

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia 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 “Minorities in Aviation
5 Education Act of 2018”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
8 Aviation Administration shall establish the Bessie Cole-

1 man Aviation Education Program to improve the prepara-
2 tion and representation of students, particularly women
3 and minorities, in aviation-related fields.

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

10 (1) internships that offer students experience in
11 the aviation industry;

12 (2) programs that introduce students to un-
13 manned aircraft operations;

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

17 (4) programs to increase the recruitment and
18 retention of underrepresented minorities in postsec-
19 ondary aviation degree programs.

20 (c) APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity described in para-
22 graph (3) seeking funding under this subsection
23 shall submit an application to the Administrator at
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
25 formation as the Administrator may require. Such

1 application, at a minimum, shall include a descrip-
2 tion of how the funds will be used to carry out the
3 activities described in subsection (b).

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

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

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following
15 definitions apply:

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

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

24 (3) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
25 “State educational agency” has the meaning given

1 that term in section 8101 of the Elementary and
2 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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