

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2687**

**OFFERED BY MR. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Page 68, after line 7, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 602. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SPACE**  
2 **GRANT COLLEGE AND FELLOWSHIP PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5 gress that the National Space Grant College and Fellow-  
6 ship Program, which was established in the National Aero-  
7 nautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of  
8 1988 (42 U.S.C. 2486 et seq.), has been an important  
9 program by which the Federal Government has partnered  
10 with State and local governments, universities, private in-  
11 dustry, and other organizations to enhance the under-  
12 standing and use of space and aeronautics activities and  
13 their benefits through education, fostering of interdiscipli-  
14 nary and multidisciplinary space research and training,  
15 and supporting Federal funding for graduate fellowships  
16 in space-related fields, among other purposes.

17 (b) REVIEW.—The Administrator shall enter into an  
18 arrangement with the National Academies for—

1           (1) a review of the National Space Grant Col-  
2           lege and Fellowship Program, including its structure  
3           and capabilities for supporting science, technology,  
4           engineering, and mathematics education and train-  
5           ing consistent with the National Science and Tech-  
6           nology Council’s Federal Science, Technology, Engi-  
7           neering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education 5-  
8           Year Strategic Plan; and

9           (2) recommendations on measures, if needed, to  
10          enhance the Program’s effectiveness and mecha-  
11          nisms by which any increases in funding appro-  
12          priated by Congress can be applied.

13          (c) NATIONAL SPACE GRANT COLLEGE AND FEL-  
14          LOWSHIP PROGRAM AMENDMENTS.—

15           (1) PURPOSES.—Section 40301 of title 51,  
16          United States Code, is amended—

17           (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
18          graph (5);

19           (B) by striking the period at the end of  
20          paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

21           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
22          paragraph:

23           “(7) support outreach to primary and sec-  
24          ondary schools to help support STEM engagement  
25          and learning at the K-12 level and to encourage K-

1       12 students to pursue postsecondary degrees in  
2       fields related to space.”.

3               (2) REGIONAL CONSORTIUM.—Section 40306(a)  
4       of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

5               (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
6               (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

7               (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
8       following new paragraph:

9               “(2) INCLUSION OF 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS.—A  
10       space grant regional consortium designated in para-  
11       graph (1)(B) may include one or more 2-year insti-  
12       tutions of higher education.”.

