AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–31

OFFERED BY MR. BUTTERFIELD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 816, after line 10, add the following:

SEC. 20405. AMERICAN BIOPHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING WORKER TRAINING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall establish a competitive grant program under which the Secretary will award not more than 20 grants to eligible institutions to establish centers of excellence with respect to recruitment and training of biopharmaceutical manufacturing workers in the United States, to be known as “American Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Worker Training Centers of Excellence” (referred to in this section as “Centers of Excellence”).

(b) GRANTS.—

(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under subsection (a) shall not exceed $1,000,000 per year.

(2) DURATION.—The term of a grant under this section shall not exceed 5 years.
(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require that contains—

(A) an outline of the institution’s plans to recruit and train workers who would be proficient in United States biopharmaceutical manufacturing, including continuous manufacturing, vaccine manufacturing, and working as sterile operators; and

(B) such other information as the Secretary may require.

(c) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “eligible institution” means an institution of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001), or an entity that carries out an apprenticeship registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), which has an established memorandum of understanding with one or more biopharmaceutical manufacturers.

(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance to an eligible institution seek-
ing to establish a Center of Excellence, including technical
assistance provided through an advisory committee of the
Food and Drug Administration.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
on which the first grant is awarded under this section,
the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
to Congress a report that—

(1) assesses the effectiveness of the program es-
   tablished under this section; and

(2) makes recommendations with respect to ad-
ditional measures that may be needed to support
worker training for biopharmaceutical manufac-
turing jobs in the United States.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
appropriated to carry out this section $100,000,000
for the period of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(2) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR HISTORI-
CALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND
OTHER MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.—Of the
amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a
fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve not less than
20 percent for grants to institutions that are institu-
tions of higher education eligible to receive funds
under section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of
1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).