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To amend title 14, United States Code, to modify the process for congressional nomination of individuals for appointment as cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. HAHN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. ELLISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard Academy
5 Opportunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACADEMY NOMINATIONS.**

2 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a) of section 182 of
3 title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(a) NOMINATIONS.—

6 “(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS.—

7 “(A) APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Half
8 of each incoming class of the Academy shall be
9 composed of cadets nominated by the following:

10 “(i) The Vice President or, if there is
11 no Vice President, by the President pro
12 tempore of the Senate.

13 “(ii) A Senator.

14 “(iii) A Member of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives.

16 “(iv) The Delegate to Congress from
17 the District of Columbia, the Delegate to
18 Congress from the Virgin Islands, the
19 Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico,
20 the Delegate to Congress from Guam, the
21 Delegate to Congress from American
22 Samoa, or the Delegate to Congress from
23 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
24 iana Islands.

25 “(B) NOMINEES.—Each Senator, Member
26 of the House of Representatives, and Delegate

1 to Congress, including such Resident Commis-
2 sioner, is entitled to nominate 3 persons each
3 year. Cadets who do not graduate on time shall
4 not count against the allocations pursuant to
5 clauses (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A).

6 “(2) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An in-
7 dividual shall be qualified for nomination, selection,
8 and appointment as a cadet at the Academy only if
9 the individual—

10 “(A) is a citizen or national of the United
11 States; and

12 “(B) meets such minimum requirements
13 that the Secretary may establish.

14 “(3) NOMINATION INFORMATION.—The Super-
15 intendent shall furnish to any Member of Congress,
16 upon the written request of such Member, the name
17 of the Member of Congress or other nominating au-
18 thority responsible for the nomination of any named
19 or identified person for appointment to the Acad-
20 emy.”.

21 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
22 section (a)—

23 (1) shall apply beginning with academic pro-
24 gram year 2015, subject to subsection (c), and with

1 respect to each academic program year thereafter;
2 and

3 (2) shall not affect the application of section
4 182 of title 14, United States Code, as in effect be-
5 fore the enactment of this section, with respect to
6 appointment of cadets who will matriculate to the
7 Coast Guard Academy before such academic pro-
8 gram year.

9 (c) TRANSITION.—

10 (1) NOMINATIONS.—Notwithstanding the
11 amendment made by subsection (a), with respect to
12 the nomination of individuals pursuant to section
13 182 of title 14, United States Code, as amended by
14 such subsection, who will matriculate to the Coast
15 Guard Academy in academic program year 2015,
16 not less than 25 percent of the class shall be from
17 nominations made pursuant to clauses (i) through
18 (iv) of subsection (a)(1)(A) of such section 182 (as
19 amended by subsection (a) of this section).

20 (2) ADDITIONAL ACTION.—The Secretary (as
21 that term is used in that section) may take any ad-
22 ditional action the Secretary believes necessary and
23 proper to provide for the transition to the nomina-

- 1 tion, selection, and appointment process provided
- 2 under this section.

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