

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1494
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-
3 leges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Part-
4 nerships Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT-WIDE STRATEGY FOR ENHANCED**
6 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH HISTORICALLY BLACK**
7 **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND MINOR-**
8 **ITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.**

9 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Under
11 Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Depart-
12 ment, shall—

13 (1) issue a Department-wide strategy to en-
14 hance partnerships with historically Black colleges
15 and universities and minority-serving institutions
16 that includes yearly goals, including goals related to
17 improving recruitment and hiring, research and de-

1 velopment, and acquisition opportunities at such in-
2 stitutions, through fiscal year 2025; and

3 (2) require the head of each component of the
4 Department to—

5 (A) not later than 150 days after the date
6 of the issuance under paragraph (1) of the De-
7 partment-wide strategy, develop a component-
8 specific action plan to implement such strategy;

9 (B) monitor progress on such implementa-
10 tion; and

11 (C) not later than one year after the date
12 of such issuance, report to the Secretary re-
13 garding progress on such implementation.

14 **SEC. 3. ENHANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
15 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

16 The Secretary shall seek to enhance partnerships
17 with historically Black colleges and universities and minor-
18 ity-serving institutions with respect to administering the
19 research and development activities of the Department by,
20 among other things—

21 (1) encouraging the participation of such col-
22 leges, universities, and institutions in the research,
23 development, testing, and evaluation programs and
24 activities of the Department;

1 (2) facilitating partnerships between such col-
2 leges, universities, and institutions and private sec-
3 tor stakeholders, national laboratories, and other
4 academic institutions in areas important to home-
5 land security, including cybersecurity, emergency
6 management, and counterterrorism; and

7 (3) distributing funds through Science and
8 Technology Directorate grants, cooperative agree-
9 ments, and contracts to such colleges, universities,
10 and institutions for enhancements in areas impor-
11 tant to homeland security, including cybersecurity,
12 emergency management, and counterterrorism.

13 **SEC. 4. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS.**

14 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Chief
16 Human Capitol Officer of the Department, shall make
17 available to historically Black colleges and universities and
18 minority-serving institutions a current list of internship,
19 fellowship, scholarship, and recruitment opportunities
20 within the Department for students and recent graduates
21 of such colleges, universities, and institutions.

22 **SEC. 5. OPPORTUNITIES FOR 8(A) PROGRAM PARTNER-**
23 **SHIPS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Small Business Administration shall publish eligibility
2 criteria on how historically Black colleges and universities
3 and minority-serving institutions may qualify to partici-
4 pate in Federal acquisitions authorized pursuant to sec-
5 tion 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a);
6 Public Law 85–536).

7 (b) DEPARTMENT ACTIONS.—Upon publication of
8 eligibility criteria in accordance with subsection (a), the
9 Secretary shall disseminate information to historically
10 Black colleges and universities and minority-serving insti-
11 tutions regarding—

12 (1) how to establish such eligibility; and

13 (2) current and future opportunities to partici-
14 pate in Federal acquisitions authorized pursuant to
15 section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

16 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT.**

17 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31,
18 2020, and annually thereafter through 2026, the Sec-
19 retary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
20 rity of the House of Representatives and the Committee
21 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
22 Senate a report on the efforts of the Department to part-
23 ner with historically Black colleges and universities and
24 minority-serving institutions to carry out this Act.

1 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The annual re-
2 ports required under subsection (a) shall include the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (1) A list of awards, including the cor-
5 responding monetary value for each such award, to
6 historically Black colleges and universities and mi-
7 nority-serving institutions, disaggregated by grant,
8 contract, cooperative agreement, and other research
9 development test and evaluation activity, initiative,
10 and program.

11 (2) A description of how the Department is
12 partnering with historically Black colleges and uni-
13 versities and minority-serving institutions under the
14 programs referred to in sections 3 and 5, and how
15 such programs have helped such colleges, univer-
16 sities, and institutions participate in acquisitions
17 with the Department.

18 (3) A summary of outreach efforts to histori-
19 cally Black colleges and universities and minority-
20 serving institutions, and an identification of any De-
21 partment programs and initiatives in which such col-
22 leges, universities, and institutions are under-rep-
23 resented among institutions of higher education.

1 (4) A description of the status of efforts made
2 by the Department pursuant to sections 2 and 4, in-
3 cluding—

4 (A) for section 2, Department-wide goals
5 pursuant to the Department-wide strategy to
6 enhance partnerships with historically Black
7 colleges and universities and minority-serving
8 institutions under such section, and the status
9 of efforts to implement action plans throughout
10 the Department to carry out such strategy; and

11 (B) for section 4, participation rates in
12 each internship, fellowship, scholarship, and re-
13 cruitment opportunity referred to in such sec-
14 tion, listed by historically Black college and uni-
15 versity and minority-serving institution so par-
16 ticipating.

17 (5) A list of memoranda of understanding en-
18 tered into by the Department with historically Black
19 colleges and universities and minority-serving insti-
20 tutions and information on the parties and scope of
21 each such memorandum of understanding.

22 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act:

24 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
25 means the Department of Homeland Security.

1 (2) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNI-
2 VERSITIES.—The term “historically Black colleges
3 and universities” means a part B institution de-
4 scribed in section 322(2) of the Higher Education
5 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)).

6 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
7 term “institution of higher education” has the
8 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-
9 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

10 (4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.—The
11 term “minority-serving institutions” means an insti-
12 tution of higher education described in section
13 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
14 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

15 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 Secretary of Homeland Security.

