

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7826

To amend the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 to provide for a special allocation of certain awards of financial assistance to historically Black Colleges and Universities relating to national artificial intelligence research institutes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mrs. FOUSHEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 AI Research
5 Leadership Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL ALLOCATION FOR HBCUS RELATING TO**
2 **NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RE-**
3 **SEARCH INSTITUTES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 5201(b)
5 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of
6 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9431(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “Subject to the availability of
8 funds appropriated for this purpose, the Secretary of
9 Energy,” and inserting the following:

10 “(A) AWARDS.—Subject to the availability
11 of funds appropriated for this purpose, the Sec-
12 retary of Energy,”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(B) SPECIAL ALLOCATION FOR HISTORI-
16 CALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—
17 In awarding financial assistance under subpara-
18 graph (A), the agency head shall designate not
19 less than ten percent of such assistance for the
20 Institutes to eligible historically Black colleges
21 or universities (or consortia thereof), which may
22 include partnerships with other institutions of
23 higher education, to establish and support Insti-
24 tutes.”.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 5002 of the National Arti-
2 ficial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401)
3 is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through
5 (11) as paragraphs (6) through (12), respectively;
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(5) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNI-
10 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college and
11 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
12 institution’ in section 322 of the Higher Education
13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).”.

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