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To direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. REGULA, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. BIGGERT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STARK, and Ms. SUTTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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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 “National STEM Schol-
3 arship Database Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DATABASE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
5 **FOR STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EN-**
6 **GINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA-
8 BASE.—

9 (1) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Education
10 shall establish and maintain, on the public website
11 of the Department of Education, a database con-
12 sisting of information on scholarships, fellowships,
13 and other programs of financial assistance available
14 from public and private sources for the study of
15 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at
16 the post-secondary and post-baccalaureate levels.

17 (2) PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION.—The in-
18 formation maintained on the database established
19 under this section shall be displayed on the website
20 in the following manner:

21 (A) Separate information shall be provided
22 for each of the fields of study referred to in
23 paragraph (1) and for post-secondary and post-
24 baccalaureate programs of financial assistance.

25 (B) The database shall provide specific in-
26 formation on any programs of financial assist-

1 ance which are targeted to individuals of a par-
2 ticular gender, ethnicity, or other demographic
3 group.

4 (C) If the sponsor of any program of fi-
5 nancial assistance included on the database
6 maintains a public website, the database shall
7 provide hyperlinks to the website.

8 (D) In addition to providing the hyperlink
9 to the website of a sponsor of a program of fi-
10 nancial assistance as required under subpara-
11 graph (C), the database shall provide general
12 information that an interested person may use
13 to contact the sponsor, including the sponsor's
14 electronic mail address.

15 (E) The database shall have a search capa-
16 bility which permits an individual to search for
17 information on the basis of each category of the
18 information provided and on the basis of com-
19 binations of categories of the information pro-
20 vided.

21 (b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DATA-
22 BASE.—The Secretary shall take such actions as may be
23 necessary on an ongoing basis, including sending notices
24 to secondary schools and institutions of higher education,
25 to disseminate information on the database established

1 and maintained under this Act and to encourage its use
2 by interested parties.

3 (c) USE OF VENDOR TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.—In
4 carrying out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall
5 enter into a contract with a private entity under which
6 the entity shall furnish and regularly update all of the in-
7 formation required to be maintained on the database es-
8 tablished under this section.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
12 2008 through 2012.

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