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S. 4335

To ensure funds are available under the aviation workforce development grant program for technical assistance and to require consideration for certain applicants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2024

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. AVIATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Section 625(b) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of
6 2018 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 “(3) SET ASIDE FOR TECHNICAL ASSIST-
9 ANCE.—The Secretary may set aside up to 2 percent

1 of the funds appropriated to carry out this sub-
2 section for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028
3 to provide technical assistance to eligible applicants
4 for a grant under this subsection.

5 “(4) CONSIDERATION FOR CERTAIN APPLI-
6 CANTS.—In reviewing and selecting applications for
7 grants under the programs established under sub-
8 section (a), the Secretary may give consideration to
9 applicants that provide an assurance—

10 “(A) to use grant funds to encourage the
11 participation of populations that are underrep-
12 resented in the aviation industry, including in
13 economically disadvantaged geographic areas
14 and rural communities;

15 “(B) to address the workforce needs of
16 rural and regional airports; or

17 “(C) to strengthen aviation programs at a
18 minority-serving institution (as described in sec-
19 tion 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)), a public institution
21 of higher education, or a public postsecondary
22 vocational institution.”.

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