

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3935
OFFERED BY MS. WILSON OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle A of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AVIATION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Federal
4 Aviation Administration shall establish a competitive
5 grant program to provide eligible educational institutions
6 funds to provide trainings and certification for students
7 seeking careers in aviation.

8 (b) **JOINT PROGRAMS.**—Multiple eligible educational
9 institutions that are located within 10 miles of each other
10 may apply for a grant to operate a single training and
11 certification program if—

12 (1) such program is carried out in partnership
13 with a certified training program of the Administra-
14 tion; and

15 (2) such certified training program is carried
16 out in a location that is within 20 miles of at least
17 1 such institution.

1 (c) PRIORITIZATION.—In carrying out the program,
2 the Administrator shall prioritize eligible educational insti-
3 tutions that are—

4 (1) located in, or partnered with high schools
5 located in, underserved communities; or

6 (2) have minority populations of at least 48
7 percent.

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for the period
10 of fiscal year 2024 through 2028 to carry out this section.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—

13 The term “eligible educational institution” means a
14 high school, as such term is defined in section 8101
15 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801) that is located within 50
17 miles of a general aviation, cargo, or commercial
18 service airport.

19 (2) MINORITY COMMUNITY.—The term “minor-
20 ity community” means a population of individuals
21 belonging to racial groups totaling less than 50 per-
22 cent of the population of the United States.

23 (3) UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—The term
24 “underserved community” means a community that
25 is socioeconomically disadvantaged, educationally

1 disenfranchised, or otherwise historically discrimi-
2 nated against with respect to resources and opportu-
3 nities.

4 **SEC. ____ . AVIATION MENTORSHIP AND RECRUITMENT**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Federal
7 Aviation Administration shall establish an aviation
8 mentorship and recruitment program to educate and in-
9 form individuals between the ages of 16 and 26 at the
10 start of the program about career opportunities available
11 in aviation and aerospace.

12 (b) **STAFFING.**—In carrying out the program under
13 subsection (a), the Administrator shall ensure that the in-
14 dividuals mentoring and recruiting under such program
15 represent not less than 3 aviation career fields.

16 (c) **PRIORITIZATION.**—In selecting locations to carry
17 out activities under the program established under sub-
18 section (a), the Administrator shall prioritize—

19 (1) locations with historically low levels of avia-
20 tion mentoring and recruitment;

21 (2) locations where the average household in-
22 come does not exceed \$20,000 above the poverty
23 rate of the State;

24 (3) majority minority populated communities;
25 and

1 (4) communities located within a 40-mile radius
2 of a general aviation, commercial service, or cargo
3 service airport.

4 (d) DEFINITION OF MINORITY COMMUNITY.—In this
5 section, the term “minority community” means a popu-
6 lation of individuals belonging to racial groups totaling
7 less than 50 percent of the population of the United
8 States.

