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[Report No. 116–393, Part I]

To strengthen partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions and the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BASS, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Additional sponsor: Ms. UNDERWOOD

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 5, 2019]

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 “Historically Black Col-*
5 *leges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Part-*
6 *nerships Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT-WIDE STRATEGY FOR ENHANCED**
8 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH HISTORICALLY BLACK**
9 **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND MINOR-**
10 **ITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.**

11 *Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment*
12 *of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Under Sec-*
13 *retary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Department,*
14 *shall—*

15 (1) *issue a Department-wide strategy to enhance*
16 *partnerships with historically Black colleges and uni-*
17 *versities and minority-serving institutions that in-*
18 *cludes yearly goals, including goals related to improv-*
19 *ing recruitment and hiring, research and develop-*
20 *ment, and acquisition opportunities at such institu-*
21 *tions, through fiscal year 2025; and*

22 (2) *require the head of each component of the De-*
23 *partment to—*

24 (A) *not later than 150 days after the date*
25 *of the issuance under paragraph (1) of the De-*

1 *partment-wide strategy, develop a component-*
 2 *specific action plan to implement such strategy;*

3 *(B) monitor progress on such implementa-*
 4 *tion; and*

5 *(C) not later than one year after the date*
 6 *of such issuance, report to the Secretary regard-*
 7 *ing progress on such implementation.*

8 **SEC. 3. ENHANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
 9 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

10 *The Secretary shall seek to enhance partnerships with*
 11 *historically Black colleges and universities and minority-*
 12 *serving institutions with respect to administering the re-*
 13 *search and development activities of the Department by,*
 14 *among other things—*

15 *(1) encouraging the participation of such col-*
 16 *leges, universities, and institutions in the research,*
 17 *development, testing, and evaluation programs and*
 18 *activities of the Department;*

19 *(2) facilitating partnerships between such col-*
 20 *leges, universities, and institutions and private sector*
 21 *stakeholders, national laboratories, and other aca-*
 22 *ademic institutions in areas important to homeland se-*
 23 *curity, including cybersecurity, emergency manage-*
 24 *ment, and counterterrorism; and*

1 (3) *distributing funds through Science and Tech-*
2 *nology Directorate grants, cooperative agreements,*
3 *and contracts to such colleges, universities, and insti-*
4 *tutions for enhancements in areas important to home-*
5 *land security, including cybersecurity, emergency*
6 *management, and counterterrorism.*

7 **SEC. 4. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS.**

8 *Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment*
9 *of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Chief Human*
10 *Capitol Officer of the Department, shall make available to*
11 *historically Black colleges and universities and minority-*
12 *serving institutions a current list of internship, fellowship,*
13 *scholarship, and recruitment opportunities within the De-*
14 *partment for students and recent graduates of such colleges,*
15 *universities, and institutions.*

16 **SEC. 5. OPPORTUNITIES FOR 8(A) PROGRAM PARTNER-**
17 **SHIPS.**

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
19 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the*
20 *Small Business Administration shall publish eligibility cri-*
21 *teria on how historically Black colleges and universities and*
22 *minority-serving institutions may qualify to participate in*
23 *Federal acquisitions authorized pursuant to section 8(a) of*
24 *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a); Public Law 85–*
25 *536).*

1 (b) *DEPARTMENT ACTIONS.*—Upon publication of eli-
2 gibility criteria in accordance with subsection (a), the Sec-
3 retary shall disseminate information to historically Black
4 colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions
5 regarding—

6 (1) *how to establish such eligibility; and*

7 (2) *current and future opportunities to partici-*
8 *pate in Federal acquisitions authorized pursuant to*
9 *section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.*

10 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT.**

11 (a) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—Not later than December 31,
12 2020, and annually thereafter through 2026, the Secretary
13 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
15 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
16 on the efforts of the Department to partner with historically
17 Black colleges and universities and minority-serving insti-
18 tutions to carry out this Act.

19 (b) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.*—The annual reports
20 required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

21 (1) *A list of awards, including the corresponding*
22 *monetary value for each such award, to historically*
23 *Black colleges and universities and minority-serving*
24 *institutions, disaggregated by grant, contract, cooper-*

1 *ative agreement, and other research development test*
2 *and evaluation activity, initiative, and program.*

3 (2) *A description of how the Department is*
4 *partnering with historically Black colleges and uni-*
5 *versities and minority-serving institutions under the*
6 *programs referred to in sections 3 and 5, and how*
7 *such programs have helped such colleges, universities,*
8 *and institutions participate in acquisitions with the*
9 *Department.*

10 (3) *A summary of outreach efforts to historically*
11 *Black colleges and universities and minority-serving*
12 *institutions, and an identification of any Department*
13 *programs and initiatives in which such colleges, uni-*
14 *versities, and institutions are under-represented*
15 *among institutions of higher education.*

16 (4) *A description of the status of efforts made by*
17 *the Department pursuant to sections 2 and 4, includ-*
18 *ing—*

19 (A) *for section 2, Department-wide goals*
20 *pursuant to the Department-wide strategy to en-*
21 *hance partnerships with historically Black col-*
22 *leges and universities and minority-serving in-*
23 *stitutions under such section, and the status of*
24 *efforts to implement action plans throughout the*
25 *Department to carry out such strategy; and*

1 (B) for section 4, participation rates in
 2 each internship, fellowship, scholarship, and re-
 3 cruitment opportunity referred to in such sec-
 4 tion, listed by historically Black college and uni-
 5 versity and minority-serving institution so par-
 6 ticipating.

7 (5) A list of memoranda of understanding en-
 8 tered into by the Department with historically Black
 9 colleges and universities and minority-serving institu-
 10 tions and information on the parties and scope of
 11 each such memorandum of understanding.

12 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

13 *In this Act:*

14 (1) *DEPARTMENT.*—The term “Department”
 15 means the Department of Homeland Security.

16 (2) *HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNI-*
 17 *VERSITIES.*—The term “historically Black colleges
 18 and universities” means a part B institution de-
 19 scribed in section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act
 20 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)).

21 (3) *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*—The
 22 term “institution of higher education” has the mean-
 23 ing given such term in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
 24 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

1 (4) *MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.—The*
2 *term “minority-serving institutions” means an insti-*
3 *tution of higher education described in section 371(a)*
4 *of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.*
5 *1067q(a)).*

6 (5) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
7 *Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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