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

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENTREPRENEURIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense may establish a multiyear entrepreneurial fellowship program which places fellows in National Laboratories and other federally funded research institutions with access to research facilities, lab expertise, and entrepreneurial mentorship.

(b) Requirements.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary may—

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

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

(3) ensure a participant in the program who is given a fellowship under the program is offered an opportunity to earn a living stipend and health insurance for the duration of the fellowship;
(4) ensure a participant in the program who is given a fellowship under the program has opportunities for mentorship, education, and networking and exposure to leaders from academia, industry, government, and finance who may serve as advisors to or partners of the participant;

(5) provide funds for collaborative technical research within the national lab;

(6) provide for exchanges and partnerships with Department of Defense science and technology activities; and


(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may carry out the administration of the program through organizations—

(1) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code; and

(2) specific to the national laboratory or federally funded research institution participating in the program.
(d) METRICS.—The Secretary may develop and maintain metrics to assess the entrepreneurial fellowship opportunities under the program and to ensure standards for fellowships under the program are consistent and being met.

(e) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Defense may coordinate with the Secretary of Energy regarding opportunities to partner with existing Department of Energy operated lab embedded entrepreneurship programs at national laboratories and the establishment of new lab embedded entrepreneurship programs at Department of Energy national laboratories.