

## HR 3294

### IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** May 18, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (May 18, 2021)

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (219 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		May 18, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 18, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 18, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 25, 2021
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 25, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 25, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 25, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 25, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 25, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		May 25, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 25, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 25, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		May 25, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 25, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 25, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		May 25, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 15, 2021

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Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 20, 2021

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Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 20, 2021
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Nov 12, 2021

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Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2022

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Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Mar 21, 2022
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Mar 21, 2022
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 11, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 11, 2022
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 11, 2022
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		May 11, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 16, 2022
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 17, 2022
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		May 17, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 17, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 17, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		May 17, 2022
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 18, 2022
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 20, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 27, 2022
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		May 27, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 31, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 13, 2022

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Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2022
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 5, 2022
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Nov 3, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8803	Related bill	Sep 13, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 6893	Related bill	Mar 2, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 S 1945	Identical bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Institutional Grants for New Infrastructure, Technology, and Education for HBCU Excellence Act or the IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act**

This bill establishes a grant program to support long-term improvements of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and graduate programs at HBCUs.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to HBCUs to improve campus facilities. A recipient must use grant funds for certain activities, such as constructing or renovating facilities, carrying out major repairs, and strengthening the safety and security of a campus. Any new construction, modernization, or renovation projects must meet building code and energy and water conservation requirements.

Further, HBCUs must seek to procure contracts from certain small businesses, including those owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans.

The bill prohibits the use of grant funds for specified activities, including for the payment of routine and predictable maintenance costs, minor repairs, and utility bills.

The Government Accountability Office must study the implementation of the grant program.

The bill also requires ED to repay the outstanding balance of principal, interest, fees, and costs and any related reimbursements for certain capital financing loans.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.