

(5) include the separate views and comments of the Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

(c) Report on fund distribution method

Not later than 180 days after August 18, 2000, the Secretary shall, after consultation with Indian tribes, submit a written report to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate that describes the method or methods used to determine the individual tribal share of funds controlled by all components of the Indian Health Service (including funds assessed by any other Federal agency) for inclusion in self-governance compacts or funding agreements.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §514, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 728.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 458aaa-14. Disclaimers

(a) No funding reduction

Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit or reduce in any way the funding for any program, project, or activity serving an Indian tribe under this or other applicable Federal law. Any Indian tribe that alleges that a compact or funding agreement is in violation of this section may apply the provisions of section 450m-1 of this title.

(b) Federal trust and treaty responsibilities

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish in any way the trust responsibility of the United States to Indian tribes and individual Indians that exists under treaties, Executive orders, or other laws and court decisions.

(c) Obligations of the United States

The Indian Health Service under this subchapter shall neither bill nor charge those Indians who may have the economic means to pay for services, nor require any Indian tribe to do so.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §515, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 729.)

§ 458aaa-15. Application of other sections of this subchapter

(a) Mandatory application

All provisions of sections 450c(b), 450d, 450e, 450f(c) and (d), 450i, 450j(k) and (l), 450j-1(a) through (k), and 450n of this title and section 314 of Public Law 101-512 (coverage under chapter 171 of title 28, commonly known as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”), to the extent not in conflict with this part, shall apply to compacts and funding agreements authorized by this part.

(b) Discretionary application

At the request of a participating Indian tribe, any other provision of part A of this subchapter, to the extent such provision is not in conflict with this part, shall be made a part of a funding agreement or compact entered into under this part. The Secretary is obligated to include such provision at the option of the participating In-

dian tribe or tribes. If such provision is incorporated it shall have the same force and effect as if it were set out in full in this part. In the event an Indian tribe requests such incorporation at the negotiation stage of a compact or funding agreement, such incorporation shall be deemed effective immediately and shall control the negotiation and resulting compact and funding agreement.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §516, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 729.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 314 of Pub. L. 101-512, referred to in subsec. (a), is section 314 of Pub. L. 101-512, as amended, which is set out as a note under section 450f of this title.

§ 458aaa-16. Regulations

(a) In general

(1) Promulgation

Not later than 90 days after August 18, 2000, the Secretary shall initiate procedures under subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 5 to negotiate and promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out this part.

(2) Publication of proposed regulations

Proposed regulations to implement this part shall be published in the Federal Register by the Secretary no later than 1 year after August 18, 2000.

(3) Expiration of authority

The authority to promulgate regulations under paragraph (1) shall expire 21 months after August 18, 2000.

(b) Committee

(1) In general

A negotiated rulemaking committee established pursuant to section 565 of title 5 to carry out this section shall have as its members only Federal and tribal government representatives, a majority of whom shall be nominated by and be representatives of Indian tribes with funding agreements under this subchapter.

(2) Requirements

The committee shall confer with, and accommodate participation by, representatives of Indian tribes, inter-tribal consortia, tribal organizations, and individual tribal members.

(c) Adaptation of procedures

The Secretary shall adapt the negotiated rulemaking procedures to the unique context of self-governance and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes.

(d) Effect

The lack of promulgated regulations shall not limit the effect of this part.

(e) Effect of circulars, policies, manuals, guidances, and rules

Unless expressly agreed to by the participating Indian tribe in the compact or funding agreement, the participating Indian tribe shall not be subject to any agency circular, policy, manual, guidance, or rule adopted by the Indian

Health Service, except for the eligibility provisions of section 450j(g) of this title and regulations promulgated under this section.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §517, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 730.)

§ 458aaa-17. Appeals

In any appeal (including civil actions) involving decisions made by the Secretary under this part, the Secretary shall have the burden of proof of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence—

- (1) the validity of the grounds for the decision made; and
- (2) that the decision is fully consistent with provisions and policies of this part.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §518, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 730.)

§ 458aaa-18. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this part.

(b) Availability of appropriations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the provision of funds under this subchapter shall be subject to the availability of appropriations and the Secretary is not required to reduce funding for programs, projects, or activities serving a tribe in order to make funds available to another tribe or tribal organization under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 93-638, title V, §519, as added Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 731.)

PART F—NATIONAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

CODIFICATION

This part is comprised of title V of Pub. L. 93-638, as added by Pub. L. 106-568, title XIII, §1302, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2936, as amended. Another title V of Pub. L. 93-638 was added by Pub. L. 106-260, §4, Aug. 18, 2000, 114 Stat. 712, and is classified to part E (§458aaa et seq.) of this subchapter.

§ 458bbb. National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education

(a) In general

As soon as practicable after December 27, 2000, the Secretary of the Interior shall establish, under the laws of the District of Columbia and in accordance with this part, a foundation to be known as the “National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education” (hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation”).

(b) Perpetual existence

Except as otherwise provided, the Foundation shall have perpetual existence.

(c) Nature of corporation

The Foundation shall be a charitable and non-profit federally chartered corporation and shall not be an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

(d) Place of incorporation and domicile

The Foundation shall be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(e) Purposes

The purposes of the Foundation shall be—

(1) to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of real and personal property or any income therefrom or other interest therein for the benefit of, or in support of, the mission of the Office of Indian Education Programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (or its successor office);

(2) to undertake and conduct such other activities as will further the educational opportunities of American Indians who attend a Bureau funded school; and

(3) to participate with, and otherwise assist, Federal, State, and tribal governments, agencies, entities, and individuals in undertaking and conducting activities that will further the educational opportunities of American Indians attending Bureau funded schools.

(f) Board of Directors

(1) In general

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Foundation. The Board may exercise, or provide for the exercise of, the powers of the Foundation.

(2) Selection

The number of members of the Board, the manner of their selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their terms of office shall be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the Foundation. However, the Board shall have at least 11 members, two of whom shall be the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, who shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members, and the initial voting members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary not later than 6 months after the date that the Foundation is established and shall have staggered terms (as determined by the Secretary).

(3) Qualification

The members of the Board shall be United States citizens who are knowledgeable or experienced in American Indian education and shall, to the extent practicable, represent diverse points of view relating to the education of American Indians.

(4) Compensation

Members of the Board shall not receive compensation for their services as members, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties of the Foundation.

(g) Officers

(1) In general

The officers of the Foundation shall be a secretary, elected from among the members of the Board, and any other officers provided for in the constitution and bylaws of the Foundation.

(2) Secretary of Foundation

The secretary shall serve, at the direction of the Board, as its chief operating officer and shall be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to education in general and education of American Indians in particular.