcommittee
17 on Indian and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
18 Representatives a report on the results of the study required under subsection (a).

19 SEC. 203. ALASKA NATIVE VICTIM SERVICES FUND AT 20 THE DENALI COMMISSION.

21 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

22 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means a nonprofit organization serving
23 victims of crime, at least 50 percent of whom are members of an Indian Tribe.

24 (2) FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—The term “Federal Cochairperson” means the Federal
25 Cochairperson of the Denali Commission established by section 303(a) of the Denali
26 Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277).

27 (3) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Alaska Native Victim Services Fund established
28 by subsection (b).

29 (b) Alaska Native Victim Services Fund.—

30 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States the
31 Alaska Native Victim Services Fund, to be administered by the Federal Cochairperson.

32 (2) SOURCE AND USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—

33 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall consist of—

34 (i) such amounts as are appropriated to the Fund; and

35 (ii) such amounts as are received from any payment made with respect to any
36 loan made from the Fund.

37 (B) USES.—The Federal Cochairperson shall use amounts in the Fund to carry out

1 the purposes of this section.

2 (c) Loans and Grants.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Cochairperson shall provide grants and loans from the
4 Fund to eligible entities under such terms and conditions the Federal Cochairperson may
5 prescribe.

6 (2) PURPOSE.—A grant or loan under paragraph (1) shall be for the purpose of providing
7 grants to eligible entities to provide victim services for Alaska Native victims of crime,
8 including for the purposes of housing construction or rehabilitation projects.

9 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section, the Federal Cochairperson shall—

10 (A) ensure that eligible entities who submit applications for assistance under this
11 section are provided reasonable flexibility in proposing and implementing culturally
12 appropriate programs to serve Alaska Native victims of crime; and

13 (B) to the extent practicable, coordinate with other Federal funding sources and
14 Tribal programs to reduce duplication and promote efficiency.

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

19 (d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund
20 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

21 **SEC. 204. ALASKA NATIVE AND AMERICAN INDIAN**
22 **FAMILY VIOLENCE, PREVENTION, SERVICES, AND**
23 **TREATMENT.**

24 (a) Tribe, Tribal, and Tribally.—The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.
25 10401 et seq.) is amended—

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

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

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

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

30 (b) Definitions.—Section 302 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.
31 10402) is amended—

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

34 (2) by amending paragraph (6) to read as follows:

35 “(11) NATIVE HAWAIIAN; NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The terms ‘Native
36 Hawaiian’ and ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ have the meanings given such terms in
37 section 6207 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).”;

1 (3) by redesignating paragraph (14) as paragraph (15); and

2 (4) by inserting after paragraph (13) the following:

3 “(15) TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION.—The term ‘Tribal Domestic Violence
4 Coalition’ means an established nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian organization, Alaska
5 Native organization, or Native Hawaiian organization recognized by the Office on Violence
6 Against Women of the Department of Justice that—

7 “(A) provides education, support, and technical assistance to member Indian service
8 providers, Native Hawaiian organizations, or the Native Hawaiian community in a
9 manner that enables the member providers, organizations, or communities to establish
10 and maintain culturally appropriate services, including shelter and supportive services
11 designed to assist Indian or Native Hawaiian victims of family violence, domestic
12 violence, or dating violence and the children and dependents of such victims; and

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

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

16 “(ii) the Tribal communities or Native Hawaiian communities in which the
17 services are being provided.”.

18 (c) National Resource Centers and Training and Technical Assistance Centers.—Section 310
19 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

21 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “under this title and
22 reserved under section 303(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “under section 303 and made
23 available to carry out this section”;

24 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

27 (iii) by adding at the end the following:

28 “(iii) an Alaska Native Tribal resource center on domestic violence, to reduce
29 Tribal disparities; and

30 “(iv) a Native Hawaiian resource center on domestic violence, to reduce Native
31 Hawaiian disparities; and”; and

32 (C) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

33 (i) by striking “(including Alaska Native)”; and

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

35 (2) in subsection (b)—

36 (A) in paragraph (1)—

37 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

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

3 (II) in clause (ii), by striking “10 U.S.C. 3796gg–10 note” and inserting
4 “34 U.S.C. 10452 note”; and

5 (III) in clause (iii)—

6 (aa) by striking “Native Hawaiians that” and inserting “Native
7 Hawaiians who”; and

8 (bb) by inserting “the Office for Victims of Crime and” after “Human
9 Services, and”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (5);

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

12 “(3) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2),
13 the Secretary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for an Alaska Native Tribal resource
14 center on domestic violence to reduce Tribal disparities, which shall—

15 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to
16 Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of
17 the Tribes and organizations to respond to family violence, domestic violence, and
18 dating violence and the findings of section 901 and purposes in section 902 of the
19 Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34
20 U.S.C. 10452 note);

21 “(B) coordinate all projects and activities with the national resource center described
22 in paragraph (1)(B);

23 “(C) coordinate with the projects and activities of that center that involve working
24 with non-Tribal State and local governments to enhance their capacity to understand
25 the unique needs of Alaska Natives;

26 “(D) provide comprehensive community education and prevention initiatives
27 relating to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence in a culturally
28 sensitive and relevant manner; and

29 “(E) coordinate activities with other Federal agencies, offices, and grantees that
30 address the needs of Alaska Natives who experience family violence, domestic
31 violence, and dating violence, including the Office of Justice Services of the Bureau of
32 Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and the Office for Victims of Crime and the
33 Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice.

34 “(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the
35 Secretary shall award a grant to an eligible entity for a Native Hawaiian resource center on
36 domestic violence to reduce Native Hawaiian disparities, which shall—

37 “(A) offer a comprehensive array of technical assistance and training resources to
38 Native Hawaiian organizations, specifically designed to enhance the capacity of the
39 Native Hawaiian organizations to respond to family violence, domestic violence, and
40 dating violence;

1 “(B) coordinate all projects and other activities with the national resource center
2 described in paragraph (1)(B);

3 “(C) coordinate all projects and other activities, with State and local governments,
4 that involve working with the State and local governments, to enhance their capacity to
5 understand the unique needs of Native Hawaiians;

6 “(D) provide comprehensive community education and prevention initiatives
7 relating to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence in a culturally
8 sensitive and relevant manner; and

9 “(E) coordinate activities with other Federal agencies, offices, and grantees that
10 address the needs of Native Hawaiians who experience family violence, domestic
11 violence, and dating violence, including the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office
12 on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice.”; and

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

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

15 (ii) by striking “(including Alaska Natives)” each place it appears; and

16 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

19 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6);

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

21 “(4) ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—To be eligible
22 to receive a grant under subsection (b)(3), an entity shall be a Tribal organization, or a
23 nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of family violence, domestic
24 violence, and dating violence within Indian Tribes, in Alaska that submits information to
25 the Secretary demonstrating—

26 “(A) experience working with Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations, in Alaska to
27 respond to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and the findings of
28 section 901 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice
29 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

30 “(B) experience providing Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations, in Alaska with
31 assistance in developing Tribally based prevention and intervention services
32 addressing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and safety for
33 American Indian and Alaska Native women consistent with the purposes of section
34 902 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of
35 2005 (Public Law 109–162; 34 U.S.C. 10452 note);

36 “(C) strong support for the entity’s designation as the Alaska Native Tribal resource
37 center on domestic violence from advocates working with Indian Tribes in Alaska to
38 address family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and the safety of
39 Alaska Native women;

40 “(D) a record of demonstrated effectiveness in assisting Indian Tribes, and Tribal

1 organizations, in Alaska with prevention and intervention services addressing family
2 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; and

3 “(E) the capacity to serve geographically diverse Indian Tribes, and Tribal
4 organizations, in Alaska.

5 “(5) NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE CENTER.—To be eligible to receive a grant under
6 subsection (b)(4), an entity shall be a Native Hawaiian organization, or a nonprofit private
7 organization that focuses primarily on issues of family violence, domestic violence, and
8 dating violence within the Native Hawaiian community, that submits information to the
9 Secretary demonstrating—

10 “(A) experience working with Native Hawaiian organizations to respond to family
11 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

12 “(B) experience providing Native Hawaiian organizations with assistance in
13 developing prevention and intervention services addressing family violence, domestic
14 violence, and dating violence and safety for Native Hawaiian women;

15 “(C) strong support for the entity’s designation as the Native Hawaiian resource
16 center on domestic violence from advocates working with Native Hawaiian
17 organizations to address family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence and
18 the safety of Native Hawaiian women;

19 “(D) a record of demonstrated effectiveness in assisting Native Hawaiian
20 organizations with prevention and intervention services addressing family violence,
21 domestic violence, and dating violence; and

22 “(E) the capacity to serve geographically diverse Native Hawaiian communities and
23 organizations.”; and

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

25 (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “subsection (b)(3)”
26 and inserting “subsection (b)(5)”; and

27 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(including Alaska Natives)”.

28 (d) Grants to State Domestic Violence Coalitions.—Section 311(d) of the Family Violence
29 Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10411(d)) is amended—

30 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as paragraphs (5) through (9),
31 respectively; and

32 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (3) the following:

33 “(4) collaborating with, as applicable for the State, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
34 (or Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian groups or communities) to address the needs of
35 Indian (including Alaska Native) or Native Hawaiian victims of family violence, domestic
36 violence, or dating violence, as applicable in the State;”.

37 (e) Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence Coalitions.—The Family Violence Prevention and
38 Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 311 the following:

39 “SEC. 311A. GRANTS TO TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

COALITIONS.

“(a) Grants Authorized.—Beginning with fiscal year 2026, out of amounts appropriated to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities in accordance with this section.

“(b) Eligible Entities.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal Domestic Violence Coalition that provides services to Indian Tribes.

“(c) Application.—Each Tribal Domestic Violence Coalition desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application submitted by the coalition for the grant shall provide documentation of the coalition’s work, demonstrating that the coalition—

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

“(2) has the ability to conduct all activities described in this section, as indicated by—

“(A) a documented experience in administering Federal grants to conduct the activities described in subsection (d); or

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

“(d) Use of Funds.—A Tribal Domestic Violence Coalition eligible under subsection (b) that receives a grant under this section may use the grant funds for administration and operation to further the purposes of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence intervention and prevention activities, including—

“(1) working with local Tribal family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence service programs and providers of direct services to encourage appropriate and comprehensive responses to family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence against adults or youth within the Indian Tribes served, including providing training and technical assistance and conducting Tribal needs assessments;

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

“(3) working in collaboration with Tribal service providers and community-based organizations to address the needs of victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their children and dependents;

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

“(5) supporting the development and implementation of effective policies, protocols, legislation, codes, and programs that address the safety and support needs of adult and youth Tribal victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence;

“(6) encouraging appropriate responses to cases of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence against adults or youth, by working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies and law enforcement agencies;

1 “(7) working with Tribal, State, and Federal judicial agencies, including family law
2 judges, criminal court judges, child protective service agencies, and children’s advocates to
3 develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues—

4 “(A) in cases of child exposure to family violence, domestic violence, or dating
5 violence; or

6 “(B) in cases in which—

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

8 “(ii) child abuse is present;

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

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

16 “(10) providing services described in section 308(b) to victims of family violence,
17 domestic violence, and dating violence.

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

23 (f) National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline Grant.—

24 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection is to increase the availability of
25 information and assistance to Indian adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic
26 violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and
27 individuals affected by such victimization by supporting a national, toll-free telephonic and
28 digital hotline to provide services that are—

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

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

32 (C) developed in cooperation with victim services offered by Indian Tribes and
33 Tribal organizations.

34 (2) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.
35 10401 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 313 the following:

36 “SEC. 313A. NATIONAL INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 37 HOTLINE GRANT.

38 “(a) In General.—The Secretary shall award a grant to a Tribal organization or private,
39 nonprofit entity to maintain the ongoing operation of a 24-hour, national, toll-free telephonic

1 hotline and digital services to provide information and assistance to Indian adult and youth
2 victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household
3 members of such victims, and other individuals affected by such victimization.

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

6 “(c) Conditions on Payment.—The provision of payments under a grant awarded under this
7 section shall be subject to annual approval by the Secretary and subject to the availability of
8 appropriations for each fiscal year to make the payments.

9 “(d) Eligibility.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a Tribal
10 organization or a nonprofit private organization that focuses primarily on issues of family
11 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence as it relates to American Indians and Alaska
12 Natives, and submit an application to the Secretary that shall—

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

15 “(2) include a complete description of the applicant’s plan for the operation of a national
16 Indian domestic violence hotline and digital services, including descriptions of—

17 “(A) the training program for advocacy personnel, including training on the
18 provision of culturally appropriate services, Federal Indian law and Tribal laws
19 impacting Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and
20 resources and referrals for such victims;

21 “(B) the qualifications of the applicant and the hiring criteria and qualifications for
22 advocacy personnel, to ensure that hotline advocates and other personnel have
23 demonstrated knowledge of Indian legal, social, and cultural issues, to ensure that the
24 unique needs of Indian callers and users of digital services are met;

25 “(C) the methods for the creation, maintenance, and updating of a resource database
26 of culturally appropriate victim services and resources available from Indian Tribes
27 and Tribal organizations;

28 “(D) a plan for publicizing the availability of the national Indian hotline and digital
29 services to Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

30 “(E) a plan for providing service to callers and digital services users with limited
31 English proficiency, including service through advocacy personnel who have non-
32 English language capability;

33 “(F) a plan for facilitating access to hotline and digital services by persons with
34 disabilities, including individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or are blind or have
35 visual impairments, and for training hotline and digital services personnel in assisting
36 persons with disabilities when those persons are accessing the hotline and digital
37 services; and

38 “(G) a plan for providing assistance and referrals to Indian youth victims of family
39 violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, which plan may be carried out
40 through a national Indian youth dating violence hotline and other digital services and
41 resources;

1 “(3) demonstrate recognized expertise providing services, including information on
2 healthy relationships and referrals for Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence,
3 or dating violence and coordinating services with Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;

4 “(4) demonstrate support from Indian victim services programs, Tribal Domestic
5 Violence Coalitions and Tribal grantees under this title;

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

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

11 “(7) contain such other information as the Secretary may require.

12 “(e) Indian Hotline Activities.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a grant under this section shall use funds made
14 available through the grant for the purpose described in subsection (a), consistent with
15 paragraph (2).

16 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—In establishing and operating the hotline and digital services, the
17 entity—

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

21 “(B) shall employ, train (including providing technology training), and supervise
22 personnel to answer incoming calls and digital services contacts, provide counseling,
23 healthy relationship information, and referral services for Indian callers and digital
24 services users on a 24-hour-a-day basis, directly connect callers, and assist digital
25 services users in connecting to service providers;

26 “(C) shall assemble and maintain a database of information relating to services for
27 Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence to which
28 Indian callers or digital services users may be referred, including information on the
29 availability of shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic
30 violence, or dating violence;

31 “(D) shall widely publicize the hotline and digital services (and, as appropriate, in
32 accessible formats, including formats compliant with the most recent Web Content
33 Accessibility Guidelines or successor guideline as applicable) throughout Indian Tribes
34 and communities, including—

35 “(i) national and regional member organizations of Indian Tribes;

36 “(ii) Tribal domestic violence services programs; and

37 “(iii) Tribal nonprofit victim service providers;

38 “(E) at the discretion of the hotline operator or digital services provider, may
39 provide—

40 “(i) appropriate assistance and referrals for family and household members of

Indian victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and Indians affected by the victimization described in subsection (a); and

“(ii) assistance, or referrals for counseling or intervention, for identified Indian perpetrators, including self-identified perpetrators, of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, but shall not be required to provide such assistance or referrals in any circumstance in which the hotline operator or digital services provider fears the safety of a victim may be impacted by an abuser or suspected abuser.

“(f) Reports and Evaluation.—The entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary at such time as shall be reasonably required by the Secretary. Such report shall describe the activities that have been carried out with such grant funds, contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, and provide such additional information as the Secretary may reasonably require.”.

SEC. 205. TIWAHE PROGRAM.

(a) Purposes.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to authorize Tiwahe as a permanent strengths-based model administered by the Department of the Interior, in which the Secretary may consolidate and streamline programs from across Federal agencies affecting Tribal and Native Hawaiian families;

(2) to strengthen family stability and wellness among American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities;

(3) to support coordinated delivery of all Federal Government services that affect American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian families, particularly social services, behavioral health, economic support, and justice services;

(4) to prevent the entry of Native children into foster care or juvenile justice systems by supporting family preservation and restoration and promoting safety, wellbeing, and permanency;

(5) to provide additional Tribal flexibility in how Indian Tribes adopt the Tiwahe framework;

(6) to promote Tribal self-determination through locally designed, culturally appropriate program models; and

(7) to strengthen the Federal and Tribal partnership that empowers self-governing families through mutual accountability and shared responsibility.

(b) Definitions.—In this section:

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

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) an Indian Tribe;

(B) a Tribal organization; and

(C) a Native Hawaiian community.

(3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term “Native Hawaiian” has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517).

(4) PILOT SITE.—The term “pilot site” means the 6 Tribal sites chosen as participants in the Tiwahe Demonstration Project carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs before the date of enactment of this Act, including—

(A) the Association of Village Council Presidents (comprised of 56 Alaska Native villages);

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

(C) the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona;

(D) the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota;

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

(F) the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

(6) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—The term “self-determination contract” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

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

(8) TIWAHE PROGRAM.—The term “Tiwahe Program” means the Tiwahe Program established under subsection (c)(1).

(c) Establishment.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program, to be known as the “Tiwahe Program”, to promote a family-centered whole-of-Government response to assist families in becoming self-governing and thriving contributors in their communities.

(2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs shall carry out the Tiwahe Program, including through coordinating between Federal agencies, Congress, pilot sites, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian communities.

(d) Eligibility Requirements.—

(1) GOVERNING PRINCIPLES.—An eligible entity desiring to participate in the Tiwahe Program shall adopt the governing principles of Tiwahe, including—

(A) commitment to the planning, promotion, investment, execution, and achievement of the intent and purposes of Tiwahe, including organizational and transformational change, workforce development, and Tribal member consultation;

(B) adoption of the Tiwahe Self-Governance For Families (TSGoFF) Outcomes Framework with respect to establishing, implementing, and evaluating the

1 implementation by the eligible entity of the strengths-based model of Tiwahe; and

2 (C) infrastructure and workforce development plans to develop, implement, and
3 maintain the strengths-based model for continuous improvement of Tiwahe.

4 (2) STRATEGIC PLAN.—In order to participate in the Tiwahe Program, an eligible entity
5 shall prepare, and submit to the Secretary, a strategic plan to accomplish the following
6 goals:

7 (A) Placing families at the center of all services, seeking their voice and aspirations
8 and responding to those aspirations to achieve their potential.

9 (B) Building relationships of trust with families to move those families beyond crisis
10 intervention and help those families achieve medium-term and long-term goals and
11 outcomes.

12 (C) Establishing a whole-of-Government response to effectively meet the needs of
13 families, enabling those families to become self-governing and thriving contributors in
14 their communities.

15 (D) Building Tribal capacity and commitment to deliver Tiwahe and its underlying
16 key principles to realize the aspirations of Tribal families.

17 (e) DOI Programs Supporting Tiwahe.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—At a minimum, in carrying out the Tiwahe Program, the Secretary shall
19 use existing programs of the Department of the Interior that support the pilot sites.

20 (2) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.—In addition to the programs of the Department of the
21 Interior described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use additional existing programs of
22 the Department of the Interior, as identified by the Council, to achieve the purposes of the
23 Tiwahe Program.

24 (f) Tribal Consultation.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
26 Secretary, in coordination with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary
27 of Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and
28 Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Commerce, and the
29 Secretary of Energy, shall consult with the Council on the identification of additional
30 agencies and programs across the Federal Government that should be used to accomplish
31 the purposes of the Tiwahe Program.

32 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—On completing the Tribal consultation required
33 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with
34 identified Federal agencies for the coordinated delivery of Tiwahe services under the
35 Tiwahe Program.

36 (g) Tiwahe Tribal Advisory Council.—

37 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
38 Secretary shall establish a Tiwahe Tribal Advisory Council—

39 (A) to provide technical assistance for all activities carried out under the Tiwahe
40 Program; and

(B) to ensure eligible entities participating in the Tiwahe Program build capacity, share best practices, and adopt data collection systems, methods, and analyses for continuous improvement and accountability to key stakeholders.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be composed of 12 members, to be appointed in accordance with the following:

(A) 6 shall be appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, of which—

(i) at least 1 shall be an American Indian or Alaska Native youth;

(ii) at least 1 shall be a Native Hawaiian;

(iii) at least 1 shall be an Alaska Native; and

(iv) 3 shall be members of an Indian Tribe.

(B) 6 shall be appointed by each of the pilot sites.

(3) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

(A) identify Federal programs for the administration of the Tiwahe Program;

(B) establish accountability and reporting requirements; and

(C) provide technical assistance, training, and support for eligible entities participating in the Tiwahe Program with respect to the collection of data for the evaluation of outcomes.

(4) ADVISING.—The President and Congress shall advise the Council on all matters relating to the administration of the Tiwahe Program.

(h) Administration of Funds.—The Secretary shall administer funds supporting the Tiwahe Program through grants, self-determination contracts, self-governance compacts, or other agreements.

(i) Savings Provision.—Nothing in this section diminishes or otherwise affects—

(1) the sovereign rights of an Indian Tribe;

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

(3) the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

(j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

TITLE III—IMPROVING RESEARCH AND DATA

SEC. 301. OFFICE ON NATIVE CHILDREN; NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON NATIVE CHILDREN.

(a) Office on Native Children.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of the Interior an Office on Native Children (referred to in this section as the “Office”).

(2) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Director, to be appointed by the

1 Secretary of the Interior.

2 (3) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

3 (A)(i) house the National Clearinghouse on Native Children established under
4 subsection (b)(1); or

5 (ii) ensure coordination with the National Clearinghouse on Native Children
6 established under that subsection if the Secretary of the Interior enters into a
7 memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement with an entity or
8 organization under that subsection to serve as the National Clearinghouse on Native
9 Children;

10 (B) coordinate across Federal agencies on issues relating to Native children,
11 families, and youth; and

12 (C) build Tribal capacity to administer programs relating to Native children,
13 families, and youth.

14 (b) National Clearinghouse on Native Children.—

15 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall establish within the Office, or
17 enter into a memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement with an entity or
18 organization with a demonstrated record in Native communities of facilitating data
19 collection, technical assistance, and research in a manner that respects and honors
20 Native values and culture to serve as, a National Clearinghouse on Native Children
21 (referred to in this subsection as the “Clearinghouse”).

22 (B) REQUIREMENT.—If the Secretary of the Interior enters into a memorandum of
23 understanding or cooperative agreement with an entity or organization under
24 subparagraph (A) to serve as the Clearinghouse, that memorandum of understanding or
25 cooperative agreement shall formalize the role of the entity or organization to serve
26 as—

27 (i) the Clearinghouse; and

28 (ii) a liaison between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, Tribal
29 organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations with respect to issues relating
30 to Native children, families, and youth.

31 (2) DUTIES.—The Clearinghouse shall—

32 (A) develop a system for improving the operation and effectiveness of federally-
33 funded programs intended to serve Native children, families, and youth;

34 (B) coordinate and meet not less frequently than once annually with the Tribal
35 epidemiology centers described in section 214 of the Indian Health Care Improvement
36 Act (25 U.S.C. 1621m);

37 (C) compile—

38 (i) Federal data and information on Native children, families, and youth across
39 Federal agencies;

(ii) Federal reports relating to Native children, families, and youth, including on topics of family and community wellbeing; and

(iii) data provided to the Clearinghouse by a Tribal epidemiology center described in section 214 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1621m); and

(D) collect, disseminate, and publish information on Federal grant opportunities for Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, with a specific focus on grant opportunities relating to Native children, families, and youth.

(3) TRIBAL LIAISONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Clearinghouse shall designate not fewer than 2 individuals to serve as Children’s Funding and Data Liaisons for Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

(B) DUTIES.—An individual designated to serve as a liaison under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) facilitate the identification of youth-related grants and Federal programs that serve Native children, youth, and families;

(ii) provide technical assistance to States and Indian Tribes on creating data-sharing agreements; and

(iii) provide technical assistance to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to build capacity for grant management and data collection.

(c) Law Revision Counsel.—The Office of the Law Revision Counsel is directed to place subsections (a) and (b) in chapter 21 of title 25, United States Code, as subchapter V.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

SEC. 302. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL PRACTICES.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall jointly establish an Interagency Committee on Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological Practices (referred to in this section as the “Committee”) to formulate and provide guidance to Federal agencies on—

(1) Indigenous data sovereignty; and

(2) opportunities for the use of traditional Indigenous ecological practices and practice-based evidence as opposed to, and in addition to, evidence-based practices.

(b) Membership.—The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of the Interior.

(2) The Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1 (3) The Secretary of Education.

2 (4) The Secretary of Agriculture.

3 (5) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

4 (c) Duties.—The Committee shall—

5 (1) work across the Executive Branch to build Tribal research and evaluation capacity;

6 (2) promote the collection and measurement of data useful to Indian Tribes, Tribal
7 organizations, and Native Hawaiians;

8 (3) facilitate the sharing of educational data on Tribal members with their respective
9 Indian Tribes;

10 (4) support opportunities to link national data relating to concerns that affect Native
11 children, youth, and families;

12 (5) assess the appropriateness of existing data categories for comparative purposes;

13 (6) promote the inclusion of Native children, youth, families, and adults in longitudinal
14 studies;

15 (7) report regularly on the quality of data and measures used by Federal programs;

16 (8) ensure that assessments and evaluations of programs that primarily serve Native
17 clients incorporate Indigenous perspectives and methodologies;

18 (9) provide information about evaluation and assessment methods that have proven useful
19 in measuring outcomes in Native communities; and

20 (10) share evaluation and assessment results about Federal programs and policies that
21 have proven useful for strengthening Native communities.

22 (d) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Committee shall
23 submit to Congress a report—

24 (1) on the feasibility of establishing an Office on Indigenous Data Sovereignty in the
25 Department of the Interior—

26 (A) to carry out the duties of the Office on Native Children established by section
27 301(a)(1);

28 (B) to carry out the duties of the Committee described in subsection (c); and

29 (C) to provide additional support to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native
30 Hawaiian organizations, including through funding analyses, generating summary
31 reports, and disseminating findings on key topics that affect the wellbeing of Native
32 children, youth, and families;

33 (2) on the feasibility of establishing a data standard for Native American peoples to allow
34 for the interoperability of Federal data sets;

35 (3) on actions taken at the Executive Branch level to expand opportunities to use
36 traditional ecological practices and practice-based evidence; and

37 (4) that contains recommendations for Congress and the Executive Branch to improve

1 barriers relating to the use of traditional ecological practices in federally-funded
2 opportunities.

3 SEC. 303. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 4 INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY AND TRADITIONAL 5 ECOLOGICAL PRACTICES.

6 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

7 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant
8 Secretary for Indian Affairs.

9 (2) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee” means the Tribal Advisory Committee on
10 Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological Practices established under
11 subsection (b)(1).

12 (3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY.—The term “Native Hawaiian community” has the
13 meaning given the term in section 50.4 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or a
14 successor regulation).

15 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “relevant committees of Congress”
16 means—

17 (A) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate;

18 (B) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

19 (C) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

20 (D) the Committee on Education and Workforce of the House of Representatives.

21 (5) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term “urban Indian organization” has the
22 meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
23 1603).

24 (b) Establishment.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall establish within the Department of the
26 Interior a committee, to be known as the “Tribal Advisory Committee on Indigenous Data
27 Sovereignty and Indigenous Knowledge”.

28 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Committee shall be to facilitate, but not supplant,
29 Tribal consultation between the Executive Branch and Indian Tribes and the Native
30 Hawaiian community on matters relating to data and traditional knowledge in the space of
31 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian youth.

32 (c) Membership.—

33 (1) COMPOSITION.—

34 (A) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—The Committee shall be composed of not fewer than 17
35 members, of whom—

36 (i) 13 shall be researchers, scholars, or Tribal leaders with experience in the
37 fields of data sovereignty, community research, or traditional Indigenous

1 knowledge from each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and
2 Hawai'i;

3 (ii) 2 shall be representatives of a national urban Indian organization; and

4 (iii) 2 shall be representatives of a national health and data organization.

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

8 (2) APPOINTMENT.—The Assistant Secretary shall appoint members to the Committee
9 from among nominations submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native
10 Hawaiian organizations.

11 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Assistant Secretary shall
12 ensure that members of the Committee—

13 (A) represent diverse geographic regions; and

14 (B) have experience in Native youth issues, research, and theory of data sovereignty
15 and traditional Indigenous knowledge and practices.

16 (d) Duties.—The Committee shall—

17 (1) advise across Federal agencies, including advising and providing feedback to the
18 Interagency Committee on Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological
19 Practices established under section 302(a);

20 (2) propose solutions and provide recommendations—

21 (A) to increase the accessibility of Federal datasets containing data relating to Native
22 children and youth;

23 (B) to develop data standards and standard definitions to be used across the Federal
24 Government to improve the interoperability of Federal datasets containing data relating
25 to Native children and youth;

26 (C) to expand opportunities for Native communities to implement interventions
27 using traditional Indigenous knowledge and practice-based evidence with Federal
28 funds; and

29 (D) to increase opportunities for Federal agencies and communities to collect
30 strengths-based and community-values centric data; and

31 (3) identify barriers and propose solutions for coordination between Indian Tribes, Tribal
32 organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, States, and the Federal Government relating
33 to—

34 (A) accessing and sharing data collected relating to Tribal communities and Native
35 youth; and

36 (B) the acceptance of traditional knowledge and cultural interventions that do not
37 meet the current “evidence-based practice” standard of the Federal Government but are
38 known to be effective by Native communities as practice-based evidence.

39 (e) Meetings.—

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

3 (2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—A representative from each of the Administration for
4 Native Americans and the Department of Justice shall attend each meeting of the
5 Committee.

6 (f) Reporting.—

7 (1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Committee shall submit
8 to the Assistant Secretary and the relevant committees of Congress a report on—

9 (A) the activities of the Committee;

10 (B) data challenges affecting Native youth and communities; and

11 (C) recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

12 (2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45 days after the date on which the Assistant
13 Secretary receives a report under paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary shall submit a
14 written response to—

15 (A) the Committee; and

16 (B) the relevant committees of Congress.

17 (g) Compensation.—Members of the Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal to the
18 daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule
19 for each day the member is engaged in Committee duties.

20 (h) Support.—The Assistant Secretary shall provide technical and logistical support to the
21 Committee.

22 (i) FACA Exemption.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the
23 “Federal Advisory Committee Act”), shall not apply to the Committee.

24 (j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
25 section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

26 SEC. 304. STUDY ON INCREASING TRIBAL CAPACITY 27 AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT.

28 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office on Native Children
29 established by section 301(a)(1) shall conduct, and submit to Congress a report on the results of,
30 a study on assistance needed by Indian Tribes to support capacity and grants management,
31 including any reporting requirements that may be burdensome to Indian Tribes, in order for
32 Indian Tribes to take advantage of Federal grants relating to Native children, youth, and families.

33 TITLE IV—IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL AND 34 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF NATIVE CHILDREN

35 SEC. 401. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 36 MATERNAL HEALTH.

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

3 “SEC. 399V–8. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
4 MATERNAL HEALTH.

5 “(a) Establishment.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health
7 Resources and Services Administration, shall establish within the Maternal and Child
8 Health Bureau an advisory committee to be known as the ‘Tribal Advisory Committee on
9 Maternal Health’.

10 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Committee shall facilitate, but not supplant, government-to-
11 government consultation between the Secretary and Indian Tribes on matters relating to
12 maternal health of American Indian and Alaska Native women.

13 “(b) Membership.—

14 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be composed of 15 members as follows:

15 “(A) 1 representative from each of the 12 service areas of the Indian Health Service.

16 “(B) 2 representatives from a national organization focused on American Indian and
17 Alaska Native maternal health.

18 “(C) 1 representative from a national urban Indian organization.

19 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Committee from
21 nominations submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and organizations
22 representing Native Hawaiians.

23 “(B) REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIVE YOUTH.—In appointing members of the
24 Committee, the Secretary is encouraged to appoint at least 1 individual who represents
25 American Indian or Alaska Native youth.

26 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure
27 that—

28 “(A) members of the Committee—

29 “(i) represent diverse geographic regions;

30 “(ii) have experience in Tribal maternal health programs or services; and

31 “(iii) have expertise in areas such as maternal health care, Tribal health
32 programs, or public health;

33 “(B) not fewer than 1 member of the Committee is an Alaska Native; and

34 “(C) not fewer than 1 member of the Committee is a Native Hawaiian.

35 “(4) TERMS.—

36 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of

1 3 years.

2 “(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the Committee may be reappointed for not
3 more than 2 consecutive terms.

4 “(C) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the membership of the Committee shall be filled in
5 the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.

6 “(c) Duties.—The Committee shall—

7 “(1) identify emerging issues affecting maternal health outcomes among American
8 Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women;

9 “(2) propose solutions and provide recommendations, with respect to American Indian,
10 Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women—

11 “(A) to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity;

12 “(B) to improve access to maternal health care services;

13 “(C) to enhance culturally appropriate care;

14 “(D) to strengthen maternal health data collection and surveillance;

15 “(E) to address social determinants of maternal health; and

16 “(F) to address postpartum mental health and substance use disorder treatment and
17 care;

18 “(3) provide guidance on Tribal consultation for maternal health initiatives;

19 “(4) identify interdepartmental barriers and propose solutions for coordination between
20 the Health Resources and Services Administration and—

21 “(A) the Indian Health Service;

22 “(B) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;

23 “(C) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration;

24 “(D) State maternal mortality review committees; and

25 “(E) Tribal epidemiology centers;

26 “(5) advise on integration of traditional American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native
27 Hawaiian practices in maternal health services; and

28 “(6) support emergency preparedness for maternal health crises in Tribal communities.

29 “(d) Meetings.—

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

32 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Associate Administrator of the Maternal and Child
33 Health Bureau (or a designee) shall attend each meeting of the Committee.

34 “(e) Reporting.—

35 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Committee shall
36 submit to the Secretary and the relevant committees of Congress a report on—

1 “(A) the activities of the Committee;

2 “(B) maternal health challenges affecting Tribal communities; and

3 “(C) recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

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

6 “(A) the Committee; and

7 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

8 “(f) Compensation.—The members of the Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal to
9 the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
10 Schedule for each day engaged in Committee duties.

11 “(g) Support.—The Secretary shall provide technical and logistical support to the Committee.

12 “(h) Applicability of FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to
13 as the ‘Federal Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Committee.

14 “(i) Definitions.—In this section:

15 “(1) COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Committee’ means the Tribal Advisory Committee on
16 Maternal Health established under subsection (a)(1).

17 “(2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term ‘relevant committees of
18 Congress’ means—

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

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

21 “(C) the Committee on Finance of the Senate;

22 “(D) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

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

24 “(j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
25 section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.”.

26 SEC. 402. SET-ASIDE OF MATERNAL AND CHILD 27 HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FOR INDIAN 28 TRIBES.

29 (a) In General.—Section 502 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 702) is amended by adding
30 at the end the following new subsection:

31 “(e) Tribal Set-aside.—

32 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall
33 reserve 5 percent of the amount appropriated under section 501(a) for each fiscal year for
34 payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations (as defined in section 4 of the Indian
35 Health Care Improvement Act) to carry out this title.

1 “(2) STATE ALLOCATION PROTECTION.—

2 “(A) HOLD HARMLESS.—The amount of an allotment under subsection (c) to a State
3 for a fiscal year shall not be less than the amount the State received under such
4 subsection for fiscal year 2024.

5 “(B) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—If the amounts available under section 501(a) are
6 insufficient to satisfy both paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall first
7 satisfy the requirements of subparagraph (A) and then distribute any remaining funds
8 in accordance with paragraph (1).

9 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—An Indian tribe or tribal organization receiving payments pursuant
10 to paragraph (1) may use such payments to carry out the purposes and activities described in
11 subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1) and for the purposes of providing maternal and child health
12 services to Indian mothers and children.

13 “(4) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive payments under this subsection, an Indian
14 tribe or tribal organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
15 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary shall require.

16 “(5) DIRECT FUNDING.—No payments under this subsection shall be made through any
17 State or political subdivision thereof.

18 “(6) APPLICATION OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the other provisions of
20 this title shall not apply to a payment made under this subsection.

21 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—The following provisions of this title shall apply to a payment
22 made under this subsection to the same extent and in the same manner as such
23 provisions apply to allotments made under subsection (c):

24 “(i) Section 504(b)(6) (relating to prohibition on payments to excluded
25 individuals and entities).

26 “(ii) Section 504(c) (relating to the use of funds for the purchase of technical
27 assistance).

28 “(iii) Section 506 (relating to reports and audits), but only to the extent
29 determined by the Secretary to be appropriate for grants made under this section.

30 “(iv) Section 507 (relating to penalties for false statements).

31 “(v) Section 509(a) (relating to the administration of the grant program).”.

32 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 502(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 702(d)) is amended by
33 inserting “, after the application of subsection (e)” after “without regard to this paragraph” each
34 place it appears.

35 (c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to fiscal years beginning
36 after September 30, 2025.

37 **SEC. 403. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN**
38 **SERVICES STUDY ON THE INTERSECTION OF**

MATERNAL MORTALITY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(a) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study on the intersection between maternal mortality and domestic violence with respect to American Indian and Alaska Native mothers.

(b) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the study required under subsection (a) is completed, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that describes the results of the study.

SEC. 404. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

“SEC. 501D. TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

“(a) Establishment.—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary, shall establish within the Administration a Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (referred to in this section as the ‘TTAC’).

“(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the TTAC shall be to serve as an advisory committee to the Assistant Secretary regarding the provision of culturally appropriate mental health and substance use services to American Indian and Alaska Native communities, including—

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

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

“(3) increasing Tribal consultation in program planning and policies of the Administration;

“(4) enhancing government-to-government relationships between Indian Tribes and the Administration; and

“(5) providing recommendations on the policies and activities of the Administration that affect Tribal communities.

“(c) Membership.—

“(1) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act of 2025, the Assistant Secretary shall appoint the members of the TTAC in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) COMPOSITION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the TTAC shall be composed of 14

1 members as follows:

2 “(i) 1 representative from each of the 12 service areas of the Indian Health
3 Service.

4 “(ii) 2 representatives from a national Tribal organization with expertise in
5 behavioral health.

6 “(B) NATIVE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE.—The Secretary may appoint 1 additional
7 member to the TTAC who is a representative of American Indian and Alaska Native
8 youth.

9 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the TTAC shall—

10 “(A) be an elected or appointed Tribal leader, or a designated Tribal representative;
11 and

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

13 “(4) TERMS.—

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

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

19 “(d) Duties.—The TTAC shall—

20 “(1) meet not less frequently than twice each year;

21 “(2) provide advice to the Assistant Secretary on policies and programs affecting Tribal
22 communities;

23 “(3) identify emerging issues and concerns regarding behavioral health in Tribal
24 communities;

25 “(4) propose solutions and recommendations for addressing identified issues; and

26 “(5) submit an annual report to the Assistant Secretary summarizing the activities and
27 recommendations of the TTAC.

28 “(e) Support.—

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

31 “(2) COMPENSATION.—Members of the TTAC who are not officers or employees of the
32 United States shall not receive compensation for service on the TTAC, but may receive
33 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable
34 provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

35 “(f) Applicability of FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to
36 as the ‘Federal Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Committee.

37 “(g) Effect.—Nothing in this section shall—

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

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

5 “(h) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
6 section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.”.

7 SEC. 405. SECRETARY’S TRIBAL ADVISORY 8 COMMITTEE.

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

11 “SEC. 249. SECRETARY’S TRIBAL ADVISORY 12 COMMITTEE.

13 “(a) Establishment.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of
15 Intergovernmental and External Affairs (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’), shall
16 establish within the Department a committee to be known as the ‘Secretary’s Tribal
17 Advisory Committee’.

18 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Committee shall be to facilitate, but not supplant,
19 government-to-government consultation between the Secretary and Indian Tribes on matters
20 relating to the administration of programs under the Department.

21 “(b) Membership.—

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

24 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Committee from
25 nominations submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and organizations
26 representing American Indians and Alaska Natives.

27 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure
28 that members of the Committee—

29 “(A) are elected Tribal officials, or their designated representatives with authority to
30 act on behalf of the officials;

31 “(B) represent diverse geographic regions; and

32 “(C) have experience in matters related to programs under the Department.

33 “(4) TERMS.—

34 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of
35 2 years.

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

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

2 “(c) Duties.—The Committee shall—

3 “(1) identify evolving issues that affect the administration of programs under the

4 Department that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives;

5 “(2) propose solutions and provide recommendations—

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

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

8 “(C) to strengthen Department consultation with Indian Tribes;

9 “(3) identify interdepartmental barriers and propose solutions for coordination between

10 the agencies and offices of the Department; and

11 “(4) advise on strategies for effective implementation of Department programs and

12 policies in Tribal communities.

13 “(d) Meetings.—

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

15 each year.

16 “(2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Secretary or the Secretary’s designee shall attend

17 each meeting of the Committee.

18 “(e) Reporting.—

19 “(1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Committee shall

20 submit to the Secretary and the relevant committees of Congress a report on—

21 “(A) the activities of the Committee;

22 “(B) challenges affecting the government-to-government relationship between the

23 Secretary and Indian Tribes; and

24 “(C) recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

25 “(2) AGENCY RESPONSE.—Not later than 45 days after receiving a report under paragraph

26 (1), the Secretary shall submit a written response to—

27 “(A) the Committee; and

28 “(B) the relevant committees of Congress.

29 “(f) Compensation.—The members of the Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal to

30 the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive

31 Schedule for each day engaged in Committee duties.

32 “(g) Support.—The Secretary shall provide technical and logistical support to the Committee.

33 “(h) Applicability of FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to

34 as the ‘Federal Advisory Committee Act’), shall not apply to the Committee.

35 “(i) Definitions.—In this section:

36 “(1) COMMITTEE.—The term ‘Committee’ means the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory

Committee established under subsection (a)(1).

“(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’ means the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

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

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

“(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

“(j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.”.

SEC. 406. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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

“SEC. 1918A. DIRECT GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.

“(a) In General.—Each fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under section 1920(a) for the fiscal year for direct grants to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in accordance with this section.

“(b) Application.—In order for an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization to be eligible for a grant for a grant under subsection (a), such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(c) Use of Funds.—An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use the grant funds to provide community mental health services for adults with a serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance, as defined in accordance with section 1912(c).

“(d) Definitions.—In this section, the terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings given the terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.”.

SEC. 407. SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 “SEC. 1933A. DIRECT GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES AND
2 TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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

6 “(b) Application.—In order for an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization to be eligible for a grant
7 under subsection (a), such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization shall submit to the Secretary an
8 application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
9 require.

10 “(c) Use of Funds.—An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization that receives a grant under
11 subsection (a) shall use the grant funds for planning, carrying out, and evaluating activities to
12 prevent, treat, and provide recovery support services for substance use disorders.

13 “(d) Definitions.—In this section, the terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the
14 meanings given the terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
15 Act.”.

16 SEC. 408. SELF-GOVERNANCE DEMONSTRATION
17 PROGRAM FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
18 FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

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

21 “SEC. 554. SELF-GOVERNANCE DEMONSTRATION
22 PROGRAM FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
23 FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

24 “(a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
25 Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’),
26 shall establish a demonstration program under which the Secretary shall, on the request of any
27 Indian Tribe by Tribal resolution, enter into a self-governance compact or funding agreement
28 with the Indian Tribe or Tribal organization to plan, conduct, and administer covered programs
29 to improve the behavioral health and wellness of the community of the Indian Tribe.

30 “(b) Requirements.—The Secretary shall negotiate self-governance compacts and funding
31 agreements under subsection (a)—

32 “(1) consistent with the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian Tribes; and

33 “(2) that have the same force and effect as self-determination contracts under section 102
34 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

35 “(c) Funding.—

36 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide funds to the Indian Tribe or Tribal
37 organization under a self-governance compact or funding agreement entered into under this

1 section for programs included in such self-governance compact or funding agreement in an
2 amount that is equal to the amount such Indian Tribe or Tribal organization would have
3 been entitled to receive under such programs.

4 “(2) TIMING.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to the terms of any self-governance compact or
6 funding agreement entered into under this section, the Secretary shall transfer to the
7 Indian Tribe or Tribal organization all funds provided for in such self-governance
8 compact or funding agreement, pursuant to paragraph (1), and provide funding for
9 periods covered by joint resolution adopted by Congress making continuing
10 appropriations, to the extent permitted by such resolution.

11 “(B) TRANSFERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Native
12 Children’s Commission Implementation Act of 2025, in any instance in which a self-
13 governance compact or funding agreement requires an annual transfer of funding to be
14 made at the beginning of a fiscal year or requires semiannual or other periodic transfers
15 of funding to be made commencing at the beginning of a fiscal year, the first such
16 transfer shall be made not later than 10 days after the apportionment of such funds by
17 the Office of Management and Budget to the Department, unless such self-governance
18 compact or funding agreement provides otherwise.

19 “(d) Program Flexibility.—An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization may redesign, consolidate,
20 or reallocate funds among programs included in a self-governance compact or funding agreement
21 entered into under this section consistent with the requirements for self-determination contracts
22 or self-governance compacts entered into under the Indian Self-Determination and Education
23 Assistance Act.

24 “(e) Technical Assistance.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Tribal Self-Governance of the
26 Department of Health and Human Services shall provide technical assistance to the
27 Secretary and participating Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out this section,
28 including technical assistance to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to conduct
29 evaluations of programs for which such Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations have
30 participated in self-governance under this section.

31 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to national
32 organizations with expertise on Tribal self-governance, for purposes of providing technical
33 assistance to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in the negotiation of self-governance
34 compact or funding agreements described in subsection (a).

35 “(f) Consultation.—The Secretary shall conduct Tribal consultation before promulgating
36 regulations to carry out this section.

37 “(g) Reporting.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress annual reports on the implementation
38 of this section.

39 “(h) Definitions.—In this section:

40 “(1) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term ‘covered program’ means any program of the
41 Administration as the Secretary determines appropriate.

1 “(2) FUNDING AGREEMENT.—The term ‘funding agreement’ means a negotiated
2 agreement between the Secretary and an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization that specifies
3 the programs, services, functions, and activities to be performed by such Indian Tribe or
4 Tribal organization.

5 “(3) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal
6 organization’ have the meanings given such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-
7 Determination and Education Assistance Act.

8 “(4) SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACT.—The term ‘self-governance compact’ means a
9 negotiated agreement between the Secretary and an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization that
10 establishes the general terms of the relationship between the Secretary and such Indian
11 Tribe or Tribal organization.

12 “(i) Authorization of Appropriations.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

14 “(A) \$2,000,000 to carry out the demonstration program under this section; and

15 “(B) such sums as necessary to provide technical assistance under subsection (h).

16 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain
17 available until expended.”.

18 TITLE V—ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION

19 SEC. 501. NATIVE CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL 20 HEALTH PROTECTION TASK FORCE.

21 The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is amended by inserting after section 223 (25 U.S.C.
22 1621v) the following:

23 “SEC. 224. NATIVE CHILDREN’S ENVIRONMENTAL 24 HEALTH PROTECTION TASK FORCE.

25 “(a) Establishment.—

26 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the Service a Native Children’s
27 Environmental Health Protection Task Force (referred to in this section as the ‘Task
28 Force’).

29 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force—

30 “(A) shall include—

31 “(i) the Director of the Service, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Task
32 Force; and

33 “(ii) 1 representative from each of—

34 “(I) the relevant divisions of the Service, as determined by the Director of
35 the Service;

36 “(II) the Environmental Protection Agency;

1 “(III) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

2 “(IV) the Department of the Interior;

3 “(V) the Department of Agriculture;

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

5 “(VII) the Department of Transportation;

6 “(VIII) tribal organizations;

7 “(IX) Tribal environmental health programs; and

8 “(X) Tribal health directors; and

9 “(B) may include a representative of Native youth.

10 “(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the Task Force shall be to serve as a coordinating body to
11 protect the environmental health of Native children through cross-agency collaboration,
12 including by—

13 “(1) identifying and addressing environmental health hazards that disproportionately
14 affect Native children;

15 “(2) enhancing coordination among Federal, State, and Tribal agencies on environmental
16 health issues affecting Native children;

17 “(3) developing and implementing culturally appropriate solutions to environmental
18 health challenges in Tribal communities;

19 “(4) leveraging resources across Federal, State, and Tribal agencies to maximize impact
20 and efficiency of environmental health programs;

21 “(5) strengthening Tribal capacity to address environmental health threats through
22 technical assistance and resource sharing;

23 “(6) ensuring environmental health interventions respect Tribal sovereignty and
24 incorporate traditional ecological knowledge;

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

26 “(8) reducing administrative burdens on Tribal environmental health programs through
27 streamlined processes and integrated systems.

28 “(c) Duties.—The Task Force shall—

29 “(1) develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan to address environmental
30 health threats to Native children, including dust, mold, sanitation challenges, contaminated
31 lands from mining, industrial wastes, abandoned uranium mines, pesticides from
32 agricultural operations, and oil spills;

33 “(2) establish streamlined application and reporting processes across agencies
34 participating on the Task Force;

35 “(3) implement integrated data collection and sharing;

36 “(4) streamline funding mechanisms;

1 “(5) coordinate emergency response; and

2 “(6) reduce administrative burden on Tribal programs.

3 “(d) Consultation.—The Task Force shall consult with tribal organizations in developing and
4 implementing all protocols and processes under this section.

5 “(e) Annual Report.—Annually, the Task Force shall submit to Congress a report on the
6 implementation of this section, including any outcomes and recommendations.”.

7 SEC. 502. INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 8 WITHIN PRIMARY CARE.

9 (a) Community Health Representative Program.—Section 107 of the Indian Health Care
10 Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1616) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(c) Environmental Health Training Requirements.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that all health professional training
13 programs administered by the Service include mandatory training on—

14 “(A) environmental health assessment protocols specific to Tribal communities;

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

16 “(C) home environmental assessment procedures and documentation;

17 “(D) cultural competency in discussing environmental health concerns with Tribal
18 families; and

19 “(E) integration of traditional ecological knowledge in environmental health
20 assessments.

21 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall develop the training components described in
22 paragraph (1) in consultation with—

23 “(A) the Office of Native Children’s Environmental Health of the Environmental
24 Protection Agency established by section 503(a)(1) of the Native Children’s
25 Commission Implementation Act of 2025;

26 “(B) the Division of Environmental Health Services of the Service;

27 “(C) Tribal environmental health programs; and

28 “(D) Tribal health boards.”.

29 (b) Comprehensive Environmental Health System.—Title II of the Indian Health Care
30 Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

31 “SEC. 227. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SYSTEM.

32 “(a) In General.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Service
33 shall establish a comprehensive environmental health system (referred to in this section as the
34 ‘system’) that includes—

35 “(1) electronic health record capabilities for—

1 “(A) standardized environmental exposure history documentation;
2 “(B) automated clinical decision support for environmental health concerns;
3 “(C) bi-directional data sharing between clinical and environmental health services;
4 and
5 “(D) geographic tracking of environmental health conditions; and
6 “(2) standardized referral protocols that—
7 “(A) connect clinical providers with environmental health services;
8 “(B) establish response time requirements;
9 “(C) require documented follow-up; and
10 “(D) include case management when needed.
11 “(b) Memoranda of Agreement.—In implementing the system, the Secretary shall offer to
12 enter into memoranda of agreement with Service units, Tribal environmental programs, and
13 relevant Federal and State agencies.
14 “(c) Annual Report.—Annually, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on system
15 implementation, utilization, and outcomes.
16 “(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
17 section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.”.

18 SEC. 503. OFFICE OF NATIVE CHILDREN’S 19 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

20 (a) Establishment.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the Environmental Protection Agency an
22 office, to be known as the “Office of Native Children’s Environmental Health” (referred to
23 in this section as the “Office”), to carry out the responsibilities of the Environmental
24 Protection Agency in protecting Native children from environmental health risks.

25 (2) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Director (referred to in this section as
26 the “Director”), to be appointed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
27 Agency (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”).

28 (b) Functions.—The Director shall—

29 (1) carry out the responsibilities of the Environmental Protection Agency identified by
30 the Native Children’s Environmental Health Protection Task Force established under
31 section 224 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act;

32 (2) develop and enforce environmental standards and guidelines that address risks
33 specifically affecting Native children;

34 (3) provide technical expertise and support for environmental monitoring and assessment
35 in Tribal communities;

36 (4) conduct and support research on environmental health impacts specific to Native
37 children;

- 1 (5) provide scientific and technical assistance to Tribal environmental programs; and
2 (6) ensure integration of traditional ecological knowledge in environmental standard-
3 setting and risk assessment.

4 (c) Demonstration Project Authority.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may carry out demonstration projects to develop, test,
6 and implement innovative approaches to addressing environmental health risks to Native
7 children.

8 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—The Director may award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
9 to carry out demonstration projects under this subsection to—

10 (A) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations;

11 (B) nonprofit organizations serving Tribal communities; and

12 (C) such other entities as the Director determines appropriate.

13 (3) PRIORITY.—In selecting demonstration projects for which grants, contracts, or
14 cooperative agreements are awarded under this subsection, the Director shall give priority to
15 demonstration projects that—

16 (A) address significant environmental health risks to Native children;

17 (B) incorporate Tribal traditional ecological knowledge;

18 (C) have the potential for scalability and replication in other Tribal communities;

19 (D) engage Native youth in environmental solutions; or

20 (E) leverage multiple partners or sources of funding.

21 (4) EVALUATION.—In selecting demonstration projects to be carried out using grants,
22 contracts, or cooperative agreements awarded under this subsection, the Director shall
23 ensure that each selected demonstration project includes a rigorous evaluation component to
24 assess outcomes and identify best practices.

25 (5) DISSEMINATION.—The Director shall ensure that findings, best practices, and lessons
26 learned from demonstration projects carried out using grants, contracts, or cooperative
27 agreements awarded under this subsection are widely disseminated to Tribal communities
28 and relevant Federal, State, and local agencies.

29 (d) Tribal Consultation.—In carrying out the duties of the Office, the Director shall establish a
30 Tribal consultation process that ensures—

31 (1) early and meaningful Tribal input on Office priorities;

32 (2) incorporation of Tribal traditional ecological knowledge;

33 (3) respect for Tribal sovereignty; and

34 (4) consideration of unique Tribal environmental contexts.

35 (e) Coordination.—In carrying out the duties of the Office, the Director shall coordinate with
36 relevant Federal, Tribal, and State entities, including—

37 (1) the Office of Children's Health Protection of the Environmental Protection Agency;

- (2) the Indian Health Service;
- (3) the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- (4) Tribal environmental programs;
- (5) State environmental agencies; and
- (6) other entities as the Director determines appropriate.

(f) Reporting.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act and every 2 years thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

- (1) activities of the Office and outcomes for those activities;
- (2) environmental health risks affecting Native children;
- (3) recommendations for addressing the risks identified under paragraph (2); and
- (4) resource needs for effective implementation of the programs and duties of the Office.

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

SEC. 601. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS UNDER SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS AND SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

Section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and
- (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) SELF DETERMINATION CONTRACTS AND SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING AGREEMENTS
FOR INDIAN ENTITIES.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) INDIAN ENTITY.—The term ‘Indian entity’ means—

“(I) an Indian tribe; and

“(II) a Tribal organization.

“(ii) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—The term ‘self-determination contract’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

“(iii) SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT.—The term ‘self-governance funding agreement’ has the meaning given the term ‘funding agreement’ in section 401 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5361).

“(B) CONTRACTS AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS.—At the request of an Indian entity,

1 the Secretary shall negotiate and enter into self-determination contracts or self-
2 governance funding agreements—

3 “(i) to purchase agricultural commodities under the food distribution program
4 under this subsection for the Indian reservation of that Indian entity; and

5 “(ii) to administer programs, functions, services, or activities (or portions
6 thereof) related to the operations of that food distribution program.

7 “(C) ELIGIBILITY.—

8 “(i) CRITERIA.—An Indian entity shall be eligible to enter into a self-
9 determination contract or self-governance funding agreement under subparagraph
10 (B) if the Indian entity meets the eligibility requirements to enter into such
11 contracts or agreements under title I or IV of the Indian Self-Determination and
12 Education Assistance Act of 1975 (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq., 5361 et seq.).

13 “(ii) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with Indian tribes to
14 determine the process under which an Indian entity may enter into a self-
15 determination contract or self-governance funding agreement under subparagraph
16 (B).

17 “(D) PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—Any agricultural commodities
18 purchased by an Indian entity under a self-determination contract or self-governance
19 funding agreement entered into under subparagraph (B)—

20 “(i) shall be domestically produced;

21 “(ii) shall not result in a material increase or decrease in the total amount of
22 food in the food package of that Indian entity compared to the amount of food that
23 the Secretary authorizes to be provided through the FDPIR Guide Rate; and

24 “(iii)(I) shall be of similar or higher nutritional value as the type of agricultural
25 commodities that would be supplanted in the existing food package for that Indian
26 entity; or

27 “(II) shall be an agricultural commodity with Tribal significance to that Indian
28 entity.

29 “(E) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Native
30 Children’s Commission Implementation Act of 2025, and annually thereafter, the
31 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
32 Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives a report
33 describing the activities carried out by Indian entities under self-determination
34 contracts and self-governance funding agreements entered into under subparagraph (B)
35 during the year covered by the report.

36 “(F) APPLICATION OF GOVERNING LAW.—

37 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the negotiation, execution, and
38 flexible administration of all self-determination contracts and self-governance
39 agreements entered into under subparagraph (B) shall be governed by the
40 requirements of title I or IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education
41 Assistance Act of 1975 (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq., 5361 et seq.), respectively, and

1 the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of the Interior.

2 “(ii) CONSENT OF INDIAN ENTITY.—The application of the requirements
3 described in clause (i) shall be adapted to the programs, functions, services, and
4 activities of the food distribution program under this subsection only with the
5 negotiated consent of the Indian entity affected, on a case-by-case basis.”.

6 SEC. 602. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.

7 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5321 et
8 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “SEC. 113. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.

10 “(a) Agriculture Self-determination Authorized.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into
11 self-determination contracts, in accordance with subsection (b), with Indian Tribes and Tribal
12 organizations (excluding Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in noncontiguous States) on the
13 request of any Indian Tribe by Tribal resolution, to plan, conduct, and administer any function,
14 service, or activity of the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food
15 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian Tribe.

16 “(b) Self-determination Contract.—A self-determination contract entered into under
17 subsection (a) shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject to the same procedures,
18 regulations, and requirements, as a self-determination contract entered into under section 102,
19 except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture shall be the
20 appropriate Secretary and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract entered into under
21 subsection (a).

22 “(c) Technical Assistance.—The Office of Self-Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
23 shall provide technical assistance regarding the self-determination contracts authorized under this
24 section to—

25 “(1) the Secretary of Agriculture; and

26 “(2) Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations that request that assistance.”.

27 SEC. 603. ALASKA PILOT PROGRAM FOR SNAP 28 ADMINISTRATION.

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

31 “SEC. 31. ALASKA PILOT PROGRAM FOR SNAP 32 ADMINISTRATION.

33 “(a) Definition of Covered Indian Entity.—The term ‘covered Indian entity’ means—

34 “(1) each of the 12 regional nonprofit corporations established pursuant to the Alaska
35 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

36 “(2) the Metlakatla Indian Community of the Annette Islands Reserve.

37 “(b) Grants.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary

1 shall—

2 “(1) award grants to covered Indian entities to administer the supplemental nutrition
3 assistance program in an amount determined under subsection (c); and

4 “(2) reduce the Federal share of the administrative costs paid to the State of Alaska under
5 section 16 by the total amount of those grants.

6 “(c) Amount Determined.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount for a covered Indian entity under subsection
8 (b)(1) shall be, of the Federal share described in subsection (b)(2) for fiscal year 2025, the
9 amount attributable to expenditures for Indian households residing in the service areas
10 identified by the covered Indian entity under subsection (d)(1)(C).

11 “(2) USE OF STATE SUBMITTED DATA.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use data submitted by the State of Alaska to
13 calculate the payment amount under paragraph (1).

14 “(B) DISAGREEMENT WITH DETERMINATION.—If a covered Indian entity disagrees
15 with the data described in subparagraph (A), the covered Indian entity may submit to
16 the Secretary for consideration such additional information as may be relevant to
17 calculating the payment amount under paragraph (1).

18 “(d) 3-year Tribal SNAP Administration Plan.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A covered Indian entity seeking a grant under subsection (b) shall
20 submit to the Secretary a 3-year Tribal family assistance plan that—

21 “(A) describes how the covered Indian entity will administer the supplemental
22 nutrition assistance program for the 3-year period, consistent with this Act;

23 “(B) specifies whether benefits will be provided by the covered Indian entity or
24 through agreements, contracts, or compacts with intertribal consortia, States, or other
25 entities;

26 “(C) identifies the population and service areas to be served by the covered Indian
27 entity; and

28 “(D) identifies the employment opportunities in or near the service areas of the
29 covered Indian entity and the manner in which the covered Indian entity will cooperate
30 and participate in enhancing those opportunities for recipients of assistance, consistent
31 with any applicable Federal standards.

32 “(2) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 30 days after receiving a Tribal family assistance
33 plan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall approve or deny the plan.

34 “(e) Administration.—In administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program using a
35 grant awarded under subsection (b), a covered Indian entity shall—

36 “(1) subject to a waiver from the Secretary, comply with requirements comparable to the
37 requirements applicable to the State of Alaska in administering the supplemental nutrition
38 assistance program;

39 “(2) prohibit a household receiving benefits from receiving duplicative assistance under

1 the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and

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

4 “(f) Rules of Construction.—

5 “(1) TRIBAL EXEMPTION FROM SNAP WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this
6 section affects the application of subparagraphs (F) and (G) of section 6(o)(3).

7 “(2) ACCOUNTABILITY.—Nothing in this section limits the ability of the Secretary to
8 maintain program funding accountability consistent with—

9 “(A) generally accepted accounting principles; and

10 “(B) section 412 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 612).”.

11 SEC. 604. CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TRIBAL PILOT 12 PROJECTS.

13 (a) Nutrition and Health Assessment.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the
15 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in partnership with the
16 Secretary of Agriculture, shall conduct a study on the intersection of nutrition programs and
17 health outcomes for Native children in Tribal communities.

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

19 (A) health outcomes from Federal nutrition programs in Tribal communities;

20 (B) integration of traditional foods in Federal nutrition assistance;

21 (C) community-level nutrition intervention effectiveness;

22 (D) food sovereignty and community health connections; and

23 (E) coordinated nutrition-health service delivery models.

24 (b) School Nutrition.—

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

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

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

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

30 “(F) a child who is an enrolled member, or who has 1 or more parents who are
31 enrolled members, of an Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-
32 Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).”.

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

35 (A) by striking “and” before “the Commonwealth”;

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

(C) by inserting “or area, as applicable,” after “such State”; and

(D) by inserting “or areas, as applicable,” after “those States”.

(c) Tribally Operated Meal Pilot Program.—Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) Tribally Operated Meal Pilot Program.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term ‘covered institution’ means—

“(i) a Bureau-funded school (as defined in section 1141 of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021));

“(ii) a school (as such term is defined in section 12(d)) on or near an Indian reservation or in a noncontiguous State; and

“(iii) an early care and education facility, including a facility that participates in a Head Start program authorized under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).

“(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(i) an Indian tribe or Tribal organization;

“(ii) a Tribal educational agency;

“(iii) a consortium of Indian tribes; and

“(iv) a partnership between—

“(I) an Indian tribe; and

“(II)(aa) a State educational agency;

“(bb) a local educational agency;

“(cc) a tribal educational agency; or

“(dd) the Bureau of Indian Education.

“(C) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

“(D) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means the pilot program established under paragraph (2).

“(E) TRIBAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term ‘tribal educational agency’ has the meaning given the term in section 6132(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7452(b)).

1 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a pilot program to award grants to
2 10 eligible entities to operate and implement in covered institutions 1 or more of the
3 following programs:

4 “(A) The school lunch program authorized under this Act.

5 “(B) The summer food service program for children established under section 13.

6 “(C) The child and adult care food program established under section 17.

7 “(D) The school breakfast program established by section 4 of the Child Nutrition
8 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

9 “(3) TERMS OF GRANT.—

10 “(A) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded to an eligible entity under the
11 program shall be negotiated with the eligible entity, but shall be not less than \$10,000
12 and not more than \$100,000 for each fiscal year.

13 “(B) PERIOD.—A grant awarded to an eligible entity under the program shall be
14 available for a period of 2 years after the date on which the grant is received by the
15 eligible entity.

16 “(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, an eligible
17 entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and
18 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

19 “(5) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under the
20 program, the Secretary shall select eligible entities that—

21 “(A) are located in diverse geographic areas; and

22 “(B) serve Indian tribes of varying population size.

23 “(6) REIMBURSEMENTS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an eligible entity
25 that receives a grant under the program to operate and implement a program described
26 in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2) shall—

27 “(i) with respect to the program described in subparagraph (A) of that
28 paragraph, be reimbursed under that program as if the eligible entity were a State
29 described in section 12(f);

30 “(ii) with respect to the program described in subparagraph (B) of that
31 paragraph, be reimbursed under that program as if the eligible entity were a State
32 under section 13;

33 “(iii) with respect to the program described in subparagraph (C) of that
34 paragraph, be reimbursed under that program as if the eligible entity were a State
35 under section 17; and

36 “(iv) in the case of the program described in subparagraph (D) of that
37 paragraph, shall be reimbursed under that program as if the eligible entity were a
38 State educational agency.

39 “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under the

1 program shall receive administrative funds at a rate that is consistent with the amount
2 received by a State under section 7 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
3 1776).

4 “(7) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the pilot program, the
5 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the outcomes of the pilot program.”.

6 TITLE VII—ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN NATIVE 7 COMMUNITIES

8 SEC. 701. PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE 9 FOR HOMELESS NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKA 10 NATIVES.

11 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

12 (1) ELIGIBLE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE.—The term “eligible American
13 Indian and Indian Native” means a member of an Indian Tribe who is homeless or at risk of
14 homelessness, as defined in sections 103 and 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
15 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302, 11360).

16 (2) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term “domestic violence” has the meaning given the term
17 in section 40002(a)(12) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
18 12291(a)(12)).

19 (3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible recipient” means a tribally designated
20 housing entity in partnership with—

21 (A) an Indian Tribe; or

22 (B) a Tribal organization or nonprofit organization that receives a Tribal resolution
23 of support.

24 (4) HOMELESS YOUTH.—The term “homeless youth” has the meaning given the term in
25 section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (34 U.S.C. 11279).

26 (5) INDIAN AREA; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION; TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY.—The
27 terms “Indian area”, “Tribal organization”, and “tribally designated housing entity” have the
28 meanings given those terms in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and
29 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

30 (6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4
31 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

32 (7) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the program established under subsection
33 (b).

34 (b) Establishment.—The Secretary may use up to 5 percent of the amounts made available for
35 rental assistance under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
36 1437f(o)(19)) each fiscal year to carry out a housing and supportive services program, to be
37 known as the “Tribal Homeless Assistance program”, by awarding grants to eligible recipients
38 for the benefit of eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives.

(c) Model; Consultation.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of the Indian Health Service, shall—

(1) model the Program on the rental assistance and supported housing program authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) and applicable appropriations Acts for Native American veterans that are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas; and

(2) consult with eligible recipients to ensure effective delivery of grants under the Program.

(d) Application.—Each eligible recipient applying for a grant under the Program shall submit to the Secretary an application that includes the appropriate eligible recipient under subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(3) with which the eligible recipient plans to partner to provide 2 years of mandatory case management services to the recipient of the housing voucher under the Program.

(e) Priority.—An eligible recipient that receives a grant under the Program shall prioritize providing assistance to homeless youth, families with children, and survivors of domestic violence.

(f) Funding Criteria.—Grants awarded under the Program shall be based on need, administrative capacity, and other criteria established in consultation with the Indian Health Service and eligible recipients.

(g) Administration.—The Program shall be administered in accordance with the requirements under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), including reporting requirements.

(h) Renewal Grants.—The Secretary may set aside amounts for renewal grants under the Program and define renewal criteria, including data reporting.

(i) Study on Barriers to Implementation.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the Director of the Indian Health Service, shall review and submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the Program, including any barriers to implementation.

SEC. 702. TRIBAL AND RURAL CONTINUUM OF CARE BUILDS PROGRAM.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) INDIAN AREA; TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY.—The terms “Indian area” and “tribally designated housing entity” have the meanings given those terms in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

(2) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal organization” have the meanings given those terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(b) Authorization.—The Secretary shall establish and carry out a program, to be known as the “Tribal and Rural Continuum of Care Builds Program,” to provide competitive grants under the

1 subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.)
2 for the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for
3 individuals and families experiencing homelessness or overcrowded living conditions.

4 (c) Eligible Activities.—Of amounts made available to a recipient of a grant under this
5 section—

6 (1) the eligible entity may use grant funds for capital costs, including new construction,
7 acquisition, and rehabilitation of housing units;

8 (2) not more than 20 percent of total grant funds may be used for eligible supportive
9 services, operating costs, rental assistance, or other eligible activities as described in section
10 423 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11383); and

11 (3) not more than 10 percent of total grant funds may be used for administrative costs.

12 (d) Tribal Priority.—Not less than 75 percent of amounts made available under this section
13 shall be reserved for projects that benefit Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, or nonprofit
14 organizations serving Indian Tribes or projects that take place in Indian areas.

15 (e) Set-aside for Small States.—Not less than 25 percent of amounts made available under this
16 section shall be reserved for eligible entities located in States with populations of less than
17 2,500,000, except that if the Secretary receives insufficient applications from such areas,
18 remaining amounts may be reallocated to other eligible recipients of grants under this section.

19 (f) Coordination Requirements.—Eligible recipients seeking a grant under this section shall—

20 (1) demonstrate coordination with Tribes, Tribal organizations, tribally designated
21 housing entities, healthcare providers, social service agencies, and housing partners; and

22 (2) utilize the local coordinated entry system or equivalent process for participant
23 referrals.

24 (g) Program Requirements.—Except as modified under this section, grants under this section
25 shall be administered in accordance with the requirements of part 578 of title 24, Code of Federal
26 Regulations, or any successor regulation.

27 (h) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
28 section—

29 (1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

30 (2) such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter.

31 SEC. 703. HUD TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL 32 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

33 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

34 (1) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee” means the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory
35 Committee described in subsection (b).

36 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Housing and
37 Urban Development.

38 (3) FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE.—The term “federally recognized tribe” has the

1 meaning given the term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-
2 Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

3 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4
4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5 (b) Establishment.—The Secretary shall maintain the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory
6 Committee to facilitate a formal government-to-government advisory body composed of leaders
7 of federally recognized tribes to provide policy recommendations on programs and activities of
8 the Department that affect Indian and Alaska Native communities.

9 (c) Membership.—The Committee shall—

10 (1) be composed of—

11 (A) not more than 15 Tribal delegates, of whom—

12 (i) 2 members each shall be from each of the regions of the Office of Native
13 American Programs of the Department;

14 (ii) not more than 3 members shall be at-large members; and

15 (B) representatives of the Department, including the Secretary or a designee thereof
16 and relevant Assistant Secretaries; and

17 (2) include 2 Tribal co-chairs selected by and from among the delegates described in
18 paragraph (1)(A).

19 (d) Duties.—The Committee shall—

20 (1) advise the Department on housing priorities for American Indian and Alaska Native
21 communities;

22 (2) recommend policy, funding, and administrative improvements for programs of the
23 Department impacting Indian Tribes;

24 (3) enhance intergovernmental communication and coordination on initiatives of the
25 Department;

26 (4) support region- and national-level Tribal consultation processes; and

27 (5) ensure timely Tribally-informed feedback in policy development.

28 (e) Operations.—The Committee shall—

29 (1) develop and follow internal bylaws or protocols;

30 (2) hold not less than 2 meetings per year, in-person or virtually;

31 (3) reimburse travel and participation costs from funds appropriated for technical
32 assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
33 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.); and

34 (4) be exempt from chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, pursuant to section 204(b)
35 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1534(b)).

36 (f) Terms; Alternates.—

37 (1) TERMS.—Members described in subsection (c)(1)(A) shall serve staggered 2-year

terms, with initial staggering as determined by the Secretary.

(2) ALTERNATES.—Alternates may be designated by Indian Tribes to serve on the Committee in the absence of the primary delegate.

(g) Support.—The Secretary shall provide staff support, logistics, meeting facilities, and administrative resources for the Committee, subject to the availability of appropriated funds under this section.

(h) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 each fiscal year to support the operations and logistics of the Committee.

TITLE VIII—EDUCATION

SEC. 801. SUPPORTING AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TEACHER TRAINING AND TEACHER DEVELOPMENT.

Section 311 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1057) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) Special consideration shall be given to an eligible institution that is a Tribal College or University (as defined in section 316) or a Native American-serving, nontribal institution (as defined in section 319).”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (14); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

“(13) Development or improvement of academic programs that will serve American Indian and Alaska Native teachers or support the development of culturally-appropriate curricula for American Indian and Alaska Native populations.”.

SEC. 802. PILOT PROGRAM FOR NATIVE TEACHER APPRENTICES.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) ESEA DEFINITIONS.—The terms “elementary school” and “secondary school” have the meanings given the terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

(2) EDUCATION-RELATED OCCUPATION.—The term “education-related occupation” includes the occupations of childcare worker, preschool teacher, teaching assistant, elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, elementary school or secondary school administrator, and any other educational occupation approved by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of a registered apprenticeship program.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) an entity that—

(i) is—

(I) an Indian Tribe, as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304);

(II) a Tribal organization, as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304); or

(III) a Native Hawaiian organization, as defined in section 6207 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517); and

(ii) enters into a partnership for purposes of a grant under this section with an institution of postsecondary education described in any of subclauses (I) through (IV) of subparagraph (B)(i); or

(B) a postsecondary education institution that—

(i) is—

(I) a Tribal College or University, as defined in section 316 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c);

(II) a Native American-serving, nontribal institution, as defined in section 319 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059f);

(III) an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution, as defined in section 317 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 1059d); or

(IV) another institution of higher education, as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001); and

(ii) enters into a partnership for purposes of the grant under this section with an Indian Tribe or organization described in any of subclauses (I) through (III) of subparagraph (A)(i).

(4) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP.—The term “registered apprenticeship” means an apprenticeship registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(6) TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term “teacher apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program through which individuals receive accreditation or certification in an education-related occupation.

(b) In General.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, shall establish a pilot program to provide grants to eligible entities to carry out teacher apprenticeship programs to address the shortage of education professionals serving Native American early childhood programs and Native American elementary school and secondary school students, particularly in remote or rural communities.

(c) Activities.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section shall use grant funds to carry out 1 or more of the following:

(1) The planning and establishment of a teacher apprenticeship program, including the

1 creation of a unique community-tailored curriculum.

2 (2) The support and expansion of an existing teacher apprenticeship program.

3 (3) The investigation of efficacy of a teacher apprenticeship program in teacher retention
4 and satisfaction and student outcomes (including student well-being).

5 (4) Providing wraparound services to students in the teacher apprenticeship program,
6 which may include the following:

7 (A) Tuition.

8 (B) Textbooks and other class materials.

9 (C) Technology, such as laptops and internet stipends.

10 (D) Childcare support.

11 (E) Salaries or stipends for program staff, such as a coordinator or student mentors.

12 (d) Application; Selection.—

13 (1) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select not fewer than 5 eligible entities to receive a
14 grant as part of the pilot program under this section.

15 (2) APPLICATION.—Each eligible entity desiring to receive a grant under this section shall
16 submit an application to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and containing such
17 information as the Secretary shall reasonably require, including the following:

18 (A) A detailed description of the program for which the grant is requested,
19 including—

20 (i) the relevant degree or certification program for program participants;

21 (ii) the workplaces in which program participants will serve as paid
22 apprentices;

23 (iii) mentorship plans for program participants; and

24 (iv) additional resources for program participants.

25 (B) A detailed budget for the program.

26 (C) A detailed description of the challenges faced by the community to be served by
27 the program with respect to teacher and other educator recruitment and retention, and
28 how the program will address such challenges.

29 (D) A detailed description of a plan to be carried out by the eligible entity to
30 evaluate the program supported with grant funds under this section.

31 (E) In the case of an eligible entity that determines that the objectives of the program
32 would be accomplished more effectively through a partnership arrangement with an
33 educational entity (such as a school or preschool) at which participants will be placed
34 in teacher apprenticeships, an identification of such entity as a partner.

35 (e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
36 section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

1 **SEC. 803. SUPPORTING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
2 **FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE**
3 **CHILDREN.**

4 Section 6115(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7425(b))
5 is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (12) and (13) as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively;
7 and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (11) the following:

9 “(12) after-school programming;”.

10 **SEC. 804. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN**
11 **INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HISTORY.**

12 Section 6121(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441(c))
13 is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (13) and (14) as paragraphs (14) and (15), respectively;
15 and

16 (2) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

17 “(13) developing curricula to teach American Indian and Alaska Native history;”.

18 **SEC. 805. COMPLETING THE DURBIN FEELING NATIVE**
19 **AMERICAN LANGUAGES ACT SURVEY.**

20 (a) Initial Report.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of the Administration for
22 Native Americans, shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the
23 Senate describing—

24 (1) the timeline for testing, finalizing, and administering the Survey of Native American
25 Languages established under section 108 of the Native American Languages Act (25 U.S.C.
26 2907); and

27 (2) the estimated budget needed to carry out the timeline described in paragraph (1).

28 (b) Final Report.—

29 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the completion of the Survey of Native American
30 Languages described in subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
31 acting through the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans and in
32 collaboration with the Secretary of Education, shall prepare and submit a report that
33 contains the information described in paragraph (2), to the extent available through such
34 Survey, to—

35 (A) the Secretary of the Interior;

36 (B) the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education,

1 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

2 (C) the Committee on Education and Workforce and the Subcommittee on Indian
3 and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources, of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

6 (A) All NALA schools operating in the United States.

7 (B) An estimate of the number of pupils and age range served at each NALA school.

8 (C) The cost per-pupil at each NALA school.

9 (D) The Federal funding sources used by each NALA school.

10 (E) Barriers to funding and operation faced by NALA schools.

11 (c) Definitions.—In this section:

12 (1) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.—The term “Native American language” has the
13 meaning given such term in section 103 of the Native American Languages Act (25 U.S.C.
14 2902).

15 (2) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES SCHOOL.—The term “Native American Languages
16 School”, also referred to as a “NALA School”, means a school serving students in any
17 grade from preschool through grade 12, where the primary language of instruction is a
18 Native American language.

19 SEC. 806. ADDRESSING THE INDIRECT 20 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF INDIAN EDUCATION 21 PROGRAMS.

22 (a) Authorized Services and Activities.—Section 6115 of the Elementary and Secondary
23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7425) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “for administrative purposes” and inserting “for direct
25 administrative costs”; and

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

27 “(f) Duration.—Funds provided to a grantee under this subpart shall remain available for a
28 period of 5 years.”.

29 (b) Improvement of Educational Opportunities for Indian Children and Youth.—Section
30 6121(e) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441(e)) is
31 amended by striking “for administrative purposes” and inserting “for direct administrative costs”.

32 (c) Native American and Alaska Native Language Immersion Schools and Programs.—
33 Section 6133 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441) is
34 amended—

35 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “3 years” and inserting “5 years”; and

36 (2) in subsection (g), by striking “for administrative purposes” and inserting “for direct
37 administrative costs”.

SEC. 807. IMPROVING TRIBAL HEAD START FUNCTIONALITY.

(a) Allotment of Funds.—Section 640(a)(5)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(b)) is amended by inserting after clause (viii) the following:

“(ix) Acquiring and maintaining proper facilities for Indian Head Start agencies (including Alaska Native Head Start agencies) and Native Hawaiian Head Start agencies.”.

(b) Waiver for Matching Funds.—Section 640(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “If the Secretary approves assistance in excess of 80 percent of the approved costs of the assisted program or activities in accordance with this subsection for an Indian Head Start program, that approval shall be for a 5-year period.”.

SEC. 808. ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN BIE SCHOOLS.

Section 722(c)(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) clause (i)—

(i) by striking “1 percent” and inserting “2 percent, subject to subparagraph (C).”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following: “Of that transferred amount, not more than \$250,000 may be used to provide grant funding to a nonprofit organization for technical assistance, including training, materials, grant application assistance, proper enumeration of children, capacity expansion, and coordination between the Bureau of Indian Education and schools funded by the Secretary of the Interior.”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by adding at the end the following: “Such agreement shall also provide that the transferred funds described in clause (i) may be used for emergency housing for students.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) HOLD HARMLESS.—For any fiscal year in which, after the application of subparagraph (A), the amount of an allotment under paragraph (1) to a State for a fiscal year would be less than the amount that such State received under such paragraph for fiscal year 2024 (referred to in this subparagraph as the ‘FY 2024 amount’), the Secretary shall reduce the percentage reserved under subparagraph (B) in order to provide each State with the FY 2024 amount, except that in no case shall the Secretary reduce such percentage to less than 1 percent.”.

SEC. 809. FAMILY AND CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.—There is established in the Bureau of Indian Education a program, to be

known as the “Family And Child Education Program” (referred to in this section as the “FACE Program”), which shall be a continuation of the Family and Child Education Program of the Bureau of Indian Education (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act).

(b) Regulations.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education, shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out and implement the FACE Program.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the FACE Program \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.

TITLE IX—IMPROVING THE WORKFORCE FOR FAMILIES

SEC. 901. STRENGTHENING THE 477 PROGRAM.

(a) Statement of Purpose.—Section 2 of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3401) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

“(a) In General.—The purpose of this Act (commonly known and referred to in this section as the ‘477 Program’) is to support the self-sufficiency of Native people, better deliver on the trust and treaty obligations of the United States, and remove impediments to the exercise of sovereignty by Indian tribes in their use of Federal funds.

“(b) Accomplishing Purpose.—The 477 Program accomplishes the purpose of this Act described in subsection (a) by facilitating the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the self-sufficiency, employment, training, and related services provided by Indian tribes from diverse Federal sources in order to improve the effectiveness of those services, increase self-sufficiency and reduce joblessness in Indian communities, and serve Tribally determined goals consistent with the policy of self-determination, while reducing administrative, reporting, and accounting costs.”.

(b) Integration of Services Authorized.—Section 4(2) of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3403(2)) is amended by inserting “self-sufficiency,” before “employment”.

(c) Programs Affected.—Section 5 of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3404) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) In General.—The programs that may be integrated pursuant to a plan approved under section 8 shall only be programs—

“(1) implemented for the purpose of—

“(A) encouraging self-sufficiency;

“(B) job training;

“(C) welfare-to-work and Tribal work experience;

1 “(D) creating or enhancing employment opportunities;
2 “(E) skill development;
3 “(F) assisting Indian youth and adults to succeed in the workforce;
4 “(G) familiarizing individual participants with the world of work;
5 “(H) facilitating the creation of job opportunities;
6 “(I) economic development; or
7 “(J) any other service relating to the activities described in subparagraphs (A)
8 through (I), including programs and services that foster economic security, stability, or
9 wellbeing for families, children, or youth;
10 “(2) under which an Indian tribe or members of an Indian tribe—
11 “(A) are eligible to receive funds—
12 “(i) under a statutory or administrative formula making funds available to an
13 Indian tribe; or
14 “(ii) based solely or in part on their status as Indians under Federal law; or
15 “(B) have secured funds as a result of a noncompetitive process or a specific
16 designation; and
17 “(3) funded by block grant funds provided to an Indian tribe, regardless of whether the
18 block grant is for the benefit of the Indian tribe because of the status of the Indian tribe or
19 the status of the beneficiaries the grant serves.”; and
20 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “self-sufficiency,” before “employment”.
21 (d) Plan Review.—Section 7 of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of
22 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3406) is amended—
23 (1) in subsection (d)—
24 (A) in paragraph (1)—
25 (i) by striking “promulgated by the agency”; and
26 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (b)” and inserting “subsection (b)”; and
27 (B) in paragraph (2)—
28 (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “with—” and all that
29 follows through “or” in subparagraph (A) and inserting “with the purpose of this
30 Act.”; and
31 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);
32 (2) in subsection (f)—
33 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “waiver—” and all that
34 follows through “or” in paragraph (1) and inserting “waiver will be inconsistent with
35 the purpose of this Act.”; and
36 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

1 (3) in subsection (g)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “provisions
2 of this Act” and all that follows through “under this Act” and inserting “purpose of this
3 Act”.

4 (e) Plan Approval; Secretarial Authority; Review of Decision.—Section 8 of the Indian
5 Employment, Training and Related Agencies Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3407) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, including each program requested for integration into
7 a plan,” after “a plan”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) by striking “Notwithstanding any other” and inserting the following:

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) LIMITATION.—For each plan submitted by an Indian tribe in accordance with section
13 6, the Secretary may only provide 1 extension or alteration under paragraph (1).”; and

14 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—

15 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

16 (i) by inserting “relating to approval of a plan” after “a decision”;

17 (ii) by striking “the Department of Health and Human Services” and inserting
18 “relating to approval of a waiver by an affected Federal agency”; and

19 (iii) by inserting a comma after ““Department”)”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the Indian Health Service or”.

21 (f) Federal Responsibilities.—Section 11(b)(3) of the Indian Employment, Training and
22 Related Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3410(b)(3)) is amended—

23 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “LIMITATION” and inserting “LIMITATIONS”;

24 (2) by striking “The report format” and inserting the following:

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The report format”; and

26 (3) by adding at the end the following:

27 “(B) NO ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—

28 “(i) IN GENERAL.—When an Indian tribe integrates a program into a plan
29 approved under section 8—

30 “(I) the Indian tribe shall no longer be required to submit any separate
31 reports on that program; and

32 “(II) the only report required to be submitted by the Indian tribe is the
33 single plan report described in this section.

34 “(ii) NO WAIVER REQUIRED.—No waiver shall be required for an Indian tribe to
35 no longer be required to submit the separate reports described in clause (i)(I).”.

36 (g) No Reduction in Amounts.—Section 12 of the Indian Employment, Training and Related

Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3411) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, or the integration of a program into a plan,” after “a plan”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or compacting” after “contracting”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or compacting” after “contracting”.

(h) Administration of Funds.—Section 14(a)(1)(A) of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3413(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Notwithstanding any other provision” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision”;

(2) in clause (i) (as so designated)—

(A) by striking “a tribe” and inserting “an Indian tribe”; and

(B) by inserting “self-sufficiency,” before “employment”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) CONSOLIDATION OR REALLOCATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—When an Indian tribe integrates a program into a plan approved under section 8, that Indian tribe may consolidate and reallocate the funding associated with that program across services or activities provided under the plan.

“(II) NO WAIVER REQUIRED.—No waiver shall be required for a consolidation or reallocation described in subclause (I).”.

SEC. 902. SET-ASIDE OF CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

Section 658O(a)(2) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(a)(2))) is amended, in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking “2 percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

SEC. 903. REQUIREMENT OF CONSULTATION WITH INDIAN TRIBES.

Section 658O(c) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) CONSULTATION.—In establishing requirements, including requirements relating to applications, under this subsection, the Secretary shall consult with Indian Tribes and tribal organizations (including such tribes that are Alaska Native villages or regional or village corporations, and including Native Hawaiian organizations and other organizations described in section 658P(15)(B)), experts in Indian early childhood education and

development, linguists, and the National Indian Child Care Association.”.

SEC. 904. EARLY CHILDHOOD TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) Establishment.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting through the Administrator for Children and Families, shall establish within the Office of Early Childhood Development an advisory committee to be known as the “Tribal Advisory Committee on Early Childhood”.

(2) PURPOSE.—The Committee shall facilitate, but not supplant, government-to-government consultation between the Secretary and Indian Tribes on matters relating to early childhood development of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children.

(b) Membership.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be composed of 15 members, appointed in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3), as follows:

(A) 1 representative from each of the 12 service areas of the Indian Health Service.

(B) 1 representative from the National Indian Child Care Association

(C) 1 representative from the National Indian Head Start Association.

(D) 1 representative from a national urban Indian organization.

(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Committee from nominations submitted by Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and organizations representing Native Hawaiians.

(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that—

(A) members of the Committee—

(i) represent diverse geographic regions;

(ii) have experience in Tribal maternal health programs or services; and

(iii) have expertise in areas such as early childhood development, Tribal child care, or public health;

(B) not fewer than 1 member of the Committee is an Alaska Native;

(C) not fewer than 1 member of the Committee is a Native Hawaiian; and

(D) not fewer than 1 member represents Native youth.

(4) TERMS.—

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

(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of the Committee may be reappointed for not more

1 than 2 consecutive terms.

2 (C) VACANCIES.—Vacancies in the membership of the Committee shall be filled in
3 the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.

4 (c) Duties.—The Committee shall—

5 (1) identify emerging issues affecting maternal health outcomes among American Indian,
6 Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women;

7 (2) propose solutions and provide recommendations, with respect to American Indian,
8 Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children—

9 (A) to improve programs for Tribes that support early childhood development;

10 (B) to improve access to child care;

11 (C) to enhance culturally appropriate care; and

12 (D) to strengthen early childhood data collection and surveillance;

13 (3) provide guidance on Tribal consultation for early childhood initiatives;

14 (4) identify interdepartmental barriers and propose solutions for coordination between the
15 Administration for Children and Families and—

16 (A) the Indian Health Service;

17 (B) the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;

18 (C) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and

19 (D) the Department of the Interior; and

20 (5) advise on integration of traditional American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native
21 Hawaiian practices in early childhood development programs.

22 (d) Meetings.—

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

25 (2) AGENCY REPRESENTATION.—The Associate Administrator of the Maternal and Child
26 Health Bureau (or a designee) shall attend each meeting of the Committee.

27 (e) Reporting.—

28 (1) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Committee shall submit
29 to the Secretary and the relevant committees of Congress a report on—

30 (A) the activities of the Committee;

31 (B) maternal health challenges affecting Tribal communities; and

32 (C) recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

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

35 (A) the Committee; and

1 (B) the relevant committees of Congress.

2 (f) Compensation.—The members of the Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal to
3 the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
4 Schedule for each day engaged in Committee duties.

5 (g) Support.—The Secretary shall provide technical and logistical support to the Committee.

6 (h) Applicability of Faca.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as
7 the “Federal Advisory Committee Act”), shall not apply to the Committee.

8 (i) Definitions.—In this section:

9 (1) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee” means the Tribal Advisory Committee on
10 Maternal Health established under subsection (a)(1).

11 (2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “relevant committees of Congress”
12 means—

13 (A) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

14 (B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate; and

15 (C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

16 (j) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
17 section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031.
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