

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To establish a scholarship grant program for 1890-institutions.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.**

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To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PERDUE

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle A of title VII, insert the following:  
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3 **SECTION 71\_\_\_\_. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS**  
4 **ATTENDING 1890 INSTITUTIONS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Act of August 30, 1890 (commonly  
7 known as the “Second Morrill Act”) (26 Stat. 417,  
8 chapter 841; 7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), brought about  
9 the establishment of the following 19 public, African-American  
10 land-grant colleges and universities:

11 (A) Alabama A&M University.

- 1 (B) Alcorn State University.
- 2 (C) Central State University.
- 3 (D) Delaware State University.
- 4 (E) Florida A&M University.
- 5 (F) Fort Valley State University.
- 6 (G) Kentucky State University.
- 7 (H) Langston University.
- 8 (I) Lincoln University.
- 9 (J) North Carolina A&T State University.
- 10 (K) Prairie View A&M University.
- 11 (L) South Carolina State University.
- 12 (M) Southern University System.
- 13 (N) Tennessee State University.
- 14 (O) Tuskegee University.
- 15 (P) University of Arkansas Pine Bluff.
- 16 (Q) University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
- 17 (R) Virginia State University.
- 18 (S) West Virginia State University.

19 (2) Funding for agricultural education, re-  
20 search, and extension at the colleges and universities  
21 described in paragraph (1) is authorized to be ap-  
22 propriated to the Department of Agriculture with  
23 each farm bill, which is enacted approximately every  
24 5 years.

1           (3) The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law  
2           113–79; 128 Stat. 649) authorizes the appropriation  
3           of Federal funds for research, education, and exten-  
4           sion activities at the colleges and universities de-  
5           scribed in paragraph (1) and the Agriculture, Rural  
6           Development, Food and Drug Administration, and  
7           Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public  
8           Law 114–113; 129 Stat. 2245) appropriated  
9           \$19,000,000 for education grants for the colleges  
10          and universities described in paragraph (1).

11          (4) There is a great need to increase the num-  
12          ber of young African-Americans seeking careers in  
13          the food and agricultural sciences (as defined in sec-  
14          tion 1404 of the National Agricultural Research,  
15          Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
16          U.S.C. 3103)), including agribusiness, food produc-  
17          tion, distribution, and retailing, the clothing indus-  
18          tries, energy and renewable fuels, and farming mar-  
19          keting, finance, and distribution.

20          (5) Scholarship funding provided to increase  
21          the number of young African-American individuals  
22          seeking a career in the food and agricultural  
23          sciences shall be provided with the caveat that those  
24          scholarship students shall commit to pursue a career  
25          in the food and agricultural sciences, including agri-

1 business, food production, distribution, and retailing,  
2 the clothing industries, energy and renewable fuels,  
3 and farming marketing, finance, and distribution.

4 (6) The average age of farmers and producers  
5 in the United States is 60 years of age and con-  
6 tinues to rise.

7 (7) Beginning farmers and ranchers (as defined  
8 in section 7405 of the Farm Security and Rural In-  
9 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3319f)) need great-  
10 er assistance in the financing of their education be-  
11 cause of the increased startup costs associated with  
12 farming, such as the purchase of land and farming  
13 equipment.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section and the  
15 amendment made by this section are—

16 (1) to address the national crisis posed by the  
17 aging farmer and producer population in the United  
18 States;

19 (2) to increase the number of young African-  
20 American individuals seeking a career in the food  
21 and agricultural sciences (as defined in section 1404  
22 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension,  
23 and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)),  
24 including careers in agribusiness, food production,  
25 distribution, and retailing, the clothing industries,

1 energy and renewable fuels, and farming marketing,  
2 finance, and distribution;

3 (3) to reduce the average age of farmers and  
4 producers in the United States;

5 (4) to provide greater assistance to beginning  
6 farmers and ranchers (as defined in section 7405 of  
7 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7  
8 U.S.C. 3319f)); and

9 (5) to provide scholarships to 1890 land-grant  
10 students seeking careers in the food and agricultural  
11 sciences.

12 (c) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT-  
13 TENDING 1890-INSTITUTIONS.—Subtitle G of the Na-  
14 tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching  
15 Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3221 et seq.) (as amended  
16 by section 7118) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 **“SEC. 1451. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AT 1890 LAND-**  
19 **GRANT COLLEGES, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE**  
20 **UNIVERSITY.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
22 grant program under which the Secretary shall award a  
23 grant to each 1890 Institution (as defined in section 2  
24 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education  
25 Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)) (referred to in this

1 section as an ‘eligible institution’), to award scholarships  
2 to individuals who—

3 “(1) seek to attend the eligible institution; and

4 “(2) intend to pursue a career in the food and  
5 agricultural sciences, including a career in agri-  
6 business, food production, distribution, and retailing,  
7 the clothing industries, energy and renewable fuels,  
8 and farming marketing, finance, and distribution.

9 “(b) FUNDING.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
12 this section \$19,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
13 2019 through 2023.

14 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the funds made avail-  
15 able under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Sec-  
16 retary shall allocate to each eligible institution  
17 \$1,000,000.”.