

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2997
OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA

1 Add at the end of title VI the following:

2 **SEC. 6 ___. AVIATION MAINTENANCE WORKFORCE DEVEL-**
3 **OPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
5 Aviation Administration may carry out a pilot program to
6 provide grants to support the education and recruitment
7 of aviation maintenance technical workers and the devel-
8 opment of the aviation maintenance industry workforce.

9 (b) PROJECT GRANTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out
11 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Adminis-
12 trator may make a project grant out of funds appor-
13 tioned under paragraph (1) or (2) of section
14 47114(c) of title 49, United States Code, to not
15 more than 10 eligible applicants described in sub-
16 section (c) in fiscal years 2018 through 2023 for eli-
17 gible projects described in subsection (d).

18 (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FROM DISCRE-
19 TIONARY FUND.—In addition to project grants
20 under paragraph (1), the Administrator may dis-
21 tribute not more than \$500,000 per applicant from

1 the discretionary fund under section 47115 of title
2 49, United States Code.

3 (c) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—For purposes of this
4 section, an eligible applicant is any of the following:

5 (1) A repair station certificated under part 145
6 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 (2) An accredited institution of higher edu-
8 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

10 (3) A State or local governmental entity.

11 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
12 tion, the Secretaries shall give priority to eligible appli-
13 cants that—

14 (1) are focused on serving individuals with bar-
15 riers to employment, veterans, spouses of members
16 of the Armed Forces, incumbent workers who are
17 low-skilled and who need to increase their work-re-
18 lated skills;

19 (2) include any eligible entities serving areas
20 with high unemployment rates; and

21 (3) are eligible entities that include an institu-
22 tion of higher education eligible for assistance under
23 title III or V of the Higher Education Act of 1965
24 (20 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

1 (e) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—For purposes of this sec-
2 tion, an eligible project is a project—

3 (1) to establish new educational programs that
4 teach technical skills used in aviation maintenance,
5 including purchasing equipment, or to improve exist-
6 ing such programs;

7 (2) to establish scholarships or apprenticeships
8 for individuals pursuing employment in the aviation
9 maintenance industry;

10 (3) to support outreach about careers in the
11 aviation maintenance industry to—

12 (A) primary, secondary, and post-sec-
13 ondary school students; or

14 (B) to communities underrepresented in
15 the industry;

16 (4) to support educational opportunities related
17 to aviation maintenance in economically disadvan-
18 taged geographic areas;

19 (5) to support transition to careers in aviation
20 maintenance, including for members of the Armed
21 Forces; or

22 (6) to otherwise enhance aviation maintenance
23 technical education or the aviation maintenance in-
24 dustry workforce, as determined by a unanimous

1 vote of the committee established under subsection
2 (e).

3 (f) GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW.—

4 (1) REVIEW COMMITTEE.—The Administrator
5 shall establish a committee to review and select ap-
6 plications for project grants under this section.

7 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The committee estab-
9 lished under paragraph (1) shall be comprised
10 of representatives from aircraft repair stations,
11 air carriers, design and production approval
12 holders, labor organizations, business aviation,
13 general aviation, and educational institutions,
14 and other relevant sectors.

15 (B) LIMITATION.—The committee estab-
16 lished under paragraph (1) shall have not more
17 than 9 members.

18 (3) FORM OF APPLICATIONS.—Applications for
19 project grants under this section shall be submitted
20 in such form as the committee established under
21 paragraph (1) may specify.

