

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2___ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENTREPRENEURIAL**
2 **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may es-
4 tablish a multiyear entrepreneurial fellowship program
5 which places fellows in National Laboratories and other
6 federally funded research institutions with access to re-
7 search facilities, lab expertise, and entrepreneurial
8 mentorship.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the program,
10 the Secretary may—

11 (1) develop materials for the recruitment of
12 participants in the program, including veterans;

13 (2) ensure that participants in the program
14 have access to laboratories;

15 (3) ensure a participant in the program who is
16 given a fellowship under the program is offered an
17 opportunity to earn a living stipend and health in-
18 surance for the duration of the fellowship;

1 (4) ensure a participant in the program who is
2 given a fellowship under the program has opportuni-
3 ties for mentorship, education, and networking and
4 exposure to leaders from academia, industry, govern-
5 ment, and finance who may serve as advisors to or
6 partners of the participant;

7 (5) provide funds for collaborative technical re-
8 search within the national lab;

9 (6) provide for exchanges and partnerships with
10 Department of Defense science and technology ac-
11 tivities; and

12 (7) conduct activities consistent with the Proof
13 of Concept Commercialization Pilot Program estab-
14 lished under section 1603 of the National Defense
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
16 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note).

17 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may carry out
18 the administration of the program through organiza-
19 tions—

20 (1) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
21 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation
22 under section 501(a) of that Code; and

23 (2) specific to the national laboratory or feder-
24 ally funded research institution participating in the
25 program.

1 (d) METRICS.—The Secretary may develop and main-
2 tain metrics to assess the entrepreneurial fellowship op-
3 portunities under the program and to ensure standards
4 for fellowships under the program are consistent and being
5 met.

6 (e) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION .— The Secretary
7 of Defense may coordinate with the Secretary of Energy
8 regarding opportunities to partner with existing Depart-
9 ment of Energy operated lab embedded entrepreneurship
10 programs at national laboratories and the establishment
11 of new lab embedded entrepreneurship programs at De-
12 partment of Energy national laboratories.

