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S. 2109

To modify the proof of concept commercialization program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2019

Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To modify the proof of concept commercialization program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

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 “National Defense Ac-
5 celerator Network Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROOF OF CONCEPT COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) MAKING THE PROGRAM PERMANENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1603 of the Na-
10 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note) is
2 amended by striking subsection (g).

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section
4 is further amended—

5 (A) in the section heading, by striking
6 **“PILOT”**;

7 (B) in subsection (a)—

8 (i) by striking **“PILOT”**; and

9 (ii) by striking **“Pilot”**; and

10 (C) by striking **“pilot”** each place it ap-
11 pears.

12 (b) ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Such section, as
13 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

14 (1) in the section heading, by inserting **“OF**
15 **DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY”** after **“COMMER-**
16 **CIALIZATION”**;

17 (2) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by inserting **“of Dual-Use Technology”**
19 before **“Program”**; and

20 (B) by inserting **“with a focus on priority**
21 **defense technology areas that attract public and**
22 **private sector funding, as well as private sector**
23 **investment capital, including from venture cap-**
24 **ital firms in the United States,”** before **“in ac-**
25 **cordance”**;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(4)(A)(iv), by inserting “,
2 which may include access to venture capital” after
3 “award”;

4 (4) by striking subsection (d);

5 (5) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
6 section (d);

7 (6) by striking subsection (f); and

8 (7) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section (e):

10 “(e) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this section, the
11 Secretary may use the following authorities:

12 “(1) Section 1599g of title 10 of the United
13 States Code, relating to public-private talent ex-
14 changes.

15 “(2) Section 2368 of such title, relating to Cen-
16 ters for Science, Technology, and Engineering Part-
17 nerships.

18 “(3) Section 2374a of such title, relating to
19 prizes for advanced technology achievements.

20 “(4) Section 2474 of such title, relating to Cen-
21 ters of Industrial and Technical Excellence.

22 “(5) Section 2521 of such title, relating to the
23 Manufacturing Technology Program.

1 “(6) Section 225 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
3 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note).

4 “(7) Section 1711 of such Act (Public Law
5 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2505 note), relating to a pilot
6 program on strengthening manufacturing in the de-
7 fense industrial base.

8 “(8) Section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
9 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a)
10 and section 6305 of title 31, United States Code, re-
11 lating to cooperative research and development
12 agreements.”.

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