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H. R. 4020

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to enter into arrangements with institutions of higher education to provide dual or concurrent enrollment programs for students enrolled in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF DUAL OR CONCURRENT**
2 **ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS OF**
3 **DODEA SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting
5 through the Director of the Department of Defense Edu-
6 cation Activity, may—

7 (1) enter into arrangements with institutions of
8 higher education to provide students of DODEA
9 schools with access to postsecondary course credit
10 through dual or concurrent enrollment programs;
11 and

12 (2) provide financial assistance to students to
13 cover the costs associated with such programs.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “DODEA school” means a school
16 operated by the Department of Defense Education
17 Activity within or outside the United States.

18 (2) The term “dual or concurrent enrollment
19 program” means a program offered by an arrange-
20 ment between the Department of Defense Education
21 Activity and an institution of higher education and
22 through which a student enrolled in a DODEA
23 school who has not graduated from high school with
24 a regular high school diploma is able to enroll in one
25 or more postsecondary courses and earn credit that
26 applies—

1 (A) toward completion of a postsecondary
2 degree or recognized educational credential as
3 described in the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.); and

5 (B) toward completion of high school.

6 (3) The term “institution of higher education”
7 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
8 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1002).

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