

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF**  
**PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS EDUCATION IM-**  
2 **PROVEMENT.**

3 (a) GRANTS REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
5 Affairs shall award grants to eligible institutions to  
6 enable the eligible institutions—

7 (A) to establish a master’s degree or doc-  
8 toral degree program in orthotics and pros-  
9 thetics; or

10 (B) to expand upon an existing master’s  
11 degree program in orthotics and prosthetics, in-  
12 cluding by admitting more students, further  
13 training faculty, expanding facilities, or increas-  
14 ing cooperation with the Department of Vet-  
15 erans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

16 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-  
17 ority in the award of grants under this section to eli-  
18 gible institutions that have entered into a partner-  
19 ship with a medical center or clinic administered by

1 the Department of Veterans Affairs or a facility ad-  
2 ministered by the Department of Defense, including  
3 by providing clinical rotations at such medical cen-  
4 ter, clinic, or facility.

5 (3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grants awarded under  
6 this section shall be in amounts of not less than  
7 \$1,000,000 and not more than \$1,500,000.

8 (b) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually  
11 thereafter for two years, the Secretary shall issue a  
12 request for proposals from eligible institutions for  
13 grants under this section.

14 (2) PROPOSALS.—An eligible institution that  
15 seeks the award of a grant under this section shall  
16 submit an application therefor to the Secretary at  
17 such time, in such manner, and accompanied by  
18 such information as the Secretary may require, in-  
19 cluding—

20 (A) demonstration of a willingness and  
21 ability to participate in a partnership described  
22 in subsection (a)(2); and

23 (B) a commitment, and demonstration of  
24 an ability, to maintain an accredited orthotics

1           and prosthetics education program after the  
2           end of the grant period.

3       (c) GRANT USES.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution  
5       awarded a grant under this section shall use grant  
6       amounts to carry out any of the following:

7           (A) Building new or expanding existing  
8       orthotics and prosthetics master's or doctoral  
9       programs.

10          (B) Training doctoral candidates in fields  
11       related to orthotics and prosthetics to prepare  
12       them to instruct in orthotics and prosthetics  
13       programs.

14          (C) Training faculty in orthotics and pros-  
15       thetics education or related fields for the pur-  
16       pose of instruction in orthotics and prosthetics  
17       programs.

18          (D) Salary supplementation for faculty in  
19       orthotics and prosthetics education.

20          (E) Financial aid that allows eligible insti-  
21       tutions to admit additional students to study  
22       orthotics and prosthetics.

23          (F) Funding faculty research projects or  
24       faculty time to undertake research in the areas

1 of orthotics and prosthetics for the purpose of  
2 furthering their teaching abilities.

3 (G) Renovation of buildings or minor con-  
4 struction to house orthotics and prosthetics  
5 education programs.

6 (H) Purchasing equipment for orthotics  
7 and prosthetics education.

8 (2) LIMITATION ON CONSTRUCTION.—An eligi-  
9 ble institution awarded a grant under this section  
10 may use not more than 50 percent of the grant  
11 amount to carry out paragraph (1)(G).

12 (3) ADMISSIONS PREFERENCE.—An eligible in-  
13 stitution awarded a grant under this section shall  
14 give preference in admission to the orthotics and  
15 prosthetics master’s or doctoral programs to vet-  
16 erans, to the extent practicable.

17 (4) PERIOD OF USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible in-  
18 stitution awarded a grant under this section may use  
19 the grant funds for a period of three years after the  
20 award of the grant.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “eligible institution” means an  
23 educational institution that offers an orthotics and  
24 prosthetics education program that—

1 (A) is accredited by the National Commis-  
2 sion on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education in  
3 cooperation with the Commission on Accredita-  
4 tion of Allied Health Education Programs (re-  
5 ferred to in this section as the “National Com-  
6 mission”); or

7 (B) demonstrates an ability to meet the ac-  
8 creditation requirements for orthotic and pros-  
9 thetic education from the National Commission  
10 if the institution receives a grant under this  
11 section.

12 (2) The term “veteran” has the meaning given  
13 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States  
14 Code.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
17 appropriated for fiscal year 2014 for the Depart-  
18 ment of Veterans Affairs, \$15,000,000 to carry out  
19 this section. The amount so authorized to be appro-  
20 priated shall remain available for obligation until  
21 September 30, 2016.

22 (2) UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS TO BE RETURNED  
23 TO THE TREASURY.—Any amounts authorized to be  
24 appropriated by paragraph (1) that are not obligated

1 by the Secretary as of September 30, 2016, shall be  
2 returned to the Treasury of the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN ORTHOTIC AND PROS-**  
4 **THETIC EDUCATION.**

5 (a) GRANT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
7 Affairs shall award a grant to an eligible institution  
8 to enable the eligible institution to—

9 (A) establish the Center of Excellence in  
10 Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (hereafter in  
11 this section referred to as the “Center”); and

12 (B) enable the eligible institution to im-  
13 prove orthotic and prosthetic outcomes for vet-  
14 erans, members of the Armed Forces, and civil-  
15 ians by conducting evidence-based research  
16 on—

17 (i) the knowledge, skills, and training  
18 most needed by clinical professionals in the  
19 field of orthotics and prosthetics; and

20 (ii) how to most effectively prepare  
21 clinical professionals to provide effective,  
22 high-quality orthotic and prosthetic care.

23 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-  
24 ority in the award of a grant under this section to  
25 an eligible institution that has in force, or dem-

1       onstrates the willingness and ability to enter into, a  
2       memoranda of understanding with the Department  
3       of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, or  
4       other appropriate Government agency, or a coopera-  
5       tive agreement with an appropriate private sector  
6       entity, which memorandum of understanding or co-  
7       operative agreement provides for either, or both, of  
8       the following:

9               (A) The provision of resources, whether in  
10              cash or in kind, to the Center.

11             (B) To assist the Center in research and  
12              the dissemination of the results of such re-  
13              search.

14             (3) GRANT AMOUNT.—The grant awarded  
15              under this section shall be in the amount of  
16              \$5,000,000.

17             (b) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.—

18               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
19              the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
20              shall issue a request for proposals from eligible insti-  
21              tutions for a grant under this section.

22               (2) PROPOSALS.—An eligible institution that  
23              seeks the award of the grant under this section shall  
24              submit an application therefor to the Secretary at

1 such time, in such manner, and accompanied by  
2 such information as the Secretary may require.

3 (c) GRANT USES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The eligible institution  
5 awarded the grant under this section shall use the  
6 grant amount for purposes as follows:

7 (A) To develop an agenda for orthotics and  
8 prosthetics education research.

9 (B) To fund research in the area of  
10 orthotics and prosthetics education.

11 (C) To publish or otherwise disseminate  
12 research findings relating to orthotics and pros-  
13 thetics education.

14 (2) PERIOD OF USE OF FUNDS.—The eligible  
15 institution awarded the grant under this section may  
16 use the grant amount for a period of five years after  
17 the award of the grant.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “eligible institution” means an  
20 educational institution that—

21 (A) has a robust research program;

22 (B) offers an orthotics and prosthetics  
23 education program that is accredited by the Na-  
24 tional Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic  
25 Education in cooperation with the Commission



1 on Accreditation of Allied Health Education  
2 Programs;

3 (C) is well recognized in the field of  
4 orthotics and prosthetics education; and

5 (D) has an established association with—

6 (i) a medical center or clinic of the  
7 Department of Veterans Affairs; and

8 (ii) a local rehabilitation hospital.

9 (2) The term “veteran” has the meaning given  
10 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States  
11 Code.

12 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
13 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2016 for the  
14 Department of Veterans Affairs, \$5,000,000 to carry out  
15 this section.

