

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 99

To require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, 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 “Strengthening Support
5 for American Manufacturing Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
5 and Transportation of the Senate; and

6 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
7 merce of the House of Representatives.

8 (2) COVERED OFFICES AND BUREAUS.—The
9 term “covered offices and bureaus” means offices
10 and bureaus of the Department of Commerce identi-
11 fied under section 3(a)(1).

12 (3) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.—The term “crit-
13 ical supply chain” means an end-to-end system that
14 converts raw materials into finished products in crit-
15 ical sectors, including in—

16 (A) the defense industrial base;

17 (B) the public health and biological pre-
18 paredness industrial base;

19 (C) the information and communications
20 technology industrial base;

21 (D) the energy sector industrial base;

22 (E) the transportation industrial base; and

23 (F) agricultural supply chains.

24 (4) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE.—The
25 term “critical supply chain resilience” means miti-

gating gaps and vulnerabilities in critical supply chains, including by—

(A) reducing risk of malicious sabotage or external or internal manipulation; and

(B) improving the ability to withstand supply chain interruptions such as logistical challenges and workforce, materials, equipment, or product shortages.

(5) MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION.—The term “manufacturing and industrial innovation” means—

(A) providing assistance, resources, or services to manufacturers or manufacturing workers in the United States;

(B) offering expertise, improvements, research, and development or other assistance in technological innovations or advanced manufacturing in partnership with or for use by manufacturers in the United States; or

(C) developing policy that substantially impacts the manufacturing sector in the United States.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY RELATING TO MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS**
2 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall produce
5 a report that—

6 (1) identifies offices and bureaus of the Depart-
7 ment of Commerce with responsibilities related to—

8 (A) critical supply chain resilience; and

9 (B) manufacturing and industrial innova-
10 tion;

11 (2) identifies the duties, responsibilities, pro-
12 grams, and expertise relevant to critical supply chain
13 resilience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
14 tion of each covered office and bureau;

15 (3) identifies and assesses the purpose, statu-
16 tory authority, effectiveness, efficiency, and limita-
17 tions of each covered office and bureau;

18 (4) identifies gaps between offices with duplica-
19 tive duties, responsibilities, programs, and expertise
20 within the Department of Commerce that are imple-
21 menting activities related to critical supply chain re-
22 siliance and manufacturing and industrial innova-
23 tion; and

24 (5) provides recommendations to improve the
25 effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each covered
26 office and bureau, including recommendations to—

1 (A) optimize operations within or across
2 covered offices and bureaus;

3 (B) improve coordination across covered
4 offices and bureaus; and

5 (C) improve coordination with Federal
6 agencies implementing similar activities related
7 to critical supply chain resilience and manufac-
8 turing and industrial innovation.

9 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRA-
10 TION.—The Secretary shall contract with the National
11 Academy of Public Administration in producing the report
12 under subsection (a).

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 on which the Secretary produces the report under sub-
15 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
16 committees of Congress—

17 (1) the report produced under subsection (a);

18 (2) recommendations for potential legislative ac-
19 tion addressing recommendations in the report pro-
20 duced under subsection (a); and

21 (3) a response from the Secretary to the rec-
22 ommendations included in the report produced under
23 subsection (a).

○