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H. R. 3177

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROOF OF CONCEPT COMMER-**
7 **CIALIZATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1603(g) of
9 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note) is
2 amended by striking “2019” and inserting “2024”.

3 (b) ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Section 1603 of
4 such Act, as amended by subsection (a), is further amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**OF**
7 **DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY**” after “**COMMER-**
8 **CIALIZATION**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by inserting “of Dual-Use Technology”
11 before “Program”; and

12 (B) by inserting “with a focus on priority
13 defense technology areas that attract public and
14 private sector funding, as well as private sector
15 investment capital, including from venture cap-
16 ital firms in the United States,” before “in ac-
17 cordance”;

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

21 (4) by striking subsection (d);

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

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

1 (7) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section (e):

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

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

8 “(2) Section 2368 of such title, relating to Cen-
9 ters for Science, Technology, and Engineering Part-
10 nerships.

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

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

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

17 “(6) Section 225 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
19 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note).

20 “(7) Section 1711 of such Act (Public Law
21 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2505 note), relating to a pilot
22 program on strengthening manufacturing in the de-
23 fense industrial base.

24 “(8) Section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
25 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a)

1 and section 6305 of title 31, United States Code, re-
2 lating to cooperative research and development
3 agreements.”.

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