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H. R. 5701

To establish an aviation maintenance workforce development pilot program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MULLIN, and Mrs. LAWRENCE) 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. AVIATION MAINTENANCE WORKFORCE DEVEL-**
4 **OPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
6 Aviation Administration may carry out a pilot program to
7 provide grants for eligible projects to support the edu-
8 cation and recruitment of aviation maintenance technical
9 workers and the development of the aviation maintenance
10 industry workforce.

1 (b) PROJECT GRANTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
3 appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
4 2019 through 2023 to provide grants under the pilot
5 program established under subsection (a).

6 (2) DOLLAR AMOUNT LIMIT.—Not more than
7 \$500,000 shall be made available for any one-time
8 grant in any fiscal year under the pilot program es-
9 tablished under subsection (a).

10 (c) ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS.—An application for a
11 grant under the pilot program established under sub-
12 section (a) shall be submitted, in such form as the com-
13 mittee established under subsection (e) may specify, joint-
14 ly by—

15 (1) a holder of a certificate issued under part
16 21, 121, 135, or 145 of title 14, Code of Federal
17 Regulations, or a labor organization representing
18 aviation maintenance workers;

19 (2) a State or local governmental entity; and

20 (3) either of—

21 (A) an accredited institution of higher edu-
22 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher
23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)); or

24 (B) a secondary school (as such term is de-
25 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary and

1 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 7801)) that delivers an occupation-specific cur-
3 riculum that provides students with the relevant
4 technical knowledge and skills to prepare for
5 further education and careers in aviation main-
6 tenance.

7 (d) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—For purposes of the pilot
8 program established under subsection (a), an eligible
9 project is a project—

10 (1) to establish new educational programs that
11 teach technical skills used in aviation maintenance,
12 including purchasing equipment, or to improve exist-
13 ing such programs;

14 (2) to establish scholarships or apprenticeships
15 for individuals pursuing employment in the aviation
16 maintenance industry, including obtaining airframe
17 and powerplant mechanic certificates;

18 (3) to support outreach about careers in the
19 aviation maintenance industry to—

20 (A) primary, secondary, and post-sec-
21 ondary school students; or

22 (B) to communities underrepresented in
23 the industry;

1 (4) to support educational opportunities related
2 to aviation maintenance in economically disadvan-
3 taged geographic areas;

4 (5) to support transition to careers in aviation
5 maintenance, including for members of the Armed
6 Forces; or

7 (6) to otherwise enhance aviation maintenance
8 technical education or the aviation maintenance in-
9 dustry workforce, as determined by a unanimous
10 vote of the committee established under subsection
11 (e).

12 (e) GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW.—

13 (1) REVIEW COMMITTEE.—The Administrator
14 shall establish a committee to review and select ap-
15 plications for grants under the pilot program estab-
16 lished under subsection (a).

17 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The committee estab-
19 lished under paragraph (1) shall be comprised
20 of—

21 (i) representatives of aircraft repair
22 stations, air carriers, design and produc-
23 tion approval holders, labor organizations,
24 business aviation, general aviation, edu-

1 cational institutions, and other relevant
2 sectors; or

3 (ii) representatives of recognized in-
4 dustry groups representing entities de-
5 scribed in clause (i).

6 (B) LIMITATION.—The committee estab-
7 lished under paragraph (1) shall have not more
8 than 9 members.

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