

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4979**  
**OFFERED BY M<sub>C</sub>. *McAdams***

Insert after section 5 the following (and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. 6. GAO REVIEW.**

2 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
4 shall conduct a study on the engagement of rural popu-  
5 lations in Federal STEM programs and submit to Con-  
6 gress a report that includes—

7 (1) an assessment of how Federal STEM edu-  
8 cation programs are serving rural populations;

9 (2) a description of initiatives carried out by  
10 Federal agencies that are targeted at supporting  
11 STEM education in rural areas;

12 (3) an assessment of what is known about the  
13 impact and effectiveness of Federal investments in  
14 STEM education programs that are targeted to  
15 rural areas; and

16 (4) an assessment of challenges that state and  
17 Federal STEM education programs face in reaching  
18 rural population centers.

