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H. R. 7156

To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a program to enhance the participation of Department of Defense contractors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2020

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “STEM Education and
5 Recruitment by Valuing Increased Community Engage-
6 ment Act of 2020” or the “SERVICE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PARTICIPATION OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **DEFENSE CONTRACTORS IN SCIENCE, TECH-**
3 **NOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS**
4 **ACTIVITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Chapter 111 of title
7 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting
8 after section 2192b the following new section:

9 **“§ 2192c. Program to enhance contractor participa-**
10 **tion in science, technology, engineering,**
11 **and mathematics activities**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
13 carry out a program under which the Secretary shall seek
14 to enter into partnerships with Department of Defense
15 contractors to promote interest in careers in STEM dis-
16 ciplines.

17 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the program
18 under subsection (a) are—

19 “(1) to maximize strategic partnerships between
20 institutions of higher education and private sector
21 organizations to build and strengthen communities
22 involved in STEM disciplines;

23 “(2) to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion
24 by providing access to career paths in STEM in his-
25 torically underserved and underrepresented commu-
26 nities; and

1 “(3) to encourage employers in STEM dis-
2 ciplines to establish work-based learning experiences
3 such as internships and apprenticeships.

4 “(c) ACTIVITIES.—As part of the program under sub-
5 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall seek to encour-
6 age and provide support to Department of Defense con-
7 tractors to enable such contractors to carry out activities
8 to promote interest in careers in STEM disciplines. Such
9 activities may include—

10 “(1) aiding in the development of educational
11 programs and curriculum in STEM disciplines for
12 students of elementary schools and secondary
13 schools;

14 “(2) establishing volunteer programs in elemen-
15 tary schools and secondary schools receiving assist-
16 ance under part A of title I of the Elementary and
17 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311
18 et seq.) to enhance education in STEM disciplines.

19 “(3) enhancing education in STEM disciplines
20 at institutions of higher education by—

21 “(A) making personnel available to advise
22 and assist faculty at such institutions in the
23 performance of research and instruction in
24 STEM disciplines that are determined to be

1 critical to the functions of the Department of
2 Defense;

3 “(B) awarding scholarships and fellowships
4 to students pursuing courses of study in STEM
5 disciplines; or

6 “(C) establishing cooperative work-edu-
7 cation programs in STEM disciplines for stu-
8 dents; or

9 “(4) enhancing education in STEM disciplines
10 at minority institutions by—

11 “(A) establishing partnerships between
12 offerors and such institutions for the purpose of
13 training students in STEM disciplines;

14 “(B) conducting recruitment activities at
15 such institutions; or

16 “(C) making internships or apprenticeships
17 available to students of such institutions.

18 “(d) ALLOWABILITY OF COSTS.—Activities described
19 in subsection (c) shall be considered as allowable commu-
20 nity service activities for the purposes of determining al-
21 lowability of cost on a government contract.

22 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-
24 ondary school’ have the meanings given those terms

1 in section 8101 of the Higher Education Act of
2 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

3 “(2) The term ‘institution of higher education’
4 has the meaning given that term in section 101 of
5 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1001).

7 “(3) The term ‘minority institution’ means—

8 “(A) a part B institution (as that term is
9 defined in section 322(2) of the Higher Edu-
10 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)); or

11 “(B) any other institution of higher edu-
12 cation (as that term is defined in section 101
13 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1001)) at which not less
14 than 50 percent of the total student enrollment
15 consists of students from ethnic groups that are
16 underrepresented in the fields of science and
17 engineering.

18 “(4) The term ‘STEM disciplines’ means dis-
19 ciplines relating to science, technology, engineering
20 and mathematics, including disciplines that are crit-
21 ical to the national security functions of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense and that are needed in the Depart-
23 ment of Defense workforce (as determined by the
24 Secretary of Defense under section 2192a(a)).”.

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