AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of title VIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 865. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL DEFENSE CONTRACTORS THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN STEM-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

(a) PREFERENCE.—In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solicitation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a preference to any offeror that—

(1) establishes or enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (in this section referred to as “STEM” disciplines);

(2) makes investments, such as programming and curriculum development, in STEM programs within elementary and secondary schools;

(3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title I schools in order to enhance STEM education and programs;

(4) makes personnel available to advise and assist faculty at such colleges and universities in the
performance of STEM research and disciplines critical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

(5) establishes partnerships between the offeror and historically Black colleges and universities (HCBUs) and minority institutions for the purpose of training students in scientific disciplines;

(6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and establishes cooperative work-education programs in scientific disciplines;

(7) attracts and retains faculty involved in scientific disciplines critical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

(8) conducts recruitment activities at HBCUs or offer internships or apprenticeships; or

(9) establishes programs and outreach efforts to strengthen science, technology, engineering, and math.

(b) STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL RELATING TO PROGRAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the implementation of section 2362 of title 10, United States Code, to determine its effectiveness.
(2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study under subsection (a) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.