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

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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:

1 (1) In the United States, approximately 1 in 4
2 adults have some type of disability, more than 1 in
3 10 individuals with disabilities can become pregnant,
4 and over 4,100,000 people are parents with disabili-
5 ties.

6 (2) All people, including individuals with dis-
7 abilities, have the right to decide if, when, and how
8 to start and raise a family as well as have healthy
9 pregnancies and postpartum periods.

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

18 (4) Disabled people face unique barriers when
19 accessing reproductive health care, including accessi-
20 bility issues at health care facilities, lack of acces-
21 sible medical diagnostic equipment, barriers to ac-
22 cessible travel, delay in receiving preventative serv-
23 ices, and lack of health care providers with training
24 and knowledge on the needs of individuals with dis-
25 abilities receiving reproductive health care.

1 (5) Reproductive health care is critical to a per-
2 son's long-term health. Disabled people have higher
3 mortality rates from reproductive related cancers
4 often due to lack of access to reproductive health
5 care.

6 (6) The United States Access Board has estab-
7 lished standards for accessible medical diagnostic
8 equipment; however, without enforceable standards
9 adopted by the Department of Health and Human
10 Services and Department of Justice, systemic im-
11 provements in the availability of accessible medical
12 diagnostic equipment will not be achieved.

13 (7) Disabled people have an equal right to re-
14 productive autonomy, but harmful stereotypes about
15 people with disabilities create barriers to getting
16 care that respects that autonomy.

17 (8) Laws that restrict access to reproductive
18 health care, including abortion care,
19 disproportionally harm people who already face bar-
20 riers to reproductive health care, which includes dis-
21 abled people.

22 (9) Individuals with and without disabilities
23 want children at the same frequency, but individuals
24 with disabilities are less likely to receive contracep-
25 tion counseling and timely prenatal care, experience

1 a higher rate of sterilization, and are at a greater
2 risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes.

3 (10) Diversity and inclusion in the health care
4 workforce is a critical factor in the delivery of high-
5 quality, culturally competent health care and im-
6 proves patient outcomes. However, the rate of stu-
7 dents and trainees with disabilities in medical and
8 allied health education remains low compared to
9 those without disabilities.

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

11 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
13 the following:

14 **“SEC. 760A. PROGRAM FOR TRAINING THE WORKFORCE**
15 **CONCERNING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**
16 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

25 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—

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

6 “(A) a multidisciplinary health care pro-
7 vider who provides reproductive health care,
8 such as federally qualified health centers and
9 Title X clinics;

10 “(B) institutions of higher education, as
11 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
12 Act of 1965, with expertise in reproductive
13 health care;

14 “(C) an entity primarily led by individuals
15 with disabilities;

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

18 “(E) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization,
19 or urban Indian organization; or

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

22 “(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an
23 award under this section, an eligible entity shall sub-
24 mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in

1 such manner, and containing such information as
2 the Secretary may require, that includes—

3 “(A) a description of the eligible entity’s or
4 consortium of entities’ expertise in providing
5 technical assistance and training, including evi-
6 dence such as—

7 “(i) knowledge of the rights afforded
8 to individuals with a disability under rel-
9 evant Federal and State law;

10 “(ii) knowledge of accessibility stand-
11 ards established by the United States Ac-
12 cess Board;

13 “(iii) expertise in evidence-based or
14 evidence-informed practices in providing
15 sexual and reproductive health care, in-
16 cluding preventive health care services and
17 perinatal care, to individuals with disabil-
18 ities and those facing compounded barriers
19 to accessing care;

20 “(iv) experience working with health
21 care providers, public or private nonprofit
22 entities, or Federal, State, or local agencies
23 focusing on sexual and reproductive health
24 care services for individuals with disabil-
25 ities;

1 “(v) experience working with individ-
2 uals with disabilities and their families;

3 “(vi) expertise in providing, collecting,
4 compiling, communicating, and dissemi-
5 nating reproductive health care informa-
6 tion in culturally and linguistically appro-
7 priate manner especially in easily acces-
8 sible formats; and

9 “(vii) experience improving coordina-
10 tion of services, such as mental health,
11 substance use disorder prevention, treat-
12 ment, and recovery support services, social
13 services, other health care services, and
14 transportation services for individuals with
15 disabilities;

16 “(B) a description of the activities to be
17 funded under the award and the goals of such
18 activities, including a description of—

19 “(i) the training or education program
20 to be implemented that meets the require-
21 ments of subsection (c);

22 “(ii) the process to be used to identify
23 health care providers that will participate
24 in the training program, including the

1 process to increase diversity in the pool of
2 participating providers;

3 “(iii) the process to be used to engage
4 stakeholders in such training, including in-
5 dividuals with disabilities; and

6 “(iv) the eligible entity’s evaluation
7 plan to determine the scope and impact of
8 the training program;

9 “(C) an assurance that the recipients of
10 the training will receive ongoing and com-
11 prehensive training or professional development
12 on the sexual and reproductive health care
13 needs of individuals with disabilities; and

14 “(D) any other assurances that the Sec-
15 retary may require.

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

21 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity or entities shall use
22 amounts received under this section to carry out a training
23 program for health care professionals providing sexual and
24 reproductive health care that provides training con-
25 cerning—

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

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

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

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

16 “(5) methods and evidence-based or evidence-in-
17 formed practices for providing sexual and reproduc-
18 tive health care, including preventive health care
19 services, to individuals with disabilities.

20 “(d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

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

1 ductive health care, consistent with the purposes of
2 this section.

3 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the end of the award period, an entity that receives
5 an award under this section shall submit to the Sec-
6 retary a report on the results of the evaluation con-
7 ducted under paragraph (1).

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

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

22 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms ‘Indian Tribe’
23 and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meaning given
24 such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
25 mination and Education Assistance Act.

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

5 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
7 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.
8 Funds provided to carry out this section shall supplement
9 not supplant funds otherwise made available to carry out
10 title VII.”

11 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE**
12 **HEALTH CARE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE.**

13 Part B of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following:

16 **“SEC. 742. PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE**
17 **HEALTH CARE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE.**

18 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section—
19 “(1) to establish and sustain a competitive
20 health professions applicant pool of individuals with
21 disabilities by increasing the total number of individ-
22 uals with disabilities who pursue a career in sexual
23 and reproductive health care, including abortion care
24 and maternal health care; and

1 “(2) to develop a culturally and linguistically
2 competent health care workforce providing reproduc-
3 tive health care that will serve unserved and under-
4 served populations, including individuals with dis-
5 abilities.

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

17 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an
18 award under subsection (b), an entity described in such
19 subsection shall submit to the Secretary an application at
20 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
21 tion as the Secretary may require.

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

24 “(1) conduct or support activities to develop a
25 competitive applicant pool, through partnership with

1 public or private nonprofit institutions of higher
2 education, local educational agencies, health care
3 providers, such as sexual and reproductive health
4 care providers and primary care providers, or other
5 community-based entities, and establish an edu-
6 cation pipeline for individuals with disabilities enter-
7 ing the reproductive health care workforce;

8 “(2) establish, strengthen, or expand programs
9 to support the academic performance of individuals
10 with disabilities participating in activities funded
11 under this section, including mentorship programs;

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

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

19 “(5) carry out activities to improve the informa-
20 tion resources, clinical education, curricula, and
21 competencies of the graduates of the entity involved,
22 as it relates to individuals with disabilities;

23 “(6) facilitate faculty and student research on
24 health issues affecting individuals with disabilities,
25 including research on issues relating to the delivery

1 of sexual and reproductive health care to individuals
2 with disabilities;

3 “(7) carry out programs, or offer experiences,
4 to train students in providing reproductive health
5 services to individuals with disabilities at commu-
6 nity-based health facilities that provide reproductive
7 health services;

8 “(8) provide stipends to individuals with disabil-
9 ities participating in activities funded under this sec-
10 tion as the Secretary determines appropriate, in
11 amounts as the Secretary determines appropriate,
12 with an assurance that such stipends shall not result
13 in loss of an individual’s Federal or State benefits;
14 or

15 “(9) any other activities that the Secretary may
16 require.

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

1 “(f) CONSIDERATION FOR AWARDS.—In awarding
2 grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements under this
3 section, the Secretary shall—

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

7 “(2) align and coordinate with other training
8 programs administered by the Health Resources and
9 Services Administration.

10 “(g) EFFECT ON OTHER PROGRAMS.—Assistance or
11 stipends provided to an individual under this section shall
12 not be considered when applying asset or resource limita-
13 tion provisions related to the eligibility of such individual
14 for any benefit, assistance, or service provided under any
15 Federal or State program.

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

24 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
25 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,

1 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.
 2 Funds provided to carry out this section shall supplement
 3 not supplant funds otherwise made available to carry out
 4 title VII.”.

5 **SEC. 5. EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**
 6 **NURSING WORKFORCE.**

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

10 “(d) EXPANDING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
 11 CARE NURSING WORKFORCE.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 “(D) improve the capacity of the entity in-
24 volved to train, recruit, and retain faculty with
25 disabilities, including the payment of such sti-

1 pendents and fellowships as the Secretary may de-
2 termine appropriate;

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

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

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

20 “(H) provide stipends to individuals with
21 disabilities participating in activities funded
22 under this subsection as the Secretary deter-
23 mines appropriate, in amounts as the Secretary
24 determines appropriate, with an assurance that

1 such stipends shall not result in the loss of an
2 individual's Federal or State benefits; or

3 “(I) any other activities that the Secretary
4 may require.

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

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

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

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

24 “(6) EFFECT ON OTHER PROGRAMS.—Assist-
25 ance or stipends provided to an individual under this

1 subsection shall not be considered when applying
2 asset or resource limitation provisions related to the
3 eligibility of such individual for any benefit, assist-
4 ance, or service provided under any Federal or State
5 program.

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

15 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
16 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
17 this subsection, \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years
18 2024 through 2028. Funds provided to carry out
19 this subsection shall supplement not supplant funds
20 otherwise made available to carry out title VIII.”.

21 **SEC. 6. PROGRAM FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDU-**
22 **CATION.**

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

1 Resources and Services Administration and in consulta-
2 tion with the Administrator of the Administration for
3 Community Living, shall award grants, contracts, or coop-
4 erative agreements to eligible entities to provide funding
5 for education programs focused on sexual and reproduc-
6 tive health needs for individuals with disabilities.

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

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

13 (A) a multidisciplinary health care provider
14 who provides reproductive health care services,
15 such as a federally qualified health center and
16 Title X clinics;

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

21 (C) an entity primarily led by individuals
22 with disabilities;

23 (D) an entity with expertise in reproduc-
24 tive rights and justice;

1 (E) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization,
2 or urban Indian organization; and

3 (F) a consortium of entities described in
4 any of subparagraphs (A) through (E).

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

14 (A) knowledge of best practices in pro-
15 viding reproductive health care, including pre-
16 ventive health care services, to individuals with
17 disabilities;

18 (B) experience working with individuals
19 with disabilities and their families; and

20 (C) demonstrated expertise of developing
21 materials in culturally and linguistically acces-
22 sible formats including plain language.

23 (3) SUBAWARDS.—An eligible entity or eligible
24 consortium receiving an award under this section
25 may, for contracting purposes, make subawards to

1 individuals or entities with expertise in reproductive
2 health care and serving individuals with disabilities.

3 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity or entities' shall use
4 amounts received under subsection (a) to—

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

10 (2) develop sexual and reproductive health edu-
11 cation programs in culturally and linguistically ac-
12 cessible formats to be used in carrying out para-
13 graph (1);

14 (3) provide education to individuals with dis-
15 abilities, including youth, concerning abortion care
16 options and their sexual, reproductive, and perinatal
17 health care needs;

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

21 (5) provide access to disability affirmative and
22 supportive clinical resources that are accessible to
23 individuals with disabilities;

24 (6) build the entity's or entities' capacity and
25 enhance their leadership of the entity or entities

1 within the community to promote community en-
2 gagement in, and advancement of, evidence-based or
3 evidence-informed sexual and reproductive health
4 care education in easily accessible formats; and

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

9 (d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

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

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

20 (3) SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall annually
21 compile the reports submitted under paragraph (2)
22 and submit such compilation to the Committee on
23 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
24 ate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
25 the House of Representatives. Such compilations

1 shall be posted on the internet website of the De-
2 partment of Health and Human Services in an ac-
3 cessible format.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) DISABILITY.—The terms “disability” and
6 “disabilities” have the meaning given such terms for
7 purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
8 1990.

9 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms “Indian Tribe”
10 and “Tribal organization” have the meaning given
11 such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
12 mination and Education Assistance Act.

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

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
19 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

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

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

1 (1) provide recommendations and best practices
2 to States, Territories, Indian Tribes, Tribal organi-
3 zations, and urban Indian organizations concerning
4 improving coordination of services including mental
5 health and substance use disorder services, social
6 services, health care, and transportation to increase
7 access to quality, integrated systems of accessible,
8 comprehensive disability clinical care, and services
9 for individuals with disabilities;

10 (2) provide technical assistance to health care
11 providers on culturally and linguistically accessible
12 and appropriate sexual and reproductive health care,
13 including before, during, and after pregnancy and
14 perinatal care and family planning services;

15 (3) develop resources and provide technical as-
16 sistance to assist covered entities in complying with
17 applicable Federal laws and regulations; and

18 (4) develop resources for individuals with dis-
19 abilities facing barriers to accessible care, including
20 related to accessible medical diagnostic equipment
21 and the Barrier-Free Health Care Initiative.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) DISABILITY.—The terms “disability” and
24 “disabilities” have the meaning given such terms for

1 purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
2 1990.

3 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The terms “Indian Tribe”
4 and “Tribal organization” have the meaning given
5 such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
6 mination and Education Assistance Act.

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

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
13 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

14 **SEC. 8. RESEARCH STUDY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
16 Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator
17 of the Administration for Community Living, shall carry
18 out a study to—

19 (1) identify the types of programs and services
20 that have demonstrated effectiveness in providing re-
21 productive health care services for individuals with
22 disabilities;

23 (2) analyze the effectiveness of Federal, State,
24 Tribal, and local partnerships to coordinate efforts
25 to ensure an integrated system of accessible, com-

1 prehensive reproductive health care for individuals
2 with disabilities; and

3 (3) identify necessary memoranda of under-
4 standing or interagency agreements that are needed
5 to foster data and public health research focusing on
6 reproductive health care barriers for individuals with
7 disabilities.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Health,
11 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the
12 Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee
13 on Education and the Workforce of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives, a report on the results of the study conducted
15 under subsection (a).

16 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section the terms “dis-
17 ability” and “disabilities” have the meanings given such
18 terms for purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act
19 of 1990.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
22 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

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