

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7913

To amend the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 to reauthorize grants and fellowships for food and agricultural sciences education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY (for herself and Mr. VINDMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Higher Education
5 Challenge Grant Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR FOOD AND AGRI-**
7 **CULTURAL SCIENCES EDUCATION.**

8 (a) PRIORITIES.—Section 1417(c) of the Food and
9 Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3152(c)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

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

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

6 “(3) applications for teaching enhancement
7 projects, including paid work-based learning, that
8 address a need for additional trained professionals
9 in—

10 “(A) food and agricultural sciences; or

11 “(B) rural economic, community, and busi-
12 ness development.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
14 1417(m) of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7
15 U.S.C. 3152(m)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
19 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

21 “(3) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
22 through 2035.”.

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