

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**OFFERED BY MR. LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS**

Page 8, line 9, strike “Congress” and insert “appropriate Congressional committees of jurisdiction”

Page 8, lines 21 and 22, amend subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

1                   (B) by striking “the audit required under  
2                   paragraph (3) along with” and inserting “any”;  
3                   and

Page 9, line 14, strike “K-12” and insert “pre-K-12”.

Page 10, line 16, insert “education or research” after “other nonprofit”.

Page 11, after line 6, insert the following new section:

4   **SEC. 105. NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEER-**  
5                   **ING STATISTICS.**

6           (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within  
7 the Foundation a National Center for Science and Engi-  
8 neering Statistics (in this section referred to as the “Cen-  
9 ter”), that shall serve as a central Federal clearinghouse

1 for the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemina-  
2 tion of objective data on science, engineering, technology,  
3 and research and development.

4 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out subsection (a) of this  
5 section, the Director, acting through the Center shall—

6 (1) collect, acquire, analyze, report, and dis-  
7 seminate statistical data related to the science and  
8 engineering enterprise in the United States and  
9 other nations that is relevant and useful to practi-  
10 tioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public,  
11 including statistical data on—

12 (A) research and development trends;

13 (B) the science and engineering workforce;

14 (C) United States competitiveness in  
15 science, engineering, technology, and research  
16 and development; and

17 (D) the condition and progress of United  
18 States STEM education;

19 (2) support research using the data it collects,  
20 and on methodologies in areas related to the work  
21 of the Center; and

22 (3) support the education and training of re-  
23 searchers in the use of large-scale, nationally rep-  
24 resentative data sets.

1 (c) STATISTICAL REPORTS.—The Director or the Na-  
2 tional Science Board, acting through the Center, shall  
3 issue regular, and as necessary, special statistical reports  
4 on topics related to the national and international science  
5 and engineering enterprise such as the biennial report re-  
6 quired by section 4 (j)(1) of the National Science Founda-  
7 tion Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1)) on indicators of  
8 the state of science and engineering in the United States.

Page 11, line 13, strike “basic, high-risk, high-re-  
ward” and insert “high-risk, high-reward basic”.

Page 11, lines 21 and 22, strike “high-risk, high-re-  
ward” and insert “high-risk, high-reward basic”.

Page 12, line 5, strike “high-risk, high-reward” and  
insert “high-risk, high-reward basic”.

Page 12, line 8, strike “high-risk, high-reward re-  
search” and insert “high-risk, high-reward basic re-  
search”.

Page 13, line 8, strike “use” and insert “utilize”.

Page 13, line 9, insert “and” after “simulation-based  
science”.

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 207. PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out a  
3 program to award merit-reviewed, competitive grants to  
4 institutions of higher education to establish and to expand  
5 partnerships that promote innovation and increase the  
6 economic and social impact of research by developing tools  
7 and resources to connect new scientific discoveries to prac-  
8 tical uses.

9 (b) PARTNERSHIPS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for funding  
11 under this section, an institution of higher education  
12 must propose establishment of a partnership that—

13 (A) includes at least one private sector en-  
14 tity; and

15 (B) may include other institutions of high-  
16 er education, public sector institutions, and pri-  
17 vate sector entities.

18 (2) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients  
19 under this section, the Director shall give priority to  
20 partnerships that include one or more institutions of  
21 higher education that are among the 100 institu-  
22 tions receiving, over the 3-year period immediately  
23 preceding the awarding of grants, the highest  
24 amount of research funding from the Foundation  
25 and at least one of the following:

26 (A) A minority serving institution.

1 (B) A primarily undergraduate institution.

2 (C) A 2-year college.

3 (c) PROGRAM.—Proposals funded under this section  
4 shall seek to—

5 (1) increase the economic or social impact of  
6 the most promising research at the institution or in-  
7 stitutions of higher education that are members of  
8 the partnership through knowledge transfer or com-  
9 mercialization;

10 (2) increase the engagement of faculty and stu-  
11 dents across multiple disciplines and departments,  
12 including faculty and students in schools of business  
13 and other appropriate non-STEM fields and dis-  
14 ciplines in knowledge transfer activities;

15 (3) enhance education and mentoring of stu-  
16 dents and faculty in innovation and entrepreneur-  
17 ship through networks, courses, and development of  
18 best practices and curricula;

19 (4) strengthen the culture of the institution or  
20 institutions of higher education to undertake and  
21 participate in activities related to innovation and  
22 leading to economic or social impact;

23 (5) broaden the participation of all types of in-  
24 stitutions of higher education in activities to meet

1 STEM workforce needs and promote innovation and  
2 knowledge transfer; and

3 (6) build lasting partnerships with local and re-  
4 gional businesses, local and State governments, and  
5 other relevant entities.

6 (d) ADDITIONAL CRITERIA.—In selecting grant re-  
7 cipients under this section, the Director shall also consider  
8 the extent to which the applicants are able to demonstrate  
9 evidence of institutional support for, and commitment  
10 to—

11 (1) achieving the goals of the program as de-  
12 scribed in subsection (c);

13 (2) expansion to a university-wide program if  
14 the initial proposal is not for a university-wide pro-  
15 gram; and

16 (3) sustaining any new innovation tools and re-  
17 sources generated from funding under this program.

18 (e) LIMITATION.—No funds provided under this sec-  
19 tion may be used to construct or renovate a building or  
20 structure.

Page 18, lines 19 through 21, strike “at least” and  
all that follows through “is matriculated” and insert  
“\$12,000”.

Page 20, line 3, strike “K-12” and insert “pre-K-  
12”.

Page 20, line 6, insert “and progressions” after “learning processes”.

Page 20, line 12, strike “student assessment” and insert “assessment of student learning”.

Page 22, lines 7 and 8, strike “or broadening participation in STEM by underrepresented groups” and insert “, or on broadening participation in STEM by underrepresented groups,”.

Page 23, lines 3 and 4, strike “or broadening participation in STEM by underrepresented groups” and insert “, or on broadening participation in STEM by underrepresented groups,”.

At the end of title III, add the following new sections:

1 **SEC. 308. TRANSFORMING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**  
2 **IN STEM.**

3 Section 17 of the National Science Foundation Au-  
4 thorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n-6) is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 17. TRANSFORMING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**  
7 **IN STEM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall award grants,  
9 on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis, to institutions of  
10 higher education to reform undergraduate STEM edu-

1 cation for the purpose of increasing the number and qual-  
2 ity of students studying toward and completing bacca-  
3 laurate degrees in STEM and improving the STEM  
4 learning outcomes for all undergraduate students, includ-  
5 ing through—

6 “(1) development, implementation, and assess-  
7 ment of innovative, research-based approaches to  
8 transforming the teaching and learning of discipli-  
9 nary or interdisciplinary STEM at the under-  
10 graduate level; and

11 “(2) expansion of successful STEM reform ef-  
12 forts beyond a single course or group of courses to  
13 achieve reform within an entire academic unit, or ex-  
14 pansion of successful reform efforts beyond a single  
15 academic unit to other STEM academic units within  
16 an institution or to comparable academic units at  
17 other institutions.

18 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Activities supported by  
19 grants under this section may include—

20 “(1) creation of multidisciplinary or inter-  
21 disciplinary courses or programs that formalize col-  
22 laborations for the purpose of improved student in-  
23 struction and research in STEM;

24 “(2) expansion of undergraduate STEM re-  
25 search opportunities to include interdisciplinary re-



1 search opportunities and research opportunities in  
2 industry, at Federal labs, and at international re-  
3 search institutions or research sites;

4 “(3) implementation or expansion of bridge, co-  
5 hort, tutoring, or mentoring programs proven to en-  
6 hance student recruitment or persistence to degree  
7 completion in STEM, including programs that ad-  
8 dress student transition from two-year to four-year  
9 institutions;

10 “(4) improvement of undergraduate STEM  
11 education for nonmajors, including education ma-  
12 jors;

13 “(5) implementation of evidence-based, tech-  
14 nology-driven reform efforts that directly impact un-  
15 dergraduate STEM instruction or research experi-  
16 ences;

17 “(6) development and implementation of faculty  
18 and graduate teaching assistant development pro-  
19 grams focused on improved instruction, mentoring,  
20 assessment of student learning, and support of un-  
21 dergraduate STEM students;

22 “(7) support for graduate students and  
23 postdoctoral fellows to participate in instructional or  
24 assessment activities at primarily undergraduate in-  
25 stitutions; and

1           “(8) research on teaching and learning of  
2     STEM at the undergraduate level related to the pro-  
3     posed reform effort, including assessment and eval-  
4     uation of the proposed reform activities, research on  
5     scalability and sustainability of approaches to re-  
6     form, and development and implementation of longi-  
7     tudinal studies of students included in the proposed  
8     reform effort.

9           “(c) PARTNERSHIP.—An institution of higher edu-  
10    cation may partner with one or more other nonprofit edu-  
11    cation or research organizations, including scientific and  
12    engineering societies, for the purposes of carrying out the  
13    activities authorized under this section.

14          “(d) SELECTION PROCESS.—

15           “(1) APPLICATIONS.—An institution of higher  
16    education seeking a grant under this section shall  
17    submit an application to the Director at such time,  
18    in such manner, and containing such information as  
19    the Director may require. The application shall in-  
20    clude, at a minimum—

21           “(A) a description of the proposed reform  
22    effort;

23           “(B) a description of the research findings  
24    that will serve as the basis for the proposed re-  
25    form effort or, in the case of applications that

1 propose an expansion of a previously imple-  
2 mented reform effort, a description of the pre-  
3 viously implemented reform effort, including in-  
4 dicators of success such as data on student re-  
5 cruitment, persistence to degree completion,  
6 and academic achievement;

7 “(C) evidence of institutional support for,  
8 and commitment to, the proposed reform effort,  
9 including long-term commitment to implement  
10 successful strategies from the current reform  
11 effort beyond the academic unit or units in-  
12 cluded in the grant proposal or to disseminate  
13 successful strategies to other institutions;

14 “(D) a description of existing or planned  
15 institutional policies and practices regarding  
16 faculty hiring, promotion, tenure, and teaching  
17 assignment that reward faculty contributions to  
18 undergraduate STEM education; and

19 “(E) a description of the plans for assess-  
20 ment and evaluation of the proposed reform ac-  
21 tivities, including evidence of participation by  
22 individuals with experience in assessment and  
23 evaluation of teaching and learning programs.

1           “(2) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—In selecting  
2       grant recipients under this section, the Director  
3       shall consider at a minimum—

4           “(A) the likelihood of success in under-  
5       taking the proposed effort at the institution  
6       submitting the application, including the extent  
7       to which the faculty, staff, and administrators  
8       of the institution are committed to making the  
9       proposed institutional reform a priority of the  
10      participating academic unit or units;

11          “(B) the degree to which the proposed re-  
12      form will contribute to change in institutional  
13      culture and policy such that a greater value is  
14      placed on faculty engagement in undergraduate  
15      education;

16          “(C) the likelihood that the institution will  
17      sustain or expand the reform beyond the period  
18      of the grant; and

19          “(D) the degree to which scholarly assess-  
20      ment and evaluation plans are included in the  
21      design of the reform effort, including the degree  
22      to which such assessment and evaluation con-  
23      tribute to the systematic accumulation of  
24      knowledge on STEM education.

1           “(3) PRIORITY.—For proposals that include an  
2           expansion of existing reform efforts beyond a single  
3           academic unit, the Director shall give priority to  
4           proposals for which a senior institutional adminis-  
5           trator, including a dean or other administrator of  
6           equal or higher rank, serves as the principal investi-  
7           gator or a coprincipal investigator.

8           “(4) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.—The Director  
9           shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that grants  
10          awarded under this section are made to a variety of  
11          types of institutions of higher education.”.

12 **SEC. 309. 21ST CENTURY GRADUATE EDUCATION.**

13          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall award grants,  
14          on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis, to institutions of  
15          higher education to implement or expand research-based  
16          reforms in master’s and doctoral level STEM education  
17          that emphasize preparation for diverse careers utilizing  
18          STEM degrees, including at diverse types of institutions  
19          of higher education, in industry, and at government agen-  
20          cies and research laboratories.

21          (b) USES OF FUNDS.—Activities supported by grants  
22          under this section may include—

23                 (1) creation of multidisciplinary or interdiscipli-  
24                 nary courses or programs for the purpose of im-  
25                 proved student instruction and research in STEM;

1           (2) expansion of graduate STEM research op-  
2     portunities to include interdisciplinary research op-  
3     portunities and research opportunities in industry,  
4     at Federal laboratories, and at international re-  
5     search institutions or research sites;

6           (3) development and implementation of future  
7     faculty training programs focused on improved in-  
8     struction, mentoring, assessment of student learn-  
9     ing, and support of undergraduate STEM students;

10          (4) support and training for graduate students  
11     to participate in instructional activities beyond the  
12     traditional teaching assistantship, and especially as  
13     part of ongoing educational reform efforts, including  
14     at pre-K-12 schools, informal science education insti-  
15     tutions, and primarily undergraduate institutions;

16          (5) creation, improvement, or expansion of in-  
17     novative graduate programs such as science master's  
18     degree programs;

19          (6) development and implementation of semi-  
20     nars, workshops, and other professional development  
21     activities that increase the ability of graduate stu-  
22     dents to engage in innovation, technology transfer,  
23     and entrepreneurship;

24          (7) development and implementation of semi-  
25     nars, workshops, and other professional development

1 activities that increase the ability of graduate stu-  
2 dents to effectively communicate their research find-  
3 ings to technical audiences outside of their own dis-  
4 cipline and to nontechnical audiences;

5 (8) expansion of successful STEM reform ef-  
6 forts beyond a single academic unit to other STEM  
7 academic units within an institution or to com-  
8 parable academic units at other institutions; and

9 (9) research on teaching and learning of STEM  
10 at the graduate level related to the proposed reform  
11 effort, including assessment and evaluation of the  
12 proposed reform activities and research on scalability  
13 and sustainability of approaches to reform.

14 (c) PARTNERSHIP.—An institution of higher edu-  
15 cation may partner with one or more other nonprofit edu-  
16 cation or research organizations, including scientific and  
17 engineering societies, for the purposes of carrying out the  
18 activities authorized under this section.

19 (d) SELECTION PROCESS.—

20 (1) APPLICATIONS.—An institution of higher  
21 education seeking a grant under this section shall  
22 submit an application to the Director at such time,  
23 in such manner, and containing such information as  
24 the Director may require. The application shall in-  
25 clude, at a minimum—

1 (A) a description of the proposed reform  
2 effort;

3 (B) in the case of applications that propose  
4 an expansion of a previously implemented re-  
5 form effort at the applicant's institution or at  
6 other institutions, a description of the pre-  
7 viously implemented reform effort;

8 (C) evidence of institutional support for,  
9 and commitment to, the proposed reform effort,  
10 including long-term commitment to implement  
11 successful strategies from the current reform  
12 effort beyond the academic unit or units in-  
13 cluded in the grant proposal or to disseminate  
14 successful strategies to other institutions; and

15 (D) a description of the plans for assess-  
16 ment and evaluation of the grant proposed re-  
17 form activities.

18 (2) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—In selecting  
19 grant recipients under this section, the Director  
20 shall consider at a minimum—

21 (A) the likelihood of success in under-  
22 taking the proposed effort at the institution  
23 submitting the application, including the extent  
24 to which the faculty, staff, and administrators  
25 of the institution are committed to making the



1 proposed institutional reform a priority of the  
2 participating academic unit or units;

3 (B) the degree to which the proposed re-  
4 form will contribute to change in institutional  
5 culture and policy such that a greater value is  
6 placed on preparing graduate students for di-  
7 verse careers utilizing STEM degrees;

8 (C) the likelihood that the institution will  
9 sustain or expand the reform beyond the period  
10 of the grant; and

11 (D) the degree to which scholarly assess-  
12 ment and evaluation plans are included in the  
13 design of the reform effort.

14 (e) REPEAL.—Section 7034 of the America COM-  
15 PETES Act (42 U.S.C. 1862o-13) is repealed.



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At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1   **SEC. 207. PRIZE AWARDS.**

2       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director shall carry out a  
3 pilot program to award innovation inducement cash prizes  
4 in any area of research supported by the Foundation. The  
5 Director may carry out a program of cash prizes only in  
6 conformity with this section.

7       (b) **TOPICS.**—In identifying topics for prize competi-  
8 tions under this section, the Director shall—

9           (1) consult widely both within and outside the  
10 Federal Government;

11           (2) give priority to high-risk, high-reward re-  
12 search challenges and to problems whose solution  
13 could improve the economic competitiveness of the  
14 United States; and

15           (3) give consideration to the extent to which the  
16 topics have the potential to raise public awareness  
17 about federally sponsored research.

18       (c) **TYPES OF CONTESTS.**—The Director shall con-  
19 sider all categories of innovation inducement prizes, in-  
20 cluding—

1 (1) contests in which the award is to the first  
2 team or individual who accomplishes a stated objec-  
3 tive; and

4 (2) contests in which the winner is the team or  
5 individual who comes closest to achieving an objec-  
6 tive within a specified time.

7 (d) ADVERTISING AND ANNOUNCEMENT.—

8 (1) ADVERTISING AND SOLICITATION OF COM-  
9 PETITORS.—The Director shall widely advertise  
10 prize competitions to encourage broad participation,  
11 including by individuals, institutions of higher edu-  
12 cation, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

13 (2) ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH FEDERAL REG-  
14 ISTER NOTICE.—The Director shall announce each  
15 prize competition by publishing a notice in the Fed-  
16 eral Register. This notice shall include the subject of  
17 the competition, the duration of the competition, the  
18 eligibility requirements for participation in the com-  
19 petition, the process for participants to register for  
20 the competition, the amount of the prize, and the  
21 criteria for awarding the prize, including the method  
22 by which the prize winner or winners will be se-  
23 lected.

1           (3) TIME TO ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Director  
2           shall announce a prize competition within 18 months  
3           after receipt of appropriated funds.

4           (e) FUNDING.—

5           (1) FUNDING SOURCES.—Prizes under this sec-  
6           tion shall consist of Federal appropriated funds and  
7           any funds raised pursuant to donations authorized  
8           under section 11(f) of the National Science Founda-  
9           tion Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1870(f)) for specific  
10          prize competitions.

11          (2) ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZES.—The Director  
12          may not issue a notice as required by subsection  
13          (d)(2) until all of the funds needed to pay out the  
14          announced amount of the prize have been appro-  
15          priated or committed in writing by another entity  
16          pursuant to paragraph (1).

17          (f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to win a prize under  
18          this section, an individual or entity—

19               (1) shall have complied with all of the require-  
20               ments under this section;

21               (2) in the case of a private entity, shall be in-  
22               corporated in and maintain a primary place of busi-  
23               ness in the United States, and in the case of an in-  
24               dividual, whether participating singly or in a group,  
25               shall be a United States citizen or national, or an

1 alien lawfully admitted to the United States for per-  
2 manent residence; and

3 (3) shall not be a Federal entity, a Federal em-  
4 ployee acting within the scope of his or her employ-  
5 ment, or a person employed at a Federal laboratory  
6 acting within the scope of his or her employment.

7 (g) AWARDS.—

8 (1) NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS.—The Director  
9 may announce up to 5 prize competitions through  
10 the end of fiscal year 2013.

11 (2) SIZE OF AWARD.—The Director may deter-  
12 mine the amount of each prize award based on the  
13 prize topic, but no award shall be less than  
14 \$1,000,000 or greater than \$3,000,000.

15 (3) SELECTING WINNERS.—The Director may  
16 convene an expert panel to select a winner of a prize  
17 competition. If the panel is unable to select a win-  
18 ner, the Director shall determine the winner of the  
19 prize.

20 (4) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—The Director shall  
21 publicly award prizes utilizing the Foundation's ex-  
22 isting public affairs and public outreach resources.

23 (h) ADMINISTERING THE COMPETITION.—The Direc-  
24 tor may enter into an agreement with a private, nonprofit

1 entity to administer the prize competition, subject to the  
2 provisions of this section.

3 (i) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—The Federal Gov-  
4 ernment shall not, by virtue of offering or awarding a  
5 prize under this section, be entitled to any intellectual  
6 property rights derived as a consequence of, or in direct  
7 relation to, the participation by a registered participant  
8 in a competition authorized by this section. This sub-  
9 section shall not be construed to prevent the Federal Gov-  
10 ernment from negotiating a license for the use of intellec-  
11 tual property developed for a prize competition under this  
12 section.

13 (j) LIABILITY.—The Director may require a reg-  
14 istered participant in a prize competition under this sec-  
15 tion to waive liability against the Federal Government for  
16 injuries and damages that result from participation in  
17 such competition.

18 (k) NONSUBSTITUTION.—Any programs created  
19 under this section shall not be considered a substitute for  
20 Federal research and development programs.

21 (l) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 5  
22 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the National  
23 Science Board shall transmit to Congress a report con-  
24 taining the results of a review and assessment of the pilot  
25 program under this section, including—

1 (1) a description of the nature and status of all  
2 completed or ongoing prize competitions carried out  
3 under this section, including any scientific achieve-  
4 ments, publications, intellectual property, or com-  
5 mercialized technology that resulted from such com-  
6 petitions;

7 (2) any recommendations regarding changes to,  
8 the termination of, or continuation of the pilot pro-  
9 gram;

10 (3) an analysis of whether the program is at-  
11 tracting contestants more diverse than the Founda-  
12 tion's traditional academic constituency;

13 (4) an analysis of whether public awareness of  
14 innovation or of the goal of the particular prize or  
15 prizes is enhanced;

16 (5) an analysis of whether the Foundation's  
17 public image or ability to increase public scientific  
18 literacy is enhanced through the use of innovation  
19 inducement prizes; and

20 (6) an analysis of the extent to which private  
21 funds are being used to support registered partici-  
22 pants.

23 (m) EARLY TERMINATION OF CONTESTS.—The Di-  
24 rector shall terminate a prize contest before any registered  
25 participant wins if the Director determines that an unreg-

1 istered entity has produced an innovation that would oth-  
2 erwise have qualified for the prize award.

3 (n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—

5 (A) AWARDS.—There are authorized to be  
6 appropriated to the Director for the period en-  
7 compassing fiscal years 2011 through 2013  
8 \$12,000,000 for carrying out this section.

9 (B) ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts  
10 authorized in subparagraph (A), not more than  
11 15 percent for each fiscal year shall be available  
12 for the administrative costs of carrying out this  
13 section.

14 (2) CARRYOVER OF FUNDS.—Funds appro-  
15 priated for prize awards under this section shall re-  
16 main available until expended, and may be trans-  
17 ferred, reprogrammed, or expended for other pur-  
18 poses as authorized by law only after the expiration  
19 of 7 fiscal years after the fiscal year for which the  
20 funds were originally appropriated. No provision in  
21 this section permits obligation or payment of funds  
22 in violation of section 1341 of title 31 of the United  
23 States Code (commonly referred to as the Anti-Defi-  
24 ciency Act).





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**TEXAS**

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 308. UNDERGRADUATE BROADENING PARTICIPATION**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) UNDERGRADUATE BROADENING PARTICIPATION  
4 PROGRAM.—The Foundation shall continue to support the  
5 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Under-  
6 graduate Program, the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minor-  
7 ity Participation program, and the Tribal Colleges and  
8 Universities Program as separate programs at least  
9 through September 30, 2011.

10 (b) PLAN.—Prior to any realignment or consolidation  
11 of the programs described in subsection (a), the Director  
12 shall develop a plan clarifying the objectives and rationale  
13 for such changes. The plan shall include a description of  
14 how such changes would result in—

15 (1) meeting or strengthening the common goal  
16 of the separate programs to increase the number of  
17 individuals from underrepresented groups attaining  
18 undergraduate STEM degrees; and

1           (2) addressing the unique needs of the different  
2 types of minority serving institutions and underrep-  
3 resented groups currently provided for by the sepa-  
4 rate programs.

5       (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In the development of the  
6 plan required under subsection (b), the Director shall at  
7 a minimum—

8           (1) consider the recommendations and findings  
9 of the National Academy of Sciences' report required  
10 by section 7032 of the America COMPETES Act  
11 (Public Law 110–69); and

12          (2) solicit recommendations and feedback from  
13 a wide range of stakeholders, including representa-  
14 tives from minority serving institutions, other insti-  
15 tutions of higher education, and other entities with  
16 expertise on effective mechanisms to increase the re-  
17 cruitment and retention of members of underrep-  
18 resented groups in STEM fields, and the attainment  
19 of STEM degrees by underrepresented groups.

20       (d) APPROVAL BY CONGRESS.—The plan developed  
21 under this section shall be transmitted to Congress at least  
22 3 months prior to the implementation of any realignment  
23 or consolidation of the programs described in subsection  
24 (a).



**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**OFFERED BY MS. FUDGE OF OHIO**

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 308. GRAND CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION RESEARCH.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director and the Secretary  
3 of Education shall collaborate in—

4 (1) identifying, prioritizing, and developing  
5 strategies to address grand challenges in research  
6 and development on the teaching and learning of  
7 STEM at the pre-K-12 level, in formal and informal  
8 settings, for diverse learning populations, including  
9 individuals identified in section 33 or 34 of the  
10 Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act  
11 (42 U.S.C. 1885a or 1885b); and

12 (2) ensuring the dissemination of the results of  
13 such research and development.

14 (b) STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—In identifying the grand  
15 challenges required in subsection (a), the Director and the  
16 Secretary shall—

17 (1) take into consideration critical research  
18 gaps identified in existing reports, including reports  
19 by the National Academies, on the teaching and

1 learning of STEM at the pre-K-12 level in formal  
2 and informal settings; and

3 (2) solicit input from a wide range of stake-  
4 holders, including local and State education officials,  
5 STEM teachers, STEM education researchers, sci-  
6 entific and engineering societies, STEM faculty at  
7 institutions of higher education, informal STEM  
8 education providers, businesses with a large STEM  
9 workforce, and other stakeholders in the teaching  
10 and learning of STEM at the pre-K-12 level, and  
11 may enter into an arrangement with the National  
12 Research Council for these purposes.

13 (c) TOPICS TO CONSIDER.—In identifying the grand  
14 challenges required in subsection (a), the Director and the  
15 Secretary shall, at a minimum, consider the following top-  
16 ics:

17 (1) Research on scalability, sustainability, and  
18 replication of successful STEM activities, programs,  
19 and models, in formal and informal environments.

20 (2) Research that utilizes a systems approach  
21 to identifying challenges and opportunities to im-  
22 prove the teaching and learning of STEM, including  
23 development of model systems that support improved  
24 teaching and learning of STEM across entire school  
25 districts and States, and encompassing and inte-

1       grating the teaching and learning of STEM in for-  
2       mal and informal venues, and in K-12 schools and  
3       institutions of higher education.

4       (3) Research to understand what makes a  
5       STEM teacher effective and STEM teacher profes-  
6       sional development effective, including development  
7       of tools and methodologies to measure STEM teach-  
8       er effectiveness.

9       (4) Research and development on cyber-enabled  
10      tools and programs and television based tools and  
11      programs for learning and teaching STEM, includ-  
12      ing development of tools and methodologies for as-  
13      sessing cyber and television enabled teaching and  
14      learning.

15      (5) Research and development on STEM teach-  
16      ing and learning in informal environments, including  
17      development of tools and methodologies for assessing  
18      STEM teaching and learning in informal environ-  
19      ments.

20      (6) Research and development on how inte-  
21      grating engineering with mathematics and science  
22      education may—

23           (A) improve student learning of mathe-  
24           matics and science;

1 (B) increase student interest and persist-  
2 ence in STEM; or

3 (C) improve student understanding of engi-  
4 neering design principles and of the built world.

5 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18  
6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Direc-  
7 tor and the Secretary shall report back to Congress with  
8 a description of—

9 (1) the grand challenges identified pursuant to  
10 this section;

11 (2) the role of each agency in supporting re-  
12 search and development activities to address the  
13 grand challenges;

14 (3) the common metrics that will be used to as-  
15 sess progress toward meeting the grand challenges;

16 (4) plans for periodically updating the grand  
17 challenges;

18 (5) how the agencies will disseminate the re-  
19 sults of research and development activities carried  
20 out under this section to STEM education practi-  
21 tioners, to other Federal agencies that support  
22 STEM programs and activities, and to non-Federal  
23 funders of STEM education; and

- 1 (6) how the agencies will support implementa-
- 2 tion of best practices identified by the research and
- 3 development activities.



**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TONKO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title III, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 308. RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADU-**  
2 **ATES.**

3 (a) **RESEARCH SITES.**—The Director shall award  
4 grants, on a merit-reviewed, competitive basis, to institu-  
5 tions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, or con-  
6 sortia of such institutions and organizations, for sites des-  
7 ignated by the Director to provide research experiences for  
8 10 or more undergraduate STEM students. The Director  
9 shall ensure that—

10 (1) at least half of the students participating in  
11 a program funded by a grant under this subsection  
12 at each site shall be recruited from institutions of  
13 higher education where research opportunities in  
14 STEM are limited;

15 (2) the awards provide undergraduate research  
16 experiences in a wide range of STEM disciplines;

17 (3) the awards support a variety of projects, in-  
18 cluding independent investigator-led projects, inter-



1 disciplinary projects, and multi-institutional projects  
2 (including virtual projects);

3 (4) students participating in each program  
4 funded have mentors, including during the academic  
5 year to the extent practicable, to help connect the  
6 students' research experiences to the overall aca-  
7 demic course of study and to help students achieve  
8 success in courses of study leading to a bacca-  
9 laurate degree in a STEM field;

10 (5) mentors and students are supported with  
11 appropriate salary or stipends; and

12 (6) student participants are tracked, for em-  
13 ployment and continued matriculation in STEM  
14 fields, through receipt of the undergraduate degree  
15 and for at least 3 years thereafter.

16 (b) INCLUSION OF UNDERGRADUATES IN STANDARD  
17 RESEARCH GRANTS.—The Director shall require that  
18 every recipient of a research grant from the Foundation  
19 proposing to include 1 or more undergraduate students  
20 in carrying out the research under the grant shall request  
21 support, including stipend support, for such under-  
22 graduate students as part of the research proposal itself  
23 rather than as a supplement to the research proposal, un-

- 1 less such undergraduate participation was not foreseeable
- 2 at the time of the original proposal.

