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To require officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security to receive training with respect to tribes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. RANDALL, and Ms. STANSBURY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Respect Tribal IDs
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DHS TRAINING STANDARDS.**

7 Section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
8 (8 U.S.C. 1357) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(i)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of en-
2 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
3 shall, in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Affairs
4 and in consultation with Indian tribes, develop training
5 curricula for any officer or employee of the Department
6 of Homeland Security on—

7 “(A) appropriate protocol, as developed by
8 the Secretary, for interacting with all enrolled
9 members of Indian Tribes;

10 “(B) how to identify a Native American
11 tribal document;

12 “(C) accepting a Native American tribal
13 document as proof of United States citizenship;

14 “(D) how to access examples of a Native
15 American tribal document; and

16 “(E) the trust responsibility of the United
17 States Government.

18 “(2) The curricula developed under paragraph (1)
19 shall include—

20 “(A) the contact information, names, locations,
21 and Native American tribal document formats of all
22 Indian Tribes in the region where an officer or em-
23 ployee will perform duties relating to enforcement of
24 the immigration laws;

25 “(B) scenario-based exercises;

1 “(C) the development of a database with exam-
2 ples of Native American tribal documents;

3 “(D) pre- and post-training assessments; and

4 “(E) a history with respect to American Indians
5 being granted United States citizenship and the
6 trust responsibility of the United States Govern-
7 ment.

8 “(3) Before an officer or employee may perform du-
9 ties relating to enforcement of the immigration laws, such
10 officer or employee shall be required to complete the train-
11 ing curricula developed under paragraph (1) not less than
12 annually and each time the officer or employee is assigned
13 to a new region.

14 “(4) Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
15 ment of the Respect Tribal IDs Act, the Secretary shall
16 submit a report on the development of the training cur-
17 ricula established under this subsection to the Committees
18 on the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Natural Re-
19 sources of the House of Representatives and the Commit-
20 tees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Govern-
21 mental Affairs, and Indian Affairs of the Senate.

22 “(5) In this subsection—

23 “(A) the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning
24 given such term in the Federally Recognized Indian
25 Tribe List Act of 1994; and

1 “(B) the term ‘Native American tribal docu-
2 ment’ includes—

3 “(i) Native American tribal cards issued
4 pursuant to section 7209 of the Intelligence Re-
5 form and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004
6 (Public Law 108–458);

7 “(ii) documentary evidence issued by Fed-
8 erally recognized Indian Tribes, including
9 Tribes located in a State that has an inter-
10 national border, which—

11 “(I) identifies the Federally recog-
12 nized Indian Tribe that issued the docu-
13 ment;

14 “(II) identifies the individual by
15 name; and

16 “(III) confirms the individual’s mem-
17 bership, enrollment, or affiliation with the
18 Tribe;

19 “(iii) other documents approved by the
20 Secretary of Homeland Security as confirming
21 United States citizenship; and

22 “(iv) documents described in subparagraph
23 (B)(ii) include—

24 “(I) a tribal enrollment card;

1 “(II) a certificate of degree of Indian
2 blood;
3 “(III) a tribal census document; and
4 “(IV) a document on tribal letterhead,
5 issued under the signature of the appro-
6 priate tribal official, that meets the re-
7 quirements of subparagraph (B)(ii).”.

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