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AN ACT

To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence
Prevention Act.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Native American Child
3 Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**
5 **PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENTS.**

6 The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence
7 Prevention Act (25 U.S.C. 3202 et seq.) is amended as
8 follows:

9 (1) By amending section 403(3)(A) (25 U.S.C.
10 3202(3)(A)) to read as follows:

11 “(A) in any case in which—

12 “(i)(I) a child is dead or exhibits evi-
13 dence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutri-
14 tion, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of
15 any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue
16 swelling; and

17 “(II) such condition is not justifiably
18 explained or may not be the product of an
19 accidental occurrence; or

20 “(ii) a child is subjected to sexual as-
21 sault, sexual molestation, sexual exploi-
22 tation, sexual contact, or prostitution;”.

23 (2) In section 409 (25 U.S.C. 3208)—

24 (A) in subsection (a)—

25 (i) by striking “The Secretary of
26 Health and Human Services, acting

1 through the Service and in cooperation
2 with the Bureau” and inserting “The Serv-
3 ice, in cooperation with the Bureau”; and

4 (ii) by striking “sexual abuse” and in-
5 serting “abuse or neglect”;

6 (B) in subsection (b) through the end of
7 the section, by striking “Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services” each place it appears and
9 inserting “Service”;

10 (C) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after
11 “Any Indian tribe or intertribal consortium”
12 the following: “, on its own or in partnership
13 with an urban Indian organization,”;

14 (D) in subsections (b)(2)(B) and (d), by
15 striking “such Secretary” each place it appears
16 and inserting “the Service”;

17 (E) by amending subsection (c) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(c) CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE TREATMENT.—In
20 awarding grants under this section, the Service shall en-
21 courage the use of culturally appropriate treatment serv-
22 ices and programs that respond to the unique cultural val-
23 ues, customs, and traditions of applicant Indian Tribes.”;

24 (F) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “the
25 Secretary” and inserting “the Service”;

1 (G) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
2 section (f);

3 (H) by inserting after subsection (d) the
4 following:

5 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
6 of the enactment of the Native American Child Protection
7 Act, the Service shall submit a report to Congress on the
8 award of grants under this section. The report shall con-
9 tain—

10 “(1) a description of treatment and services for
11 which grantees have used funds awarded under this
12 section; and

13 “(2) any other information that the Service re-
14 quires.”; and

15 (I) by amending subsection (f) (as so re-
16 designated by subparagraph (G) of this para-
17 graph), to read as follows:

18 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2027.”.

21 (3) In section 410 (25 U.S.C. 3209)—

22 (A) in the heading—

23 (i) by inserting “**NATIONAL**” before
24 “**INDIAN**”; and

1 (ii) by striking “**CENTERS**” and in-
2 serting “**CENTER**”;

3 (B) by amending subsections (a) and (b) to
4 read as follows:

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date of the enactment of the Native American Child
7 Protection Act, the Secretary shall establish a National
8 Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center.

9 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
10 of the enactment of the Native American Child Protection
11 Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
12 reau of Indian Affairs, shall submit a report to Congress
13 on the status of the National Indian Child Resource and
14 Family Services Center.”;

15 (C) in subsection (c)—

16 (i) by striking “Each” and inserting
17 “The”; and

18 (ii) by striking “multidisciplinary”;

19 (D) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) in the text before paragraph (1),
21 by striking “Each” and inserting “The”;

22 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “and
23 inter-tribal consortia” and inserting “inter-
24 tribal consortia, and urban Indian organi-
25 zations”;

(iii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “urban Indian organizations,” after “tribal organizations,”;

(iv) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by inserting “and technical assistance” after training; and

(II) by striking “and to tribal organizations” and inserting “, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations”;

(v) in paragraph (4)—

(I) by inserting “, State,” after “Federal”; and

(II) by striking “and tribal” and inserting “Tribal, and urban Indian”; and

(vi) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) develop model intergovernmental agreements between Tribes and States, and other materials that provide examples of how Federal, State, and Tribal governments can develop effective relationships and provide for maximum cooperation in the furtherance of prevention, investigation, treatment, and prosecution of incidents of family violence

1 and child abuse and child neglect involving Indian
2 children and families.”; and

3 (E) in subsection (e)—

4 (i) in the heading, by striking “MUL-
5 TIDISCIPLINARY TEAM” and inserting
6 “TEAM”;

7 (ii) in the text before paragraph (1),
8 by striking “Each multidisciplinary” and
9 inserting “The”; and

10 (F) by amending subsections (f), (g), and
11 (h) to read as follows:

12 “(f) CENTER ADVISORY BOARD.—The Secretary
13 shall establish an advisory board to advise and assist the
14 National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Cen-
15 ter in carrying out its activities under this section. The
16 advisory board shall consist of 12 members appointed by
17 the Secretary from Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations,
18 and urban Indian organizations with expertise in child
19 abuse and child neglect. Members shall serve without com-
20 pensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and other ex-
21 penses while carrying out the duties of the board. The ad-
22 visory board shall assist the Center in coordinating pro-
23 grams, identifying training and technical assistance mate-
24 rials, and developing intergovernmental agreements relat-
25 ing to family violence, child abuse, and child neglect.

1 “(g) APPLICATION OF INDIAN SELF-DETERMINA-
 2 TION ACT TO THE CENTER.—The National Indian Child
 3 Resource and Family Services Center shall be subject to
 4 the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination Act. The
 5 Secretary may also contract for the operation of the Cen-
 6 ter with a nonprofit Indian organization governed by an
 7 Indian-controlled board of directors that have substantial
 8 experience in child abuse, child neglect, and family vio-
 9 lence involving Indian children and families.

10 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 12 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2027.”.

13 (4) In section 411 (25 U.S.C. 3210)—

14 (A) in subsection (d)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1)—

16 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
 17 ing “abuse and child neglect” and in-
 18 serting “abuse, neglect, or both”;

19 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
 20 striking “and” at the end; and

21 (III) by inserting after subpara-
 22 graph (C), the following:

23 “(D) development of agreements between
 24 Tribes, States, or private agencies on the co-

ordination of child abuse and neglect prevention, investigation, and treatment services;

“(E) child protective services operational costs including transportation, risk and protective factors assessments, family engagement and kinship navigator services, and relative searches, criminal background checks for prospective placements, and home studies; and

“(F) development of a Tribal child protection or multidisciplinary team to assist in the prevention and investigation of child abuse and neglect;”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “in culturally appropriate ways” after “incidents of family violence”; and

(II) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “that may include culturally appropriate programs” after “training programs”; and

(iii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and neglect” after “abuse”; and

1 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
2 striking “cases, to the extent prac-
3 ticable,” and inserting “and neglect
4 cases”;

5 (B) in subsection (f)—

6 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “de-
7 velop, in consultation with Indian tribes,
8 appropriate caseload standards and staff-
9 ing requirements which are comparable to
10 standards developed by the National Asso-
11 ciation of Social Work, the Child Welfare
12 League of America and other professional
13 associations in the field of social work and
14 child welfare” and inserting “develop, not
15 later than one year after the date of the
16 enactment of the Native American Child
17 Protection Act, in consultation with Indian
18 Tribes, appropriate caseload standards and
19 staffing requirements”;

20 (ii) in paragraph (3)(D), by striking
21 “sexual abuse” and inserting “abuse and
22 neglect, high incidence of family violence”;

23 (iii) by amending paragraph (4) to
24 read as follows:

1 “(4) The formula established pursuant to this
2 subsection shall provide funding necessary to sup-
3 port not less than one child protective services or
4 family violence caseworker, including fringe benefits
5 and support costs, for each Indian Tribe.”; and

6 (iv) in paragraph (5), by striking
7 “tribes” and inserting “Indian Tribes”;

8 (C) by amending subsection (g) to read as
9 follows:

10 “(g) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
11 of the enactment of the Native American Child Protection
12 Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
13 reau of Indian Affairs, shall submit a report to Congress
14 on the award of grants under this section. The report shall
15 contain—

16 “(1) a description of treatment and services for
17 which grantees have used funds awarded under this
18 section; and

19 “(2) any other information that the Secretary
20 of the Interior requires.”; and

21 (D) by amending subsection (i) to read as
22 follows:

1 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2027.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 12, 2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.