

**AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT**

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Page 17, after line 4, add the following:

1                   **Subtitle C—Investment in**  
2                   **Agricultural Research**

3 **SEC. 1021. INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.**

4           (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
5 wise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year  
6 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-  
7 propriated—

8                   (1) \$300,000,000, to remain available until  
9                   September 30, 2023, to fund activities under sub-  
10                  section (b); and

11                   (2) \$80,000,000, to remain available until Sep-  
12                   tember 30, 2023, to carry out cooperative extension  
13                   and education programs in response to exigent cir-  
14                   cumstances created by the COVID–19 pandemic.

15           (b) ALLOWABLE USES.—The Secretary of Agri-  
16           culture (referred to in this subtitle as the “Secretary”)

1 shall use funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)  
2 to—

3 (1) provide supplemental funding to extend the  
4 duration of a grant to an institution of higher edu-  
5 cation (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher  
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) or a  
7 nonprofit entity that conducts federally funded re-  
8 search (in this subtitle referred to as a “research in-  
9 stitution”) or National laboratory (as defined in sec-  
10 tion 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.  
11 15801)) that was awarded prior to the date of en-  
12 actment of this Act, or to expand the purposes of  
13 such a grant in order to—

14 (A) enable a graduate student or post-doc-  
15 toral researcher to complete work that was dis-  
16 rupted by COVID–19;

17 (B) enable a principal investigator to com-  
18 plete work that was disrupted by COVID–19;

19 (C) extend the training of a graduate stu-  
20 dent or the employment of a post-doctoral re-  
21 searcher on an ongoing research project for up  
22 to two years because of the disruption of the  
23 job market due to COVID–19;

24 (D) allow for the use of laboratory ani-  
25 mals, reagents, equipment, or other items re-

1           required for research funded by a grant that was  
2           awarded prior to the date of enactment of this  
3           Act, but need to be replaced, refurbished, or  
4           otherwise made usable after disruption because  
5           of COVID–19;

6           (E) reconfigure laboratories, restart equip-  
7           ment and disrupted research, and other activi-  
8           ties necessary to safely resume on-site research  
9           activities in laboratories that were temporarily  
10          closed or redirected to COVID–19 response;  
11          and

12          (F) facilitate other competitively awarded  
13          research and training activities that have been  
14          disrupted by COVID–19;

15          (2) provide supplemental funding through exist-  
16          ing competitively awarded cooperative agreements  
17          and contracts to cover the increased costs of con-  
18          struction of scientific facilities and equipment that  
19          have been delayed because of COVID–19; and

20          (3) award grants and cooperative agreements to  
21          institutions of higher education to conduct research  
22          on the behavioral, social, or economic effects of  
23          COVID–19 and the responses to the disease, or on  
24          the effectiveness of such responses.

25          (c) AWARDS.—The Secretary shall—

- 1           (1) develop procedures to award such funds;
- 2           and
- 3           (2) award all such funds as rapidly as possible
- 4           and in no case later than September 30, 2022.

