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

Subtitle F—Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement

SEC. 1771. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 1772. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(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.

(2) According to census data, the United States, European, and other societies are becoming more diverse, indicating an increasing need for glob-
al leaders with expertise in policymaking and governance that can competently represent the needs of diverse constituencies and ensure that democratic values and practices are equally applied to and offer the same protections and opportunities for all.

(3) There is therefore a compelling need to encourage outstanding young people from diverse and underserved populations to pursue international public service careers.

(4) There is also a need for international leadership training opportunities for individuals serving in national, regional, and local governments and parliaments around the world, and for individuals serving as employees of Members of Congress and as employees of members of other legislatures, that includes a focus on civil and human rights and the inclusion of diverse and underserved populations in policymaking and governance.

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

SEC. 1773. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:
(1) The term “Institute” means the “Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement” established under section 1774.

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

(3) The term “underrepresented population” means a population of individuals who have historically been outside the purview of leadership in international or domestic public or private sector careers, based upon race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, youth (under 25), disability, or other demographic factors.

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

SEC. 1774. ESTABLISHMENT OF LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT.

(a) Establishment.—There is established in the legislative branch the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement.

(b) Board of Trustees.—The Institute shall be subject to the supervision and direction of a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of five members as follows:
(1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be designated by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

(d) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—At the first meeting and at its first regular meeting in each calendar year thereafter the Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the members of the Board. The Chair and
Vice-Chair may not be members of the same political party.

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

(f) **LOCATION OF INSTITUTE AND REGIONAL OFFICES.**—The Institute shall be located in Washington, DC, and the Board may also establish other offices for the Institute in regions of the United States and Europe.

**SEC. 1775. PURPOSES AND AUTHORITY OF LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT.**

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

(1) increasing awareness of the importance of public service careers that focus on international affairs, civil and human rights, social inclusion, and global security among underrepresented populations;

(2) providing training and development opportunities for Members of Congress, parliaments, and national, State, and locally elected or appointed gov-
ernment officials and their employees in the United States and abroad to become more effective and more efficient in performing their public duties and to develop their potential for accepting increased international public service opportunities; and

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

(b) AUTHORITY.—The Institute is authorized, consistent with this subtitle, to develop such programs, activities, and services as it considers appropriate to carry out the purposes described in subsection (a). Such authority shall include the following:

(1) The development and implementation of training and educational programs and tools for transatlantic leaders and their staff, including Members of Congress, parliaments, and national, State, and locally elected or appointed government officials and their employees in the United States and abroad to enhance and foster excellence in their skills and
abilities as public servants and to increase support
for democratic institutions.

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

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

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

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

(d) GRANT PROGRAM.—
(1) **Grant Program.**—The Institute shall establish a program to awards grants in the United States and abroad on an annual basis to colleges and universities, other research institutions and organizations, public departments and Federal agencies (including State, territorial, and overseas departments), private organizations or corporations, and individuals for the purposes of assisting the Institute’s work in conducting research, international exchanges, education or training activities, and outreach to facilitate strengthening—

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

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

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

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

(3) **Set-Aside for Centers of Excellence.**—The Institute shall ensure that not less
than 50 percent of amounts made available to carry out this subsection are used to provide grants to minority-serving institutions and entities that have made significant efforts to work with under-represented populations in the United States or abroad.

(4) CONSORTIUM.—One or more research institutions may constitute themselves as a consortium for purposes of seeking a grant under this subsection.

SEC. 1776. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief executive officer and principal executive of the Institute and who shall supervise the affairs of, assist the directions of, and carry out the functions of the Board to administer the Institute. The Executive Director of the Institute shall be compensated at an annual rate specified by the Board.

(b) OTHER DUTIES.—The Executive Director, in consultation with the Board shall appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out this subtitle, including personnel to carry out duties at any locations of the Institute which are established outside of Washington, DC.

(c) INSTITUTE PERSONNEL.—
(1) **STAFF APPOINTMENTS.**—All staff appointments shall be made without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and general schedule pay rates.

(2) **TREATMENT AS CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.**—For purposes of pay and other employment benefits, rights, and privileges and for all other purposes, any employee of the Institute shall be considered to be a Congressional employee under section 2107 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) **COVERAGE UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.**—

(A) **TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS COVERED EMPLOYEES.**—Section 101(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301(3)) is amended—

(i) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (J);

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

and
(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(L) the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement.”.

(B) TREATMENT OF INSTITUTE AS EMPLOYING OFFICE.—Section 101(9)(D) of such
Act (2 U.S.C. 1301(9)(D)) is amended—

(i) by striking “and the John C. Stennis Center” and inserting “the John C.
Stennis Center”; and

(ii) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “, and the
Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement;”.

SEC. 1777. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

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

(1) Prescribe such regulations as it considers necessary governing the manner in which its functions shall be carried out.

(2) Procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants as are necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code.
(3) Accept and utilize the services of voluntary and uncompensated personnel and reimburse them for travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(4) Request and utilize the assignment of any Federal officer or employee from a department, agency, or Congressional office to the Institute, including on a rotating basis, by entering into an agreement for such assignment.

(5) Enter into contracts, grants, or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, including with any office of the Federal government or of any State or any subdivision thereof, and international public and private sector entities.

(6) Make expenditures for any expenses in connection with official training sessions or other authorized programs or activities of the Institute.

(7) Apply for, receive, and use for the purposes of the Institute grants or other assistance from Federal sources.

(8) Establish, receive, and use for the purposes of the Institute fees or other charges for goods or services provided in fulfilling the Institute’s purposes.
(9) Establish advisory committees or other bodies composed of persons eminent in international affairs, global security, and civil and human rights, to advise the Board without compensation (other than travel related expenses) on matters determined to be necessary by the Board.

(10) Respond to the request of offices of Congress and other departments or agencies of the Federal government to examine, study, or report on any issue within the Institute’s competence, including the use of classified materials if necessary.

(11) Work with the appropriate security offices of the House of Representatives and Senate to obtain or retain need-based security clearances for Institute personnel.

(12) Assign Institute personnel to temporary duty with offices of the Federal government, international organizations, agencies and other entities to fulfill this subtitle.

(13) Make other necessary expenditures.

SEC. 1778. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; DISBURSEMENTS.

(a) Authorization of Appropriations.—
(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

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

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

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

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

(d) **FOREIGN TRAVEL.**—Foreign travel for official purposes by Members of the Institute who are Members
of Congress and Institute staff may be authorized by the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Executive Director of the Institute.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.