

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide \$25,000,000 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for the STARBASE program, and to provide an offset.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1376

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HEINRICH

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 355. STARBASE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 (1) The budget of the President for fiscal year
6 2016 requested no funding for the Department of
7 Defense STARBASE program.

8 (2) The purpose of the STARBASE program is
9 to improve the knowledge and skills of students in
10 kindergarten through 12th grade in science, tech-

1 nology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) sub-
2 jects, to connect them to the military, and to moti-
3 vate them to explore science, technology, engineer-
4 ing, and mathematics and possible military careers
5 as they continue their education.

6 (3) The STARBASE program currently oper-
7 ates at 76 locations in 40 States and the District of
8 Columbia and Puerto Rico, primarily on military in-
9 stallations.

10 (4) To date, nearly 750,000 students have par-
11 ticipated in the STARBASE program.

12 (5) The STARBASE program is a highly effec-
13 tive program run by dedicated members of the
14 Armed Forces and strengthens the relationships be-
15 tween the military, communities, and local school
16 districts.

17 (6) The budget of the President for fiscal year
18 2016 seeks to eliminate funding for the STARBASE
19 program for that fiscal year due to a reorganization
20 of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
21 programs throughout the Federal Government.

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
23 gress that the STARBASE program should continue to
24 be funded by the Department of Defense.

1 (c) FUNDING.—Of the amount authorized to be ap-
2 propriated for fiscal year 2016 by section 301 and avail-
3 able for the Department of Defense for operation and
4 maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the funding
5 table in section 4301—

6 (1) the amount available for the STARBASE
7 program is hereby increased by \$25,000,000; and

8 (2) the amount available by reason of increased
9 bulk fuel cost savings is hereby decreased by
10 \$25,000,000.