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[Report No. 118-760, Part I]

To establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 5, 2024

Ms. Davids of Kansas (for herself and Mr. Cole) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. Edwards, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. ZINKE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. Trone, Ms. Norton, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Tonko, Ms. Omar, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Ciscomani, Ms. Brown, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Peltola, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Chavez-Deremer, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Landsman, Ms. Jayapal, Ms. Tokuda, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Soto, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. Gottheimer, Mr. Kim of New Jersey, Mr. Bacon, Ms. Craig, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Frost, Mr. Neguse, Mr. Horsford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Balint, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Pascrell, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Ms. Blunt Rochester, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. CHU, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. Brownley, Mr. Moulton, Ms. Leger Fernandez, Ms. Wild, Mr. HARDER of California, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Kiley, Mr. Flood, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Owens, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Stauber, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. Takano, Mr. Yakym, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. Bergman, Mr. Newhouse, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STANTON, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. FINSTAD

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Reported from the Committee on Education and the Workforce with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 5, 2024]

A BILL

To establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes.

- 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding
- 6 School Policies Act of 2024".
- 7 (b) Table of Contents for
- 8 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Purposes.
 - Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—COMMISSION AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Subtitle A—Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States

Sec. 101. Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States.

Subtitle B—Duties of the Commission

Sec. 111. Duties of the commission.

Subtitle C—Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee

Sec. 121. Survivors truth and healing subcommittee.

TITLE II—ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Subtitle A—Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee

Sec. 201. Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee.

Subtitle B—Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee

Sec. 211. Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 301. Clarification.
- Sec. 302. Burial management.
- Sec. 303. Co-stewardship agreements.
- Sec. 304. No right of action.
- Sec. 305. Severability.

9 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

10 The purposes of this Act are—

1	(1) to establish a Truth and Healing Commis-
2	sion on Indian Boarding School Policies in the
3	United States, including other necessary advisory
4	$committees\ and\ subcommittees;$
5	(2) to formally investigate, document, and report
6	on the histories of Indian Boarding Schools, Indian
7	Boarding School Polices, and the systematic and
8	long-term effects of those schools and policies on Na-
9	tive American peoples;
10	(3) to develop recommendations for Federal par-
11	ticipation based on the findings of the Commission;
12	and
13	(4) to promote healing for survivors of Indian
14	Boarding Schools, the descendants of those survivors,
15	and the communities of those survivors.
16	SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
17	In this Act:
18	(1) Commission.—The term "Commission"
19	means the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian
20	Boarding School Policies in the United States estab-
21	lished by section $101(a)$.
22	(2) Federal truth and healing advisory
23	COMMITTEE.—The term "Federal Truth and Healing

1	Healing Advisory Committee established by section
2	211(a).
3	(3) Indian.—The term "Indian" has the mean-
4	ing given the term in section 6151 of the Elementary
5	and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6	7491).
7	(4) Indian boarding school.—The term "In-
8	dian Boarding School" means—
9	(A) a site of an institution that—
10	(i) provided on-site housing or over-
11	$night\ lodging;$
12	(ii) was described in Federal records as
13	providing formal academic or vocational
14	training and instruction to American Indi-
15	ans, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiians;
16	(iii) received Federal funds or other
17	Federal support; and
18	(iv) was operational before 1969;
19	(B) a site of an institution identified by the
20	Department of the Interior in appendices A and
21	B of the report entitled "Federal Indian Board-
22	ing School Initiative Investigative Report" and
23	dated May 2022 (or a successor report); or

1	(C) any other institution that implemented
2	Indian Boarding School Policies, including an
3	Indian day school.
4	(5) Indian boarding school policies.—The
5	term "Indian Boarding School Policies" means Fed-
6	eral laws, policies, and practices purported to "as-
7	similate" and "civilize" Indians, Alaska Natives, and
8	Native Hawaiians that included psychological, phys-
9	ical, sexual, and mental abuse, forced removal from
10	home or community, and identity-altering practices
11	intended to terminate Native languages, cultures, reli-
12	gions, social organizations, or connections to tradi-
13	$tional\ land.$
14	(6) Indian Tribe.—The term "Indian Tribe"
15	has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the In-
16	dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
17	Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).
18	(7) Native american.—The term "Native
19	American" means an individual who is—
20	(A) an Indian; or
21	(B) a Native Hawaiian.
22	(8) Native american truth and healing ad-
23	VISORY COMMITTEE.—The term "Native American
24	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee" means the
25	Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-

1	mittee established by the Commission under section
2	201(a).
3	(9) Native Hawahan.—The term "Native Ha-
4	waiian" has the meaning given the term in section
5	6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
6	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517).
7	(10) Native Hawaiian organization.—The
8	term "Native Hawaiian organization" means a pri-
9	vate nonprofit organization that—
10	(A) serves and represents the interests of
11	Native Hawaiians;
12	(B) has as its primary and stated purpose
13	the provision of services to Native Hawaiians;
14	(C) has Native Hawaiians serving in sub-
15	stantive and policymaking positions; and
16	(D) has expertise in Native Hawaiian af-
17	fairs.
18	(11) Office of Hawaiian Affairs.—The term
19	"Office of Hawaiian Affairs" has the meaning given
20	the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Sec-
21	ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517).
22	(12) Survivors truth and healing sub-
23	committee.—The term "Survivors Truth and Heal-
24	ing Subcommittee" means the Survivors Truth and
25	Healing Subcommittee established by section 121(a).

1	(13) Trauma-informed care.—The term
2	"trauma-informed care" means holistic psychological
3	and health care practices that include promoting cul-
4	turally responsive practices, patient psychological,
5	physical, and emotional safety, and environments of
6	healing, trust, peer support, and recovery.
7	(14) Tribal Organization.—The term "Tribal
8	organization" has the meaning given the term in sec-
9	tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
10	cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).
11	TITLE I—COMMISSION AND
12	SUBCOMMITTEES
13	Subtitle A—Truth and Healing
14	Commission on Indian Boarding
15	School Policies in the United
16	States
17	SEC. 101. TRUTH AND HEALING COMMISSION ON INDIAN
18	BOARDING SCHOOL POLICIES IN THE UNITED
19	STATES.
20	(a) Establishment.—There is established in the leg-
21	islative branch a commission, to be known as the "Truth
22	and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Poli-
23	cies in the United States".
24	(b) Membership.—
25	(1) Membership.—

1	(A) In General.—The Commission shall
2	include 5 members, to be jointly appointed by
3	the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
4	Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority
5	Leaders of the House of Representatives and the
6	Senate, in consultation with the Chairperson
7	and Vice Chairperson of the Committee on In-
8	dian Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and
9	ranking minority member of the Committee on
10	Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
11	tives, from among the nominees submitted under
12	paragraph (2)(A), of whom—
13	(i) 1 shall be an individual with exten-
14	sive experience and expertise as a principal
15	investigator overseeing or leading complex
16	research initiatives with and for Indian
17	Tribes and Native Americans;
18	(ii) 1 shall be an individual (barred in
19	good standing) with extensive experience
20	and expertise in the area of indigenous
21	human rights law and policy, including
22	overseeing or leading broad-scale investiga-
23	tions of abuses of indigenous human rights;
24	(iii) 1 shall be an individual with ex-
25	tensive experience and expertise in Tribal

1	court judicial and restorative justice sys-
2	tems and Federal agencies, such as partici-
3	pation as a Tribal judge, researcher, or
4	former presidentially appointed commis-
5	sioner;
6	(iv) 1 shall be an individual with ex-
7	tensive experience and expertise in pro-
8	viding and coordinating trauma-informed
9	care and other health-related services to In-
10	dian Tribes and Native Americans; and
11	(v) 1 shall be a Native American indi-
12	vidual recognized as a traditional cultural
13	authority by their respective Native commu-
14	nity.
15	(B) Additional requirements for mem-
16	BERSHIP.—In addition to the requirements de-
17	scribed in subparagraph (A), each member of the
18	Commission shall be a person of recognized in-
19	tegrity and empathy, with a demonstrated com-
20	mitment to the values of truth, reconciliation,
21	healing, and expertise in truth and healing en-
22	deavors that are traditionally and culturally ap-
23	propriate so as to provide balanced points of
24	view and expertise with respect to the duties of
25	the Commission.

1	(2) Nominations.—
2	(A) In general.—Not later than 90 days
3	after the date of enactment of this Act, Indian
4	Tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Americans
5	the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Ha
6	waiian organizations may submit to the Sec
7	retary of the Interior nominations for individ
8	uals to be appointed to the Commission.
9	(B) Native american preference.—Indi
10	viduals nominated under subparagraph (A) who
11	are Native American shall receive a preference in
12	the selection process for appointment to the Com-
13	mission under paragraph (1).
14	(C) Submission to congress.—Not later
15	than 7 days after the submission deadline for
16	nominations described in subparagraph (A), the
17	Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress
18	a list of the individuals nominated under that
19	subparagraph.
20	(3) Date.—Members of the Commission under
21	paragraph (1) shall be appointed not later than 186
22	days after the date of the enactment of this Act.
23	(4) Period of appointment; vacancies; re-
24	MOVAL.—

MOVAL.—

1	(A) Period of appointment.—A member
2	of the Commission shall be appointed for a term
3	that is the shorter of—
4	(i) 6 years; and
5	(ii) the life of the Commission.
6	(B) Vacancies.—After all initial members
7	of the Commission are appointed and the initial
8	business meeting of the Commission has been
9	convened under subsection $(c)(1)$, a single va-
10	cancy in the Commission—
11	(i) shall not affect the powers of the
12	Commission; and
13	(ii) shall be filled within 90 days in
14	the same manner as was the original ap-
15	pointment.
16	(C) Removal.—A quorum of members of
17	the Commission may remove a member of the
18	Commission only for neglect of duty or malfea-
19	sance.
20	(5) Termination.—The Commission shall ter-
21	minate 6 years after the date of the enactment of this
22	Act.
23	(6) Limitation.—No member of the Commission
24	shall be an officer or employee of the Federal Govern-
25	ment.

1	(c) Business Meetings.—
2	(1) Initial business meeting.—90 days after
3	the date on which all of the members of the Commis-
4	$sion\ are\ appointed\ under\ subsection\ (b)(1)(A),\ the$
5	Commission shall hold the initial business meeting of
6	the Commission—
7	(A) to appoint a Chairperson, a Vice Chair-
8	person, and such other positions as determined
9	necessary by the Commission;
10	(B) to establish rules for meetings of the
11	Commission; and
12	(C) to appoint members of—
13	(i) the Survivors Truth and Healing
14	Subcommittee under section 121(b)(1); and
15	(ii) the Native American Truth and
16	Healing Advisory Committee under section
17	201(b)(1).
18	(2) Subsequent business meetings.—After
19	the initial business meeting of the Commission is held
20	under paragraph (1), the Commission shall meet at
21	the call of the Chairperson.
22	(3) Advisory and subcommittee committees
23	Designees.—Each Commission business meeting
24	shall include participation by 2 non-voting designees
25	from each of the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-

- 1 committee, the Native American Truth and Healing
 2 Advisory Committee, and the Federal Truth and
 3 Healing Advisory Committee, as appointed in accord4 ance with section 121(c)(1)(D), section 201(e)(1)(C),
 5 and section 211(c)(1)(B), as applicable.
 6 (4) FORMAT OF MEETINGS.—A business meeting
 7 of the Commission may be conducted in-person or vir-
- 9 (5) QUORUM REQUIRED.—A business meeting of 10 the Commission may be held only once after a 11 quorum, established in accordance with subsection 12 (d), is present.
- 13 (d) Quorum.—A simple majority of the members of 14 the Commission present shall constitute a quorum for a 15 business meeting.
- 16 (e) RULES.—The Commission may establish, by a ma-17 jority vote, any rules for the conduct of Commission busi-18 ness, in accordance with this section and other applicable 19 law.
- 20 (f) Commission Personnel Matters.—
- 21 (1) Compensation of commissioners.—A
 22 member of the Commission shall be compensated at a
 23 daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre24 scribed for grade 14 of the General Schedule under
 25 section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for each

tually.

1	day, not to exceed 14 days per month, for which a
2	member is engaged in the performance of their duties
3	under this Act, limited to convening meetings, includ-
4	ing public or private meetings to receive testimony in
5	furtherance of the duties of the Commission and the
6	purposes of this Act.
7	(2) Travel expenses.—A member of the Com-
8	mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including
9	per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for
10	employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter
11	57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from
12	their homes or regular places of business in the per-
13	formance of services for the Commission.
14	(3) Detail of government employees.—Any
15	Federal Government employee, with the approval of
16	the head of the appropriate Federal agency and at the
17	request of the Commission, may be detailed to the
18	Commission without—
19	(A) reimbursement to the agency of that em-
20	ployee; and
21	(B) interruption or loss of civil service sta-
22	tus, benefits, or privileges.
23	(g) Powers of Commission.—
24	(1) Hearings and Evidence.—The Commission

may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act—

1	(A) hold such hearings and sit and act at
2	such times and places, take such testimony, and
3	receive such evidence, virtually or in-person, as
4	the Commission may determine necessary to ac-
5	complish the purposes of this Act;
6	(B) conduct or request such interdiscipli-
7	nary research, investigation, or analysis of such
8	information and documents, records, or other
9	evidence as the Commission may determine nec-
10	essary to accomplish the purposes of this Act, in-
11	cluding—
12	(i) securing, directly from a Federal
13	agency, such information as the Commis-
14	sion considers necessary to accomplish the
15	purposes of this Act; and
16	(ii) requesting the head of any relevant
17	Tribal or State agency to provide to the
18	Commission such information as the Com-
19	mission considers necessary to accomplish
20	the purposes of this Act;
21	(C) subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of
22	subsection (i), require, by subpoena or otherwise,
23	the production of such records, papers, cor-
24	respondence, memoranda, documents, books, vid-
25	eos, oral histories, recordings, or any other paper

1	or electronic material, as the Commission may
2	determine necessary to accomplish the purposes
3	$of\ this\ Act;$
4	(D) oversee, direct, and collaborate with the
5	Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee,
6	the Native American Truth and Healing Advi-
7	sory Committee, and the Survivors Truth and
8	Healing Subcommittee to accomplish the pur-
9	poses of this Act; and
10	(E) coordinate with Federal and non-Fed-
11	eral entities to preserve and archive, as appro-
12	priate, any gifts, documents, or other property
13	received while carrying out the purposes of this
14	Act.
15	(2) Contracting; volunteer services.—
16	(A) Contracting.—The Commission may,
17	to such extent and in such amounts as are pro-
18	vided in appropriations Acts, and in accordance
19	with applicable law, enter into contracts and
20	other agreements with public agencies, private
21	organizations, and individuals to enable the

(B) Volunteer and uncompensated services.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of

Commission to carry out the duties of the Com-

mission under this Act.

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1	title 31, United States Code, the Commission
2	may accept and use such voluntary and uncom-
3	pensated services as the Commission determines
4	to be necessary.
5	(C) General services administration.—
6	The Administrator of General Services shall pro-
7	vide, on request of the Commission, on a reim-
8	bursable basis, administrative support and other
9	services for the performance of the functions of
10	the Commission under this Act.
11	(3) Postal services.—The Commission may
12	use the United States mails in the same manner and
13	under the same conditions as other agencies of the
14	Federal Government.
15	(4) Gifts, fundraising, and disbursement.—
16	(A) Gifts and donations.—
17	(i) In General.—The Commission
18	may accept, use, and dispose of any gift,
19	donation, service, property, or other record
20	or recording to accomplish the purposes of
21	$this\ Act.$
22	(ii) Return of Gifts and dona-
23	tions.—On termination of the Commission
24	under subsection (b)(5), any gifts, unspent
25	donations, property, or other record or re-

1	cording accepted by the Commission under
2	clause (i) shall be—
3	(I) returned to the donor that
4	made the donation under that clause;
5	or
6	(II) archived under subparagraph
7	(E).
8	(B) Fundraising.—The Commission may,
9	on the affirmative vote of $3/5$ of the members of
10	the Commission, solicit funds to accomplish the
11	purposes of this Act.
12	(C) DISBURSEMENT.—The Commission
13	may, on the affirmative vote of 3/5 of the mem-
14	bers of the Commission, approve the expenditure
15	of funds to accomplish the purposes of this Act.
16	(D) TAX DOCUMENTS.—The Commission (or
17	a designee) shall, on request of a donor under
18	subparagraph (A) or (B), provide tax docu-
19	mentation to that donor for any tax-deductible
20	gift made by that donor under those subpara-
21	graphs.
22	(E) Archiving.—The Commission shall co-
23	ordinate with the Library of Congress and the
24	Smithsonian Institution to archive and preserve

1 relevant gifts or donations received under sub-2 paragraph (A) or (B). (h) CONVENING.— 3 4 (1) Convening Protocol.— (A) In General.—Not later than 45 days 5 6 after the initial business meeting of the Native 7 American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-8 mittee, the Commission, 3 designees from the Na-9 tive American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee, and 3 designees from the Survivors 10 11 Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall hold a 12 meeting to recommend rules, protocols, and formats for convenings carried out under this sub-13 14 section. 15 (B) Rules and protocols.—Not later 16 than 45 days after the initial meeting described 17 in subparagraph (A), the Commission shall fi-18 nalizerules. protocols, and formats for 19 convenings carried out under this subsection by 20 a 3/5 majority in attendance at a meeting of the 21 Commission. 22 (C) ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.—The Commis-23 sion and designees described in subparagraph 24 (A) may hold additional meetings, as necessary,

to amend, by a 3/5 majority in attendance at a

1	meeting of the Commission, the rules, protocols,
2	and formats for convenings established under
3	that subparagraph.
4	(2) Announcement of convenings.—Not later
5	than 30 days before the date of a convening under
6	this subsection, the Commission shall announce the lo-
7	cation and details of the convening.
8	(3) Minimum number of convenings.—The
9	Commission shall hold—
10	(A) not fewer than 1 convening in each of
11	the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
12	and in Hawai'i during the life of the Commis-
13	sion; and
14	(B) beginning 1 year after the date of the
15	enactment of this Act, not fewer than 1 con-
16	vening in each quarter to receive testimony each
17	calendar year until the date on which the Com-
18	mission submits the final report of the Commis-
19	sion under section $111(e)(3)$.
20	(4) Opportunity to provide testimony.—No
21	person or entity shall be denied the opportunity to
22	provide relevant testimony at a convenings held under
23	this subsection, except at the discretion of the Chair-
24	person of the Commission (or a designee).
25	(i) Surpoenas —

1	(1) In general.—
2	(A) Issuance of subpoenas.—
3	(i) In general.—If a person fails to
4	supply information requested by the Com-
5	mission, the Commission may, on a unani-
6	mous vote of the Commission, issue a sub-
7	poena requiring from a person the produc-
8	tion of any written or recorded evidence
9	necessary to carry out the duties of the
10	Commission under section 111.
11	(ii) Notification.—
12	(I) In General.—Not later than
13	10 days before the date on which the
14	Commission issues a subpoena under
15	clause (i), the Commission shall submit
16	to the Attorney General a confidential,
17	written notice of the intent to issue the
18	subpoena.
19	(II) Subpoena prohibited by
20	ATTORNEY GENERAL.—
21	(aa) In General.—The At-
22	torney General, on receiving a no-
23	tice under subclause (I), may, on
24	a showing of a procedural or sub-
25	stantive defect, and after the Com-

1	mission has a reasonable oppor-
2	tunity to cure, prohibit the
3	issuance of the applicable sub-
4	poena described in that notice.
5	(bb) Notification to con-
6	GRESS.—On prohibition of the
7	issuance of a subpoena under item
8	(aa), the Attorney General shall
9	submit to Congress a report de-
10	tailing the reasons for that prohi-
11	bition.
12	(B) Production of Evidence.—The pro-
13	duction of evidence may be required from any
14	place within the United States.
15	(2) Failure to obey a subpoena.—
16	(A) Order from a district court of
17	THE UNITED STATES.—If a person does not obey
18	a subpoena issued under paragraph (1), the
19	Commission is authorized to apply to a district
20	court of the United States described in subpara-
21	graph (B) for an order requiring that person to
22	comply with the subpoena.
23	(B) Location.—An application under sub-
24	paragraph (A) may be made within the judicial

- district where the person described in that sub paragraph resides or transacts business.
 - (C) Penalty.—Any failure to obey an order of a court described in subparagraph (A) may be punished by the court as a civil contempt.
 - (3) SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION.—The district court of the United States in which an action is brought under paragraph (2)(B) shall have original jurisdiction over any civil action brought by the Commission to enforce, secure a declaratory judgment concerning the validity of, or prevent a threatened refusal or failure to comply with the applicable subpoena issued by the Commission.
 - (4) Service of subpoends.—The subpoends of the Commission shall be served in the manner provided for subpoends issued by a district court of the United States under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
 - (5) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—All process of any court to which an application is made under paragraph (2) may be served in the judicial district in which the person required to be served resides or transacts business.

- 1 (j) Federal Advisory Committee Act Applica-
- 2 BILITY.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (com-
- 3 monly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act"),
- 4 shall not apply to the Commission.
- 5 (k) Congressional Accountability Act Applica-
- 6 BILITY.—For purposes of the Congressional Accountability
- 7 Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.)—
- 8 (1) any individual who is an employee of the
- 9 Commission shall be considered a covered employee
- 10 under the Act; and
- 11 (2) the Commission shall be considered an em-
- 12 ploying office under the Act.
- 13 (1) Consultation or Engagement With Native
- 14 Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, the
- 15 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian
- 16 Organizations.—In carrying out the duties of the Com-
- 17 mission under section 111, the Commission shall meaning-
- 18 fully consult or engage, as appropriate, in a timely manner
- 19 with Native Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal organiza-
- 20 tions, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian
- 21 organizations.
- 22 (m) Authorization of Appropriations.—For each
- 23 fiscal year in which the Commission is operational, there
- 24 is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 to the Com-
- 25 mission to carry out this Act. Amounts appropriated pursu-

1	ant to this authorization shall be derived and transferred
2	from the unexpired, unobligated balances of all amounts
3	made available to the Indian Health Service to prevent,
4	prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.
5	(n) Rescission.—Of the unobligated balances of funds
6	made available by section 11001 of Public Law 117-2,
7	\$90,000,000 are hereby permanently rescinded.
8	Subtitle B—Duties of the
9	Commission
10	SEC. 111. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
11	(a) Investigation.—
12	(1) In general.—The Commission shall conduct
13	a comprehensive interdisciplinary investigation of In-
14	dian Boarding School Policies, including the social,
15	cultural, economic, emotional, and physical effects of
16	Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States
17	on Native American communities, Indian Tribes, sur-
18	vivors of Indian Boarding Schools, families of those
19	survivors, and their descendants.
20	(2) Matters to be investigated.—The mat-
21	ters to be investigated by the Commission under para-
22	graph (1) shall include, at a minimum—
23	(A) conducting a comprehensive review of
24	existing research and historical records of Indian
25	Boarding School Policies and any documenta-

1	tion, scholarship, or other resources relevant to
2	the purposes of this Act from—
3	(i) any archive or any other document
4	storage location, notwithstanding the loca-
5	tion of that archive or document storage lo-
6	cation; and
7	(ii) any research conducted by private
8	individuals, private entities, and non-Fed-
9	eral Government entities, whether domestic
10	or foreign, including religious institutions;
11	(B) collaborating with the Federal Truth
12	and Healing Advisory Committee to obtain all
13	relevant information from—
14	(i) the Department of the Interior, the
15	Department of Health and Human Services,
16	other relevant Federal agencies, and institu-
17	tions or organizations, including religious
18	institutions or organizations, that operated
19	an Indian Boarding School, carried out In-
20	dian Boarding School Policies, or have in-
21	formation that the Commission determines
22	to be relevant to the investigation of the
23	Commission; and
24	(ii) Indian Tribes, Tribal organiza-
25	tions, Native Americans, the Office of Ha-

1	waiian Affairs,	and Native	Hawaiian	orga-
2	nizations; and			

- (C) conducting a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of Indian Boarding School Policies on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students and alumni, including the impact on cultures, traditions, and languages.
- (3) Research related to objects, arti-FACTS, AND REAL PROPERTY.—If the Commission conducts a comprehensive review of research described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) that focuses on objects, artifacts, or real or personal property that are in the possession or control of private individuals, private entities, or non-Federal Government entities within the United States, the Commission may enter into a contract or agreement to acquire, hold, curate, or maintain those objects, artifacts, or real or personal property until the objects, artifacts, or real or personal property can be properly repatriated or returned, consistent with applicable Federal law, subject to the condition that no Federal funds may be used to purchase those objects, artifacts, or real or personal property.
- (b) Meetings and Convenings.—

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- (1) In General.—The Commission shall hold, with the advice of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee and the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee, and in coordination with, as relevant, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian organizations, as part of its investigation under subsection (a), safe, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate public or private meetings or convenings to receive testimony relating to that investigation.
 - (2) Requirements.—The Commission shall ensure that meetings and convenings held under paragraph (1) provide access to adequate trauma-informed care services for participants, attendees, and communities during and following the meetings and convenings where the Commission receives testimony, including ensuring that private space is available for survivors and descendants of survivors, family members, and other community members to receive trauma-informed care services.

(c) Recommendations.—

(1) In General.—The Commission shall make recommendations to Congress relating to the investigation carried out under subsection (a), which shall

1	be included in the final report required under sub-
2	section $(e)(3)$.
3	(2) Inclusions.—Recommendations made under
4	paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, rec-
5	ommendations relating to—
6	(A) in light of Tribal and Native Hawaiian
7	law, Tribal customary law, tradition, custom,
8	and practice, how the Federal Government can
9	meaningfully acknowledge the role of the Federal
10	Government in supporting Indian Boarding
11	School Policies in all issue areas that the Com-
12	mission determines relevant, including appro-
13	priate forms of memorialization, preservation of
14	records, objects, artifacts, and burials;
15	(B) how modification of existing statutes,
16	procedures, regulations, policies, budgets, and
17	practices will, in the determination of the Com-
18	mission, address the findings of the Commission
19	and ongoing effects of Indian Boarding School
20	Policies; and
21	(C) how the Federal Government can pro-
22	mote public awareness of, and education about,
23	Indian Boarding School Policies and the im-
24	pacts of those policies, including through coordi-

nating with the Native American Truth and

- Healing Advisory Committee, the Survivors
 Truth and Healing Subcommittee, the Smithsonian Institution, and other relevant institutions
 and organizations.
- (d) Duties Related to Burials.—The Commission
 shall, with respect to burial sites associated with Indian
 Boarding Schools—
- 8 (1) coordinate, as appropriate, with the Native 9 American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee, 10 the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee, 11 the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee, lin-12 eal descendants, Indian Tribes, the Office of Hawai-13 ian Affairs, Federal agencies, institutions, and orga-14 nizations to locate and identify, in a culturally ap-15 propriate manner, marked and unmarked burial 16 sites, including cemeteries, unmarked graves, and 17 mass burial sites, where students of Indian Boarding 18 Schools were originally or later interred;
 - (2) locate, document, analyze, and coordinate the preservation or continued preservation of records and information relating to the interment of students, including any records held by Federal, State, international, or local entities or religious institutions or organizations; and

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1 (3) share, to the extent practicable, with affected 2 lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and the Office of 3 Hawaiian Affairs burial locations and the identities 4 of children who attended Indian Boarding Schools.

(e) REPORTS.—

- (1) Annual Reports to congress.—Not less frequently than annually until the year before the year in which the Commission expires, the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that describes the activities of the Commission during the previous year, including an accounting of funds and gifts received and expenditures made, the progress made, and any barriers encountered in carrying out this Act.
- (2) COMMISSION INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date on which a majority of the members of the Commission are appointed under section 101(b)(1), the Commission shall submit to the individuals described in paragraph (4), and make publicly available, an initial report containing—
- (A) a detailed review of existing research, including documentation, scholarship, or other

1	resources shared with the Commission that fur-
2	ther the purposes of this Act;
3	(B) a detailed statement of the initial find-
4	ings and conclusions of the Commission; and
5	(C) a detailed statement of the initial rec-
6	ommendations of the Commission.
7	(3) Commission final report.—Before the ex-
8	piration of the Commission, the Commission shall
9	submit to the individuals described in paragraph (4),
10	and make publicly available, a final report con-
11	taining the findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
12	tions of the Commission that have been agreed on by
13	the vote of a majority of the members of the Commis-
14	sion and 3/5 of the members of each of the Native
15	American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee
16	and the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee.
17	(4) Report recipients.—The individuals re-
18	ferred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) are—
19	(A) the President;
20	(B) the Secretary of the Interior;
21	(C) the Attorney General;
22	(D) the Comptroller General of the United
23	States;
24	(E) the Secretary of Education;

1	(F) the Secretary of Health and Human
2	Services;
3	(G) the Secretary of Defense;
4	(H) the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
5	of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Sen-
6	ate;
7	(I) the Chairperson and ranking minority
8	member of the Committee on Natural Resources
9	of the House of Representatives;
10	(J) the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Na-
11	tive American Caucus;
12	(K) the Executive Director of the White
13	House Council on Native American Affairs;
14	(L) the Director of the Office of Manage-
15	ment and Budget;
16	(M) the Archivist of the United States;
17	(N) the Librarian of Congress; and
18	(O) the Director of the National Museum of
19	$the\ American\ Indian.$
20	(5) Additional commission responsibilities
21	RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE INITIAL AND
22	FINAL REPORTS.—
23	(A) EVENTS RELATING TO INITIAL RE-
24	PORT.—

1	(i) In General.—The Commission
2	shall hold not fewer than 2 events in each
3	region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and
4	in Hawai'i following publication of the ini-
5	tial report under paragraph (2) to receive
6	comments on the initial report.
7	(ii) Timing.—The schedule of events
8	referred to in clause (i) shall be announced
9	not later than 90 days after the date on
10	which the initial report under paragraph
11	(6) is published.
12	(B) Publication of final report.—Not
13	later than 180 days after the date on which the
14	Commission submits the final report under para-
15	graph (3), the Commission, the Secretary of the
16	Interior, the Secretary of Education, the Sec-
17	retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Health
18	and Human Services shall each make the final
19	report publicly available on the website of the
20	applicable agency.
21	(6) Secretarial response to final re-
22	PORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date on
23	which the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of
24	Education, the Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-

retary of Health and Human Services receive the

1	final report under paragraph (3), the Secretaries
2	shall each make publicly available a written response
3	to recommendations for future action by those agen-
4	cies, if any, contained in the final report, and submit
5	the written response to—
6	(A) the President;
7	(B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the
8	Senate;
9	(C) the Committee on Natural Resources of
10	the House of Representatives; and
11	(D) the Comptroller General of the United
12	States.
13	Subtitle C—Survivors Truth and
14	Healing Subcommittee
15	SEC. 121. SURVIVORS TRUTH AND HEALING SUB-
16	COMMITTEE.
17	(a) Establishment.—There is established a sub-
18	committee of the Commission, to be known as the "Sur-
19	vivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee".
20	(b) Membership, Nomination, and Appointment to
21	THE SURVIVORS TRUTH AND HEALING SUBCOMMITTEE.—
22	(1) Membership.—The Survivors Truth and
23	Healing Subcommittee shall include 15 members, to
24	be appointed by the Commission, in consultation with
25	the National Native American Boarding School Heal-

1	ing Coalition, from among the nominees submitted
2	under paragraph (2)(A), of whom—
3	(A) 12 shall be representatives from each of
4	the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
5	and 1 shall be a representative from Hawai'i;
6	(B) 9 shall be individuals who attended an
7	Indian Boarding School of whom—
8	(i) not fewer than 2 shall be individ-
9	uals who graduated during the 5-year pe-
10	riod preceding the date of the enactment of
11	this Act from—
12	(I) an Indian Boarding School in
13	operation as of that date of the enact-
14	$ment;\ or$
15	(II) a Bureau of Indian Edu-
16	cation-funded school; and
17	(ii) all shall represent diverse regions
18	of the United States;
19	(C) 5 shall be descendants of individuals
20	who attended Indian Boarding Schools, who
21	shall represent diverse regions of the United
22	States; and
23	(D) 1 shall be an educator who, as of the
24	date of the appointment—

1	(i) is employed at an Indian Boarding
2	School; or
3	(ii) was employed at an Indian Board-
4	ing School during the 5-year period pre-
5	ceding the date of the enactment of this Act.
6	(2) Nominations.—
7	(A) In general.—Indian Tribes, Tribal
8	organizations, Native Americans, the Office of
9	Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian organi-
10	zations may submit to the Secretary of the Inte-
11	rior nominations for individuals to be appointed
12	to the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
13	committee not later than 90 days after the date
14	of the enactment of this Act.
15	(B) Submission.—The Secretary of the In-
16	terior shall provide the Commission with nomi-
17	nations submitted under subparagraph (A) at
18	the initial business meeting of the Commission
19	under section $101(c)(1)$ and the Commission
20	shall select the members of the Survivors Truth
21	and Healing Subcommittee from among those
22	nominees.
23	(3) Date.—
24	(A) In General.—The Commission shall
25	appoint all members of the Survivors Truth and

1	Healing Subcommittee during the initial busi-
2	ness meeting of the Commission under section
3	101(c)(1).
4	(B) Failure to appoint.—If the Commis-
5	sion fails to appoint all members of the Sur-
6	vivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee in ac-
7	cordance with subparagraph (A), the Chair of
8	the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate,
9	with the concurrence of the Vice Chair of the
10	Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, shall
11	appoint individuals, in accordance with the re-
12	quirements of paragraph (1), to all vacant posi-
13	tions of the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
14	committee not later than 30 days after the date
15	of the initial business meeting of the Commission
16	$under\ section\ 101(c)(1).$
17	(4) Period of appointment; vacancies; re-
18	MOVAL.—
19	(A) Period of appointment.—A member
20	of the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
21	committee shall be appointed for an automati-
22	cally renewable term of 2 years.
23	(B) Vacancies.—
24	(i) In General.—A member of the
25	Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee

1	may vacate the position at any time and
2	for any reason.
3	(ii) Effect; filling of vacancy.—A
4	vacancy in the Survivors Truth and Heal-
5	$ing \ Subcommittee$
6	(I) shall not affect the powers of
7	the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
8	committee if a simple majority of the
9	positions of the Survivors Truth and
10	Healing Subcommittee are filled; and
11	(II) shall be filled within 90 days
12	in the same manner as was the origi-
13	$nal\ appointment.$
14	(C) Removal.—A quorum of members of
15	the Commission may remove a member of the
16	Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee only
17	for neglect of duty or malfeasance.
18	(5) Termination.—The Survivors Truth and
19	Healing Subcommittee shall terminate 90 days after
20	the date on which the Commission submits the final
21	report required under section 111(e)(3).
22	(6) Limitation.—
23	(A) In general.—Subject to subparagraph
24	(B), no member of the Survivors Truth and

1	Healing Subcommittee shall be an officer or em-
2	ployee of the Federal Government.
3	(B) Exception.—Subparagraph (A) shall
4	not apply to an employee of a Bureau school (as
5	defined in section 1141 of the Education Amend-
6	ments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021)).
7	(c) Business Meetings.—
8	(1) Initial meeting.—Not later than 30 days
9	after the date on which all members of the Survivors
10	Truth and Healing Subcommittee are appointed
11	under subsection (b)(1), the Survivors Truth and
12	Healing Subcommittee shall hold an initial business
13	meeting—
14	(A) to appoint—
15	(i) a Chairperson, who shall also serve
16	as the Vice Chairperson of the Federal
17	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee;
18	(ii) a Vice Chairperson, who shall also
19	serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Native
20	American Truth and Healing Advisory
21	Committee; and
22	(iii) a Secretary;
23	(B) to establish, with the advice of the Com-
24	mission, rules for the Survivors Truth and Heal-
25	$ing\ Subcommittee;$

1	(C) to appoint 3 designees to fulfill the re-
2	$sponsibilities\ described\ in\ section\ 101(h)(1)(A);$
3	and
4	(D) to appoint, with the advice of the Com-
5	mission, 2 members of the Survivors Truth and
6	Healing Subcommittee to serve as non-voting
7	designees on the Commission in accordance with
8	section $101(c)(3)$.
9	(2) Subsequent business meetings.—After
10	the initial business meeting of the Survivors Truth
11	and Healing subcommittee is held under paragraph
12	(1), the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee
13	shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
14	(3) Format of business meetings.—A busi-
15	ness meeting of the Survivors Truth and Healing
16	Subcommittee may be conducted in-person or vir-
17	tually.
18	(4) Quorum required.—A business meeting of
19	the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee may
20	be held only once a quorum, established in accordance
21	with subsection (d), is present.
22	(d) Quorum.—A simple majority of the members of
23	the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee present
24	shall constitute a quorum for a business meeting.

1	(e) Rules.—The Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
2	committee, with the advice of the Commission, may estab-
3	lish, by a majority vote, any rules for the conduct of busi-
4	ness, in accordance with this section and other applicable
5	law.
6	(f) Duties.—The Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
7	$committee \ shall \ assist \ the \ Commission, \ the \ Native \ American$
8	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee, and the Federal
9	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee in coordinating
10	public and private convenings, including—
11	(1) providing advice to the Commission on devel-
12	oping criteria and protocols for convenings;
13	(2) providing advice and evaluating Committee
14	recommendations relating to the commemoration and
15	public education relating to Indian Boarding Schools
16	and Indian Boarding School Policies; and
17	(3) providing such other advice as may be re-
18	quired by the Commission.
19	(g) Consultation or Engagement With Native
20	Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, the
21	Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian

22 Organizations.—In carrying out the duties of the Sur-

23 vivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee under subsection

(f), the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall

- manner with Native Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian organizations. 4 (h) Federal Advisory Committee Act Applica-BILITY.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act"), shall not apply to the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-8 committee. 9 (i) Congressional Accountability Act Applica-10 BILITY.—For purposes of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.)— 12 (1) any individual who is an employee of the 13 Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall be 14 considered a covered employee under the Act; and 15 (2) the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall be considered an employing office 16 17 under the Act. 18 (i) Personnel Matters.— 19 (1) Compensation of members.—A member of 20 the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall 21
- be compensated at a daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for grade 13 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for each day, not to exceed 14 days per month, for which a member of the Survivors Truth

1	and Healing Subcommittee is engaged in the perform-
2	ance of their duties under this Act limited to con-
3	vening meetings, including public and private meet-
4	ings to receive testimony in furtherance of the duties
5	of the Survivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee
6	and the purposes of this Act.
7	(2) Travel expenses.—A member of the Sur-
8	vivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee shall be al-
9	lowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu og
10	subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agen-
11	cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
12	United States Code, while away from their homes or
13	regular places of business in the performance of serv-
14	ices for the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
15	committee.
16	TITLE II—ADVISORY
17	COMMITTEES
18	Subtitle A—Native American Truth
19	and Healing Advisory Committee
20	SEC. 201. NATIVE AMERICAN TRUTH AND HEALING ADVI-
21	SORY COMMITTEE.
22	(a) Establishment.—The Commission shall establish
23	an advisory committee, to be known as the "Native Amer-
24	ican Truth and Healing Advisory Committee".

1	(b) Membership, Nomination, and Appointment to
2	THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRUTH AND HEALING ADVISORY
3	COMMITTEE.—
4	(1) Membership.—
5	(A) In General.—The Native American
6	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall in-
7	clude 19 members, to be appointed by the Com-
8	mission from among the nominees submitted
9	under paragraph $(2)(A)$, of whom—
10	(i) 1 shall be the Vice Chairperson of
11	the Commission, who shall serve as the
12	Chairperson of the Native American Truth
13	$and \ Healing \ Advisory \ Committee;$
14	(ii) 1 shall be the Vice Chairperson of
15	the Survivors Truth and Healing Sub-
16	committee, who shall serve as the Vice
17	Chairperson of the Native American Truth
18	and Healing Advisory Committee;
19	(iii) 1 shall be the Secretary of the In-
20	terior, or a designee, who shall serve as the
21	Secretary of the Native American Truth
22	$and \ Healing \ Advisory \ Committee;$
23	(iv) 12 shall be representatives from
24	each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of In-

1	dian Affairs and 1 shall be a representative
2	from Hawai'i;
3	(v) 1 shall represent the National Na-
4	tive American Boarding School Healing Co-
5	alition;
6	(vi) 1 shall represent the National As-
7	sociation of Tribal Historic Preservation
8	Officers; and
9	(vii) 1 shall represent the National In-
10	$dian\ Education\ Association.$
11	(B) Additional requirements.—Not
12	fewer than 2 members of the Native American
13	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall
14	have experience with health care or mental
15	health, traditional healing or cultural practices,
16	counseling, or working with survivors, or de-
17	scendants of survivors, of Indian Boarding
18	Schools to ensure that the Commission considers
19	culturally responsive support for survivors, fami-
20	lies, and communities.
21	(2) Nominations.—
22	(A) In General.—Indian Tribes, Tribal
23	organizations, Native Americans, the Office of
24	Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian organi-
25	zations may submit to the Secretary of the Inte-

rior nominations for individuals to be appointed to the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the Commission with nominations submitted under subparagraph (A) at the initial business meeting of the Commission under section 101(c)(1) and the Commission shall select the members of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee from among those nominees.

(3) Date.—

- (A) In General.—The Commission shall appoint all members of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee during the initial business meeting of the Commission under section 101(c)(1).
- (B) Failure to appoint all members of the Native sion fails to appoint all members of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee in accordance with subparagraph (A), the Chair of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, with the concurrence of the Vice Chair of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate,

1	shall appoint, in accordance with the require-
2	ments of paragraph (1), individuals to all va-
3	cant positions of the Native American Truth and
4	Healing Advisory Committee not later than 30
5	days after the date of the initial business meet-
6	ing of the Commission under section $101(c)(1)$.
7	(4) Period of appointment; vacancies.—
8	(A) Period of appointment.—A member
9	of the Native American Truth and Healing Advi-
10	sory Committee shall be appointed for an auto-
11	matically renewable term of 2 years.
12	(B) Vacancies.—A vacancy in the Native
13	American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
14	mittee—
15	(i) shall not affect the powers of the
16	Native American Truth and Healing Advi-
17	sory Committee if a simple majority of the
18	positions of the Native American Truth and
19	Healing Advisory Committee are filled; and
20	(ii) shall be filled within 90 days in
21	the same manner as was the original ap-
22	pointment.
23	(5) TERMINATION.—The Native American Truth
24	and Healing Advisory Committee shall terminate 90

1	days after the date on which the Commission submits
2	the final report required under section $111(e)(3)$.
3	(6) Limitation.—No member of the Native
4	American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee
5	(other than the member described in paragraph
6	(1)(A)(iii)) shall be an officer or employee of the Fed-
7	eral Government.
8	(c) Quorum.—A simple majority of the appointed
9	members of the Native American Truth and Healing Advi-
10	sory Committee shall constitute a quorum.
11	(d) Removal.—A quorum of members of the Native
12	American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee may re-
13	move another member only for neglect of duty or malfea-
14	sance.
15	(e) Business Meetings.—
16	(1) Initial business meeting.—Not later than
17	30 days after the date on which all members of the
18	Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
19	mittee are appointed under subsection $(b)(1)(A)$, the
20	Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
21	mittee shall hold an initial business meeting—
22	(A) to establish rules for the Native Amer-
23	ican Truth and Healing Advisory Committee:

1	(B) to appoint 3 designees to fulfill the re-
2	$sponsibilities\ described\ in\ section\ 101(h)(1)(A);$
3	and
4	(C) to appoint 2 members of the Native
5	American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
6	mittee to serve as non-voting designees on the
7	Commission in accordance with section
8	101(c)(3).
9	(2) Subsequent business meetings.—After
10	the initial business meeting of the Native American
11	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee is held under
12	paragraph (1), the Native American Truth and Heal-
13	ing Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the
14	Chair person.
15	(3) Format of business meetings.—A meet-
16	ing of the Native American Truth and Healing Advi-
17	sory Committee may be conducted in-person or vir-
18	tually.
19	(4) QUORUM REQUIRED.—A business meeting of
20	the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory
21	Committee may be held only once a quorum, estab-
22	lished in accordance with subsection (c), is present.
23	(f) Rules.—The Native American Truth and Healing
24	Advisory Committee may establish, with the advice of the
25	Commission, by a majority vote, any rules for the conduct

1	of business, in accordance with this section and other appli-
2	cable law.
3	(g) Duties.—The Native American Truth and Heal-
4	ing Advisory Committee shall—
5	(1) serve as an advisory body to the Commission;
6	(2) assist the Commission in organizing and car-
7	rying out culturally appropriate public and private
8	convenings relating to the duties of the Commission;
9	(3) assist the Commission in determining what
10	documentation from Federal and religious organiza-
11	tions and institutions may be necessary to fulfill the
12	duties of the Commission;
13	(4) assist the Commission in the production of
14	the initial report and final report required under
15	paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively, of section
16	111(e);
17	(5) coordinate with the Federal Truth and Heal-
18	ing Advisory Committee and the Survivors Truth and
19	Healing Subcommittee; and
20	(6) provide advice to, or fulfill such other re-
21	quests by, the Commission as the Commission may re-
22	quire to carry out the purposes described in section
23	<i>3</i> .
24	(h) Consultation or Engagement With Native
25	Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, the

- 1 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian
- 2 Organizations.—In carrying out the duties of the Native
- 3 American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee under
- 4 subsection (g), the Native American Truth and Healing Ad-
- 5 visory Committee shall meaningfully consult or engage, as
- 6 appropriate, in a timely manner with Native Americans,
- 7 Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, the Office of Hawaiian
- 8 Affairs, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- 9 (i) Federal Advisory Committee Act Applica-
- 10 Bility.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (com-
- 11 monly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act"),
- 12 shall not apply to the Native American Truth and Healing
- 13 Advisory Committee.
- 14 (j) Congressional Accountability Act Applica-
- 15 BILITY.—For purposes of the Congressional Accountability
- 16 Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.)—
- 17 (1) any individual who is an employee of the
- 18 Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
- 19 mittee shall be considered a covered employee under
- 20 the Act; and
- 21 (2) the Native American Truth and Healing Ad-
- visory Committee shall be considered an employing
- $office\ under\ the\ Act.$
- 24 (k) Personnel Matters.—

- (1) Compensation of members.—A member of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall be compensated at a daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for grade 13 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for each day, not to exceed 14 days per month, for which a member is engaged in the performance of their duties under this Act, limited to convening meetings, including public and private meetings to receive testimony in furtherance of the duties of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee and the purposes of this Act.
 - (2) Travel expenses.—A member of the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Native American Truth and Healing Advisory Committee.

1	Subtitle B—Federal Truth and
2	Healing Advisory Committee
3	SEC. 211. FEDERAL TRUTH AND HEALING ADVISORY COM-
4	MITTEE.
5	(a) Establishment.—There is established within the
6	Department of the Interior an advisory committee, to be
7	known as the "Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
8	mittee".
9	(b) Membership and Appointment to the Fed-
10	ERAL TRUTH AND HEALING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—
11	(1) Membership.—The Federal Truth and
12	Healing Advisory Committee shall include 17 mem-
13	bers, of whom—
14	(A) 1 shall be the Chairperson of the Com-
15	mission, who shall serve as the Chairperson of
16	the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
17	mittee;
18	(B) 1 shall be the Chairperson of the Sur-
19	vivors Truth and Healing Subcommittee, who
20	shall serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Federal
21	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee;
22	(C) 1 shall be the White House Domestic
23	Policy Advisor, who shall serve as the Secretary
24	of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
25	mittee;

1	(D) 1 shall be the Director of the Bureau of
2	Trust Funds Administration (or a designee);
3	(E) 1 shall be the Archivist of the United
4	States (or a designee);
5	(F) 1 shall be the Librarian of Congress (or
6	a designee);
7	(G) 1 shall be the Director of the Depart-
8	ment of the Interior Library (or a designee);
9	(H) 1 shall be the Director of the Indian
10	Health Service (or a designee);
11	(I) 1 shall be the Assistant Secretary for
12	Mental Health and Substance Abuse of the De-
13	partment of Health and Human Services (or a
14	designee);
15	(J) 1 shall be the Commissioner of the Ad-
16	ministration for Native Americans of the De-
17	partment of Health and Human Services (or a
18	designee);
19	(K) 1 shall be the Director of the National
20	Institutes of Health (or a designee);
21	(L) 1 shall be the Senior Program Director
22	of the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations of the
23	Department of the Interior (or a designee):

1	(M) 1 shall be the Director of the Office of
2	Indian Education of the Department of Edu-
3	cation (or a designee);
4	(N) 1 shall be the Director of the Rural, In-
5	sular, and Native American Achievement Pro-
6	grams of the Department of Education (or a des-
7	ignee);
8	(O) 1 shall be the Executive Director of the
9	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (or a
10	designee);
11	(P) 1 shall be the Assistant Secretary of In-
12	dian Affairs (or a designee); and
13	(Q) 1 shall be the Director of the Bureau of
14	Indian Education (or a designee).
15	(2) Period of Service; vacancies; re-
16	MOVAL.—
17	(A) Period of Service.—A member of the
18	Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee
19	shall serve for an automatically renewable term
20	of 2 years.
21	(B) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Federal
22	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee—
23	(i) shall not affect the powers of the
24	Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
25	mittee if a simple majority of the positions

1	of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory
2	Committee are filled; and
3	(ii) shall be filled within 90 days in
4	the same manner as was the original ap-
5	pointment.
6	(C) Removal.—A quorum of members of
7	the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-
8	mittee may remove a member of the Federal
9	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee only for
10	neglect of duty or malfeasance.
11	(3) TERMINATION.—The Federal Truth and
12	Healing Advisory Committee shall terminate 90 days
13	after the date on which the Commission submits the
14	final report required under section $111(e)(3)$.
15	(c) Business Meetings.—
16	(1) Initial business meeting.—Not later than
17	30 days after the date of the initial business meeting
18	of the Commission under section 101(c)(1), the Fed-
19	eral Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall
20	hold an initial business meeting—
21	(A) to establish rules for the Federal Truth
22	and Healing Advisory Committee; and
23	(B) to appoint 2 members of the Federal
24	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee to serve

1 as non-voting designees on the Commission in 2 accordance with section 101(c)(3). 3 (2) Subsequent business meetings.—After 4 the initial business meeting of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee is held under paragraph 5 6 (1), the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Com-7 mittee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson. 8 (3) Format of business meetings.—A busi-9 ness meeting of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee may be conducted in-person or vir-10 11 tually. 12 (4) QUORUM REQUIRED.—A business meeting of 13 the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee 14 may be held only once a quorum, established in ac-15 cordance with subsection (d), is present. 16 (d) Quorum.—A simple majority of the members of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee present shall constitute a quorum for a business meeting. 18 19 (e) Rules.—The Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee may establish, with the advice of the Commis-20 sion, by a majority vote, any rules for the conduct of business, in accordance with this section and other applicable 23 law. 24 (f) Duties.—The Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee shall—

1	(1) ensure the effective and timely coordination
2	among Federal agencies in furtherance of the purposes
3	of this Act;
4	(2) assist the Commission and the Native Amer-
5	ican Truth and Healing Advisory Committee in co-
6	ordinating—
7	(A) meetings and other related public and
8	private convenings; and
9	(B) the collection, organization, and preser-
10	vation of information obtained from witnesses
11	and by other Federal agencies; and
12	(3) ensure the timely submission to the Commis-
13	sion of materials, documents, testimony, and such
14	other information as the Commission determines to be
15	necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission.
16	(g) Consultation or Engagement With Native
17	Americans, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, the
18	Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Native Hawaiian
19	Organizations.—In carrying out the duties of the Federal
20	Truth and Healing Advisory Committee under subsection
21	(f), the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory Committee
22	shall meaningfully consult or engage, as appropriate, in a
23	timely manner with Native Americans, Indian Tribes,
24	Tribal organizations, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and
25	Native Hawaiian organizations.

1	(h) Nondisclosure.—
2	(1) Privacy act of 1974 applicability.—Sub-
3	section (b) of section 552a of title 5, United States
4	Code (commonly known as the "Privacy Act of
5	1974"), shall not apply to the Federal Truth and
6	Healing Advisory Committee.
7	(2) Freedom of information act applica-
8	BILITY.—Records and other communications in the
9	possession of the Federal Truth and Healing Advisory
10	Committee shall be exempt from disclosure under sec-
11	tion (b)(3)(B) of section 552 of title 5, United States
12	Code (commonly known as the "Freedom of Informa-
13	$tion \ Act"$).
14	(3) Federal advisory committee act appli-
15	Cability.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code
16	(commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Com-
17	mittee Act"), shall not apply to the Federal Truth
18	and Healing Advisory Committee.
19	TITLE III—GENERAL
20	PROVISIONS
21	SEC. 301. CLARIFICATION.
22	Any human remains or associated or unassociated fu-
23	nerary objects located on Federal land, on land managed
24	by a Federal agency, or land otherwise curated by a Federal
25	agency and relating to an Indian Boarding School shall

- 1 be considered collections or holdings over which a Federal
- 2 agency has possession or control and the Native American
- 3 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001
- 4 et seq.) shall apply.

5 SEC. 302. BURIAL MANAGEMENT.

- 6 A Federal agency that carries out activities pursuant
- 7 to this Act or that created or controls a cemetery with re-
- 8 mains of an individual who attended an Indian Boarding
- 9 School may rebury the remains of that individual and any
- 10 associated funerary items that have been repatriated pursu-
- 11 ant to section 7 of the Native American Graves Protection
- 12 and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3005), consistent with
- 13 Tribal practices, on any Federal land as agreed to by the
- 14 relevant parties.

15 SEC. 303. CO-STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS.

- 16 A Federal agency that carries out activities pursuant
- 17 to this Act or that created or controls a cemetery with re-
- 18 mains of an individual who attended an Indian Boarding
- 19 School or an Indian Boarding School may enter into a co-
- 20 stewardship agreement for the management of the cemetery
- 21 or Indian Boarding School.

22 SEC. 304. NO RIGHT OF ACTION.

- Nothing in this Act creates a private right of action
- 24 to seek administrative or judicial relief.

1 SEC. 305. SEVERABILITY.

- 2 If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the remain-
- 3 der of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

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