

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 2 ____ . BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

2 (a) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—Not later
3 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
4 the Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official,
5 with relevant biotechnology experience, from a position
6 within the Department of Defense that was in effect on
7 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act—

8 (1) to be the senior official for biotechnology
9 issues;

10 (2) to be the head the Biotechnology Manage-
11 ment Office established under subsection (b); and

12 (3) to carry out the responsibilities for the of-
13 fice in subsection (c).

14 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGE-
15 MENT OFFICE.—Not later than 150 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall, with input from the senior official designated under
18 subsection (a), charter and establish, under the authority,

1 direction, and control of the Deputy Secretary of Defense,
2 a Biotechnology Management Office to foster the develop-
3 ment, acquisition and sustainment of broad-based bio-
4 technology capabilities for the Department.

5 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The office established under
6 subsection (b) shall be responsible for the following:

7 (1) Maintaining and executing a Defense Bio-
8 technology Strategy, including any such strategy re-
9 quired under this Act, which shall include develop-
10 ment and execution of a long-term research, develop-
11 ment, acquisition, and sustainment roadmap.

12 (2) Updating policies and guidance within the
13 Department relating to the acquisition, adoption,
14 and transition of biotechnology-based products into
15 Department use.

16 (3) Coordinating with activities across the De-
17 partment, the Federal Government, industry, aca-
18 demia, and international partners relating to bio-
19 technology.

20 (4) Proposing options for streamlining the regu-
21 latory or acquisition process of the Department.

22 (5) Conducting, as may be needed, global com-
23 petition analyses, net assessment or forecasting to
24 support decisionmakers on biotechnology advances.

1 (6) Supporting the development of public-pri-
2 vate partnerships with academia, industry, and other
3 State and local government partners, including
4 through the development or fostering of regionally
5 focused innovation ecosystems.

6 (7) Identifying biotechnology workforce and
7 training gaps across the workforce of the Depart-
8 ment.

9 (8) Such other responsibilities as the Secretary
10 considers appropriate.

11 (d) SUNSET.—The office established pursuant to sub-
12 section (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2035.

13 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the des-
14 ignation of the senior official pursuant to subsection (a),
15 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing on the proposed scope of the charter
17 for the office to be established pursuant to subsection (b),
18 as well as implementation plans for preliminary activities
19 the office will pursue during the proceeding one-year pe-
20 riod.

