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^{115TH CONGRESS} 2D SESSION H.R.6227

To provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

- To provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.
 - 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "National Quantum Initiative Act".
- 6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

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1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

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(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term "Advi-

sory Committee" means the National Quantum Ini-

5 tiative Advisory Committee established under section

6 104(a).

- 7 (2) COORDINATION OFFICE.—The term "Co8 ordination Office" means the National Quantum Co9 ordination Office established under section 102(a).
- 10 (3) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
 11 The term "institutions of higher education" has the
 12 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the
 13 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

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(4) PROGRAM.—The term "Program" means
 the National Quantum Initiative Program imple mented under section 101(a).

4 (5) QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE.—The 5 term "quantum information science" means the 6 storage, transmission, manipulation, or measurement 7 of information that is encoded in systems that can 8 only be described by the laws of quantum physics. 9 (6) SUBCOMMITTEE.—The term "Sub-10 committee" means the Subcommittee on Quantum 11 Information Science of the National Science and 12 Technology Council established under section 13 103(a).

14 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

15 The purposes of this Act are to ensure the continued
16 leadership of the United States in quantum information
17 science and its technology applications by—

18 (1) supporting research, development, dem19 onstration, and application of quantum information
20 science and technology in order to—

21 (A) expand the number of researchers,
22 educators, and students with training in quan23 tum information science and technology to de24 velop a workforce pipeline;

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1 (B) promote the development and inclusion
2 of multidisciplinary curriculum and research op-
3 portunities for quantum information science at
4 the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral
5 level;
6 (C) address basic research knowledge gaps;
7 (D) promote the further development of fa-
8 cilities and centers available for quantum infor-
9 mation science and technology research, testing
10 and education; and
(E) stimulate research on and promote
12 more rapid development of quantum-based tech-
13 nologies;
14 (2) improving the interagency planning and co-
15 ordination of Federal research and development of
16 quantum information science and technology and
17 maximizing the effectiveness of the Federal Govern-
18 ment's quantum information science and technology
19 research and development programs;
20 (3) promoting collaboration among government,
21 Federal laboratories, industry, and universities; and
(4) promoting the development of standards for
23 quantum information science and technology secu-
24 rity.

TITLE I—NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE

3 SEC. 101. NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

4 The President shall implement a 10-year National 5 Quantum Initiative Program. In carrying out the Pro-6 gram, the President shall, acting through appropriate 7 Federal agencies, councils, working groups, subcommit-8 tees, and the Coordination Office—

9 (1) establish the goals, priorities, and metrics 10 for a 10-year plan to accelerate development of 11 quantum information science and technology applica-12 tions in the United States;

- (2) invest in fundamental Federal quantum information science and technology research, development, demonstration, and other activities to achieve
 the goals established in paragraph (1);
- (3) invest in activities to develop a quantum information science and technology workforce pipeline;
 (4) provide for interagency coordination of Federal quantum information science and technology research, development, demonstration, and other activities undertaken pursuant to the Program;

(5) partner with industry and academia to le-verage knowledge and resources; and

1	(6) leverage existing Federal investments effi-
2	ciently to advance Program goals and objectives.
3	SEC. 102. NATIONAL QUANTUM COORDINATION OFFICE.
4	(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall establish
5	a National Quantum Coordination Office, which shall
6	have—
7	(1) a Director appointed by the Director of the
8	Office of Science and Technology Policy, in consulta-
9	tion with the Secretary of Commerce, the Director
10	of the National Science Foundation, and the Sec-
11	retary of Energy; and
12	(2) staff that shall be comprised of employees
13	detailed from the Federal agencies that are members
14	of the Subcommittee.
15	(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Coordination Office
16	shall—
17	(1) provide technical and administrative support
18	to
19	(A) the Subcommittee; and
20	(B) the Advisory Committee;
21	(2) oversee interagency coordination of the Pro-
22	gram, including encouraging and supporting joint
23	agency solicitation and selection of applications for
24	funding of projects under the Program;

1	(3) serve as the point of contact on Federal ci-
2	vilian quantum information science and technology
3	activities for Government organizations, academia,
4	industry, professional societies, State governments,
5	and others to exchange technical and programmatic
6	information;
7	(4) ensure coordination between the Multidisci-
8	plinary Centers for Quantum Research and Edu-
9	cation established under section 302(b) and the Na-
10	tional Quantum Information Science Research Cen-
11	ters established under section 402(a);
12	(5) conduct public outreach, including dissemi-
13	nation of findings and recommendations of the Advi-

- 13 nation of findings and recommendations of the Advi-14 sory Committee, as appropriate; and
- (6) promote access to and early application of
 the technologies, innovations, and expertise derived
 from Program activities to agency missions and systems across the Federal Government, and to United
 States industry, including startup companies.

(c) FUNDING.—Funds necessary to carry out the activities of the Coordination Office shall be made available
each fiscal year by the participating agencies of the Subcommittee, as determined by the Director of the Office
of Science and Technology Policy.

1 SEC. 103. SUBCOMMITTEE ON QUANTUM INFORMATION 2 SCIENCE. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall establish, 3 through the National Science and Technology Council, a 4 Subcommittee on Quantum Information Science. 5 6 MEMBERSHIP.—The Subcommittee shall in-(b) 7 clude---8 (1) the National Institute of Standards and 9 Technology; 10 (2) the National Science Foundation; 11 (3) the Department of Energy; 12 (4) the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-13 istration; 14 (5) the Department of Defense; (6) the Office of the Director of National Intel-15 16 ligence; 17 (7) the Office of Management and Budget; (8) the Office of Science and Technology Policy; 18 19 and 20 (9) any other Federal agency as considered ap-21 propriate by the President. (c) CHAIRS.—The Subcommittee shall be jointly 22 chaired by the Director of the National Institute of Stand-23 24 ards and Technology, the Director of the National Science Foundation, and the Secretary of Energy. 25 26 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Subcommittee shall—

1	(1) coordinate the quantum information science
2	and technology research and education activities and
3	programs of the Federal agencies;
4	(2) establish goals and priorities of the Pro-
5	gram, based on identified knowledge and workforce
6	gaps and other national needs;
7	(3) assess and recommend Federal infrastruc-
8	ture needs to support the Program; and
9	(4) evaluate opportunities for international co-
10	operation with strategic allies on research and devel-
11	opment in quantum information science and tech-
12	nology.
13	(e) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after
14	the date of enactment of this Act, the Subcommittee shall
15	develop a 5-year strategic plan, and 6 years after enact-
16	ment of the Act develop an additional 5-year strategic
17	plan, with periodic updates as appropriate to guide the
18	activities of the Program, meet the goals, priorities, and
19	anticipated outcomes of the participating agencies.
20	(f) REPORTS.—The Chairs of the Subcommittee shall
21	submit to the President, the Advisory Committee, the
22	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
23	House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,
24	Science, and Transportation and the Committee on En-
25	ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and other ap-

propriate committees of Congress the strategic plans de veloped under subsection (e) and any updates to such
 plans.

4 SEC. 104. NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ADVISORY COM-5 MITTEE.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish a7 National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee.

8 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Advisory Committee es-9 tablished by the President under subsection (a) shall consist of members from industry, academic institutions, and 10 Federal laboratories. The President shall appoint mem-11 12 bers to the Advisory Committee who are qualified to provide advice and information on quantum information 13 science and technology research, development, demonstra-14 15 tions, education, technology transfer, commercial application, or national security and economic concerns. 16

17 (c) MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION.—In selecting an Advisory Committee, the President may seek and give con-18 19 sideration to recommendations from the Congress, industry, the scientific community (including the National 20 Academy of Sciences, scientific professional societies, and 21 22 academia), the defense community, and other appropriate organizations. 23 (d) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall advise 24

25 the President and the Subcommittee and make rec-

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ommendations that shall be considered in reviewing and 1 2 revising the Program. The Advisory Committee shall pro-3 vide the President and the Subcommittee with an independent assessment of— 4 5 (1) trends and developments in quantum infor-6 mation science and technology; 7 (2) progress made in implementing the Pro-8 gram; 9 (3) whether the Program activities, priorities, 10 and technical goals developed by the Subcommittee 11 are helping to maintain United States leadership in 12 quantum information science and technology; 13 (4) the management, coordination, implementa-14 tion, and activities of the Program; (5) the need to revise the Program; 15 16 (6) whether or not there are opportunities for 17 international cooperation with strategic allies on re-18 search and development in quantum information 19 science and technology; and 20 (7) whether national security, societal, eco-21 nomic, legal, and workforce concerns are adequately 22 addressed by the Program. 23 (e) REPORTS.—The Advisory Committee shall report, 24 not less frequently than once every 2 years, to the Presi-

25 dent on the assessments required under subsection (d) and

any recommendations to improve the Program. The first 1 2 report under this subsection shall be submitted not later 3 than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act. 4 The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a copy of each report under this sub-5 section to the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-6 nology of the House of Representatives, the Committee on 7 Commerce, Science, and Technology of the Senate, the 8 9 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-10 ate, and other appropriate committees of the Congress.

11 (f) TRAVEL EXPENSES OF NON-FEDERAL MEM-12 BERS.—Non-Federal members of the Advisory Committee, 13 while attending meetings of the Advisory Committee or while otherwise serving at the request of the head of the 14 Advisory Committee away from their homes or regular 15 16 places of business, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by sec-17 tion 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals 18 19 in the Government serving without pay. Nothing in this 20 subsection shall be construed to prohibit members of the 21 Advisory Committee who are officers or employees of the 22 United States from being allowed travel expenses, includ-23 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with ex-24 isting law.

(g) EXEMPTION.—The Advisory Committee shall be
 exempt from section 14 of the Federal Advisory Com mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

4 SEC. 105. SUNSET.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided for in sub6 section (b), the authority to carry out sections 101, 102,
7 103, and 104 shall terminate on the date that is 11 years
8 after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (b) EXTENSION.—The President may continue the 10 activities under such sections if the President determines 11 that such activities are necessary to meet national eco-12 nomic or national security needs.

13 TITLE II—NATIONAL INSTITUTE 14 OF STANDARDS AND TECH 15 NOLOGY QUANTUM ACTIVI 16 TIES

17 SEC. 201. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH18 NOLOGY ACTIVITIES AND QUANTUM WORK19 SHOP.

(a) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND
TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES.—As part of the Program described in title I, the Director of the National Institute
of Standards and Technology shall—

24 (1) continue to support and expand basic quan-25 tum information science and technology research

and development of measurement and standards in frastructure necessary to advance commercial devel opment of quantum applications;

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(2) use its existing programs, in collaboration with other agencies, as appropriate, to train scientists in quantum information science and technology to increase participation in the quantum fields;

9 (3) establish or expand collaborative ventures or 10 consortia with other public or private sector entities, 11 including academia, National Laboratories, and in-12 dustry for the purpose of advancing the field of 13 quantum information science and engineering; and

(4) have the authority to enter into and perform such contracts, including cooperative research
and development arrangements and grants and cooperative agreements or other transactions, as may be
necessary in the conduct of the work of the Institute
and on such terms as the Director considers appropriate, in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

21 (b) QUANTUM WORKSHOP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
the National Institute of Standards and Technology
shall convene a workshop of stakeholders to discuss

1 the future measurement, standards, cybersecurity,
2 and other appropriate needs for supporting the de-
3 velopment of a robust quantum information science
4 and technology industry in the United States. The
5 goals of the workshop shall be to—
6 (A) assess the current research on the
7 issues described in this paragraph;
8 (B) evaluate the research gaps relating to
9 such issues; and
10 (C) provide recommendations on how the
11 National Institute of Standards and Technology
12 and the Program can address the research
13 needs identified.
14 (2) Report to congress.—Not later than 2
15 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
16 Director of the National Institute of Standards and
17 Technology shall transmit to the Committee on
18 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of
19 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a sum-
21 mary report containing the findings of the workshop
convened under this section.
23 (c) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Commerce shall de-
24 vote \$400,000,000 to carry out this section, which shall
25 include \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through

2023, subject to the availability of appropriations, to come
 from amounts made available for the National Institute
 of Standards and Technology. This section shall be carried
 out using funds otherwise appropriated by law after the
 date of enactment of this Act.

III—NATIONAL SCIENCE TITLE 6 FOUNDATION AND **MULTI-**7 **DISCIPLINARY CENTERS** FOR 8 QUANTUM RESEARCH AND 9 **EDUCATION** 10

11SEC. 301. QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH12AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
Science Foundation shall carry out a basic research and
education program on quantum information science and
engineering.

17 (b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—In carrying out the 18 program required under subsection (a), the Director of the 19 National Science Foundation shall carry out activities that 20 continue to support basic interdisciplinary quantum infor-21 mation science and engineering research, and support 22 human resources development in all aspects of quantum 23 information science and engineering. Such activities shall 24 include—

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1 SEC. 302. MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTERS FOR QUANTUM
2 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.
3 (a) Multidisciplinary Centers for Quantum
4 Research and Education.—
5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
6 Science Foundation, in consultation with other Fed-
7 eral agencies as appropriate, shall award grants to
8 institutions of higher education or eligible nonprofit
9 organizations (or consortia thereof) to establish up
10 to 5 Multidisciplinary Centers for Quantum Re-
11 search and Education.
12 (2) Collaborations.—A collaboration receiv-
13 ing an award under this subsection may include in-
14 stitutions of higher education, eligible nonprofit or-
15 ganizations, and private sector entities.
16 (3) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Centers
17 shall be to conduct basic research and education ac-
18 tivities in support of the goals and priorities of the
19 Program as determined in title I, to—
20 (A) continue to advance quantum informa-
tion science and engineering;
(B) support curriculum and workforce de-
23 velopment in quantum information science and
24 engineering; and
25 (C) foster innovation by bringing industry
26 perspectives to quantum research and workforce
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1		development,	including	by	leveraging	industry
2		resources and	research o	eapa	city.	

3 (4) REQUIREMENTS.—An institution of higher 4 education or an eligible nonprofit organization (or a 5 consortium thereof) seeking funding under this sec-6 tion shall submit an application to the Director at 7 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-8 formation as the Director may require. The applica-9 tion shall include, at a minimum, a description of— 10 (A) how the Center will work with other 11 research institutions and industry partners to 12 leverage expertise in quantum science, edu-13 cation and curriculum development, and tech-14 nology transfer;

(B) how the Center will promote active collaboration among researchers in multiple disciplines involved in quantum research including
physics, engineering, mathematics, computer
science, chemistry, and material science;

20 (C) how the Center will support long-term
21 and short-term workforce development in the
22 quantum field;

(D) how the Center can support an innovation ecosystem to work with industry to translate Center research into applications; and

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1	(E) a long-term plan to become self-sus-
2	taining after the expiration of Foundation sup-
3	port.
4	(5) Selection and duration.—
5	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Centers selected
6	and established under this section are author-
7	ized to carry out activities for a period of 5
8	years.
9	(B) REAPPLICATION.—An awardee may
10	reapply for an additional, subsequent period of
11	5 years on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis.
12	(C) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the
13	existing authorities of the Foundation, the Di-
14	rector of the National Science Foundation may
15	terminate an underperforming Center for cause
16	during the performance period.
17	(6) FUNDING.—The Director of the National
18	Science Foundation shall devote \$250,000,000 to
19	carry out this section, which shall include
20	\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
21	2023, subject to the availability of appropriations, to
22	come from amounts made available for Research and
23	Related Activities and Education and Human Re-
24	sources. This section shall be carried out using

funds otherwise appropriated by law after the date
 of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) GRADUATE TRAINEESHIPS.—The Director of the 4 National Science Foundation may establish a program to 5 provide traineeships to graduate students at institutions 6 of higher education within the United States who are citi-7 zens of the United States and who choose to pursue mas-8 ters or doctoral degrees in quantum information science.

9 TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF EN10 ERGY RESEARCH AND NA11 TIONAL QUANTUM INFORMA12 TION SCIENCE RESEARCH 13 CENTERS

14SEC. 401. QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH15PROGRAM.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
17 carry out a basic research program on quantum informa18 tion science.

(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—In carrying out the
program required under subsection (a), the Secretary
shall—

(1) formulate goals for quantum information
science research to be supported by the Department
of Energy;

(2) leverage the collective body of knowledge
 from existing quantum information science research;
 (3) coordinate research efforts funded through
 existing programs across the Office of Science; and
 (4) engage with other Federal agencies, research communities, and potential users of information produced under this section.

8 SEC. 402. NATIONAL QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE RE9 SEARCH CENTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall en-10 sure that the Office of Science carries out a program, in 11 consultation with other Federal agencies, as appropriate, 12 to establish and operate up to 5 National Quantum Infor-13 14 mation Science Research Centers to conduct basic research to accelerate scientific breakthroughs in quantum 15 16 information science and technology and to support re-17 search conducted under section 401. Such centers shall be established through a competitive, merit-reviewed proc-18 ess, and consider applications from National Laboratories, 19 20 institutions of higher education, research centers, multiinstitutional collaborations, and other appropriate entities. 21 (b) Collaborations.—A collaboration receiving an 22 award under this subsection may include multiple types 23 of research institutions and private sector entities. 24

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Centers developed, constructed, operated, or 2 maintained under this section shall serve the needs of the 3 Department of Energy, industry, the academic commu-4 nity, and other relevant entities to create and develop 5 processes for the purpose of advancing basic research in 6 7 quantum information science and improving the competi-8 tiveness of the United States.

9 (d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure the 10 coordination of, and avoid unnecessary duplication of, the 11 activities of each Center with the activities of—

(1) other research entities of the Department,
including the Nanoscale Science Research Centers,
the Energy Frontier Research Centers, and the Energy Innovation Hubs; and

16 (2) industry.

17 (e) Selection and Duration.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The centers selected and es19 tablished under this section are authorized to carry
20 out activities for a period of 5 years.

(2) REAPPLICATION.—An awardee may reapply
for an additional, subsequent period of 5 years on a
competitive, merit-reviewed basis.

24 (3) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the exist-25 ing authorities of the Department, the Secretary

may terminate an underperforming Center for cause
 during the performance period.

(f) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Energy shall devote
\$625,000,000 to carry out this section, which shall include
\$125,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023,
subject to the availability of appropriations, to come from
amounts made available for the Office of Science. This
section shall be carried out using funds otherwise appropriated by law after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 SEC. 403. SPENDING LIMITATION.

11 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-12 priated to carry out this Act and the amendments made 13 by this Act, and this Act and such amendments shall be 14 carried out using amounts otherwise available for such 15 purpose.