

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6535

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
of 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

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. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND**
4 **COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF**
5 **2000.**

6 (a) SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES
7 CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—

8 (1) SECURE PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the
9 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-

1 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (A) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking
4 “2023” each place it appears and inserting
5 “2026”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND
8 2025 PAYMENTS.—

9 “(1) STATE PAYMENT.—If an eligible county in
10 a State that will receive a share of the State pay-
11 ment for fiscal year 2024 or 2025 has already re-
12 ceived, or will receive, a share of the 25-percent pay-
13 ment for that fiscal year distributed to the State be-
14 fore the date of enactment of this subsection, the
15 amount of the State payment shall be reduced by
16 the amount of the share of the eligible county of the
17 25-percent payment.

18 “(2) COUNTY PAYMENT.—If an eligible county
19 that will receive a county payment for fiscal year
20 2024 or 2025 has already received a 50-percent pay-
21 ment for that fiscal year, the amount of the county
22 payment shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-
23 percent payment.

24 “(3) PROMPT PAYMENT.—Not later than 45
25 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,

1 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make all pay-
 2 ments under this title for each of fiscal years 2024
 3 and 2025.”.

4 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE
 5 COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural
 6 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
 7 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking
 8 “2023” and inserting “2026”.

9 (b) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—Section
 10 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-
 11 termination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
 14 the following:

15 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
 16 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The election otherwise
 17 required by subparagraph (A) shall not apply
 18 for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
 20 the following:

21 “(C) FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The
 22 election described in paragraph (1)(A) applica-
 23 ble to a county in fiscal year 2023 shall be ef-
 24 fective for each of fiscal years 2024 and
 25 2025.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
3 the following:

4 “(G) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
5 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—The election made by
6 an eligible county under subparagraph (B), (C),
7 or (D) for fiscal year 2023, or deemed to be
8 made by the county under paragraph (3)(B) for
9 that fiscal year, shall be effective for each of
10 fiscal years 2024 and 2025.”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end
12 the following:

13 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF FISCAL
14 YEARS 2024 AND 2025.—This paragraph does
15 not apply for each of fiscal years 2024 and
16 2025.”.

17 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPE-
18 CIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—

19 (1) COMMITTEE COMPOSITION WAIVER AUTHOR-
20 ITY.—Section 205(d)(6)(C) of the Secure Rural
21 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
22 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125(d)(6)(C)) is amended by
23 striking “2023” and inserting “2026”.

24 (2) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 208
25 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-

1 Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is
2 amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2025”
4 and inserting “2028”; and

5 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2026”
6 and inserting “2029”.

7 (d) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEND COUNTY
8 FUNDS.—Section 305 of the Secure Rural Schools and
9 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
10 7144) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2025” and
12 inserting “2028”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2026” and
14 inserting “2029”.

15 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PILOT PRO-**
16 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

17 Section 205(g) of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
18 munity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
19 7125(g)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “2023” and
21 inserting “2026”; and

22 (2) by striking paragraph (6).

1 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

2 (a) RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Section
3 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-
4 termination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “con-
7 cerned,” and inserting “concerned”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “the date
9 of the enactment of this Act” and inserting
10 “October 3, 2008”; and

11 (2) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “to extent”
12 and inserting “to the extent”.

13 (b) USE OF PROJECT FUNDS.—Section 206(b)(2) of
14 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-
15 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7126(b)(2)) is amended by
16 striking “concerned,” and inserting “concerned”.

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