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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To establish a National Science Foundation grant program to provide opportunities for and strengthen research capacity at institutions of higher education to stimulate sustainable improvement in existing research and development at such institutions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Equity in Research
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM TO STIMULATE SUSTAINABLE IM-**
3 **PROVEMENT IN EXISTING RESEARCH AND**
4 **DEVELOPMENT AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS**
5 **OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
7 Science Foundation shall establish a grant program to
8 provide financial assistance to institutions of higher edu-
9 cation specified in subsection (d) to aid such institutions
10 in the development and enhancement of research facilities
11 in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medical
12 matters, and other research and development matters.

13 (b) USES.—Institutions of higher education specified
14 in subsection (d) that receive grants from the National
15 Science Foundation may use such grants for the following
16 in furtherance of the purpose described in subsection (a):

17 (1) Existing building infrastructure improve-
18 ments or enhancements.

19 (2) Materials and equipment needed to conduct
20 or produce research.

21 (3) Infrastructure needs to maintain building
22 infrastructure.

23 (4) Personnel costs directly associated with the
24 planning, management, maintenance, or operation of
25 research related activities.

1 (c) AMOUNTS.—The Director of the National Science
2 Foundation may make a grant to an institution of higher
3 education specified in subsection (d) in an amount be-
4 tween \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, as determined appro-
5 priate by the Director.

6 (d) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPECI-
7 FIED.—The institutions of higher education specified in
8 this subsection are the following:

- 9 (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- 10 (2) Hispanic-serving institutions.
- 11 (3) Tribal colleges.
- 12 (4) Native Hawaiian-serving institutions.
- 13 (5) Predominantly Black institutions.
- 14 (6) Native American-serving, nontribal institu-
15 tions.
- 16 (7) Asian-American and Native American Pa-
17 cific Islander-serving institutions.
- 18 (8) Minority serving institutions.
- 19 (9) 1890's Land Grant Universities.
- 20 (10) 1994 Land Grant institutions.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated to the Director of the Na-
23 tional Science Foundation \$50,000,000 for fiscal year
24 2027 and each subsequent fiscal year to carry out this
25 section.