



(Original Signature of Member)

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize capacity building grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs.

---

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

---

**A BILL**

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize capacity building grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community College  
5 Agriculture Advancement Act of 2023”.

1 “(1) agriculture; and

2 “(2) other similar disciplines.

3 “(c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection  
4 (b), the Secretary shall give priority to an eligible entity  
5 coordinating with a local agriculture industry operator to  
6 provide experiential training and other opportunities for  
7 students.

8 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives  
9 a grant under subsection (b) may use the funds made  
10 available through the grant to expand and maintain the  
11 capacity of the eligible entity—

12 “(1) to successfully compete for funds from  
13 Federal grants and other sources to carry out edu-  
14 cational, research, and outreach activities that ad-  
15 dress priority concerns of national, regional, State,  
16 and local interest;

17 “(2) to offer educational programming on agri-  
18 cultural industry jobs, including farm business man-  
19 agement-related subjects, such as accounting, para-  
20 legal studies, and finance;

21 “(3) to disseminate information relating to the  
22 priority concerns described in paragraph (1) to in-  
23 terested members of the agriculture and other rel-  
24 evant communities and to the public;

1                   “(B) to provide leadership in capacity  
2                   building at a regional or national level.

3           “(f) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—Not later than 3  
4 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-  
5 retary shall—

6                   “(1) conduct an evaluation of activities carried  
7                   out under this section; and

8                   “(2) submit a report describing the evaluation  
9                   conducted under paragraph (1) to—

10                   “(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the  
11                   House of Representatives;

12                   “(B) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
13                   tion, and Forestry of the Senate;

14                   “(C) the Committee on Appropriations of  
15                   the House of Representatives; and

16                   “(D) the Committee on Appropriations of  
17                   the Senate.

18           “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
20 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.