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Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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 “National STEM Schol-
5 arship Database Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DATABASE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
7 **FOR STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EN-**
8 **GINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA-
10 BASE.—

11 (1) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Education
12 shall establish and maintain, on the public website
13 of the Department of Education, a database con-
14 sisting of information on scholarships, fellowships,
15 and other programs of financial assistance available
16 from public and private sources for the study of
17 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at
18 the post-secondary and post-baccalaureate levels.

19 (2) PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION.—The in-
20 formation maintained on the database established
21 under this section shall be displayed on the website
22 in the following manner:

23 (A) Separate information shall be provided
24 for each of the fields of study referred to in

1 paragraph (1) and for post-secondary and post-
2 baccalaureate programs of financial assistance.

3 (B) The database shall provide specific in-
4 formation on any programs of financial assist-
5 ance which are targeted to individuals of a par-
6 ticular gender, ethnicity, or other demographic
7 group.

8 (C) If the sponsor of any program of fi-
9 nancial assistance included on the database
10 maintains a public website, the database shall
11 provide hyperlinks to the website.

12 (D) In addition to providing the hyperlink
13 to the website of a sponsor of a program of fi-
14 nancial assistance as required under subpara-
15 graph (C), the database shall provide general
16 information that an interested person may use
17 to contact the sponsor, including the sponsor's
18 electronic mail address.

19 (E) The database shall have a search capa-
20 bility which permits an individual to search for
21 information on the basis of each category of the
22 information provided and on the basis of com-
23 binations of categories of the information pro-
24 vided, including whether the scholarship is

1 need- or merit-based and by relevant academic
2 majors.

3 (F) The database shall include a rec-
4 ommendation that students and families should
5 carefully review all of the application require-
6 ments prior to applying for aid, and a dis-
7 claimer that the scholarships presented in the
8 database are not provided or endorsed by the
9 Department of Education or the Federal Gov-
10 ernment.

11 (b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DATA-
12 BASE.—The Secretary shall take such actions as may be
13 necessary on an ongoing basis, including sending notices
14 to secondary schools and institutions of higher education,
15 to disseminate information on the database established
16 and maintained under this Act and to encourage its use
17 by interested parties.

18 (c) USE OF VENDOR TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.—In
19 carrying out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall
20 enter into a contract with a private entity under which
21 the entity shall furnish and regularly update all of the in-
22 formation required to be maintained on the database es-
23 tablished under this section.

24 (d) ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF INFORMA-
25 TION.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary of Edu-

1 cation and the contracted entity shall consult with public
2 and private sources of scholarships and make easily avail-
3 able a process for such entities to provide regular and up-
4 dated information.

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
7 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
8 2008 through 2012.

Passed the House of Representatives June 6, 2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By DEBORAH M. SPRIGGS,
Deputy Clerk.