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S. 2226

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize a special behavioral health program for Indians, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2021

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native Behavioral
5 Health Access Improvement Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR IN-**
 2 **DIANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title VII of the In-
 4 dian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1665 et
 5 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 716. SPECIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR**
 7 **INDIANS.**

8 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-
 9 tion, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

10 “(1) any health program administered directly
 11 by the Service;

12 “(2) a Tribal health program; and

13 “(3) an urban Indian health program operated
 14 by an urban Indian organization pursuant to a grant
 15 or contract with the Service under title V.

16 “(b) FORMULA GRANTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Service
 18 (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’) shall
 19 award grants to eligible entities, in amounts deter-
 20 mined pursuant to the formula described in para-
 21 graph (2), to be used by the eligible entity to provide
 22 services for the prevention of, treatment of, and re-
 23 covery from mental health and substance use dis-
 24 orders.

25 “(2) FORMULA DESCRIBED.—The Director, in
 26 consultation with Indian Tribes and urban Indian

1 organizations, shall develop a formula to determine
 2 the amount of a grant under paragraph (1).

3 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAM EVAL-
 4 UATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

6 “(A) provide technical assistance to grant-
 7 ees under this section; and

8 “(B) collect and evaluate information on
 9 the program carried out under this section.

10 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall con-
 11 sult with eligible entities for purposes of developing
 12 evaluation measures and data submission and re-
 13 porting requirements for purposes of the collection
 14 and evaluation of information under paragraph
 15 (1)(B).

16 “(3) DATA SUBMISSION AND REPORTING.—As a
 17 condition on receipt of a grant under this section, an
 18 applicant shall agree to submit data and reports
 19 consistent with the data submission and reporting
 20 requirements developed under paragraph (2).

21 “(d) FUNDING.—For the purpose of making grants
 22 under this section, there is authorized to be appropriated,
 23 and there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treas-
 24 ury not otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000 for each of
 25 fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 4(26) of the
2 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
3 1603(26)) is amended by striking “(25 U.S.C. 450b)” and
4 inserting “(25 U.S.C. 5304)”.

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