H. R. 5780

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 28, 2023

Ms. Adams (for herself, Ms. Strickland, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, and Ms. Brown) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Land-Grant Research
5 Equity and Accountability Act”.

SEC. 2. MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT FOR RESEARCH
AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.

(a) MODIFICATION.—Section 1449 of the Food and
Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “, 1999” and inserting “of
each fiscal year”; and

(B) by striking “fiscal year 1999” and in-
serting “that fiscal year”; and

(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
following:

“(c) STATE MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
provision of this subtitle, for each fiscal year, a
State shall provide to each eligible institution located
in the State matching funds in an amount equal to
the amounts provided to the eligible institution from
non-Federal sources for that fiscal year, as described
in subsection (b).

“(2) ATTESTATION TO SECRETARY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
than once each fiscal year, a State shall submit
to the Secretary an attestation that describes
whether the State—
“(i) plans to fulfill the matching funds requirement under paragraph (1) for that fiscal year; or

“(ii) is unable to fulfill that matching funds requirement for the fiscal year.

“(B) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish each attestation submitted under subparagraph (A) on an annual basis.”.

(b) REPORTS.—Section 7116 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2207d) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “7601)” and inserting “7601))”; and

(B) by striking “Not later” and inserting the following:

“(a) MATCH REPORTING.—Not later”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) OUTREACH.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide to the legislature and Governor of each State in which an 1862 Institution or 1890 Institution (as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)) is located information relating to each matching requirement applicable to
the State under the programs referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a).

“(2) FORM.—The information under paragraph (1) shall be provided—

“(A) through direct outreach; and

“(B) not later than the February 1 immediately preceding the date on which the award cycle under the applicable program commences.

“(e) ATTESTATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once each year, the Governor of each State described in subsection (b)(1) shall submit to the Secretary an attestation that describes whether the State—

“(A) is able to fulfill each matching requirement regarding which information is provided under that subsection for that year; or

“(B) is unable to fulfill that matching requirement for the year.

“(2) REPORTS.—Not later than December 31 of each calendar year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make publicly available on the website of the Department of Agriculture, an annual report describing the attestations received under paragraph (1) during that calendar year.”.