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To direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to institutions of higher education with an endowment lower than \$900,000,000 and an annual operating revenue for athletic programs that is less than \$20,000,000 to strengthen existing sports and athletic facilities at such institutions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. IVEY, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Performance, Re-
3 sources, Inclusion, Matters, for Equity Act” or the
4 “PRIME Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
7 to carry out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall
8 award grants, on a competitive basis, to covered institu-
9 tions to assist the institutions in developing, maintaining,
10 or enhancing facilities, equipment, or infrastructure for
11 any athletic program offered by the institutions.

12 (b) MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of any
13 grant awarded under this Act shall be not less than
14 \$250,000.

15 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
16 under this Act, a covered institution shall submit an appli-
17 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
18 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

19 (d) USES OF FUNDS.—A covered institution receiving
20 a grant under this Act may use such grant to—

21 (1) develop, maintain, or enhance any facility,
22 equipment, or infrastructure (including stadiums,
23 gyms, or fields) for any athletic program offered by
24 the institution; or

25 (2) purchase and maintain materials, sporting
26 equipment, and uniforms needed to conduct or

1 produce a live sporting event in accordance with the
2 most recent guidelines issued by the National Colle-
3 giate Athletic Association, the National Association
4 of Intercollegiate Athletics, or the Central Intercolle-
5 giate Athletic Association.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE.—The term
8 “annual operating revenue for athletic programs”,
9 when calculated with respect to a covered institution,
10 means the total annual revenue for athletic pro-
11 grams offered by the covered institution, including
12 those funds generated by the institution from ticket
13 sales, student fees, and television receipts for such
14 programs.

15 (2) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-
16 ered institution” means an institution of higher edu-
17 cation—

18 (A) with an endowment fund that is less
19 than \$900,000,000; and

20 (B) that has an athletic program, and an
21 annual operating revenue for athletic programs
22 that is less than \$20,000,000.

23 (3) ENDOWMENT FUND.—The term “endow-
24 ment fund” has the meaning given the term in sec-

1 tion 312 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
2 U.S.C. 1058).

3 (4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
4 term “institution of higher education” has the
5 meaning given the term in section 101 or
6 102(a)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
7 (20 U.S.C. 1001, 1002(a)(1)(B)).

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