

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-31**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of title III of division B, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10310. HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN STEM**  
2 **EDUCATION.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) **ESEA TERMS.**—The terms “elementary  
5 school”, “high school”, “secondary school”, and  
6 “State” have the meanings given the terms in sec-  
7 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (2) **ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT PROGRAM.**—The  
10 term “eligible nonprofit program”—

11 (A) means a nonprofit program serving  
12 prekindergarten, elementary school, or sec-  
13 ondary school students; and

14 (B) includes a program described in sub-  
15 paragraph (A) that covers the continuum of  
16 education from prekindergarten through high  
17 school and is available in every State.

1           (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
2 the Director of the National Science Foundation.

3           (4) STEM.—The term “STEM” means science,  
4 technology, engineering, and mathematics.

5           (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are  
6 to—

7           (1) provide effective, compelling, and engaging  
8 means for teaching and reinforcing fundamental  
9 STEM concepts and inspiring the youth of the  
10 United States to pursue careers in STEM-related  
11 fields;

12           (2) expand the STEM workforce pipeline by de-  
13 veloping and training students for careers in United  
14 States STEM fields; and

15           (3) broaden participation in the STEM work-  
16 force by underrepresented population groups.

17           (c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall, subject  
19 to the availability of appropriations for such pur-  
20 poses, make awards to eligible nonprofit programs  
21 for supporting hands-on learning opportunities in  
22 STEM education, including via after-school activities  
23 and innovative learning opportunities such as robot-  
24 ics competitions and for the purposes of evaluating

1 the impact of such programs on STEM learning and  
2 disseminating the results of such evaluations.

3 (2) PRIORITY.—In making awards under the  
4 program, the Director shall give priority to eligible  
5 nonprofit programs serving students that attend ele-  
6 mentary schools or secondary schools (including high  
7 schools) that—

8 (A) are implementing comprehensive sup-  
9 port and improvement activities or targeted  
10 support and improvement activities under para-  
11 graph (1) or (2) of section 1111(d) of the Ele-  
12 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
13 (20 U.S.C. 6311(d)); or

14 (B) serve high percentages of students who  
15 are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch  
16 under the Richard B. Russell National School  
17 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) (which, in  
18 the case of a high school, may be calculated  
19 using comparable data from the schools that  
20 feed into the high school).

