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# S. 2109

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

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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

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## 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 COMMER-**  
7 **CIALIZATION 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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