

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3234

To provide for outreach and assistance to historically Black colleges and universities regarding Defense Innovation Unit programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “HBCU National Secu-
5 rity Innovation Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES**
2 **AND UNIVERSITIES AND MINORITY SERVING**
3 **INSTITUTIONS REGARDING DEFENSE INNO-**
4 **VATION UNIT PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE EN-**
5 **TREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION AT IN-**
6 **STITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

7 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Under Secretary of De-
8 fense for Research and Engineering may establish activi-
9 ties, including outreach and technical assistance, to better
10 connect historically Black colleges and universities and mi-
11 nority serving institutions to the programs of the Defense
12 Innovation Unit and its associated programs.

13 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall brief the congressional defense committees on the re-
16 sults of any activities conducted under subsection (a), in-
17 cluding the results of outreach efforts, the success of ex-
18 panding Defense Innovation Unit programs to historically
19 Black colleges and universities and minority serving insti-
20 tutions, the barriers to expansion, and recommendations
21 for how the Department of Defense and the Federal Gov-
22 ernment can support such institutions to successfully par-
23 ticipate in Defense Innovation Unit programs.

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