

Union Calendar No. 509

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3734

[Report No. 114-658]

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide support to mining schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2015

Mr. HARDY (for himself and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 5, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BARR, Mr. STEWART, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia

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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 “Mining Schools En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR MINING SCHOOLS.**

7 Section 721 of the Surface Mining Control and Rec-
8 lamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1309b) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “The Office of Surface Mining
10 Reclamation and Enforcement” and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the
13 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement”;
14 and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(b) MINING PROGRAM SUPPORT.—

17 “(1) Of the amounts made available under this
18 Act for activities authorized under this section, the
19 Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclama-
20 tion and Enforcement shall ensure that at least 70
21 percent is expended to enhance and support mining
22 and mineral engineering programs in the United
23 States by funding activities at mining schools.

24 “(2) In expending funds under this section, the
25 Director shall consult with relevant stakeholders and

1 ensure a significant opportunity for participation by
2 undergraduate and graduate students at mining
3 schools.

4 “(3) The Director shall ensure that the activi-
5 ties conducted under this section relate to conven-
6 tional fuel resource development and production, and
7 include—

8 “(A) studies of mining, mineral extraction
9 efficiency, and related processing technology;

10 “(B) mineral economics, reclamation tech-
11 nology, and practices for active mining oper-
12 ations;

13 “(C) the development of remining systems
14 and technologies that facilitate reclamation that
15 fosters the recovery of resources at abandoned
16 mine sites;

17 “(D) investigations of mineral resource ex-
18 traction methods that reduce environmental and
19 human impacts;

20 “(E) reducing dependence on foreign en-
21 ergy supplies; and

22 “(F) enhancing the competitiveness of
23 United States energy technology exports.

24 “(c) MINING SCHOOL DEFINED.—In this section the
25 term ‘mining school’ means a mining or mineral engineer-

1 ing program or department accredited by the Accredita-
2 tion Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc., that is
3 located at an institution of higher education (as that term
4 is defined in section 631(a) of the Higher Education Act
5 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1132(a))) in the United States.”.

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