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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 “Historically Black Col-  
5        leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and  
6        Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and  
4 universities have contributed significantly to the ef-  
5 fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-  
6 ary education for African-American, low-income, and  
7 educationally disadvantaged Americans;

8 (2) over our Nation’s history, States and the  
9 Federal Government have discriminated in the allo-  
10 cation of land and financial resources to support  
11 these institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the  
12 generous support of private individuals and other  
13 charitable organizations;

14 (3) the development of this source of private  
15 and charitable financial support for historically black  
16 colleges and universities has resulted in structures  
17 and buildings of historic importance and  
18 architecturally unique design on the campuses of  
19 these institutions; and

20 (4) many of these structures and buildings are  
21 national treasures worthy of preservation and res-  
22 toration for future generations of all Americans as  
23 well as for the students and faculty of these institu-  
24 tions.

1 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**  
2 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**  
3 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—From the  
5 amounts made available to carry out the National Historic  
6 Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1995 through 1998,  
7 the Secretary of the Interior shall make grants in accord-  
8 ance with this section to eligible historically black colleges  
9 and universities for the preservation and restoration of  
10 historic buildings and structures on the campus of these  
11 institutions.

12 (b) **GRANT CONDITIONS.**—Grants made under sub-  
13 section (a) shall be subject to the condition that the grant-  
14 ee covenants, for the period of time specified by the Sec-  
15 retary, that—

16 (1) no alteration will be made in the property  
17 with respect to which the grant is made without the  
18 concurrence of the Secretary; and

19 (2) reasonable public access to the property  
20 with respect to which the grant is made will be per-  
21 mitted by the grantee for interpretive and edu-  
22 cational purposes.

23 (c) **MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND**  
24 **STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF**  
25 **HISTORIC PLACES.**—(1) Except as provided by paragraph  
26 (2), the Secretary may obligate funds made available

1 under this section for a grant with respect to a building  
2 or structure listed on the National Register of Historic  
3 Places only if the grantee agrees to match, from funds  
4 derived from non-Federal sources, the amount of the grant  
5 with an amount that is equal or greater than the grant.

6 (2) The Secretary may waive paragraph (1) with re-  
7 spect to a grant if the Secretary determines from cir-  
8 cumstances that an extreme emergency exists or that such  
9 a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation  
10 of historically significant resources.

11 (d) FUNDING PROVISIONS.—(1) Not more than  
12 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and not more than  
13 \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, and  
14 1998 may be made available under this section.

15 (2) Of the amounts made available under this section  
16 for fiscal year 1995, \$5,000,000 shall be available only  
17 for grants under subsection (a) to Fisk University.

18 (3) Of the amounts made available under this section  
19 for fiscal year 1995, \$10,000,000 shall be available only  
20 for grants under subsection (a) to those historically black  
21 colleges and universities identified for inclusion in the De-  
22 partment of the Interior Historically Black College and  
23 University Historic Preservation Initiative.

1 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate  
2 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this  
3 Act.

4 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For the purposes of this Act:

6 (1) The term “historically black colleges and  
7 universities” has the same meaning given the term  
8 “part B institution” by section 322 of the Higher  
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

10 (2) The term “historic building and structures”  
11 means a building or structure listed on the National  
12 Register of Historic Places or designated a National  
13 Historic Landmark.

Passed the House of Representatives November 23  
(legislative day, November 22), 1993.

Attest:

*Clerk.*