Federal Laws Enacted After October 10, 1980
For the Benefit of Indians or Indian Nations

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Executive Summary

In October 2019, the State of Maine’s Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act (“Task Force”) made a request to the Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples Clinic at Suffolk University Law School (“Clinic”) to research federal laws enacted after October 10, 1980 for the benefit of Indians and Indian nations. This report presents those research findings.

As part of the Task Force’s mandate to consider changes to the several state and federal Maine Indian claims settlement acts, it sought to compile a list of federal legislation enacted after October 10, 1980 that benefit Indian nations and Indians. The reason for this request is that one section of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act (“MICSA”) provides that federal laws “enacted after October 10, 1980, for the benefit of Indians [or] Indian nations …which would affect or preempt the application of the laws of the State of Maine” do not apply within the State of Maine, unless the law is specifically made applicable within the State. 25 U.S.C. §1735(b). Researching which laws may be implicated by section 1735(b), may help facilitate discussions on changes to the settlement acts.

The primary research tool utilized by the Clinic was Congress.gov, which covers all federal laws. The Clinic used different search terms, i.e. Indian, Native American, tribe, American Indian and tribal to capture the terminology used at different periods of times and to ensure that all potential laws were found. Using the following guidelines, the research results were reviewed to determine whether to include a particular law in the final findings.

- Laws which were applicable to just a specific tribe(s) were not included.
- Laws which solely provided for the appropriation of funds under a preexisting program were not included.
- If a law seemed to provide a benefit to an Indian nation or Indians, it was included.
- If a law amended an earlier law, the Clinic did not review the earlier law which was being amended. Instead, if it seemed that the earlier law and the amendment of that law provided a benefit to an Indian nation or Indians, it was included.
- If there was a question whether to include a law, the law was included.

When considering to include a law, the Clinic did not conduct a legal analysis under section 1735(b); namely the Clinic did not attempt to answer the question whether a law was “for the benefit of Indians [or] Indian nations” and “which would affect or preempt the application of the laws of the State of Maine.” As a result, this report and its findings should not be regarded as a comprehensive list of laws triggered by section 1735(b), but rather a list of federal laws enacted after October 10, 1980 related to or which may benefit Indians and Indian nations.

The Clinic identified approximately 151 laws covering a wide range of topics. Major federal Indian legislation was enacted or amended during this 40 year period, including the Indian Civil Rights Act, Indian Self-Determination Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act, American Indian Probate Reform Act, Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act, Tribal Law and Order Act, and the Violence Against Women Act. The report lists all the laws by Congress, and then follows with a list of each law (again by Congress) with a brief description of the law and a web link to the full document.
We hope that this report proves helpful in the Task Force’s work and we thank the Task Force for including the Clinic in this important endeavor.

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108th Congress
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111th Congress
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115th Congress
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Johnson-O’Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act, P.L. 115-404

116th Congress
Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019, P.L. 116-22
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96TH CONGRESS (1980)

Public Law Number: 96-515
Name of Law: National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980
Description: Declares that it shall be the policy of the Federal Government, in cooperation with other nations and in partnership with the States, local governments, Indian tribes, and private organizations and individuals, to: (1) use measures to foster conditions under which our modern society and our prehistoric and historic resources can exist in productive harmony; (2) provide leadership in the preservation of the prehistoric and historic resources of the United States and of the international community of nations; (3) administer federally owned, administered, or controlled prehistoric and historic resources; (4) contribute to the preservation of non federally owned prehistoric and historic resources; (5) encourage the public and private preservation and utilization of all usable elements of the Nation's environment; and (6) assist State and local governments and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States to expand and accelerate their historic preservation programs and activities.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-94/pdf/STATUTE-94-Pg2987.pdf#page=1

Public Law Number: 96-537
Name of Law: Indian Health Care Amendments of 1980
Description: Primarily an appropriations bill, but does amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to assist tribal organizations in administering programs on or near Federal Indian reservations and in or near Alaska Native villages, to assist Indians to enroll for Medicare benefits and to apply for Medicaid benefits. Directs the Secretary to enter into contracts with urban and rural tribal organizations to establish and administer programs to make health services more accessible to Indian populations. Requires such organizations to submit a report for each fiscal year on the expenditure of funds received under such contracts. Makes such report subject to audit by the Secretary and the Comptroller General.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-94/pdf/STATUTE-94-Pg3173.pdf#page=4

Public Law Number: 96-604
Name of Law: State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act Amendments of 1980
Description: Removes the requirement that governments of Indian tribes and Alaskan native villages spend revenue sharing funds for the benefit of members of the tribe or village according to the county in which they reside.
97th Congress (1981-1982)

Public Law Number: 97-382
Name of Law: Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982
Description: To permit Indian tribes to enter into certain agreements for the disposition of tribal mineral resources, and for other purposes.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-96/pdf/STATUTE-96-Pg1938.pdf

Public Law Number: 97-394
Name of Law: Indian Claims Limitation Act of 1982
Description: Part of an larger appropriations bill; makes amendments to timing of Indian Claims (28 U.S.C. 2415)
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-96/pdf/STATUTE-96-Pg1966.pdf

Public Law Number: 97-473
Name of Law: Indian Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act of 1982
Description: Treating tribal government as states for certain tax purposes

Public Law Number: 97-425
Description: Requires the Secretary to notify the State in which, or the Indian tribe on whose reservation, a repository for high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel from atomic energy defense activities or from research and development activities of the Secretary is proposed to be located. Entitles the State or Indian tribe involved to rights of participation and consultation with respect to the development of such a repository.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-96/pdf/STATUTE-96-Pg2201.pdf

Public Law Number: 97-451
Name of Law: Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982
Description: Title II address oil and gas leases on Indian lands, including entering into cooperative agreements
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-96/pdf/STATUTE-96-Pg2447.pdf

Public Law Number: 97-79
Name of Law: Lacey Act Amendments of 1981
Description: Repeals provisions of Federal law prohibiting commerce in wildlife and fish (the Lacey and Black Bass Acts). Sets forth prohibitions against trade in any fish or wildlife taken or possessed in violation of Federal, Indian tribal, State, or foreign law. Adds a new prohibition against trade in plants which are subject to State conservation of species laws.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-95/pdf/STATUTE-95-Pg1073.pdf
98TH CONGRESS (1983-1984)

Public Law Number: 98-64
Public Law Name: Per Capita Payments to Indians
Description: To provide that per capita payments to Indians may be made by tribal governments, and for other purposes; Funds held in trust by the Secretary of Interior for an Indian tribe and which are to be distributed per capita to members of that tribe may be distributed by either the Secretary or at the request of the governing body of the tribe and subject to approval of the Secretary.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-97/pdf/STATUTE-97-Pg365.pdf

Public Law Number: 98-369
Name of Law: Deficit Reduction Act of 1984
Description: Amends rules treating Indian Tribal governments as States to be permanent and expanded
Link: Unable to find

Public Law Number: 98-449
Name of Law: Indian Financing Act Amendments of 1984
Description: To reauthorize and amend the Indian Financing Act (1974); including securities for Indian-owned economic enterprises
Link: Unable to find

Public Law Number: 98-451
Name of Law: Indian Trust Fund Interest Rates Amendment, 1984
Description: “That all funds held in trust by the US and carried in principal accounts on the books of the US Treasury to the credit of Indian Tribes shall be invested by the Secretary of Treasury, at the request of the Secretary of the Interior, in public debt securities with maturities suitable to the needs of the fund involved and bearing interest.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-98/pdf/STATUTE-98-Pg1729.pdf

Public Law Number: 98-500
Name of Law: Old Age Assistance Claims Settlement Act
Description: To compensate heirs of deceased Indians for improper payments from trust estates to States or political subdivisions thereof as reimbursements for old age assistance received by decedents during their lifetime.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-98/pdf/STATUTE-98-Pg2317.pdf#page=1

Public Law Number: 98-608
Name of Law: Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendment
Description: Technical amendments
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-98/pdf/STATUTE-98-Pg3171.pdf
99TH CONGRESS (1985-1986)

Public Law Number: 99-89
Name of Law: Indian Education Technical Amendments Act of 1985
Description: Technical amendments to Title XI of the Education Amendments of 1978, relating to Indian Education Programs, including establishment of standards
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-99/pdf/STATUTE-99-Pg379.pdf

Public Law Number: 99-198
Name of Law: Food Security Act of 1985
Description: Section on employment and training: “The Secretary shall promulgate guidelines that (i) enable State agencies, to the maximum extent practicable, to design and operate an employment and training program that is compatible and consistent with similar programs operated within the State, and (ii) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that employment and training programs are provided for Indians on reservations.”
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-99/pdf/STATUTE-99-Pg1354.pdf

Public Law Number: 99-272
Name of Law: Consolidated Omnibus Budget
Description: Amendments to Public Service Act to allow for Secretary to enter into contracts of fiscal agents on Indian health services; amendments to eligibility of small business owned by Indian tribes; determination of economic disadvantage of an Indian; creation of advisory committee on native American veterans
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg82.pdf

Public Law Number: 99-228
Name of Law: A bill to amend Title 25 relating to Indian education programs
Description: Amends definition of “eligible Indian student”; provides exceptions for when the Secretary of Interior can permit a student to attend a BIA school if they are not an eligible Indian student
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-99/pdf/STATUTE-99-Pg1747.pdf

Public Law Number: 99-303
Name of Law: A bill to prevent sexual molestation of children in Indian country
Description: Amends the Major Crimes Act with respect to crimes in Indian country to include the crime of felonious sexual molestation of a minor
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg438.pdf

Public Law Number: 99-339
Name of Law: Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986
Description: Authorizes the Administrator to make special provisions for treating Indian tribes as States under this Act; directs the administrator to conduct a survey of drinking water on Indian reservations within one year of this Act’s enactment
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg642.pdf
Public Law Number: 99-457  
_Name of Law:_ Education of the Handicapped Amendments of 1986  
_Description:_ Secretary may make grants to and cooperative agreements with the Secretary of the Interior to remove architectural barriers in schools serving Indians on reservations; includes tribes in cooperative agreements on early education of handicapped children.  
_Link:_ [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1145.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1145.pdf)

Public Law Number: 99-495  
_Name of Law:_ Electric Consumer Protection Act of 1986  
_Description:_ Amends the Federal Power Act to environmental protections and relicensing of electricity generating projects, including those on Indian lands.  
_Link:_ [https://www.usbr.gov/power/legislation/ecpa.pdf](https://www.usbr.gov/power/legislation/ecpa.pdf)

Public Law Number: 99-498  
_Name of Law:_ American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act  
_Description:_ Creation of Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development to coordinate the Federal Government's effort to preserve, support, revitalize, and disseminate Indian art and culture and Native Hawaiian art and culture  
_Link:_ [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1268.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1268.pdf)

Public Law Number: 99-506  
_Name of Law:_ Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1986  
_Description:_ American Indian vocational rehabilitation services; study of needs of American Indians with handicaps.  
_Link:_ [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1807.pdf#page=4](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg1807.pdf#page=4)

Public Law Number: 99-570  
_Name of Law:_ Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act  
_Description:_ Act authorizes and develops a comprehensive, coordinated attack upon the illegal narcotics traffic in Indian country and the deleterious impact of alcohol and substance abuse upon Indian tribes and their members and provides authority and opportunities for Indian tribes to develop and implement a coordinated program for the prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance abuse at the local level. Part of the larger bill which also includes programs for Indian youth, to meet the needs of Indian children on reservations serviced by elementary and secondary schools operated for Indian children by the Department of the Interior; amendments to the Indian Elementary and Secondary School Assistance Act.  
_Link:_ [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg3207.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-100/pdf/STATUTE-100-Pg3207.pdf)
Public Law Number: 100-4
Name of Law: Water Quality Act of 1987
Description: TITLE V: To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the renewal of the Feb. 4, 1987 quality of the Nation's waters. Authorizes the Administrator to treat Indian Tribes specially or as States as required to meet such tribes' sewage treatment needs.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg7.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-17
Name of Law: Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987
Description: Authorizes the preferential employment of Indians on construction projects and contracts on Indian reservation roads.
Amendment: Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg132.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-175
Name of Law: Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987
Description: Amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include grants for Native Americans.
Link: https://history.nih.gov/research/downloads/PL100-175.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-177
Name of Law: Public Health Service Amendments of 1987
Description: Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary, in assigning members of the Corps to health manpower shortage areas, to: (1) give priority to meeting the needs of the Indian Health Service and the needs of health programs or facilities operated by tribes or tribal organizations.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg986.pdf#page=5

Public Law Number: 100-233
Name of Law: Agricultural Credit Act of 1987
Description: Addresses disposition and leasing on farm lands, including on Indian reservations.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg1568.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-242
Name of Law: Housing and Community Development Act of 1987
Description: Requires Secretary to provide mortgages to certain properties within Indian reservations
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg1815.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-297
Description: Reserves one percent of basic grant funds to BIA schools; provides for the basic grant program for Indian children and Indian youth in schools funded by federal govt. Title V: Indian Education sets forth provisions relating to education, bureau and contract schools, tribally controlled school grants, financial assistance to local educational agencies, special programs and projects to improve educational opportunities for Indian children, special programs relating to Adult education for Indians.
Amendment: Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg130.pdf
Public Law Number: 100-298
Name of Law: Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Description: Any abandoned shipwreck in or on any Indian lands is property of tribe owning such lands.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg432.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-358
Name of Law: Indian Housing Act of 1988
Description: Amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 to establish a separate assisted housing program for Indians
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg676.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-418
Name of Law: Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988
Description: Authorizes the secretary of commerce to provide grants to entities for the development of foreign markets for American Indian arts and crafts.

Public Law Number: 100-427
Name of Law: A bill to make clarifying, corrective, and conforming amendments to laws relating to Indian education, and for other purposes
Description: Makes technical, and conforming amendments to the Education Amendments of 1978 regarding: Bureau of Indian Affairs funded schools, coordinated programs among the tribe
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg1603.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-442
Name of Law: A bill to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974, and for other purposes
Description: Amends the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to increase the amount of loans to individual Indians or economic enterprises
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg1763.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-472
Name of Law: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1988
Description: Directs the Secretary, upon the request of any Indian tribe by tribal resolution, to enter into a self-determination contract or contracts with a tribal organization to plan, conduct, and administer programs or portions thereof for: (1) the transfer of certain hospitals and health services; (2) construction programs administered by the Secretary for which appropriations are made to agencies other than the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of the Interior; and (3) any program for the benefit of Indians without regard to the agency of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of the Interior within which it is performed. Authorizes the Secretary, upon the request of any tribal organization, to contract with or make a grant to any tribal organization for: (1) obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the tribal organization; and (2) planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluating Federal programs serving the tribe. Makes technical assistance provided by the Secretary in the development of self-determination contracts subject to the availability of appropriations.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg2285.pdf
Public Law Number: 100-485  
Description: Amends the AFDC program to require States to establish a job opportunities and basic skills training program (Program) which helps needy families with children obtain the education, training, and employment that will help them avoid long-term welfare dependence. Allows Indian tribes to apply directly to Secretary within 6 months of enactment to establish and administer their own Programs.  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg2343.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-497  
Name of Law: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act  
Description: Establishes the jurisdictional framework that governs gaming activity on Indian Lands.  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg2467.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-647  
Name of Law: Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988  
Description: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit the imposition of any Federal income or employment tax in connection with income derived by an Indian or Indian tribe from the exercise rights secured by treaty, Executive order, or Act of Congress.  

Public Law Number: 100-656  
Description: Exempts economically disadvantaged Indian tribes from specified requirements for competition for set-aside contracts.  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg3853.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-690  
Name of Law: Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988  
Description: Amends Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to allow for grants to tribes to address child abuse cases. Amends Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to allow for programs to tribes addressing juvenile detention.  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg4181.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-691  
Name of Law: Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988  
Description: Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to delegate permit authority to an Indian tribe for caves on Indian lands at a tribe’s request. Requires a tribe’s permission before the removal of any cave resource on such tribe’s land. Entitle tribes to notice before the issuance of a permit if the Secretary determines that possible harm or destruction of a religious or cultural site may occur.  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg4546.pdf

Public Law Number: 100-713  
Name of Law: Indian Health Care Amendments of 1988  
Description: Reauthorize and amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act  
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg4784.pdf
101st Congress (1989-1990)

Public Law Number: 101-185
Name of Law: National Museum of the American Indian Act
Description: Establishes within the Smithsonian Institution a memorial to Native Americans to be known as the Nation Museum of the American Indian, to provide for the study and research of Native Americans and their culture and the collection and exhibition of Native American objects.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-103/pdf/STATUTE-103-Pg1336.pdf#page=1

Public Law Number: 101-272
Description: Allows Indian tribes to lease non-Indian land for substance abuse treatment centers.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-104/pdf/STATUTE-104-Pg137.pdf

Public Law Number: 101-343
Name of Law: To Authorize and Request the President to Proclaim the Month of November, 1990, and thereafter as “Native American Indian Heritage Month.”
Description: Designates November as Native American Indian Heritage Month
Amendment: N/A
Link: https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/pdf/Pub.%20L.%20101-343.pdf

Public Law Number: 101-379
Name of Law: Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act
Description: Clarify and strengthen the authority for certain Department of the Interior law enforcement services, activities, and officers in Indian country, and for other purposes.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-104/pdf/STATUTE-104-Pg473.pdf

Public Law Number: 101-408
Name of Law: Indian Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Act of 1990
Description: Authorizes grants to improve the capability of Indian tribal governments to regulate environmental quality
Amendment: Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-104/pdf/STATUTE-104-Pg883.pdf

Public Law Number: 101-477
Name of Law: Native American Languages Act
Description: Promotes the rights and uses of Native languages through schools and other programs
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-104/pdf/STATUTE-104-Pg1152.pdf

Public Law Number: 101-601
Description: To provide for the protection of Native American Graves
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-104/pdf/STATUTE-104-Pg3048.pdf#page=5
102ND CONGRESS (1991-1992)

Public Law Number: 102-137
Name of Law: To make permanent the legislative reinstatement, following the decision of Duro against Reina (58 U.S.L.W, May 29, 1990), of the power of Indian tribes to exercises criminal jurisdiction over Indians.
Description: Makes permanent the legislative reinstatement of the power of tribal courts to exercise criminal misdemeanor jurisdiction over nonmember Indians.
Amendment: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1991
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-105/pdf/STATUTE-105-Pg646.pdf#page=1

Public Law Number: 102-497
Name of Law: Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992
Description: Provides general assistance grants to eligible Indian tribal governments or intertribal consortia to cover the costs of planning, developing, and establishing environmental protection programs on Indian lands.
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-106/pdf/STATUTE-106-Pg3255.pdf#page=7

Public Law Number: 102-524
Name of Law: Native American Languages Act of 1992
Description: Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible tribal governments and Native American organizations to assist Native Americans in assuring the survival and continuing vitality of their languages.
Amendment: Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974
Link: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-106/pdf/STATUTE-106-Pg3434.pdf
103rd Congress (1993-1994)

Public Law Number: 103-11
Name of Law: An Act to extend the suspended implementation of certain requirements of the food stamp program on Indian reservations.
Description: Amends the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act Amendments of 1991 to delay until January 31, 1994, implementation of food stamp program provisions: (1) requiring staggered coupon issuance to participating households on Indian reservations; and (2) exempting such households from the program’s monthly reporting option.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s284/BILLS-103s284enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-66
Name of Law: Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993
Description: To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 7 of the concurrent Resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1994. Includes various tax benefits, credits and deductions for Indians and tribes.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr2264/BILLS-103hr2264enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-176
Name of Law: Indian Tribal Justice Act
Description: Establishes within the BIA the office of Tribal Justice Support to further the development of tribal justice systems and Courts of Indian offenses including through agreements with tribes under Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Also authorizes funds for tribal judicial conferences.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr1268/BILLS-103hr1268enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-177
Name of Law: American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act
Description: To improve the management, productivity, and use of Indian agricultural land and resources through farmland enhancement, education, and training programs.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr1425/BILLS-103hr1425enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-183
Name of Law: Preventive Health Amendments of 1993
Description: To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program of grants relating to preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancer. Allows the grants to be made to tribes and tribal organizations. Includes these changes in evaluation and reporting requirements.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr2202/BILLS-103hr2202enr.pdf
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s1777/BILLS-103s1777enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-225
Name of Law: Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994
Description: To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to modify the requirements relating to monthly reporting and staggered issuance of coupons for households residing on Indian reservations, to ensure adequate access to retail food stores by food stamp households, and to maintain the integrity of the food stamp program, and for other purposes.
Amendment: Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s1926/BILLS-103s1926enr.pdf
Public Law Number: 103-239  
Name of Law: School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994  
Description: To establish a national framework for the development of School-to-Work Opportunities systems in all States, and for other purposes. Development and Implementation Grants for School-to-Work Programs for Indian Youths - Directs the Secretaries to provide grants for SWO programs for Indian youths that involve schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr2884/BILLS-103hr2884enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-252  
Name of Law: Human Services Amendments of 1994  
Description: Require Head Start agencies to provide that those on Indian reservations include members of Indian Tribes living near the reservation and authorizes the secretary to take certain funds to buy facilities owned by Indian tribes and make them suitable Head Start facilities; Other sections revise provisions and allows Indian tribes to enroll additional children (who don’t meet low-income standards) in Head Start programs and adds a study of availability and delivery to Indian children living on or near reservations, Alaskan natives, and children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers.  

Public Law Number: 103-322  
Description: Authorizes attorney general to make grants to Indian tribal governments (and others) to increase police presence, expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and community members to enhance public safety.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr3355/BILLS-103hr3355enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-337  
Description: Sec. 322 allows any federally recognized Indian tribe to participate in DOD (department of defense) environmental restoration programs.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s2182/BILLS-103s2182enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-344  
Description: Permits the traditional use of peyote for Indian religious purposes. States that this Act shall not prohibit: (1) the Drug Enforcement Agency from reasonably regulating persons who cultivate, harvest, or distribute peyote; and (2) a Federal agency from reasonably limiting peyote use in circumstances of public safety.  
Amendment: Amends the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr4230/BILLS-103hr4230enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-403  
Name of Law: Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994  
Description: Authorizes agencies or nonprofit entities established by a Native American tribal government to be Microloan intermediaries.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s2060/BILLS-103s2060enr.pdf
Public Law Number: 103-412
Name of Law: American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994
Description: Amends Federal law to require the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to take specified actions to properly discharge U.S. trust responsibilities with regard to Indian funds investment. Reforms the management of Indian trust funds, including Indian trust fund management program, and creating a Special Trustee for American Indians.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr4833/BILLS-103hr4833enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-413
Name of Law: Indian Self-Determination Act Amendments of 1994
Description: To specify the terms of contracts entered into by the United States and Indian tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, and for other purposes. Amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to add a definition of the term "construction contract," excluding planning services contracts, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) roads maintenance contracts, Housing Improvement Program contracts, and Health and Human Services health facility maintenance and improvement contracts. Requires annual consultation with Indian tribes and organizations when developing the budget for Indian Health Service with BIA. Adds new title on self-governance – expresses congressional findings and declares that it is the policy of this title to permanently establish and implement tribal self-governance.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr4842/BILLS-103hr4842enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-432
Name of Law: Social Security Act Amendments of 1994
Description: Makes amendments to the Social Security Act. Amends coverage of Indians in JOBS program. Sec. 204 requires a State part B plan to describe specific measures taken by the State to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr5252/BILLS-103hr5252enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-600
Name of Law: Indian Dams Safety Act of 1994
Description: To provide for the maintenance of dams located on Indian lands by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or through contracts with Indian tribes.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr1426/BILLS-103hr1426enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-761
Name of Law: Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994
Description: Extends for five years the authorizations of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and for certain other purposes. Establishes a new ESEA title IX, Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education, which adds revised Indian Education Act programs to ESEA to improve educational opportunities for children
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/hr6/BILLS-103hr6enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 103-783
Name of Law: Indian Lands Open Dump Cleanup Act of 1994
Description: To clean up open dumps on Indian lands, and for other purposes. Requires the Director of the Indian Health Service to: (1) study and inventory open dumps on Indian and Alaska Native lands; and (2) develop and implement a ten-year plan to address solid waste disposal needs on such lands. Enter into agreements with tribes and provides for tribe demonstration project.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/103/bills/s720/BILLS-103s720enr.pdf
104th CONGRESS (1995-1996)

Public Law Number: 104-127
Name of Law: Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996
Description: To modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a rural community advancement program of grants, loans, guarantees, and other assistance to local communities and federally recognized Indian tribes. Establishes in the Treasury a Rural Development Trust Fund. Authorizes a rural venture capital demonstration program.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ127/PLAW-104publ127.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-146
Name of Law: Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 1996
Description: Ensure the ongoing availability of services for Native American communities to enable such communities to care for Native Americans with HIV disease.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ146/PLAW-104publ146.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-182
Name of Law: Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996
Description: Provides for grants to tribes on small public water systems to enable such systems to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable national primary drinking water to regulations.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ182/PLAW-104publ182.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-188
Name of Law: Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996
Description: To provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers. Tribes as employers and as tax-exempt organizations eligible under section 401(k) and other deductions.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ188/PLAW-104publ188.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-272
Name of Law: Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996
Description: Includes sections on professional boxing on Indian reservations.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ272/PLAW-104publ272.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-278
Description: Amends the National Museum of the American Indian Act to require the Smithsonian Institution to expedite the repatriation of such objects where a requesting Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization can show cultural affiliation.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ278/PLAW-104publ278.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-313
Name of Law: Indian Health Care Improvement Technical Corrections Act of 1996
Description: Makes technical corrections to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act concerning allopathic medicine and Indian health professions scholarships and active duty service obligations.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ313/PLAW-104publ313.pdf
Public Law Number: 104-322  
Name of Law: National Invasive Species Act of 1996  
Description: To provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes. Provides for interstate (in addition to existing State) aquatic nuisance species management plans, allowing Indian tribes as well as States to participate.  
Amendment: Amends the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.  
Link: https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ322/PLAW-104publ322.pdf

Public Law Number: 104-330  
Name of Law: Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996  
Description: To provide Federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes.  

Public Law Number: 104-109  
Name of Law: To make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.  
Description: To make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. Makes technical amendments to the following acts: Indian Lands Open Dump Cleanup Act of 1994; Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994, and Native American Languages Act. Amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow a participating tribe the option to incorporate self-determination provisions of title I into an agreement entered into under titles III or IV of the Act.  
105TH CONGRESS (1997-1998)

Public Law Number: 105-33
Name of Law: Balanced Budget Act of 1997
Description: Directs the Secretary to make grants for services for the prevention and treatment of type I diabetes in Indians through the Indian Health Service and tribal and urban Indian health programs. Amends SSA title IV part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) to modify child support requirements affecting: ... (9) direct Federal grants to Indian tribes for child support enforcement.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/105/plaws/publ33/PLAW-105publ33.pdf

Public Law Number: 105-178
Name of Law: Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
Description: Amends the emergency relief provisions to authorize an emergency fund for expenditure by the Secretary, subject to specified restrictions, for the repair or reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails, in any part of the United States, including Indian reservations, that the Secretary finds to have suffered serious damage as a result of natural disaster over a wide area or catastrophic failure for any external cause.

Public Law Number: 105-220
Name of Law: Workforce Investment Partnership Act of 1998
Description: Native American programs to support employment and training programs and provides for workforce investment activities and supplemental services under programs for Indians. American Indian vocational rehabilitation programs.

Public Law Number: 105-244
Name of Law: Higher Education Amendments of 1998
Description: Directs the Secretary to provide grants and related assistance to American Indian Tribe Colleges and Universities to improve and expand their capacity to serve Indian students.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/105/plaws/publ244/PLAW-105publ244.pdf

Public Law Number: 105-262
Name of Law: Department of Defense Appropriations Act
Description: Authorizes Secretary to carry out program to distribute surplus dental equipment to Indian health service facilities and to federal-qualified health centers.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/105/plaws/publ262/PLAW-105publ262.pdf

Public Law Number: 105-285
Name of Law: Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998
Description: Provides for grants to community food and nutrition programs to benefits Indians.
106TH CONGRESS (1999-2000)

Public Law Number: 106-179
Description: To encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes.
Amendment: Amends the Indian Reorganization Act to remove a requirement that a tribe's choice of legal counsel and fixing of fees be subject to the Secretary's approval.

Public Law Number: 106-260
Name of Law: Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000
Description: Amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a Tribal Self-Governance Program within the Indian Health Service of HHS to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes. Directs the Secretary, at the request of an Indian tribe, to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of any goods, services or supplies available to the Secretary from other Federal agencies that are not directly available to the tribe under this Act or any other Federal law, including acquisitions from prime vendors. Allows patient records, at the option of an Indian tribe or tribal organization, to be deemed Federal records under the Federal Records Act of 1950 for the limited purpose of making such records eligible for storage by the Federal Records Center to the same extent as other HHS patient records.

Public Law Number: 106-310
Name of Law: Children’s Health Act of 2000
Description: Direct the secretary to make grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements for alcohol and drug prevention or treatment services for Indians and Alaska Natives. Also establishes a Commission for Indian and Native Alaskan Health Care to study health concerns of Indians and Native Alaskans. Authorizes the director for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to make grants to States and Indian tribes recognized by the U.S. to have a higher rate or have a rapid increase in methamphetamine or amphetamine abuse or addiction. Permits tribes to expand activities in connection to treatment in specific geographic areas.

Public Law Number: 106-417
Name of Law: Alaska Native and American Indian Direct Reimbursement Act of 1999
Description: To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payers, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations.

Public Law Number: 106-447
Name of Law: Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act of 2000
Description: Directs Secretary of Commerce to establish the Regulatory Reform and Business Development on Indian Lands Authority to facilitate identifying and removing obstacles to investment, business development, and the creation of wealth with respect to Native American economies.
Public Law Number: 106-464
Description: Provides financial and technical assistance and administrative services for business development and legal and regulatory compliance to Indian tribes, organizations, and businesses (eligible entities); and (2) other assistance to enhance the economies of Indian tribes.

Public Law Number: 106-559
Name of Law: Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000
Description: Directs the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice and the Department of Justice to award grants to (2) non-profit entities that provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, or tribal justice programs; Title II: Indian Tribal Courts; Title IV: National Leadership Symposium for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Youth

Public Law Number: 106-462
Name of Law: Indian Land Consolidated Act Amendments of 2000
Description: Piloted the Indian Land Consolidation program. Sets forth various provisions such as the acquisition of fractional interests in Indian trust or restricted lands. Requires the Secretary to provide estate-planning assistance to Indian land owners.
Amendment: Amends the Indian Land Consolidated Act

Public Law Number: 106-497
Name of Law: Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000
Description: Provides that in a civil action brought against a person who offers or displays for sale or sells a good in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization resident within the United States, damages shall include any and all gross profits accrued by the defendant as a result of such activities.
Amendment: Amends the 1990 Indian Arts and Crafts Act

Public Law Number: 106-501
Name of Law: Older Americans Act of Amendments of 2000
Description: Establishes a Native American caregiver support program.

Public Law Number: 106-568
Name of Law: Omnibus Indian Advancement Act
Description: Amendments to Native American Home Ownership and housing assistance and Indian Employment, Training and Related Services to: (1) revise requirements regarding affected programs to include programs for assisting Indian youth and adults to succeed in the workforce, encouraging self-sufficiency, familiarizing them with the world of work, facilitating the creation of job opportunities, and any services related to these activities (replacing current law requirements of job training, tribal work experience, employment opportunities, or skill development, or any program designed for the enhancement of job opportunities or employment training); (2) require the Secretary of the Interior to reconsider disapproval of any statutory waiver requested by a tribe.
Public Law Number: 106-569
Description: Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to make permanent the Indian housing loan guarantee authority. Amends the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to: (1) restrict the Secretary's authority to waive housing plan requirements to not more than 90 days; (2) permit the Secretary to waive local cooperation requirements upon a good faith showing and agreement to make certain payments in lieu of taxes; (3) permit assistance to Indian families that are not low-income upon a showing of need; (4) eliminate separate housing plan requirements for small tribes; (5) permit the Secretary to waive certain environmental review requirements under specified conditions; (6) permit reservation housing assistance for specified full-time Federal, State, county, or tribal law enforcement officers; (7) revise audit, review, and hearing provisions; (8) prescribe a funding formula for housing authorities operating fewer than 250 units based on an average of FY 1992 through 1997 allocations; and (9) repeal the requirement regarding the certification of compliance with subsidy layering requirements.
107TH CONGRESS (2001-2002)

Public Law Number: 107-171
Name of Law: Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002
Description: Authorizes the Secretary to provide agricultural incentive programs to Indian Tribes; to carry out fresh fruit and vegetable distribution programs to one Indian reservation; provides certain Indian farmers or ranchers on Indian reservation land with 95% operation loan guarantees; directs secretary to waive certain limitations for a direct loan to a farmer or rancher whose farm is subjected to jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe; makes a tax exempt entity on Indian reservation eligible for rural business grants; authorizes secretary to make telephone loans to Tribes; authorizes secretary to make grants to train rural firefighters and emergency medical personnel

Public Law Number: 107-249
Name of Law: Indian Financing Amendments Act of 2002
Description: Increase the Indian Financing Act of 1974 from $100,000 to $250,000 the amount of total unpaid principal indebtedness of an individual Indian for which the Bureau of Indian Affairs may guarantee or insure loans

Public Law Number: 107-292
Name of Law: Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2002
Description: Amends the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize: (1) block grants; (2) Federal loan guarantees; (3) training and technical assistance; (4) Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund; Secretary of Interior required to study and report to Congress on feasibility of demonstration projects for community development and on the extent of black mold infestation of Native American housing

Public Law Number: 108-374

Name of Law: American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004

Description: Amends the Indian Land Consolidation Act to require that any trust or restricted interest in land or interest in trust personality, subject to applicable Fed law, that is not disposed of by valid will shall descend: (1) according to an applicable tribal probate code approved in the Act; or (2) if such tribal does not apply, in accordance with this Act.

109TH CONGRESS (2005-2006)

Public Law Number: 109-136
Name of Law: Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005
Description: Amends the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians. Prohibits the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from restricting access to the housing grant amount for any Indian tribe based solely on: (1) whether the recipient for the tribe retains program income; (2) the amount of any such program income retained; (3) whether the recipient retains certain reserve amounts; or (4) whether the recipient has expended retained program income for housing-related activities.

Public Law Number: 109-157
Name of Law: Indian Land Probate Reform Technical Corrections Act of 2005
Description: Makes technical amendments with regard to: (1) partition of highly fractionated Indian land; (2) tribal probate codes; (3) descent and distribution; (4) the fractional interest acquisition program; (5) establishment of fair market value; and (6) land ownership information.

Public Law Number: 109-394
Name of Law: Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006
Description: Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide for the revitalization of Native American languages through Native American language immersion programs. Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as part of the Native American languages grant program, to make three-year grants for educational Native American language nests, survival schools, and restoration programs.
Public Law Number: 110-411

Name of Law: Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008

Description: To reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans and Amends the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to make mandatory the role of the federal government in providing housing assistance to Native Americans and in promoting the economic self-sufficiency and self-determination of Native Americans.

111TH CONGRESS (2009-2010)

**Public Law Number:** 111-3  
**Name of Law:** Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009  
**Description:** Award grants to Indian Health Service providers and urban Indian organizations receiving funds under title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.) for outreach to, and enrollment of, children who are Indians.  

**Public Law Number:** 111-5  
**Name of Law:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
**Description:** Authorizes the National Coordinator to award grants to states or Indian tribes for the establishment of programs for loans to health care providers to support certified electronic health record technology. Tribes eligible for emergency TANF funds. Continuation of protections for Indian property from Medicaid estate recovery. Protections for Indians under CHIP and Medicaid.  
**Link:** [https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ5/PLAW-111publ5.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ5/PLAW-111publ5.pdf)

**Public Law Number:** 111-13  
**Name of Law:** Serve America Act  
**Description:** Establishes a new Learn and Serve program, Innovative Community-Based Service-Learning Programs and Research, providing grants to states, nonprofit organizations, territories, and Indian tribes.  

**Public Law Number:** 111-148  
**Name of Law:** Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
**Description:** Reimbursement for all Medicare part B services furnished by certain Indian Hospitals and Clinics. (Sec. 3505) Requires the Secretary to establish three programs to award grants to qualified public, nonprofit IHS, Indian tribal, and urban Indian trauma centers to: (1) assist in defraying substantial uncompensated care costs; (2) further the core missions of such trauma centers, including by addressing costs associated with patient stabilization and transfer; and (3) provide emergency relief to ensure the continued and future availability of trauma services.  

**Public Law Number:** P.L. 111-211  
**Name of Law:** Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010  
**Description:** To protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings. Also includes Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.  
**Amendments:** To Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968  
**Link:** [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-111publ211/pdf/PLAW-111publ211.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-111publ211/pdf/PLAW-111publ211.pdf)

**Public Law Number:** 111-269  
**Name of Law:** Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2010  
**Description:** To exclude from consideration as income under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 amounts received by a family from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disabilities of a member of the family.  
**Link:** [https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ269/PLAW-111publ269.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ269/PLAW-111publ269.pdf)
Public Law Number: 111-291
Name of Law: Claims Resolution Act of 2010
Description: Addresses Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement. Establishes the Trust Land Consolidation Fund (TLCF) upon final approval of the settlement with amounts from the TLCF to be made available to the Secretary of the Interior to conduct the Land Consolidation Program (LCP) and for other specified costs.

Public Law Number: 111-358
Name of Law: America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2010
Description: The Director shall continue to support a program to award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to tribal colleges and universities to enhance the quality of undergraduate STEM education at such institutions and to increase the retention and graduation rates of Native American students pursuing associate’s or baccalaureate degrees in STEM.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ358/PLAW-111publ358.pdf
112TH CONGRESS (2011-2012)

Public Law Number: 112-14
Name of Law: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
Description: Recognizing the need for all public Federal and tribal transportation facilities to be treated under uniform policies similar to the policies that apply to Federal-aid highways and other public transportation facilities. Secretary of the Interior, shall maintain a comprehensive national inventory of tribal transportation facilities that are eligible for assistance under the tribal transportation program. Secretary of the Interior shall maintain any regulations governing the tribal transportation program.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/112/plaws/publ141/PLAW-112publ141.pdf

Public Law Number: 112-151
Name of Law: Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act of 2012 or HEART Act of 2012
Description: To amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.
113TH CONGRESS (2013-2014)

Public Law Number: 113-2
Name of Law: Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013
Description: Tribal requests for a major disaster or emergency declaration under The Stafford Act.
Amendment: Amends Title I and Sections 102, 401, and 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ2/PLAW-113publ2.pdf

Public Law Number: 113–4
Name of Law: Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
Description: This law generally applies to tribes and Native American organizations Specifically, Title IX concerns safety for Indian women.

Public Law Number: 113-5
Name of Law: Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013
Description: Section 201 allows the federal government to authorize a state or tribe to temporarily reassign state and local public health department or agency personnel funded through PHSA programs to immediately address a public health emergency in the state or tribe

Public Law Number: 113-79
Name of Law: Agricultural Act of 2014
Description: Sec. 4004. Food distribution program on Indian reservations. Sec. 6005. Tribal college and university essential community facilities. Sec. 8005. Tribal watershed forestry assistance program.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ79/PLAW-113publ79.pdf

Public Law Number: 113-104
Name of Law: Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013
Description: Amends the federal criminal code to apply certain increased criminal penalties against any person who commits domestic assault and who has a final conviction on at least two separate prior occasions under state, federal, or tribal court proceedings (a habitual offender) for offenses that would be, if subject to federal jurisdiction, assault, sexual abuse, or a serious violent felony against a spouse or intimate partner (as under current law) or against a child of, or in the care of, the person committing the domestic assault.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ104/PLAW-113publ104.pdf

Public Law Number: 113-121
Name of Law: Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014
Description: To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes. Section 5013 funds Indian programs; Section 5031 deals with state, tribal, and local permits; Section 1031 concerns a tribal partnership program.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ121/PLAW-113publ121.pdf
Public Law Number: 113-128
Name of Law: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
Description: To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth. Section 166 supports Native American employment and training activities. Section 423 supports Native American vocational rehabilitation services.

Public Law Number: 113-146
Name of Law: Veterans Access, Choice, And Accountability Act of 2014
Description: Concerns VA outreach to Tribal Medical Facilities and Indian Health Services to raise awareness of veteran programs. Technical amendments made subsequently by P.L. 113-175
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ146/PLAW-113publ146.pdf

Public Law Number: 113–168
Name of Law: Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014
Description: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

Public Law Number: 113-183
Name of Law: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act
Description: Section 302 specifically deals with child support enforcement programs for Indian tribes.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ183/PLAW-113publ183.pdf

Public Law Number: 113–186
Name of Law: Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014
Description: Amends Child Care and Development Block Grant Act to include collaborations with tribes.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/113/plaws/publ186/PLAW-113publ186.pdf

Public Law Number: 113-281
Name of Law: Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014
Description: Section 312 requires DHS to provide notice of major marine casualties to state and tribal governments within 24 hours of it being reported to DHS. Section 313 amends provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) by authorizing Indian tribes to participate in area committees established to plan for responses to spills.

Public Law Number: 113-287
Name of Law: Enactment of Title 54—National Park Service and Related Programs
Description: Creation of Historic Preservation Programs and Authorities for Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.

Public Law Number: 113-295
Name of Law: Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014
Description: Concerns the Indian employment tax credit and the tax credit for producing electricity using Indian coal facilities placed in service before 2009.
114th Congress (2015-2016)

Public Law Number: 114-10
Name of Law: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
Description: Section 213 Extends an existing special diabetes program for Indians with type I diabetes.

Public Law Number: 114-22
Name of Law: Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015
Description: Section 904 allows for DHS to provide training to assist any tribal government in starting a program of training to identify human trafficking.

Public Law Number: 114-91
Name of Law: Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015
Description: Section 4 allows HHS to provide technical assistance to states and Indian tribes to improve neonatal abstinence syndrome surveillance.

Public Law Number: 114-92
Description: Allows service secretaries to convey excess relocatable military housing units to certain Indian tribes, at no cost, and without consideration.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ92/PLAW-114publ92.pdf

Public Law Number: 114-94
Name of Law: Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or the FAST Act
Description: Sec 1117 through 1121 provides funding and requirements for both tribes and government to set up tribal transportation self-governance program.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ94/PLAW-114publ94.pdf

Public Law Number: 114-95
Name of Law: Every Student Succeeds Act
Description: Reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. Title. VII focuses on Indian education.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ95/PLAW-114publ95.pdf

Public Law Number: 114-165
Name of Law: Native American Children's Safety Act
Description: To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings.
Link: https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ165/PLAW-114publ165.pdf

Public Law Number: 114-178
Name of Law: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act
Description: To provide for Indian trust asset management reform. Establishes Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project that allows tribes to propose Trust Asset Management plans.
**Public Law Number:** 114-198  
**Name of Law:** Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016  
**Description:** authorize the Attorney General and Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to address the prescription opioid abuse and heroin use crisis, including to tribal governments.  
**Link:** [https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ198/PLAW-114publ198.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ198/PLAW-114publ198.pdf)

**Public Law Number:** 114-221  
**Name of Law:** Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act or the NATIVE Act  
**Description:** To enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States.  
**Link:** [https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ221/PLAW-114publ221.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ221/PLAW-114publ221.pdf)

**Public Law Number:** 114-322  
**Name of Law:** Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act  
**Description:** The Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000) is amended to allow the Corps of Engineers to carry out cost-shared design and construction of water resources development projects under the tribal partnership program. At an Indian tribe’s request, the Corps of Engineers must report on the feasibility of a water resources development project that will substantially benefit Indian tribes.  
**Link:** [https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ322/PLAW-114publ322.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ322/PLAW-114publ322.pdf)
115TH CONGRESS (2017-2018)

Public Law Number: 115-93
Name of Law: Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017
Description: Amends the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to rename the Act to the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 1992 and to revise the program that provides for the integration of employment, training, and related services programs for Indian tribes.

Public Law Number: 115-243
Name of Law: Tribal Social Security Fairness Act of 2018
Description: Directs the Social Security Administration, at the request of an Indian tribe, to enter into an agreement with the tribe for the purpose of extending Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance benefits under Social Security to tribal council members. Allows tribal council members to receive Social Security credit for taxes paid prior to the establishment of the agreement, if the taxes were timely paid in good faith and not subsequently refunded.

Public Law Number: 115-325
Name of Law: Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017
Description: Amends the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005 to direct the Department of the Interior to provide Indian tribes with technical assistance in planning their energy resource development programs; amends the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to direct federal departments to enter into agreements with tribes to carry out demonstration projects to promote biomass energy production on Indian forest land and in nearby communities by providing them with reliable supplies of woody biomass from federal lands. The Department of Energy (DOE) Indian energy education planning and management assistance program is expanded to make intertribal organizations eligible for grants and to allow grants to be used to increase the capacity of tribes to manage energy development and energy efficiency programs.

Public Law Number: 115-404
Name of Law: Johnson-O’Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act
Description: Requires DOI to annually update the number of Indian students eligible for the Johnson-O’Malley Program (JOM Program). The JOM Program awards contracts to tribal organizations, schools, states, and others to educate Indian students.
116th Congress (2019)

Public Law Number: 116-9
Name of Law: John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act
Description: Addresses the facilitation of title transfer to Reclamation project facilities to qualifying entities on the completion of repayment of capital costs
Amendment: Also, amends 54 U.S.C. 104909 on donation and distribution of meat from wildlife which includes tribes as recipients; amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, specifically as it relates to protection from invasive species; amendments to Indian Youth Service Corps.

Public Law Number: 116-22
Name of Law: Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019
Amendment: Amending 42 U.S.C. 247d–4; Tribes may receive technical assistance on Public health and health care system situational awareness and bio surveillance capabilities.

Public Law Number: 116-25
Name of Law: Taxpayer First Act
Description: Includes tribes in Qualified Return Preparation programs
Link: https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr3151/BILLS-116hr3151enr.pdf

Public Law Number: 116-60
Amendment: Amends 42 USC 280i to include tribes in programs related to autism
Link: https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ60/PLAW-116publ60.pdf