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H. R. 6535

To waive the cost-sharing requirements for certain STEM programs, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Mr. BOWMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Empowering STEM
5 Discovery Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY COST-SHARING.**

7 (a) WAIVER.—The cost-sharing requirements under
8 section 7036(c) of the America Creating Opportunities to
9 Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Edu-
10 cation, and Science Act (42 U.S.C. 1862o–14(c)) for the

1 Major Research Instrumentation Program and under sec-
2 tion 10A(i) of the National Science Foundation Authoriza-
3 tion Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1a(i)) for teaching fel-
4 lowships administered within the Robert Noyce Teacher
5 Scholarship Program are waived for a period of 5 years
6 following the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (b) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 5 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit
9 to Congress an assessment, that includes feedback from
10 the research community, of the impacts of the waivers pro-
11 vided under subsection (a), including—

- 12 (1) programmatic and scientific goals;
- 13 (2) institutional commitment and stewardship
14 of Federal resources;
- 15 (3) institutional strategic planning and adminis-
16 trative burden;
- 17 (4) equity among grantee institutions; and
- 18 (5) recommendations for or against extending
19 or making permanent such waivers.

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