

Native American Education Opportunity Act

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Section-by-Section

Section 1. Short Title.

- Native American Education Opportunity Act

Section 2. Native American Education Opportunity Program.

- Establishes a five-year pilot program to allow Tribes to create an education savings account program for students who attend BIE schools.
- \$8,000 per year (semi-annual disbursements) would be allocated to a student's ESA.
- Permissible use of funds (pages 3 – 6).
- Only five percent of the amounts received per student may be used for the program's administration.
- Terminates the ESA if a student enrolls in a public elementary or secondary school on a full-time basis; or when a student completes postsecondary education; or when a student attains 25 years of age (26 years of age for disabled students), or when the funds have not been used over a 2-year period.
- Requires tribal consultation between the Tribe and the educational service provider.

Section 3. Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

- Funds the Native American Education Opportunity Program through Title II (Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, or Other School Leaders) of the ESSA by reserving one-half of one percent of the funds for Tribes that administer the ESA.

Section 4. Charter Schools Authorized.

- Allows Tribes and BIE to approve and fund charter schools on tribal land.

Section 5. GAO Study.

- Three years after the date of enactment, the GAO shall conduct a review of the implementation of the program, including any factors impacting increased participation in the ESA program.

Section 6. Severability.

- Includes severability clause.