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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2019

Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act” or the “FUTURE Act”.

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SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSES AND OTHER MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.

Section 371(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “through 2019” and inserting “through 2021”; and

(B) by striking the second sentence; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (ii)—

(I) by striking “$100,000,000” and inserting “$85,000,000”; and

(II) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv);

(iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) $15,000,000 shall be available for allocation under subparagraph (D); and”;

and
(iv) in clause (iv), as redesignated by clause (ii), by striking “(D)” and inserting “(E)”;

(B) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT HBCUS.—The amount made available for allocation under this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(ii) for any fiscal year shall be available to eligible institutions described in subsection (a)(1) and shall be made available as grants under section 323 and allotted among such institutions under section 324, treating such amount, plus the amount appropriated for such fiscal year in a regular or supplemental appropriation Act to carry out part B of this title, as the amount appropriated to carry out part B of this title for purposes of allotments under section 324, for use by such institutions with a priority for—

“(i) activities described in paragraphs (1), (2), (4), (5), and (10) of section 323(a); and

“(ii) other activities, consistent with the institution’s comprehensive plan and...
designed to increase the institution’s capacity to prepare students for careers in the physical or natural sciences, mathematics, computer science or information technology or sciences, engineering, language instruction in the less commonly taught languages or international affairs, or nursing or allied health professions.”;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E);

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT PBIS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The amount made available for allocation under this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(iii) for any fiscal year shall be available to eligible institutions described in subsection (a)(5) and shall be available for a competitive grant program to award grants of $600,000 annually for programs in any of the following areas:

“(I) Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).
“(II) Health education.

“(III) Internationalization or globalization.

“(IV) Teacher preparation.

“(V) Improving educational outcomes of African American males.

“(ii) Excess Funds.—The Secretary shall allot any amounts remaining from the amount made available for allocation under this subparagraph by subparagraph (A)(iii) for any fiscal year after grants are awarded under clause (i) to eligible institutions described in subsection (a)(5) for activities determined appropriate by the Secretary.”;

and

(E) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated by subparagraph (C), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “subparagraph (A)(iii)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)(iv)”.

SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE FEES.

Section 458(a)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087h(a)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the authority to obligate funds for ac-
count maintenance fees under this section shall expire at
the end of fiscal year 2019.”.