

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7660

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of a historically Black college or university to include schools established prior to November 8, 1965, so long as such schools meet all other required criteria, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Mr. McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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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 “HBCU Empowerment
5 and Reform Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE**
2 **OR UNIVERSITY.**

3 Section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)) is amended by striking “1964” and
5 inserting “November 8, 1965”.

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