

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 3969

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2022

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protection and Advo-
3 cacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act” or the
4 “PAVA Program Inclusion Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO VOTING ACCESSI-**
6 **BILITY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYS-**
7 **TEMS SERVING THE COMMONWEALTH OF**
8 **THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE**
9 **AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM.**

10 (a) RECIPIENTS DEFINED.—Section 291 of the Help
11 America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21061) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
14 section (d); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(c) ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

18 “(1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—For the purposes
19 of this section, the term ‘State’ shall have the mean-
20 ing given such term in section 102 of the Develop-
21 mental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
22 of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002).

23 “(2) AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM ELIGI-
24 BLE.—A system serving the American Indian con-
25 sortium for which funds have been reserved under
26 section 509(c)(1)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act of

1 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e(c)(1)(B)) shall be eligible for
 2 payments under subsection (a) in the same manner
 3 as a protection and advocacy system of a State.”.

4 (b) GRANT MINIMUMS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN CON-
 5 SORTIUM.—Section 291(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
 6 21061(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(c)(1)(B),” after “as set forth
 8 in subsections”; and

9 (2) by striking “subsections (c)(3)(B) and
 10 (c)(4)(B) of that section shall be not less than
 11 \$70,000 and \$35,000, respectively.” and inserting
 12 the following: “subsection (c)(3)(B) shall not be less
 13 than \$70,000, and the amount of the grants to sys-
 14 tems referred to in subsections (c)(1)(B) and (c)(4)
 15 shall not be less than \$35,000.”.

16 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect
 18 at the start of the first fiscal year starting after the date
 19 of the enactment of this Act.

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