

AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end of title XVII the following new subtitle:

1 **Subtitle F—Leadership Institute**
2 **for Transatlantic Engagement**

3 **SEC. 1771. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement Act” or “LITE Act”.

6 **SEC. 1772. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The United States’ diversity of backgrounds, cultures, perspectives, skills, and experiences is a national asset that has assisted in realizing United States foreign policy, security, and economic goals, yet according to recent government statistics, diverse communities continue to be underrepresented in international public service careers and leadership roles.

16 (2) According to census data, the United States, European, and other societies are becoming more diverse, indicating an increasing need for glob-

1 al leaders with expertise in policymaking and govern-
2 ance that can competently represent the needs of di-
3 verse constituencies and ensure that democratic val-
4 ues and practices are equally applied to and offer
5 the same protections and opportunities for all.

6 (3) There is therefore a compelling need to en-
7 courage outstanding young people from diverse and
8 underserved populations to pursue international pub-
9 lic service careers.

10 (4) There is also a need for international lead-
11 ership training opportunities for individuals serving
12 in national, regional, and local governments and par-
13 liaments around the world, and for individuals serv-
14 ing as employees of Members of Congress and as
15 employees of members of other legislatures, that in-
16 cludes a focus on civil and human rights and the in-
17 clusion of diverse and underserved populations in
18 policymaking and governance.

19 (5) The establishment and operation of an in-
20 stitute for the training and development of a diverse
21 and inclusive group of global leaders to serve in
22 international public service careers would address
23 these critical needs.

24 **SEC. 1773. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this subtitle:

1 (1) The term “Institute” means the “Leader-
2 ship Institute for Transatlantic Engagement” estab-
3 lished under section 1774.

4 (2) The term “Board” means the Board of
5 Trustees of the Institute.

6 (3) The term “underrepresented population”
7 means a population of individuals who have histori-
8 cally been outside the purview of leadership in inter-
9 national or domestic public or private sector careers,
10 based upon race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender,
11 sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sex-
12 ual orientation), national origin, youth (under 25),
13 disability, or other demographic factors.

14 (4) The term “minority serving institutions” as
15 defined in section 365(3) of the Higher Education
16 Act of 1965(20 U.S.C. 1067k(3)).

17 **SEC. 1774. ESTABLISHMENT OF LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
18 **FOR TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
20 legislative branch the Leadership Institute for Trans-
21 atlantic Engagement.

22 (b) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The Institute shall be
23 subject to the supervision and direction of a Board of
24 Trustees which shall be composed of five members as fol-
25 lows:

1 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
3 designated by the majority leader of the House of
4 Representatives and one of whom shall be designated
5 by the minority leader of the House of Representa-
6 tives.

7 (2) Two members appointed by the President
8 pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be
9 designated by the majority leader of the Senate and
10 one of whom shall be designated by the minority
11 leader of the Senate.

12 (3) The Executive Director of the Institute,
13 who shall serve as an ex officio member of the
14 Board.

15 (c) TERM.—Each member of the Board appointed
16 under this section shall serve for a term of three years.
17 Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
18 original appointment and the individual so appointed shall
19 serve for the remainder of the term. A Member of Con-
20 gress appointed to the Board may not serve as a member
21 of the Board for more than a total of six years.

22 (d) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—At the first meeting
23 and at its first regular meeting in each calendar year
24 thereafter the Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair
25 from among the members of the Board. The Chair and

1 Vice-Chair may not be members of the same political
2 party.

3 (e) PAY NOT AUTHORIZED; EXPENSES.—Members of
4 the Board (other than the Executive Director) shall serve
5 without pay, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
6 travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred
7 in the performance of their duties.

8 (f) LOCATION OF INSTITUTE AND REGIONAL OF-
9 FICES.—The Institute shall be located in Washington, DC,
10 and the Board may also establish other offices for the In-
11 stitute in regions of the United States and Europe.

12 **SEC. 1775. PURPOSES AND AUTHORITY OF LEADERSHIP IN-**
13 **STITUTE FOR TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGE-**
14 **MENT.**

15 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Institute shall
16 be to develop a diverse community of transatlantic leaders,
17 including emerging leaders, at all levels of government
18 committed to democratic institutions by—

19 (1) increasing awareness of the importance of
20 public service careers that focus on international af-
21 fairs, civil and human rights, social inclusion, and
22 global security among underrepresented populations;

23 (2) providing training and development oppor-
24 tunities for Members of Congress, parliaments, and
25 national, State, and locally elected or appointed gov-

1 ernment officials and their employees in the United
2 States and abroad to become more effective and
3 more efficient in performing their public duties and
4 to develop their potential for accepting increased
5 international public service opportunities; and

6 (3) enabling transatlantic political leaders, at
7 all levels of government to gain significant, firsthand
8 exposure to United States democratic institutions
9 through visits to the United States, and for United
10 States political leaders at all levels of government to
11 support democratic institutions globally through
12 travel abroad and knowledge sharing.

13 (b) **AUTHORITY.**—The Institute is authorized, con-
14 sistent with this subtitle, to develop such programs, activi-
15 ties, and services as it considers appropriate to carry out
16 the purposes described in subsection (a). Such authority
17 shall include the following:

18 (1) The development and implementation of
19 training and educational programs and tools for
20 transatlantic leaders and their staff, including Mem-
21 bers of Congress, parliaments, and national, State,
22 and locally elected or appointed government officials
23 and their employees in the United States and abroad
24 to enhance and foster excellence in their skills and

1 abilities as public servants and to increase support
2 for democratic institutions.

3 (2) The development and implementation of
4 training, educational programs, and tools for sec-
5 ondary and post-secondary schools and colleges in
6 the United States and abroad, including a focus on
7 minority serving institutions, to encourage United
8 States and international students to increase their
9 civic engagement and consider international public
10 service careers in civil and human rights, inter-
11 national affairs, global security, and in other areas.

12 (3) The development and implementation of
13 media and telecommunications productions, as well
14 as online and social media methods, to assist the In-
15 stitute in expanding the reach of its programs
16 throughout the United States and abroad.

17 (4) The establishment of library and research
18 facilities for the collection, publication, compilation,
19 and distribution of research materials for use in car-
20 rying out the programs of the Institute.

21 (c) PROGRAM PRIORITIES.—The Board shall deter-
22 mine the priority of the programs to be carried out under
23 this subtitle and the amount of funds to be allocated for
24 such programs.

25 (d) GRANT PROGRAM.—

1 (1) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Institute shall es-
2 tablish a program to awards grants in the United
3 States and abroad on an annual basis to colleges
4 and universities, other research institutions and or-
5 ganizations, public departments and Federal agen-
6 cies (including State, territorial, and overseas de-
7 partments), private organizations or corporations,
8 and individuals for the purposes of assisting the In-
9 stitute’s work in conducting research, international
10 exchanges, education or training activities, and out-
11 reach to facilitate strengthening—

12 (A) democratic institutions, including civil
13 and human rights;

14 (B) emerging and current political leaders
15 and their employees at any level of government;
16 and

17 (C) interest and excellence in international
18 public service careers.

19 (2) APPLICATION.—Each organization that
20 seeks a grant under this subsection shall submit an
21 application to the Institute at such time, in such
22 manner, and accompanied by such information as
23 the Institute may reasonably require.

24 (3) SET-ASIDE FOR CENTERS OF EXCEL-
25 LENCE.—The Institute shall ensure that not less

1 than 50 percent of amounts made available to carry
2 out this subsection are used to provide grants to mi-
3 nority-serving institutions and entities that have
4 made significant efforts to work with under-rep-
5 resented populations in the United States or abroad.

6 (4) CONSORTIUM.—One or more research insti-
7 tutions may constitute themselves as a consortium
8 for purposes of seeking a grant under this sub-
9 section.

10 **SEC. 1776. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

11 (a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Board shall ap-
12 point an Executive Director who shall be the chief execu-
13 tive officer and principal executive of the Institute and
14 who shall supervise the affairs of, assist the directions of,
15 and carry out the functions of the Board to administer
16 the Institute. The Executive Director of the Institute shall
17 be compensated at an annual rate specified by the Board.

18 (b) OTHER DUTIES.—The Executive Director, in
19 consultation with the Board shall appoint and fix the com-
20 pensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry
21 out this subtitle, including personnel to carry out duties
22 at any locations of the Institute which are established out-
23 side of Washington, DC.

24 (c) INSTITUTE PERSONNEL.—

1 (1) STAFF APPOINTMENTS.—All staff appoint-
2 ments shall be made without regard to the provi-
3 sions of title 5, United States Code, governing ap-
4 pointments in the competitive service, and without
5 regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and sub-
6 chapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to
7 classification and general schedule pay rates.

8 (2) TREATMENT AS CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOY-
9 EES.—For purposes of pay and other employment
10 benefits, rights, and privileges and for all other pur-
11 poses, any employee of the Institute shall be consid-
12 ered to be a Congressional employee under section
13 2107 of title 5, United States Code.

14 (3) COVERAGE UNDER CONGRESSIONAL AC-
15 COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.—

16 (A) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS COV-
17 ERED EMPLOYEES.—Section 101(3) of the Con-
18 gressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
19 1301(3)) is amended—

20 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
21 paragraph (J);

22 (ii) by striking the period at the end
23 of subparagraph (K) and inserting “; or”;
24 and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(L) the Leadership Institute for Trans-
4 atlantic Engagement.”.

5 (B) TREATMENT OF INSTITUTE AS EM-
6 PLOYING OFFICE.—Section 101(9)(D) of such
7 Act (2 U.S.C. 1301(9)(D)) is amended—

8 (i) by striking “and the John C. Sten-
9 nis Center” and inserting “the John C.
10 Stennis Center”; and

11 (ii) by striking the semicolon at the
12 end and inserting the following: “, and the
13 Leadership Institute for Transatlantic En-
14 gagement;”.

15 **SEC. 1777. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

16 In order to carry out this subtitle, the Institute may
17 carry out any of the following:

18 (1) Prescribe such regulations as it considers
19 necessary governing the manner in which its func-
20 tions shall be carried out.

21 (2) Procure temporary and intermittent services
22 of experts and consultants as are necessary to the
23 extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
24 States Code.

1 (3) Accept and utilize the services of voluntary
2 and uncompensated personnel and reimburse them
3 for travel expenses, including per diem, as author-
4 ized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

5 (4) Request and utilize the assignment of any
6 Federal officer or employee from a department,
7 agency, or Congressional office to the Institute, in-
8 cluding on a rotating basis, by entering into an
9 agreement for such assignment.

10 (5) Enter into contracts, grants, or other ar-
11 rangements, or modifications thereof, to carry out
12 the provisions of this subtitle, including with any of-
13 fice of the Federal government or of any State or
14 any subdivision thereof, and international public and
15 private sector entities.

16 (6) Make expenditures for any expenses in con-
17 nection with official training sessions or other au-
18 thorized programs or activities of the Institute.

19 (7) Apply for, receive, and use for the purposes
20 of the Institute grants or other assistance from Fed-
21 eral sources.

22 (8) Establish, receive, and use for the purposes
23 of the Institute fees or other charges for goods or
24 services provided in fulfilling the Institute's pur-
25 poses.

1 (9) Establish advisory committees or other bod-
2 ies composed of persons eminent in international af-
3 fairs, global security, and civil and human rights, to
4 advise the Board without compensation (other than
5 travel related expenses) on matters determined to be
6 necessary by the Board.

7 (10) Respond to the request of offices of Con-
8 gress and other departments or agencies of the Fed-
9 eral government to examine, study, or report on any
10 issue within the Institute's competence, including the
11 use of classified materials if necessary.

12 (11) Work with the appropriate security offices
13 of the House of Representatives and Senate to ob-
14 tain or retain need-based security clearances for In-
15 stitute personnel.

16 (12) Assign Institute personnel to temporary
17 duty with offices of the Federal government, inter-
18 national organizations, agencies and other entities to
19 fulfill this subtitle.

20 (13) Make other necessary expenditures.

21 **SEC. 1778. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; DIS-**
22 **BURSEMENTS.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this subtitle \$5,000,000
3 for fiscal year 2021.

4 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be
5 appropriated under paragraph (1) are authorized to
6 remain available until expended.

7 (3) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
8 forth in the funding tables in division D, the
9 amounts authorized to be appropriated in section
10 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation,
11 Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding
12 table in section 4201 for Mine Development, Line
13 136, are hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

14 (b) DISBURSEMENTS.—Amounts made available to
15 the Institution shall be disbursed on vouchers approved
16 by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board or by a majority
17 vote of the Board.

18 (c) USE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES.—For purposes of
19 section 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954 (22
20 U.S.C. 1754(b)), the Institute shall be deemed to be a
21 standing committee of the Congress and shall be entitled
22 to use funds in accordance with such section.

23 (d) FOREIGN TRAVEL.—Foreign travel for official
24 purposes by Members of the Institute who are Members

- 1 of Congress and Institute staff may be authorized by the
- 2 Chair, Vice-Chair, or Executive Director of the Institute.
- 3 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
- 4 on the date of enactment of this Act.

