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S. 1279

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2019

Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Fostering Under-
5 graduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education
6 Act” or the “FUTURE Act”.

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
 8 “through 2019” and inserting “through 2021”;
 9 and

10 (B) by striking the second sentence; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) in clause (ii)—

14 (I) by striking “\$100,000,000”
 15 and inserting “\$85,000,000”; and

16 (II) by striking “and” after the
 17 semicolon;

18 (ii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
 19 clause (iv);

20 (iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
 21 following:

22 “(iii) \$15,000,000 shall be available
 23 for allocation under subparagraph (D);
 24 and”; and

(iv) in clause (iv), as redesignated by clause (ii), by striking “(D)” and inserting “(E)”;

(B) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT HBCUS.—The amount made available for allocation under this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(ii) for any fiscal year shall be available to eligible institutions described in subsection (a)(1) and shall be made available as grants under section 323 and allotted among such institutions under section 324, treating such amount, plus the amount appropriated for such fiscal year in a regular or supplemental appropriation Act to carry out part B of this title, as the amount appropriated to carry out part B of this title for purposes of allotments under section 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 capacity to prepare students for careers in the physical or natural sciences, mathematics, computer science or information technology or sciences, engineering, language 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 subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(iii) for any fiscal year shall be available to eligible institutions 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).

1 “(II) Health education.

2 “(III) Internationalization or
3 globalization.

4 “(IV) Teacher preparation.

5 “(V) Improving educational out-
6 comes of African American males.

7 “(ii) EXCESS FUNDS.—The Secretary
8 shall allot any amounts remaining from the
9 amount made available for allocation under
10 this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(iii)
11 for any fiscal year after grants are award-
12 ed under clause (i) to eligible institutions
13 described in subsection (a)(5) for activities
14 determined appropriate by the Secretary.”;
15 and

16 (E) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated
17 by subparagraph (C), in the matter preceding
18 clause (i), by striking “subparagraph (A)(iii)”
19 and inserting “subparagraph (A)(iv)”.

20 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE FEES.**

21 Section 458(a)(4) of the Higher Education Act of
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087h(a)(4)) is amended by adding at
23 the end the following: “Notwithstanding any other provi-
24 sion of this Act, the authority to obligate funds for ac-

- 1 count maintenance fees under this section shall expire at
- 2 the end of fiscal year 2019.”.

