

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2432

AN ACT

To amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America,
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National FFA Organi-
3 zation’s Federal Charter Amendments Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION.**

5 Section 70901 of title 36, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “corporation”
8 and inserting “FFA”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “corporation”
10 and inserting “FFA”.

11 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION.**

12 Section 70902 of title 36, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
15 striking “corporation” and inserting “FFA”;

16 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
17 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively;

18 (3) by striking paragraphs (3), (4), (6), and
19 (7);

20 (4) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
21 graph (11);

22 (5) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as
23 paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively;

24 (6) by inserting before paragraph (7), as redesi-
25 gnated by paragraph (2), the following:

1 “(1) to be an integral component of instruction
2 in agricultural education, including instruction relat-
3 ing to agriculture, food, and natural resources;

4 “(2) to advance comprehensive agricultural edu-
5 cation in the United States, including in public
6 schools, by supporting contextual classroom and lab-
7 oratory instruction and work-based experiential
8 learning;

9 “(3) to prepare students for successful entry
10 into productive careers in fields relating to agri-
11 culture, food, and natural resources, including by
12 connecting students to relevant postsecondary edu-
13 cational pathways and focusing on the complete de-
14 livery of classroom and laboratory instruction, work-
15 based experiential learning, and leadership develop-
16 ment;

17 “(4) to be a resource and support organization
18 that does not select, control, or supervise State asso-
19 ciation, local chapter, or individual member activi-
20 ties;

21 “(5) to develop educational materials, pro-
22 grams, services, and events as a service to State and
23 local agricultural education agencies;

24 “(6) to seek and promote inclusion and diver-
25 sity in its membership, leadership, and staff to re-

1 flect the belief of the FFA in the value of all human
2 beings;”;

3 (7) in paragraph (7), as redesignated by para-
4 graph (2)—

5 (A) by striking “composed of students and
6 former students of vocational agriculture in
7 public schools qualifying for Federal reimburse-
8 ment under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Edu-
9 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28”;

10 (B) by inserting “as such chapters and as-
11 sociations carry out agricultural education pro-
12 grams that are approved by States, territories,
13 or possessions” after “United States”;

14 (8) in paragraph (8), as redesignated by para-
15 graph (2)—

16 (A) by striking “to develop” and inserting
17 “to build”;

18 (B) by striking “train for useful citizen-
19 ship, and foster patriotism, and thereby” and
20 inserting “and”; and

21 (C) by striking “aggressive rural and” and
22 inserting “assertive”;

23 (9) by inserting after paragraph (8), as redesign-
24 dated by paragraph (2), the following:

1 “(9) to increase awareness of the global and
2 technological importance of agriculture, food, and
3 natural resources, and the way agriculture contrib-
4 utes to our well-being;

5 “(10) to promote the intelligent choice and es-
6 tablishment of a career in fields relating to agri-
7 culture, food, and natural resources;”;

8 (10) in paragraph (11), as redesignated by
9 paragraph (4)—

10 (A) by striking “to procure for and dis-
11 tribute to State” and inserting “to make avail-
12 able to State”;

13 (B) by inserting “, programs, services,”
14 before “and equipment”; and

15 (C) by striking “corporation” and inserting
16 “FFA”;

17 (11) in paragraph (12), as redesignated by
18 paragraph (5), by striking “State boards for voca-
19 tional” and inserting “State boards and officials for
20 career and technical”; and

21 (12) in paragraph (13), as redesignated by
22 paragraph (5), by striking “corporation” and insert-
23 ing “FFA”.

1 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 Section 70903(a) of title 36, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “corporation” and inserting
5 “FFA”; and

6 (2) by striking “as provided in the bylaws” and
7 inserting “as provided in the constitution or bylaws
8 of the FFA”.

9 **SEC. 5. GOVERNING BODY.**

10 Section 70904 of title 36, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “corpora-
14 tion” and inserting “FFA” each place the term
15 appears;

16 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and
17 inserting the following:

18 “(2) The board—

19 “(A) shall consist of—

20 “(i) the Secretary of Education, or
21 the Secretary of Education’s designee who
22 has experience in agricultural education,
23 the FFA, or career and technical edu-
24 cation; and

25 “(ii) other individuals—

1 “(I) representing the fields of
2 education, agriculture, food, and nat-
3 ural resources; or

4 “(II) with experience working
5 closely with the FFA; and

6 “(B) shall not include any individual who
7 is a current employee of the National FFA Or-
8 ganization.

9 “(3) The number of directors, terms of office of
10 the directors, and the method of selecting the direc-
11 tors, are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of
12 the FFA.”; and

13 (C) in paragraph (4)—

14 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
15 “bylaws” and inserting “constitution or
16 bylaws of the FFA”; and

17 (ii) in the third sentence, by striking
18 “chairman” and inserting “chair”;

19 (2) by striking subsection (b); and

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the FFA, the terms
23 of officers, and the election of officers, are as provided
24 in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that such
25 officers shall include—

1 “(1) a national advisor;

2 “(2) an executive secretary; and

3 “(3) a treasurer.

4 “(c) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—

5 “(1) The board may designate a governing com-
6 mittee. The terms and method of selecting the gov-
7 erning committee members are as provided in the
8 constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that all
9 members of the governing committee shall be mem-
10 bers of the board of directors and at all times the
11 governing committee shall be comprised of not less
12 than 3 individuals.

13 “(2) When the board is not in session, the gov-
14 erning committee has the powers of the board sub-
15 ject to the board’s direction and may authorize the
16 seal of the FFA to be affixed to all papers that re-
17 quire it

18 “(3) The board shall designate to such com-
19 mittee—

20 “(A) the chair of the board;

21 “(B) the executive secretary of the board;

22 and

23 “(C) the treasurer of the board.”.

1 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS.**

2 Section 70905 of title 36, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(a) COMPOSITION.—There shall be not less than 6
7 national student officers of the FFA, including a student
8 president, 4 student vice presidents (each representing re-
9 gions as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the cor-
10 poration), and a student secretary.”;

11 (2) by striking subsection (b); and

12 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
13 subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

14 **SEC. 7. POWERS.**

15 Section 70906 of title 36, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
18 striking “corporation” and inserting “FFA”;

19 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “corporate”;

20 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “corporation”
21 and inserting “FFA”;

22 (4) in paragraph (6), by striking “corporation”
23 and inserting “FFA”;

24 (5) by amending paragraph (8) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(8) use FFA funds to give prizes, awards,
2 loans, and grants to deserving members, local FFA
3 chapters, and State FFA associations to carry out
4 the purposes of the FFA;”;

5 (6) by amending paragraph (9) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(9) produce publications, websites, and other
8 media;”;

9 (7) in paragraph (10)—

10 (A) by striking “procure for and distribute
11 to State” and inserting “make available to
12 State”; and

13 (B) by striking “Future Farmers of Amer-
14 ica” and inserting “FFA”; and

15 (8) in paragraph (12), by striking “corpora-
16 tion” and inserting “FFA”.

17 **SEC. 8. NAME, SEALS, EMBLEMS, AND BADGES.**

18 Section 70907 of title 36, United States Code, is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking “corporation” and inserting
21 “FFA” each place the term appears;

22 (2) by striking “name” and inserting “names”;

23 (3) by striking “‘Future Farmers of America’ ”
24 and inserting “‘Future Farmers of America’ and
25 ‘National FFA Organization,’ ”; and

1 (4) by inserting “education” before “member-
2 ship”.

3 **SEC. 9. RESTRICTIONS.**

4 Section 70908 of title 36, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “corporation”
7 and inserting “FFA”;

8 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “corporation
9 or a director, officer, or member as such” and in-
10 serting “FFA or a director, officer, or member act-
11 ing on behalf of the FFA”;

12 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “corporation”
13 and inserting “FFA” each place the term appears;
14 and

15 (4) in subsection (d), in the first sentence, by
16 striking “corporation” and inserting “FFA”.

17 **SEC. 10. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

18 Section 70909 of title 36, United States Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 70909. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On request of the board of direc-
22 tors, the FFA may collaborate with Federal agencies, in-
23 cluding the Department of Education and the Department
24 of Agriculture on matters of mutual interest and benefit.

1 “(b) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—Those Federal agencies
2 may make personnel, services, and facilities available to
3 administer or assist in the administration of the activities
4 of the FFA.

5 “(c) AGENCY COMPENSATION.—Personnel of the
6 Federal agencies may not receive compensation from the
7 FFA for their services, except that travel and other legiti-
8 mate expenses as defined by the Federal agencies and ap-
9 proved by the board may be paid.

10 “(d) COOPERATION WITH STATE BOARDS.—The
11 Federal agencies also may cooperate with State boards
12 and other organizations for career and technical education
13 to assist in the promotion of activities of the FFA.”.

14 **SEC. 11. HEADQUARTERS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE.**

15 Section 70910 of title 36, United States Code, is
16 amended by striking “of the corporation shall be in the
17 District of Columbia. However, the activities of the cor-
18 poration are not confined to the District of Columbia but”
19 and inserting “of the FFA shall be as provided in the con-
20 stitution or bylaws of the FFA. The activities of the
21 FFA”.

22 **SEC. 12. RECORDS AND INSPECTION.**

23 Section 709011 of title 36, United States Code, is
24 amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “corpora-
2 tion” and inserting “FFA”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “entitled
4 to vote”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “corporation”
6 and inserting “FFA”.

7 **SEC. 13. SERVICE OF PROCESS.**

8 Section 70912 of title 36, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by striking “DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA”
12 and inserting “IN GENERAL”;

13 (B) by striking “corporation” and insert-
14 ing “FFA” each place the term appears;

15 (C) by striking “in the District of Colum-
16 bia” before “to receive”; and

17 (D) by striking “Designation of the agent
18 shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the
19 United States District Court for the District of
20 Columbia”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) by striking “corporation” and inserting
23 “FFA” each place the term appears; and

24 (B) by inserting “of the FFA” after “asso-
25 ciation or chapter”.

1 **SEC. 14. LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS OR AGENTS.**

2 Section 70913 of title 36, United States Code, is
3 amended by striking “corporation” and inserting “FFA”.

4 **SEC. 15. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS IN DISSOLUTION OR**
5 **FINAL LIQUIDATION.**

6 Section 70914 of title 36, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “corporation” and inserting
9 “FFA”; and

10 (2) by striking “vocational agriculture” and in-
11 serting “agricultural education”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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