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At the end of title LVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 58. AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH SECURITY.

Section 1746(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 42 U.S.C. 6601 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “involving federally funded research and development” and inserting “facing the United States research enterprise”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6);

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

“(5) AD-HOC COMMITTEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The roundtable shall convene an ad-hoc committee to study and make recommendations on research security issues consistent with paragraph (3).
“(B) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the first meeting of the ad-hoc committee convened under subparagraph (A), such committee shall—

“(i) complete a fast-track consensus study on the feasibility of establishing an independent, non-profit entity (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘entity’) to further protect the United States research enterprise against foreign interference, theft, and espionage; and

“(ii) submit to the relevant committees a report on the results of the study.

“(C) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subparagraph (B)(ii) shall include analysis and recommendations with respect to each of the following:

“(i) The organizational structure of the entity.

“(ii) The appropriate relationship between the entity and the Federal government, including the interagency working group established under subsection (a).
“(iii) The appropriate level of financial resources needed to establish the entity.

“(iv) A self-sustaining funding model for the entity.

“(v) Whether and how the entity can—

“(I) enable informed, proactive, and unbiased risk assessment for and by the United States research enterprise;

“(II) in coordination with the interagency working group established under subsection (a), the Federal agencies that comprise the working group, and the roundtable under this subsection, promote actionable and timely information sharing among the United States research enterprise about foreign interference, theft, and espionage of research and development;

“(III) provide non-punitive, non-legally binding advice to the United States research enterprise, including
frontline researchers, about foreign inference, theft, and espionage including advice with respect to risks associated with international partnerships and foreign talent recruitment programs;

“(IV) secure the trust and active participation of the United States research enterprise;

“(V) regularly conduct open-source intelligence analysis to provide actionable and timely unclassified information to the United States research enterprise about foreign interference, theft, and espionage, including analysis to be tailored specifically for the purpose of assisting frontline researchers in making security-informed decisions; and

“(VI) offer products and services to the United States research enterprise to help inform research security efforts such as analyses of global research and development trends, advice regarding intellectual property production and protection, market anal-
yses, and risk assessment for day-to-day activities such as collaboration, travel, and hiring.

“(vi) Such other information and recommendations as the committee considers necessary to ensure that the entity operates effectively.”; and

(4) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by striking “2024” and inserting “2025”.