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S. 3467

To permanently reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JONES (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SMITH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To permanently reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

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 “Strengthening Minor-
5 ity-Serving Institutions Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES**
 2 **AND UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER MINORITY-**
 3 **SERVING INSTITUTIONS.**

4 Section 371(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 5 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

7 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “ap-
 8 propriated,” and all that follows through
 9 “2019” and inserting “appropriated,
 10 \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 and each
 11 succeeding fiscal year”; and

12 (B) by striking the second sentence; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) in clause (i), by striking
 16 “\$100,000,000” and inserting
 17 “\$117,500,000”;

18 (ii) in clause (ii)—

19 (I) by striking “\$100,000,000”
 20 and inserting “\$99,875,000”; and

21 (II) by striking “and” after the
 22 semicolon;

23 (iii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
 24 clause (iv);

25 (iv) by inserting after clause (ii) the
 26 following:

1 “(iii) \$17,625,000 shall be available
 2 for allocation under subparagraph (D);
 3 and”; and

4 (v) in clause (iv), as redesignated by
 5 clause (iii)—

6 (I) by striking “\$55,000,000”
 7 and inserting “\$65,000,000”; and

8 (II) by striking “(D)” and insert-
 9 ing “(E)”;

10 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
 11 serting the following:

12 “(C) ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT
 13 HBCUS.—The amount made available for alloca-
 14 tion under this subparagraph by subparagraph
 15 (A)(ii) for any fiscal year shall be available to
 16 eligible institutions described in subsection
 17 (a)(1) and shall be made available as grants
 18 under section 323 and allotted among such in-
 19 stitutions under section 324, treating such
 20 amount, plus the amount appropriated for such
 21 fiscal year in a regular or supplemental appro-
 22 priation Act to carry out part B of this title, as
 23 the amount appropriated to carry out part B of
 24 this title for purposes of allotments under sec-

tion 324, for use by such institutions with a
priority for—

“(i) activities described in paragraphs
(1), (2), (4), (5), and (10) of section
323(a); and

“(ii) other activities, consistent with
the institution’s comprehensive plan and
designed to increase the institution’s ca-
pacity to prepare students for careers in
the physical or natural sciences, mathe-
matics, computer science or information
technology or sciences, engineering, lan-
guage instruction in the less-commonly
taught languages or international affairs,
or nursing or allied health professions.”;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
subparagraph (E);

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
the following:

“(D) ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT
PBIS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The amount made
available for allocation under this subpara-
graph by subparagraph (A)(iii) for any fis-
cal year shall be available to eligible insti-

tutions described in subsection (a)(5) and shall be available for a competitive grant program to award grants of \$600,000 annually for programs in any of the following areas:

“(I) Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

“(II) Health education.

“(III) Internationalization or globalization.

“(IV) Teacher preparation.

“(V) Improving educational outcomes of African-American males.

“(ii) EXCESS FUNDS.—The Secretary shall allot any amounts remaining from the amount made available for allocation under this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(iii) for any fiscal year after grants are awarded under clause (i) to eligible institutions described in subsection (a)(5) for activities determined appropriate by the Secretary.”; and

(E) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated by subparagraph (C)—

1 (i) in clause (i), by striking
 2 “\$30,000,000” each place it appears and
 3 inserting “\$35,000,000”;

4 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking
 5 “\$15,000,000” each place it appears and
 6 inserting “\$18,000,000”; and

7 (iii) in clauses (iii) and (iv), by strik-
 8 ing “\$5,000,000” each place it appears
 9 and inserting “\$6,000,000”.

10 **SEC. 3. MANDATORY FUNDING FOR MASTERS AND**
 11 **POSTBACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.**

12 (a) MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMS.—Section 897 of
 13 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1161aa)
 14 is amended by striking “\$11,500,000” and all that follows
 15 through “succeeding fiscal years” and inserting
 16 “\$13,500,000 for fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding
 17 fiscal year”.

18 (b) POSTBACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.—Section 898
 19 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1161aa–
 20 1) is amended by striking “\$11,500,000 for fiscal year
 21 2009 and for each of the five succeeding fiscal years” and
 22 inserting “\$21,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 and each suc-
 23 ceeding fiscal year”.

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