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# H. R. 4254

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Women in Aerospace  
3 Education Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ROBERT NOYCE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
5 **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The National Science Foundation  
7 Authorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–368; 42  
8 U.S.C. 1862n et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) in section 10(a)(3)(A)(iv), by inserting “,  
10 including research experiences at national labora-  
11 tories and NASA centers” before the semicolon; and

12 (2) in section 10A(c)(4)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14 “and” at the end;

15 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
16 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(C) providing internship opportunities for  
19 fellows, including research experiences at na-  
20 tional laboratories and NASA Centers.”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to grants awarded  
23 on or after October 1, 2018.

1 **SEC. 3. NASA INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNI-**  
2 **TIES.**

3 Not later than October 1, 2018, the Administrator  
4 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (in  
5 this section referred to as “NASA”) shall institute a proc-  
6 ess to prioritize the recruitment of qualified candidates  
7 who are women or individuals who are historically under-  
8 represented in the fields of science, technology, engineer-  
9 ing, and mathematics (STEM) and computer science for  
10 internships and fellowships at NASA with relevance to the  
11 aerospace sector and related fields.

Passed the House of Representatives December 19,  
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*