

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 865. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL DEFENSE CON-**
2 **TRACTORS THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN STEM-**
3 **RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

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

7 (1) establishes or enhances undergraduate,
8 graduate, and doctoral programs in science, tech-
9 nology, engineering, and math (in this section re-
10 ferred to as “STEM” disciplines);

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

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

17 (4) makes personnel available to advise and as-
18 sist faculty at such colleges and universities in the

1 performance of STEM research and disciplines crit-
2 ical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

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

7 (6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and es-
8 tablishes cooperative work-education programs in
9 scientific disciplines;

10 (7) attracts and retains faculty involved in sci-
11 entific disciplines critical to the functions of the De-
12 partment of Defense;

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

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

18 (b) STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL RELATING
19 TO PROGRAM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN EDU-
20 CATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—

21 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
22 United States shall conduct a study of the imple-
23 mentation of section 2362 of title 10, United States
24 Code, to determine its effectiveness.

1 (2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall
2 submit to Congress a report on the results of the
3 study under subsection (a) not later than 1 year
4 after the date of enactment of this Act.

