AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5666
OFFERED BY MS. WEXTON OF VIRGINIA

Insert in the appropriate place the following:

SEC. __. NATIONAL SPACE GRANT COLLEGE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

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

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by adding "and" after the semicolon at the end; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) promote equally the State and regional STEM interests of each space grant consortium;"; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking "made up of university and industry members, in order to advance" and inserting "comprised of members of universities in each State and other entities, such as 2-year colleges, industries, science learning centers, museums, and government entities, to advance".
(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 40302 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) LEAD INSTITUTION.—The term ‘lead institution’ means an entity in a State that—

“(A) was designated by the Administrator under section 40306, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020; or

“(B) is designated by the Administrator under section 40303(d)(3).”;

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking “space grant college, space grant regional consortium, institution of higher education,” and inserting “lead institution, space grant consortium,”;

(4) by striking paragraphs (6), (7), and (8);

(5) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM.—The term ‘space grant consortium’ means a statewide group, led by a lead institution, that has established partnerships with other academic institutions, industries,
science learning centers, museums, and government
entities to promote a strong educational base in the
space and aeronautical sciences.”;
(6) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
graph (7);
(7) in paragraph (7)(B), as so redesignated, by
inserting “and aeronautics” after “space”;
(8) by striking paragraph (10); and
(9) by adding at the end the following:
“(8) STEM.—The term ‘STEM’ means science,
technology, engineering, and mathematics.”.
(c) PROGRAM OBJECTIVE.—Section 40303 of title
51, United States Code, is amended—
(1) by striking subsections (d) and (e);
(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
section (e); and
(3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
following:
“(b) PROGRAM OBJECTIVE.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
carry out the national space grant college and fel-
lowship program with the objective of providing
hands-on research, training, and education programs
with measurable outcomes in each State, including
programs to provide—
“(A) internships, fellowships, and scholarships;

“(B) interdisciplinary hands-on mission programs and design projects;

“(C) student internships with industry or university researchers or at centers of the Administration;

“(D) faculty and curriculum development initiatives;

“(E) university-based research initiatives relating to the Administration and the STEM workforce needs of each State; or

“(F) STEM engagement programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers and students.

“(2) PROGRAM PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the objective described in paragraph (1), the Administrator shall ensure that each program carried out by a space grant consortium under the national space grant college and fellowship program balances the following priorities:

“(A) The space and aeronautics research needs of the Administration, including the mission directorates.
“(B) The need to develop a national STEM workforce.

“(C) The STEM workforce needs of the State.

“(e) Program Administered Through Space Grant Consortia.—The Administrator shall carry out the national space grant college and fellowship program through the space grant consortia.

“(d) Suspension; Termination; New Competition.—

“(1) Suspension.—The Administrator may, for cause and after an opportunity for hearing, suspend a lead institution that was designated by the Administrator under section 40306, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020.

“(2) Termination.—If the issue resulting in a suspension under paragraph (1) is not resolved within a period determined by the Administrator, the Administrator may terminate the designation of the entity as a lead institution.

“(3) New Competition.—If the Administrator terminates the designation of an entity as a lead institution, the Administrator may initiate a new com-
petition in the applicable State for the designation of
a lead institution.”.
(d) GRANTS.—Section 40304 of title 51, United
States Code, is amended to read as follows:

§ 40304. Grants

(a) ELIGIBLE SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM DE-
FINED.—In this section, the term ‘eligible space grant
consortium’ means a space grant consortium that the Ad-
ministrator has determined—

(1) has the capability and objective to carry
out not fewer than 3 of the 6 programs under sec-
tion 40303(b)(1);

(2) will carry out programs that balance the
priorities described in section 40303(b)(2); and

(3) is engaged in research, training, and edu-
cation relating to space and aeronautics.

(b) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
award grants to the lead institutions of eligible space
grant consortia to carry out the programs under sec-
tion 40303(b)(1).

(2) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
days after the date of the enactment of the Na-
tional Aeronautics and Space Administration
Authorization Act of 2020, the Administrator shall issue a request for proposals from space grant consortia for the award of grants under this section.

"(B) APPLICATIONS.—A lead institution of a space grant consortium that seeks a grant under this section shall submit, on behalf of such space grant consortium, an application to the Administrator at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Administrator may require.

"(3) GRANT AWARDS.—The Administrator shall award 1 or more 5-year grants, disbursed in annual installments, to the lead institution of the eligible space grant consortium of—

"(A) each State;

"(B) the District of Columbia; and

"(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"(4) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this section shall be used by an eligible space grant consortium to carry out not fewer than 3 of the 6 programs under section 40303(b)(1).

"(c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—

"(1) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the objective described in section 40303(b)(1), of the funds made available under section 40306 each fiscal year for the national space grant college and fellowship program, the Administrator shall allocate not less than 85 percent as follows:

“(i) The 52 eligible space grant consortia shall each receive an equal share.

“(ii) The territories of Guam and the United States Virgin Islands shall each receive funds equal to approximately 1/5 of the share for each eligible space grant consortia.

“(B) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible space grant consortium shall match the funds allocated under subparagraph (A)(i) on a basis of not less than 1 non-Federal dollar for every 1 Federal dollar, except that any program funded under paragraph (3) or any program to carry out 1 or more internships or fellowships shall not be subject to that matching requirement.

“(2) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available under section 40306 each fiscal year
for the national space grant college and fellowship program, the Administrator shall allocate not more than 10 percent for the administration of the program.

"(B) Costs covered.—The funds allocated under subparagraph (A) shall cover all costs of the Administration associated with the administration of the national space grant college and fellowship program, including—

"(i) direct costs of the program, including costs relating to support services and civil service salaries and benefits;

"(ii) indirect general and administrative costs of centers and facilities of the Administration; and

"(iii) indirect general and administrative costs of the Administration headquarters.

"(3) Special programs.—Of the funds made available under section 40306 each fiscal year for the national space grant college and fellowship program, the Administrator shall allocate not more than 5 percent to the lead institutions of space grant consortia established as of the date of the enactment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Authorization Act of 2020 for grants to carry out innovative approaches and programs to further science and education relating to the missions of the Administration and STEM disciplines.

"(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

"(1) LIMITATIONS.—Amounts made available through a grant under this section may not be applied to—

"(A) the purchase of land;

"(B) the purchase, construction, preservation, or repair of a building; or

"(C) the purchase or construction of a launch facility or launch vehicle.

"(2) LEASES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), land, buildings, launch facilities, and launch vehicles may be leased under a grant on written approval by the Administrator.

"(3) RECORDS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person that receives or uses the proceeds of a grant under this section shall keep such records as the Administrator shall by regulation prescribe as being necessary and appropriate to facilitate effective audit and evaluation, including records that fully disclose the amount and disposition
by a recipient of such proceeds, the total cost
of the program or project in connection with
which such proceeds were used, and the
amount, if any, of such cost that was provided
through other sources.

"(B) MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.—
Records under subparagraph (A) shall be main-
tained for not less than 3 years after the date
of completion of such a program or project.

"(C) ACCESS.—For the purpose of audit
and evaluation, the Administrator and the
Comptroller General of the United States shall
have access to any books, documents, papers,
and records of receipts relating to a grant
under this section, as determined by the Admin-
istrator or Comptroller General.”.

(c) PROGRAM STREAMLINING.—Title 51, United
States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking sections 40305 through 40308,
40310, and 40311; and

(2) by redesignating section 40309 as section
40305.