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H. R. 4222

To amend the STEM education program for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 30, 2019

Mr. SABLON (for himself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Indigenous STEM
5 Professional Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,**
2 **AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION WITH A**
3 **FOCUS ON AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NA-**
4 **TIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENTS.**

5 Section 819 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
6 U.S.C. 1161j) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ALAS-**
8 **KA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN**” and insert-
9 ing “**NATIVE AMERICAN**”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “Alaska
11 Natives and Native Hawaiians” and inserting
12 “American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawai-
13 ians and other Native American Pacific Islanders to
14 enable them to succeed in these fields”;

15 (3) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
17 (3), and (4), as paragraphs (2), (4), (5), and
18 (6), respectively;

19 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
20 redesignated by subparagraph (A), the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(1) **NATIVE AMERICAN**.—The term ‘Native
23 American’ includes Alaska Natives, American Indi-
24 ans, Native Hawaiians and Native American Pacific
25 Islanders.”; and

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2), as re-
2 designated by subparagraph (A), the following:

3 “(3) AMERICAN INDIAN.—The term ‘American
4 Indian’ has the meaning given the term ‘Indian’ in
5 section 202 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act
6 (25 U.S.C. 2201).”;

7 (4) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) by inserting “create or” after “to en-
9 able the eligible partnership to”;

10 (B) by inserting “Native American” after
11 “the development of”; and

12 (C) by striking “, including existing pro-
13 grams for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian
14 students”;

15 (5) in subsection (d)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Alaska
17 Native or Native Hawaiian students” and in-
18 serting “programs that serve Native American
19 students”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Alaska
21 Native and Native Hawaiian students” and in-
22 serting “programs that serve Native American
23 students”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Alaska
2 Native or Native Hawaiian students” and in-
3 serting “Native American students”;

4 (6) in subsection (f), by striking “30 percent or
5 more of the program participants are Alaska Native
6 or Native Hawaiian” and inserting “30 percent or
7 more of the program participants are Native Amer-
8 ican”; and

9 (7) in subsection (i), by striking “to carry out
10 this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2009 and each of the five succeeding fiscal
12 years” and inserting “\$5,000,000 for fiscal year
13 2020 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

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