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OFFERED BY MR. BROWN OF MARYLAND

At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following new section:

SEC. 528. EXPEDITED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR STEM DOCTORAL DEGREE HOLDERS FROM MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEFENSE WORKFORCE.

(a) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.—Each Secretary concerned may appoint qualified candidates possessing a doctoral degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, or a related degree or discipline, from a covered educational institution (as defined in section 2362(e) of title 10, United States Code) to positions in the Defense Agencies or the applicable military department without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) NATURE OF APPOINTMENT.—Any appointment under this section shall be treated as an appointment on a full-time equivalent basis, unless such appointment is made on a term or temporary basis.
(c) Secretary Concerned.—For purposes of this section, the Secretary concerned is as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Defense with respect to the Defense Agencies.

(2) The Secretary of a military department with respect to such military department.