

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7660

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Mr. McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and Workforce

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## 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 “HBCU Empowerment  
5       and Reform Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE**  
2 **OR UNIVERSITY.**

3 Section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
4 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)) is amended by striking “1964” and  
5 inserting “November 8, 1965”.

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