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To assist State and Tribal governments in assessing and remediating mold,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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remediating mold, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fix Moldy Housing
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON CONDITIONS IN WHICH MOLD ASSESS-**
7 **MENT AND REMEDIATION IS WARRANTED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
9 ronmental Protection Agency shall enter into an arrange-

1 ment with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineer-
2 ing, and Medicine to conduct a study on—

3 (1) the conditions in which indoor mold assess-
4 ment and remediation is warranted; and

5 (2) how to assess and remediate indoor mold
6 properly and safely.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
8 of enactment of this Act—

9 (1) the study under subsection (a) shall be com-
10 pleted; and

11 (2) the Administrator shall submit a report to
12 the Congress on the results of such study.

13 **SEC. 3. STANDARDS FOR ASSESSING AND REMEDIATING**
14 **MOLD.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in con-
17 junction with the heads of appropriate Federal agencies,
18 shall issue nonbinding national standards that—

19 (1) identify levels of mold that should be as-
20 sessed and remediated; and

21 (2) outline standards for—

22 (A) properly and safely assessing mold;
23 and

24 (B) properly and safely remediating mold.

1 (b) CONSIDERATION.—In issuing the standards
2 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall take into
3 consideration the results of the study conducted under sec-
4 tion 2.

5 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM TO ASSIST STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERN-**
6 **MENTS WITH ASSESSING AND REMEDIATING**
7 **MOLD.**

8 (a) PROGRAM.—Taking into consideration the results
9 of the study under section 2 and the national standards
10 under section 3, the Administrator shall carry out a pro-
11 gram to assist State and Tribal governments in carrying
12 out programs and activities to assess and remediate mold.

13 (b) GRANTS.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—In carrying out the pro-
15 gram under subsection (a), the Administrator shall
16 award grants to State and Tribal governments to es-
17 tablish a licensing program for persons engaged in
18 assessing and remediating mold.

19 (2) PERMISSIBLE USE.—A grant awarded
20 under paragraph (1) may be used to pay the costs
21 of operating a licensing program described in para-
22 graph (1), including administrative costs.

23 (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
24 paragraph (1), the Administrator shall give pref-
25 erence to State and Tribal governments that include

1 geographic areas that are highly susceptible to in-
2 door mold contamination based on—

3 (A) the national standards established
4 under section 3;

5 (B) outdoor environmental conditions, such
6 as humidity; or

7 (C) other factors identified by the Admin-
8 istrator.

9 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out the
10 program under subsection (a), the Administrator shall
11 provide technical assistance to State and Tribal programs
12 to assess and remediate mold.

13 (d) TRAINING PROGRAM.—In carrying out the pro-
14 gram under subsection (a), the Administrator shall admin-
15 ister training seminars on assessing and remediating
16 mold.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
18 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
19 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

20 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF**
21 **MOLD IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SEVERELY**
22 **IMPACTED HOMES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall award
24 grants to State and Tribal governments to cover the costs
25 associated with assessing and remediating mold in—

1 (1) buildings owned or leased by such govern-
2 ments, including schools and housing; and

3 (2) private residential properties, including sin-
4 gle family and multifamily properties.

5 (b) ADDITIONAL PERMISSIBLE USES OF FUNDS.—

6 In addition to uses allowed under subsection (a), a grant
7 awarded under this section may also be used to cover the
8 costs of temporary housing for periods not in excess of
9 6 months, including moving costs, for individuals who—

10 (1) are severely impacted by mold in their resi-
11 dences;

12 (2) are without insurance coverage for mold;
13 and

14 (3) do not have sufficient financial resources to
15 obtain alternative housing, as determined on a case-
16 by-case basis by the State or Tribal government.

17 (c) LICENSING PROGRAM.—As a condition on receipt
18 of a grant awarded under this section, a State or Tribal
19 government shall agree to implement a licensing program
20 for persons in the relevant jurisdiction engaged in assess-
21 ing and remediating mold.

22 (d) NOT FOR USE FOR HIGH-INCOME HOUSE-
23 HOLDS.—As a condition on receipt of a grant awarded
24 under this section, a State or Tribal government shall
25 agree to refrain from using the grant to assess or reme-

1 diate mold in housing occupied by households that are,
2 as determined by the Administrator, high-income.

3 (e) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding grants under this
4 section, the Administrator shall give priority to—

5 (1) applicants proposing to use a grant under
6 this section to assess and remediate mold in—

7 (A) housing occupied by households that
8 are, as determined by the Administrator, low-
9 income; or

10 (B) buildings serving communities that
11 are, as determined by the Administrator, low-
12 income; and

13 (2) State and Tribal governments that include
14 geographic areas that are highly susceptible to in-
15 door mold contamination based on—

16 (A) the national standards established
17 under section 3;

18 (B) outdoor environmental conditions, such
19 as humidity; or

20 (C) other factors identified by the Admin-
21 istrator.

22 (f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
23 of activities implemented with a grant under this section
24 in any fiscal year shall not exceed 60 percent of the costs

1 incurred by the State or Tribal government receiving the
2 grant in implementing such activities.

3 (g) ALLOCATION.—Of the funds made available to
4 carry out this section each fiscal year—

5 (1) at least 20 percent shall be used pursuant
6 to subsection (a) to cover costs associated with as-
7 sessing and remediating mold in buildings owned or
8 leased by governments; and

9 (2) at least 20 percent shall be used pursuant
10 to subsection (a) to cover costs associated with as-
11 sessing and remediating mold in private residential
12 properties.

13 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
14 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
15 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

16 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
19 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
20 mental Protection Agency.

21 (2) MOLD.—The term “mold” means a fungal
22 growth that forms and spreads on various kinds of
23 damp or decaying organic matter.

1 (3) STATE.—The term “State” includes, in ad-
2 dition to the several States, the District of Columbia
3 and any territory of the United States.

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