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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

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## 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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