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H. R. 1872

To authorize Energy Frontier Research Centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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. ENERGY FRONTIER RESEARCH CENTERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out a
5 program to provide awards, on a competitive, merit-re-
6 viewed basis, to multi-institutional collaborations or other
7 appropriate entities to conduct fundamental and use-in-
8 spired energy research to accelerate scientific break-
9 throughs related to needs identified in—

10 (1) the Grand Challenges report of the Depart-
11 ment's Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee;

1 (2) the report of the Department’s Basic En-
2 ergy Sciences Advisory Committee entitled “From
3 Quanta to the Continuum: Opportunities for
4 Mesoscale Science”;

5 (3) the Basic Energy Sciences Basic Research
6 Needs workshop report; or

7 (4) other relevant reports identified by the Di-
8 rector.

9 (b) COLLABORATIONS.—A collaboration receiving an
10 award under this subsection may include multiple types
11 of institutions and private sector entities.

12 (c) SELECTION AND DURATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—A collaboration under this
14 subsection shall be selected for a period of 5 years.
15 An Energy Frontier Research Center already in ex-
16 istence and supported by the Director on the date of
17 enactment of this Act may continue to receive sup-
18 port for a period of 5 years beginning on the date
19 of establishment of that center.

20 (2) REAPPLICATION.—After the end of the pe-
21 riod described in paragraph (1), an awardee may re-
22 apply for selection for a second period of 5 years on
23 a competitive, merit-reviewed basis.

24 (3) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the exist-
25 ing authorities of the Department, the Director may

1 terminate an underperforming center for cause dur-
2 ing the performance period.

3 (d) NO FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION.—No funding
4 provided pursuant to this subsection may be used for the
5 construction of new buildings or facilities.

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