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H. R. 7341

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain part B institutions to be eligible for certain grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Ms. MCCLELLAN (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SIMON, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. VINDMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain part B institutions to be eligible for certain grants, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Growing Reputable Academic Departments Act'' or the ''GRAD Act''.

SEC. 2. GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(a) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—Section 723 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1136a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end the following:

"(S) A part B institution (as defined in section 322) that—

"(i) offers a qualified masters degree program; and

"(ii) is not listed under subparagraphs (A) through (R)."; and

(2) in subsection (f)(3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking "any amount in excess of $9,000,000" and inserting "after the application of paragraph (2), any remaining amount"; and

(B) by striking "(R)" and inserting "(S)".

(b) PREDOMINANTLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS.—Section 724 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1136b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end the following:

"(F) A Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in section 318) that—

''(i) offers a qualified masters degree program; and

''(ii) is not listed in subparagraphs (A) through (E).''; and

(2) in subsection (f)(3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking ''any amount in excess of $2,500,000'' and inserting ''after the application of paragraph (2), any remaining amount''; and

(B) by striking ''through (E)'' and inserting ''through (F)''.

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