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H. R. 6005

To establish a grant program under the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the preparation and representation of certain students in aviation-related fields.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MOORE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SOTO, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Minorities in Aviation
5 Education Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. BESSIE COLEMAN AVIATION EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
3 Aviation Administration shall establish the Bessie Cole-
4 man Aviation Education Program to improve the prepara-
5 tion and representation of students, particularly women
6 and minorities, in aviation-related fields.

7 (b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The Administrator
8 shall award grants under this subsection on the basis of
9 a competitive peer review process. Grants awarded under
10 this subsection may be used for increasing exposure and
11 access to aviation-related education and jobs through such
12 means as—

13 (1) internships that offer students experience in
14 the aviation industry;

15 (2) programs that introduce students to un-
16 manned aircraft operations;

17 (3) career exploration and educational programs
18 that teach technical skills used in aviation mainte-
19 nance, or to improve existing such programs; and

20 (4) programs to increase the recruitment and
21 retention of underrepresented minorities in postsec-
22 ondary aviation degree programs.

23 (c) APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity described in para-
25 graph (3) seeking funding under this subsection
26 shall submit an application to the Administrator at

1 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
2 formation as the Administrator may require. Such
3 application, at a minimum, shall include a descrip-
4 tion of how the funds will be used to carry out the
5 activities described in subsection (b).

6 (2) PRIORITY.—In making awards under this
7 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to
8 applicants that will encourage the participation of
9 women and minorities.

10 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—Local educational agencies,
11 State educational agencies, and State and local gov-
12 ernments, which may enter into a partnership agree-
13 ment with institutions of higher education, nonprofit
14 organizations, or other entities, shall be eligible to
15 apply for grants under this subsection.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following
17 definitions apply:

18 (1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
19 term “institution of higher education” has the
20 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
21 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

22 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
23 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
24 that term in section 8101 of the Elementary and
25 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1 (3) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
2 “State educational agency” has the meaning given
3 that term in section 8101 of the Elementary and
4 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021,
8 2022, and 2023.

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