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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. Heck (for himself, Mr. Duffy, and Mr. Young) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Tribal Access to
5 Homeless Assistance Act”.

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SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBALLY
DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITIES IN CONTINUM OF CARE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 401 (42 U.S.C. 11360)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (33) as paragraphs (12) through (35), respectively;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) FORMULA AREA.—The term ‘formula area’ has the meaning given the term in section 1000.302 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.”;

(D) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by inserting “a formula area,” after “non-entitlement area,”; and

(E) by inserting after paragraph (10), as so redesignated, the following:

“(11) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance
and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).”; and

(2) in subtitle C (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 435. INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITIES.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, for purposes of this subtitle, an Indian Tribe or tribally designated housing entity (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) may—

“(1) be a collaborative applicant or eligible entity; or

“(2) receive grant amounts from another entity that receives a grant directly from the Secretary, and use the amounts in accordance with this subtitle.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 101(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100–77; 101 Stat. 482) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 434 the following:

“Sec. 435. Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities.”.