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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum experience or educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. MACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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 “Allowing Contractors  
5       to Choose Employees for Select Skills Act” or the “AC-  
6       CESS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING EXPERIENCE**  
2 **AND EDUCATION OF CONTRACTOR PER-**  
3 **SONNEL.**

4 (a) FLEXIBILITY IN CONTRACTOR EDUCATION RE-  
5 QUIREMENTS.—Chapter 33 of title 41, United States  
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 section:

8 **“§ 3313. Flexibility in contractor education require-**  
9 **ments**

10 “(a) PROHIBITION.—A solicitation may not set forth  
11 any minimum experience or educational requirement for  
12 proposed contractor personnel in order for a bidder to be  
13 eligible for award of a contract unless the contracting offi-  
14 cer includes in the solicitation a written justification that  
15 explains why the needs of the executive agency cannot be  
16 met without any such requirement and clarifies how the  
17 requirement ensures the needs are met.

18 “(b) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this sec-  
19 tion, the term ‘executive agency’ has the meaning given  
20 that term in section 133.”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
22 The table of sections for chapter 33 of title 41, United  
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing new item:

“Sec. 3313. Flexibility in contractor education requirements.”.

1 (c) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than 60 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
3 Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to  
4 executive agencies for implementing the amendment made  
5 by subsection (a) that includes the following:

6 (1) Instructions for contracting officers for the  
7 justifications under section 3313(a) of title 41,  
8 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), in-  
9 cluding a requirement that each use of education or  
10 experience requirement be separately determined,  
11 justified, and reviewed.

12 (2) In the case of a solicitation in which edu-  
13 cation and work experience requirements are in-  
14 cluded, instructions on how alternative certifications,  
15 industry-recognized credentials, and work-based  
16 learning programs, including apprenticeships, may  
17 satisfy such requirements.

18 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
19 section shall apply 180 days after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any con-  
21 tract entered into on or after such date of enactment.

22 (e) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after  
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
24 General shall submit to Congress an evaluation of execu-

1 tive agency compliance with section 3313 of title 41,  
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

3 (f) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,  
4 the term “executive agency” has the meaning given that  
5 term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.