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H. R. 5784

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve programs for minority students in STEM fields, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FUDGE (for herself and Mr. TURNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve programs for minority students in STEM fields, 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 “Supporting Minority
5 STEM Student to Career Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINORITY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING IMPROVE-**
7 **MENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) REQUIRED CRITERIA.—Section 352(c) of the
9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067b(c)) is
10 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and”;

2 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period
3 and inserting “; and”; and

4 (3) by adding the following at the end:

5 “(11) the amount of non-Federal funds a grant
6 recipient will use to support the activities to be fund-
7 ed by the grant.”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS.—Section 353(b) of
9 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067c(b))
10 is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
14 period and inserting a semicolon; and

15 (C) by adding the following at the end:

16 “(C) providing direct financial assistance to
17 students who are underrepresented in STEM; or

18 “(D) improving institutional capacity to pro-
19 vide—

20 “(i) guidance counseling and academic ad-
21 vising;

22 “(ii) work-study opportunities that are
23 aligned to a student’s chosen field of study;

24 “(iii) faculty, peer, and near-peer mentor-
25 ship;

1 “(iv) summer bridge programs;

2 “(v) undergraduate research opportunities;

3 “(vi) work-based learning opportunities

4 aligned with a student’s chosen field of study;

5 or

6 “(vii) individualized academic support and

7 tutoring.”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the

11 period and inserting “; or”; and

12 (C) by adding the following at the end:

13 “(E) any of the activities described in subpara-

14 graphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1).”.

15 (c) CROSS PROGRAM AND CROSS AGENCY COOPERA-

16 TION.—Section 363 of the Higher Education Act of 1965

17 (20 U.S.C. 1067i) is amended to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 363. CROSS PROGRAM AND CROSS AGENCY COOPERA-**

19 **TION.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Minority Science and Engi-

21 neering Improvement Programs shall cooperate and con-

22 sult with other programs within the Department and with-

23 in Federal, State, and private agencies which carry out

24 programs to improve the quality of science, mathematics,

25 and engineering education.

1 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the
2 date of enactment of the Supporting Minority STEM Stu-
3 dent to Career Act, the Secretary shall, in consultation
4 with all Federal agencies that have STEM education ac-
5 tivities, prepare and submit to the authorizing committees
6 a coordination strategy report on expanding access and
7 opportunity for postsecondary students who are underrep-
8 resented in science and engineering that—

9 “(1) outlines efforts to coordinate Federal grant
10 programs for these populations to more effectively
11 achieve the Federal Government’s objective to diver-
12 sify the STEM fields; and

13 “(2) outlines strategies to align Federal Gov-
14 ernment research opportunities, internships, and de-
15 ferred hiring programs from minority institutions re-
16 ceiving a grant under this part for students who are
17 underrepresented in science and engineering.”.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 365 of the Higher Edu-
19 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067k) is amended—

20 (1) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(10) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
23 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
24 meaning given such term in section 101.

1 “(11) MINORITY INSTITUTION.—The term ‘mi-
2 nority institution’ means an institution described in
3 section 371(a).

4 “(12) STEM.—The term ‘STEM’ means the
5 fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathe-
6 matics as described in section 356(a).”.

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