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To direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. LEE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. WOLF, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. INSLEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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 “STEM Scholarship
5 Database Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DATABASE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
2 **FOR STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EN-**
3 **GINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA-
5 BASE.—

6 (1) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Education
7 shall establish and maintain, on the public website
8 of the Department of Education, a database con-
9 sisting of information on all scholarships, fellow-
10 ships, and other programs of financial assistance
11 available from all public and private sources for the
12 study of science, technology, engineering, or mathe-
13 matics at the post-secondary and post-baccalaureate
14 levels.

15 (2) PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION.—The in-
16 formation maintained on the database established
17 under this section shall be displayed on the website
18 in the following manner:

19 (A) Separate information shall be provided
20 for each of the fields of study referred to in
21 paragraph (1) and for post-secondary and post-
22 baccalaureate programs of financial assistance.

23 (B) The database shall provide specific in-
24 formation on any programs of financial assist-
25 ance which are targeted to individuals of a par-

1 ticular gender, ethnicity, or other demographic
2 group.

3 (C) If the sponsor of any program of fi-
4 nancial assistance included on the database
5 maintains a public website, the database shall
6 provide hyperlinks to the website.

7 (D) In addition to providing the hyperlink
8 to the website of a sponsor of a program of fi-
9 nancial assistance as required under subpara-
10 graph (C), the database shall provide general
11 information that an interested person may use
12 to contact the sponsor, including the sponsor's
13 electronic mail address.

14 (E) The database shall have a search capa-
15 bility which permits an individual to search for
16 information on the basis of each category of the
17 information provided and on the basis of com-
18 binations of categories of the information pro-
19 vided.

20 (b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DATA-
21 BASE.—The Secretary shall take such actions as may be
22 necessary on an ongoing basis, including sending notices
23 to secondary schools and institutions of higher education,
24 to disseminate information on the database established

1 and maintained under this Act and to encourage its use
2 by interested parties.

3 (c) USE OF VENDOR TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.—In
4 carrying out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall
5 enter into a contract with a private entity under which
6 the entity shall furnish and regularly update all of the in-
7 formation required to be maintained on the database es-
8 tablished under this section.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
12 2007 through 2011.

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