

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8505

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to make improvements to the veterinary services grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. BEATTY, and Ms. SEWELL) 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 “Veterinary Education
5 Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERINARY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 1415B of the National Agricultural Research,
3 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
4 3151b) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking “or”
7 at the end;

8 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

11 “(H) 1890 Institutions, as defined in sec-
12 tion 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension,
13 and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C.
14 7601).”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
16 following:

17 “(5) PRIORITIES.—In making grants under the
18 program under subsection (b), the Secretary shall
19 provide a higher priority to projects at 1890 Institu-
20 tions.”.

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