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To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve reproductive health care of individuals with disabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve reproductive health care of individuals with disabilities.

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 “Reproductive Health
5 Care Accessibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In the United States, there are approxi-
9 mately 1 in 4 adults with disabilities, 1 in 10 indi-

1 individuals with disabilities who are able to become
2 pregnant, and approximately 4,100,000 parents with
3 disabilities.

4 (2) All people, including individuals with dis-
5 abilities, have the right to decide if, when, and how
6 to start and raise a family.

7 (3) Title II and III of the Americans with Dis-
8 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq. and
9 12181 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
10 of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and section 1557 of the
11 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42
12 U.S.C. 18116) provide individuals with disabilities
13 with the right to equitably access and receive health
14 care.

15 (4) Disabled people face unique barriers when
16 accessing reproductive health care, including accessi-
17 bility at health care facilities, lack of accessible med-
18 ical diagnostic equipment, barriers to accessible trav-
19 el, delay in receiving preventative services, and lack
20 of health care providers with training and knowledge
21 on the needs of individuals with disabilities receiving
22 reproductive health care.

23 (5) The United States Access Board has estab-
24 lished standards for accessible medical diagnostic
25 equipment, however without enforceable standards

1 adopted by the Department of Health and Human
2 Services and Department of Justice, systemic im-
3 provements in the availability of accessible medical
4 diagnostic equipment will not be achieved.

5 (6) Disabled people have an equal right to re-
6 productive autonomy, but harmful stereotypes create
7 barriers to getting care that respects that autonomy.

8 (7) Laws that restrict access to reproductive
9 health care, including abortion care,
10 disproportionally harm people who already face bar-
11 riers to reproductive health care which includes dis-
12 abled people.

13 (8) Individuals with and without disabilities
14 want children at the same frequency, but individuals
15 with disabilities experience less likelihood of receiv-
16 ing contraception counseling and timely prenatal
17 care, experience a higher rate of sterilization, and
18 are at a greater risk for adverse pregnancy out-
19 comes.

20 (9) Diversity and inclusion in the health care
21 workforce is a critical factor in the delivery of high-
22 quality, culturally competent health care and im-
23 proves patient outcomes. However, the rate of stu-
24 dents and trainees with disabilities in medical and

1 allied health education remains low compared to
2 those without disabilities.

3 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM FOR TRAINING THE WORKFORCE.**

4 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 760A. PROGRAM FOR TRAINING THE WORKFORCE**
8 **CONCERNING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**
9 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
11 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
12 Administration and in consultation with the Administrator
13 of the Administration for Community Living, shall award
14 grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible en-
15 tities to carry out training programs for health care pro-
16 fessionals providing sexual and reproductive health care
17 concerning comprehensive disability clinical care curricula.

18 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive an
20 award under this section an entity shall be a public
21 or private nonprofit entity with demonstrated exper-
22 tise in serving individuals with disabilities, which
23 may include—

1 “(A) a multidisciplinary health care pro-
2 vider who provides reproductive health care,
3 such as federally qualified health centers;

4 “(B) institutions of higher education, as
5 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
6 Act of 1965, with expertise in reproductive
7 health care;

8 “(C) an entity primarily led by individuals
9 with disabilities;

10 “(D) an entity with expertise in reproduc-
11 tive rights and justice;

12 “(E) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization,
13 or urban Indian organization; or

14 “(F) a consortium of entities described in
15 any of subparagraphs (A) through (E).

16 “(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an
17 award under this section an eligible entity shall sub-
18 mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
19 such manner, and containing such information as
20 the Secretary may require, that includes—

21 “(A) a description of the eligible entity’s or
22 consortium of entities’ expertise in providing
23 technical assistance and training, including evi-
24 dence such as—

1 “(i) knowledge of the rights afforded
2 to individuals with a disability under rel-
3 evant Federal and State law;

4 “(ii) knowledge of accessibility stand-
5 ards established by the United States Ac-
6 cess Board;

7 “(iii) expertise in evidence-based or
8 evidence-informed practices in providing
9 sexual and reproductive health care, in-
10 cluding preventive health care services and
11 perinatal care, to individuals with disabil-
12 ities and those facing compounded barriers
13 to accessing care;

14 “(iv) experience working with health
15 care providers, public or private nonprofit
16 entities, or Federal, State, or local agencies
17 focusing on sexual and reproductive health
18 care services for individuals with disabil-
19 ities;

20 “(v) experience working with individ-
21 uals with disabilities and their families;

22 “(vi) expertise in providing, collecting,
23 compiling, communicating, and dissemi-
24 nating information in culturally and lin-

1 guistically appropriate manner especially in
2 easily accessible formats; and

3 “(vii) experience improving coordina-
4 tion of services, such as mental health,
5 substance use disorder prevention, treat-
6 ment, and recovery support services, social
7 services, other health care services, and
8 transportation services for individuals with
9 disabilities;

10 “(B) a description of the activities to be
11 funded under the award and the goals of such
12 activities, including a description of—

13 “(i) the training or education program
14 to be implemented that meets the require-
15 ments of subsection (c);

16 “(ii) the process to be used to identify
17 health care providers that will participate
18 in the training program, including the
19 process to increase diversity in the pool of
20 participating providers;

21 “(iii) the process to be used to engage
22 stakeholders in such training, including in-
23 dividuals with disabilities; and

1 “(iv) the eligible entity’s evaluation
2 plan to determine the scope and impact of
3 the training program;

4 “(C) an assurance that the recipients of
5 the training will receive ongoing and com-
6 prehensive training or professional development
7 on the sexual and reproductive health care
8 needs of individuals with disabilities; and

9 “(D) any other assurances that the Sec-
10 retary may require.

11 “(3) SUBAWARDS.—An eligible entity or eligible
12 consortium receiving an award under this section
13 may, for contracting purposes, make subawards to
14 individuals or entities with expertise in reproductive
15 health care and serving individuals with disabilities.

16 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity or entities shall use
17 amounts received under this section to carry out a training
18 program for health care professionals providing sexual and
19 reproductive health care that provides training con-
20 cerning—

21 “(1) comprehensive disability clinical care cur-
22 ricula to inform health professionals providing sexual
23 and reproductive health care on how to provide ef-
24 fective, interprofessional team-based health care;

1 “(2) culturally and linguistically competent care
2 for individuals with disabilities;

3 “(3) delivering sexual and reproductive health
4 care for individuals with disabilities in a manner
5 that emphasizes the independence, self-determina-
6 tion, and choices of individuals with disabilities with
7 respect to their sexual and reproductive health
8 through comprehensive disability clinical care cur-
9 ricula;

10 “(4) the rights afforded to individuals with dis-
11 abilities under relevant Federal and State law; and

12 “(5) methods and evidence-based or evidence-in-
13 formed practices for providing sexual and reproduc-
14 tive health care, including preventive health care
15 services, to individuals with disabilities.

16 “(d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity or entities that
18 receives an award under this section shall, at the
19 end of the award period, carry out an evaluation of
20 any progress made through the program in training
21 health care professionals providing sexual and repro-
22 ductive health care, consistent with the purposes of
23 this section.

24 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
25 the end of the award period, an entity that receives

1 an award under this section shall submit to the Sec-
2 retary a report on the results of the evaluation con-
3 ducted under paragraph (1).

4 “(3) SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall annu-
5 ally compile the reports submitted under paragraph
6 (2) and submit such compilation to the Committee
7 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
8 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
9 merce of the House of Representatives. Such com-
10 pilations shall be posted on the internet website of
11 the Department of Health and Human Services in
12 an accessible format.

13 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) DISABILITY.—The terms ‘disability’ and
15 ‘disabilities’ have the meaning given such terms for
16 purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
17 1990.

18 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms ‘Indian Tribe’
19 and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meaning given
20 such terms section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
21 tion and Education Assistance Act.

22 “(3) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
23 ‘urban Indian organization’ has the meaning given
24 such term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care
25 Improvement Act.

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.
4 Funds provided to carry out this section shall supplement
5 not supplant funds otherwise made available to carry out
6 title VII.”.

7 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE**
8 **HEALTH CARE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE.**

9 Part B of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 **“SEC. 742. PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE**
13 **HEALTH CARE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE.**

14 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section—

15 “(1) to establish and sustain a competitive
16 health professions applicant pool of individuals with
17 disabilities by increasing the total number of individ-
18 uals with disabilities who pursue a career in sexual
19 and reproductive health care, including abortion care
20 and maternal health care; and

21 “(2) to develop a culturally and linguistically
22 competent health care workforce providing reproduc-
23 tive health care that will serve unserved and under-
24 served populations, including individuals with dis-
25 abilities.

1 “(b) AWARDS.—To assist individuals with disabilities
2 in undertaking education to enter into the reproductive
3 health care workforce, the Secretary may award grants,
4 contracts, or cooperative agreements to public or private
5 nonprofit health or educational entities, including schools
6 of medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, and institu-
7 tions of higher education, that offer programs, including
8 graduate programs, in obstetrics and gynecology or pro-
9 grams for the training of health care providers to enable
10 such entities to carry out the activities described in sub-
11 section (d).

12 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an
13 award under subsection (b), an entity described in such
14 subsection shall submit to the Secretary an application at
15 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
16 tion as the Secretary may require.

17 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use amounts
18 received under an award under subsection (b) to—

19 “(1) conduct or support activities to develop a
20 competitive applicant pool, through partnership with
21 public or private nonprofit institutions of higher
22 education, local educational agencies, health care
23 providers, such as sexual and reproductive health
24 care providers and primary care providers, or other
25 community-based entities, and establish an edu-

1 cation pipeline for individuals with disabilities enter-
2 ing the reproductive health care workforce;

3 “(2) establish, strengthen, or expand programs
4 to support the academic performance of individuals
5 with disabilities participating in activities funded
6 under this section, including mentorship programs;

7 “(3) identify, recruit, enroll, and retain individ-
8 uals with disabilities in education and training re-
9 lated to sexual and reproductive health care;

10 “(4) improve the capacity of the entity involved
11 to train, recruit, and retain faculty with disabilities
12 including the payment of such stipends and fellow-
13 ships as the Secretary may determine appropriate;

14 “(5) carry out activities to improve the informa-
15 tion resources, clinical education, curricula and com-
16 petencies of the graduates of the entity involved, as
17 it relates to individuals with disabilities;

18 “(6) facilitate faculty and student research on
19 health issues affecting individuals with disabilities,
20 including research on issues relating to the delivery
21 of sexual and reproductive health care to individuals
22 with disabilities;

23 “(7) carry out programs, or offer experiences,
24 to train students in providing reproductive health
25 services to individuals with disabilities at commu-

1 nity-based health facilities that provide reproductive
2 health services;

3 “(8) provide stipends to individuals with disabili-
4 ties participating in activities funded under this sec-
5 tion as the Secretary determines appropriate, in
6 amounts as the Secretary determines appropriate,
7 with an assurance that such stipends shall not result
8 in loss of an individual’s Federal or State benefits;
9 or

10 “(9) any other activities that the Secretary may
11 require.

12 “(e) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants, contracts,
13 or cooperative agreements under this section, the Sec-
14 retary shall give preference to applications that have been
15 approved for programs that involve a comprehensive ap-
16 proach through multiple entities described in subsection
17 (b) to establish, enhance, and expand educational pro-
18 grams that will result in the development of a competitive
19 applicant pool of individuals with disabilities who desire
20 to pursue careers in reproductive health care services.

21 “(f) CONSIDERATION FOR AWARDS.—In awarding
22 grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements under this
23 section, the Secretary shall—

1 “(1) consider current enrollment trends and the
2 needs of certain populations, including individuals
3 with disabilities; and

4 “(2) align and coordinate with other training
5 programs administered by the Health Resources and
6 Services Administration.

7 “(g) EFFECT ON OTHER PROGRAMS.—Assistance or
8 stipends provided to an individual under this section shall
9 not considered when applying asset or resource limitation
10 provisions related to the eligibility of such individual for
11 any benefit, assistance, or service provided under any Fed-
12 eral or State program.

13 “(h) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the end
14 of the award period, the Secretary shall submit to the
15 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
16 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
17 of the House of Representatives, a report concerning the
18 activities carried out under this section to increase the rep-
19 resentation of individuals with disabilities in the reproduc-
20 tive health profession and related training programs.

21 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
23 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.
24 Funds provided to carry out this section shall supplement

1 not supplant funds otherwise made available to carry out
2 title VII.”.

3 **SEC. 5. EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**
4 **NURSING WORKFORCE.**

5 Section 821 of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 296m) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(d) EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
9 CARE NURSING WORKFORCE.—

10 “(1) AWARDS.—To assist individuals with dis-
11 abilities in undertaking education to enter into the
12 reproductive nursing workforce, the Secretary may
13 award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
14 under subsection (a)(1) to eligible entities to enable
15 such entities to carry out the activities described in
16 paragraph (4).

17 “(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an
18 award under paragraph (1), an entity described in
19 such paragraph shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
20 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
21 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
22 quire.

23 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use
24 amounts received under an award under paragraph
25 (1) to—

1 “(A) conduct activities to develop a com-
2 petitive applicant pool, through partnership
3 with public or private nonprofit institutions of
4 higher education, local educational agencies,
5 nurse-managed health clinics, health care pro-
6 viders, such as reproductive health care pro-
7 viders and nurses, or other community-based
8 entities, and establish an education pipeline for
9 individuals with disabilities entering the repro-
10 ductive health care nursing workforce;

11 “(B) establish, strengthen, or expand pro-
12 grams to support the academic performance of
13 individuals with disabilities participating in ac-
14 tivities funded under this subsection, including
15 mentorship programs;

16 “(C) identify, recruit, enroll, and retain in-
17 dividuals with disabilities in education and
18 training related to sexual and reproductive
19 health care;

20 “(D) improve the capacity of the entity in-
21 volved to train, recruit, and retain faculty with
22 disabilities, including the payment of such sti-
23 pends and fellowships as the Secretary may de-
24 termine appropriate;

1 “(E) carry out activities to improve the in-
2 formation resources, clinical education, cur-
3 ricula, and competencies of the graduates of the
4 entity involved, as it relates to individuals with
5 disabilities;

6 “(F) facilitate faculty and student research
7 to include evidence-based practice and quality
8 improvement projects focused on health issues
9 affecting individuals with disabilities, including
10 research on issues relating to the delivery of
11 sexual and reproductive health care to individ-
12 uals with disabilities;

13 “(G) carry out programs, or offer experi-
14 ences, to train students in providing reproduc-
15 tive health services to individuals with disabil-
16 ities at community-based health care facilities
17 that provide reproductive health services;

18 “(H) provide stipends to individuals with
19 disabilities participating in activities funded
20 under this subsection as the Secretary deter-
21 mines appropriate, in amounts as the Secretary
22 determines appropriate, with an assurance that
23 such stipends shall not result in the loss of an
24 individual’s Federal or State benefits; or

1 “(I) any other activities that the Secretary
2 may require.

3 “(4) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants, con-
4 tracts, or cooperative agreements under this sub-
5 section, the Secretary shall give preference to appli-
6 cations that have been approved for programs that
7 involve a comprehensive approach through multiple
8 entities described in paragraph (1) to establish, en-
9 hance, and expand educational programs that will
10 result in the development of a competitive applicant
11 pool of individuals with disabilities who desire to
12 pursue careers in reproductive health care services.

13 “(5) CONSIDERATION FOR AWARDS.—In award-
14 ing grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
15 under this subsection, the Secretary shall—

16 “(A) consider current enrollment trends
17 and the needs of certain populations, including
18 individuals with disabilities; and

19 “(B) align and coordinate with other train-
20 ing programs administered by the Health Re-
21 sources and Services Administration.

22 “(6) EFFECT ON OTHER PROGRAMS.—Assist-
23 ance or stipends provided to an individual under this
24 subsection shall not considered when applying asset
25 or resource limitation provisions related to the eligi-

1 bility of such individual for any benefit, assistance,
2 or service provided under any Federal or State pro-
3 gram.

4 “(7) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the end of the award period, the Secretary shall sub-
6 mit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
7 and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
9 tives, a report concerning the activities carried out
10 under this subsection to increase the representation
11 of individuals with disabilities in the reproductive
12 health profession and related training programs.

13 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this subsection, \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2023 through 2027. Funds provided to carry out
17 this subsection shall supplement not supplant funds
18 otherwise made available to carry out title VIII.”.

19 **SEC. 6. PROGRAM FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDU-**
20 **CATION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
23 retary”), acting through the Administrator of the Health
24 Resources and Services Administration and in consulta-
25 tion with the Administrator of the Administration for

1 Community Living, shall award grants, contracts, or coop-
2 erative agreements to eligible entities to provide funding
3 for education programs focused on sexual and reproduc-
4 tive health needs for individuals with disabilities.

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive an
7 award under this section an entity shall be a public
8 or private nonprofit entity with a demonstrated ex-
9 pertise in serving individuals with disabilities, which
10 may include—

11 (A) a multidisciplinary health care provider
12 who provides reproductive health care services,
13 such as a federally qualified health center;

14 (B) institutions of higher education, as de-
15 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education
16 Act of 1965, with expertise in reproductive
17 health care;

18 (C) an entity primarily led by individuals
19 with disabilities;

20 (D) an entity with expertise in reproduc-
21 tive rights and justice;

22 (E) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization,
23 or urban Indian organization;

24 (F) a consortium of entities described in
25 any of subparagraphs (A) through (E).

1 (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
2 grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this
3 section an eligible entity or consortium of entities
4 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such
5 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
6 tion as the Secretary may require, that includes a
7 description of the eligible entity’s or entities’ exper-
8 tise in providing education programs including evi-
9 dence that such entity has—

10 (A) knowledge of best practices in pro-
11 viding reproductive health care, including pre-
12 ventive health care services, to individuals with
13 disabilities;

14 (B) experience working with individuals
15 with disabilities and their families; and

16 (C) demonstrated expertise of developing
17 materials in culturally and linguistically acces-
18 sible formats including plain language.

19 (3) SUBAWARDS.—An eligible entity or eligible
20 consortium receiving an award under this section
21 may, for contracting purposes, make subawards to
22 individuals or entities with expertise in reproductive
23 health care and serving individuals with disabilities.

24 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity or entities’ shall use
25 amounts received under subsection (a) to—

1 (1) carry out evidence-based or evidence-in-
2 formed sexual and reproductive health education
3 programs for individuals with disabilities, including
4 youth, in culturally and linguistically accessible for-
5 mats;

6 (2) develop sexual and reproductive health edu-
7 cation programs in culturally and linguistically ac-
8 cessible formats to be used in carrying out para-
9 graph (1);

10 (3) provide education to individuals with dis-
11 abilities, including youth, concerning abortion care
12 options and their sexual, reproductive, and perinatal
13 health care needs;

14 (4) provide education to individuals with dis-
15 abilities, including youth, concerning their rights
16 under relevant Federal and State law;

17 (5) provide access to disability affirmative and
18 supportive clinical resources that are accessible to
19 individuals with disabilities;

20 (6) build the entity's or entities' capacity and
21 enhance their leadership of the entity or entities
22 within the community to promote community en-
23 gagement in, and advancement of, evidence-based or
24 evidence-informed sexual and reproductive health
25 care education in easily accessible formats; and

1 (7) support dissemination of newly developed
2 sexual and reproductive health care education pro-
3 grams as described in paragraph (2) throughout the
4 State, territorial, and Tribal communities.

5 (d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives an
7 award under this section shall, at the end of the
8 award period, carry out an evaluation of success of
9 the entity in achieving the goals of the program for
10 which the award was made.

11 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
12 the end of the award period, an entity that receives
13 an award under this section shall submit to the Sec-
14 retary a report on the results of the evaluation con-
15 ducted under paragraph (1).

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall annually
17 compile the reports submitted under paragraph (2)
18 and submit such compilation to the Committee on
19 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
20 ate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
21 the House of Representatives. Such compilations
22 shall be posted on the internet website of the De-
23 partment of Health and Human Services in an ac-
24 cessible format.

25 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) DISABILITY.—The terms “disability” and
2 “disabilities” have the meaning given such terms for
3 purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
4 1990.

5 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms “Indian Tribe”
6 and “Tribal organization” have the meaning given
7 such terms section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
8 tion and Education Assistance Act.

9 (3) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
10 “urban Indian organization” has the meaning given
11 such term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care
12 Improvement Act.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
14 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
15 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

16 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
18 Human Services, acting through the Administration for
19 Community Living, shall directly, or through a grant, con-
20 tract, or cooperative agreement, establish a National Tech-
21 nical Assistance Center to—

22 (1) provide recommendations and best practices
23 to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and
24 urban Indian organizations concerning improving co-
25 ordination of services including mental health and

1 substance use disorder services, social services,
2 health care, and transportation to increase access to
3 quality, integrated systems of accessible, comprehen-
4 sive disability clinical care, and services for individ-
5 uals with disabilities;

6 (2) provide technical assistance to health care
7 providers on culturally and linguistically accessible
8 and appropriate sexual and reproductive health care,
9 including before, during, and after pregnancy and
10 perinatal care and family planning services;

11 (3) develop resources and provide technical as-
12 sistance to assist covered entities in complying with
13 applicable Federal laws and regulations; and

14 (4) develop resources for individuals with dis-
15 abilities facing barriers to accessible care, including
16 related to accessible medical diagnostic equipment
17 and the Barrier-Free Health Care Initiative.

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) DISABILITY.—The terms “disability” and
20 “disabilities” have the meaning given such terms for
21 purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
22 1990.

23 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms “Indian Tribe”
24 and “Tribal organization” have the meaning given

1 such terms section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
2 tion and Education Assistance Act.

3 (3) URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term
4 “urban Indian organization” has the meaning given
5 such term in section 4 of the Indian Health Care
6 Improvement Act.

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
9 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

10 **SEC. 8. RESEARCH STUDY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator
13 of the Administration for Community Living, shall carry
14 out a study to—

15 (1) identify the types of programs and services
16 that have demonstrated effectiveness in providing re-
17 productive health care services for individuals with
18 disabilities;

19 (2) analyze the effectiveness of Federal, State,
20 Tribal, and local partnerships to coordinate efforts
21 to ensure an integrated system of accessible, com-
22 prehensive reproductive health care for individuals
23 with disabilities; and

24 (3) identify necessary memoranda of under-
25 standing or interagency agreements that are needed

1 to foster data and public health research focusing on
2 reproductive health care barriers for individuals with
3 disabilities.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Health,
7 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee
9 on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives,
10 a report on the results of the study conducted under sub-
11 section (a).

12 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section the terms “dis-
13 ability” and “disabilities” have the meanings given such
14 terms for purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act
15 of 1990.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
18 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.