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To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Hall (for himself, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Lipinski, Mrs. Biggert, and Mr. Luján) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

- 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.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Advancing America's
- 5 Networking and Information Technology Research and
- 6 Development Act of 2012".

SEC. 2. PROGRAM PLANNING AND COORDINATION.

- 2 (a) Periodic Reviews.—Section 101 of the High-
- 3 Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511)
- 4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 5 section:
- 6 "(d) Periodic Reviews.—The agencies identified in
- 7 subsection (a)(3)(B) shall—
- 8 "(1) periodically assess the contents and fund-
- 9 ing levels of the Program Component Areas and re-
- structure the Program when warranted, taking into
- 11 consideration any relevant recommendations of the
- advisory committee established under subsection (b);
- 13 and
- 14 "(2) ensure that the Program includes large-
- scale, long-term, interdisciplinary research and de-
- velopment activities, including activities described in
- 17 section 104.".
- 18 (b) Development of Strategic Plan.—Section
- 19 101 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5511) is amended further by
- 20 adding after subsection (d), as added by subsection (a)
- 21 of this Act, the following new subsection:
- 22 "(e) STRATEGIC PLAN.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The agencies identified in
- subsection (a)(3)(B), working through the National
- 25 Science and Technology Council and with the assist-
- ance of the National Coordination Office described

under section 102, shall develop, within 12 months
after the date of enactment of the Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012, and update
every 3 years thereafter, a 5-year strategic plan to
guide the activities described under subsection
(a)(1).

"(2) CONTENTS.—The strategic plan shall specify near-term and long-term objectives for the Program, the anticipated time frame for achieving the near-term objectives, the metrics to be used for assessing progress toward the objectives, and how the Program will—

"(A) foster the transfer of research and development results into new technologies and applications for the benefit of society, including through cooperation and collaborations with networking and information technology research, development, and technology transition initiatives supported by the States;

"(B) encourage and support mechanisms for interdisciplinary research and development in networking and information technology, including through collaborations across agencies, across Program Component Areas, with indus-

1	try, with Federal laboratories (as defined in
2	section 4 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology
3	Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703)), and
4	with international organizations;
5	"(C) address long-term challenges of na-
6	tional importance for which solutions require
7	large-scale, long-term, interdisciplinary research
8	and development;
9	"(D) place emphasis on innovative and
10	high-risk projects having the potential for sub-
11	stantial societal returns on the research invest-
12	ment;
13	"(E) strengthen all levels of networking
14	and information technology education and
15	training programs to ensure an adequate, well-
16	trained workforce; and
17	"(F) attract more women and underrep-
18	resented minorities to pursue postsecondary de-
19	grees in networking and information tech-
20	nology.
21	"(3) National Research Infrastructure.—The
22	strategic plan developed in accordance with paragraph (1)
23	shall be accompanied by milestones and roadmaps for es-
24	tablishing and maintaining the national research infra-

- structure required to support the Program, including the 2 roadmap required by subsection (a)(2)(E). 3 "(4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The entities involved in developing the strategic plan under paragraph (1) shall 5 take into consideration the recommendations— "(A) of the advisory committee established 6 7 under subsection (b); and "(B) of the stakeholders whose input was solic-8 9 ited by the National Coordination Office, as required 10 under section 102(b)(3). 11 "(5) Report to Congress.—The Director of the 12 National Coordination Office shall transmit the strategic 13 plan required under paragraph (1) to the advisory committee, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-14 15 portation of the Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives.". 16 17 (c) Additional Responsibilities of Director.— Section 101(a)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5511(a)(2)) is 18 19 amended— 20 (1) in subparagraph (A) by inserting "education," after "networking,"; 21 22 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and 23 (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and 24 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-

lowing new subparagraph:

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1	"(E) encourage and monitor the efforts of
2	the agencies participating in the Program to al-
3	locate the level of resources and management
4	attention necessary to ensure that the strategic
5	plan under subsection (e) is developed and exe-
6	cuted effectively and that the objectives of the
7	Program are met;".
8	(d) Advisory Committee.—Section 101(b)(1) of
9	such Act (15 U.S.C. 5511(b)(1)) is amended by inserting
10	after the first sentence the following: "The co-chairs of
11	the advisory committee shall meet the qualifications of
12	committee membership and may be members of the Presi-
13	dent's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.".
14	(e) Report.—Section 101(a)(3) of such Act (15
15	U.S.C. 5511(a)(3)) is amended—
16	(1) in subparagraph (C)—
17	(A) by striking "is submitted," and insert-
18	ing "is submitted, the levels for the previous
19	fiscal year,"; and
20	(B) by striking "each Program Component
21	Area;" and inserting "each Program Compo-
22	nent Area and research area supported in ac-
23	cordance with section 104;";
24	(2) in subparagraph (D)—

1	(A) by striking "each Program Component
2	Area," and inserting "each Program Compo-
3	nent Area and research area supported in ac-
4	cordance with section 104,";
5	(B) by striking "is submitted," and insert-
6	ing "is submitted, the levels for the previous
7	fiscal year,"; and
8	(C) by striking "and" after the semicolon;
9	(3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
10	paragraph (G); and
11	(4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
12	lowing new subparagraphs:
13	"(E) include a description of how the ob-
14	jectives for each Program Component Area, and
15	the objectives for activities that involve multiple
16	Program Component Areas, relate to the objec-
17	tives of the Program identified in the strategic
18	plan required under subsection (e);
19	"(F) include—
20	"(i) a description of the funding re-
21	quired by the National Coordination Office
22	to perform the functions specified under
23	section 102(b) for the next fiscal year by
24	category of activity;

1	"(ii) a description of the funding re-
2	quired by such Office to perform the func-
3	tions specified under section 102(b) for the
4	current fiscal year by category of activity;
5	and
6	"(iii) the amount of funding provided
7	for such Office for the current fiscal year
8	by each agency participating in the Pro-
9	gram; and".
10	(f) Definition.—Section 4 of such Act (15 U.S.C.
11	5503) is amended—
12	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
13	(7) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively;
14	(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
15	designated, the following new paragraph:
16	"(1) 'cyber-physical systems' means physical or
17	engineered systems whose networking and informa-
18	tion technology functions and physical elements are
19	deeply integrated and are actively connected to the
20	physical world through sensors, actuators, or other
21	means to perform monitoring and control func-
22	tions;";
23	(3) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

1	(A) by striking "high-performance com-
2	puting" and inserting "networking and infor-
3	mation technology"; and
4	(B) by striking "supercomputer" and in-
5	serting "high-end computing";
6	(4) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by
7	striking "network referred to as" and all that fol-
8	lows through the semicolon and inserting "network,
9	including advanced computer networks of Federal
10	agencies and departments;"; and
11	(5) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by
12	striking "National High-Performance Computing
13	Program" and inserting "networking and informa-
14	tion technology research and development program".
15	SEC. 3. LARGE-SCALE RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NATIONAL
16	IMPORTANCE.
17	Title I of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5511) is amended by
18	adding at the end the following new section:
19	"SEC. 104. LARGE-SCALE RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NA-
20	TIONAL IMPORTANCE.
21	"(a) In General.—The Program shall encourage
22	agencies identified in section 101(a)(3)(B) to support
23	large-scale, long-term, interdisciplinary research and de-
24	velopment activities in networking and information tech-
25	nology directed toward application areas that have the po-

1	tential for significant contributions to national economic
2	competitiveness and for other significant societal benefits.
3	Such activities, ranging from basic research to the dem-
4	onstration of technical solutions, shall be designed to ad-
5	vance the development of research discoveries. The advi-
6	sory committee established under section 101(b) shall
7	make recommendations to the Program for candidate re-
8	search and development areas for support under this sec-
9	tion.
10	"(b) Characteristics.—
11	"(1) In General.—Research and development
12	activities under this section shall—
13	"(A) include projects selected on the basis
14	of applications for support through a competi-
15	tive, merit-based process;
16	"(B) involve collaborations among re-
17	searchers in institutions of higher education
18	and industry, and may involve nonprofit re-
19	search institutions and Federal laboratories, as
20	appropriate;
21	"(C) when possible, leverage Federal in-
22	vestments through collaboration with related
23	State initiatives; and
24	"(D) include a plan for fostering the trans-
25	fer of research discoveries and the results of

technology demonstration activities, including from institutions of higher education and Federal laboratories, to industry for commercial development.

- "(2) Cost-sharing.—In selecting applications for support, the agencies shall give special consideration to projects that include cost sharing from non-Federal sources.
- "(3) AGENCY COLLABORATION.—If 2 or more agencies identified in section 101(a)(3)(B), or other appropriate agencies, are working on large-scale research and development activities in the same area of national importance, then such agencies shall strive to collaborate through joint solicitation and selection of applications for support and subsequent funding of projects.
- "(4) Interdisciplinary research centres.—Research and development activities under this section may be supported through interdisciplinary research centers that are organized to investigate basic research questions and carry out technology demonstration activities in areas described in subsection (a). Research may be carried out through existing interdisciplinary centers, including those authorized under section 7024(b)(2) of the America

1	COMPETES Act (Public Law 110–69; 42 U.S.C.
2	1862o-10).".
3	SEC. 4. CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS.
4	(a) Additional Program Characteristics.—Sec-
5	tion $101(a)(1)$ of such Act $(15\ U.S.C.\ 5511(a)(1))$ is
6	amended—
7	(1) in subparagraph (H), by striking "and"
8	after the semicolon;
9	(2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period
10	at the end and inserting a semicolon; and
11	(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12	paragraphs:
13	"(J) provide for increased understanding
14	of the scientific principles of cyber-physical sys-
15	tems and improve the methods available for the
16	design, development, and operation of cyber-
17	physical systems that are characterized by high
18	reliability, safety, and security; and
19	"(K) provide for research and development
20	on human-computer interactions, visualization,
21	and big data.".
22	(b) TASK FORCE.—Title I of such Act (15 U.S.C.
23	5511) is amended further by adding after section 104, as
24	added by section 3 of this Act, the following new section:

1 "SEC. 105. UNIVERSITY/INDUSTRY TASK FORCE.

2	"(a) Establishment.—Not later than 180 days
3	after the date of enactment of the Advancing America's
4	Networking and Information Technology Research and
5	Development Act of 2012, the Director of the National
6	Coordination Office shall convene a task force to explore
7	mechanisms for carrying out collaborative research and
8	development activities for cyber-physical systems, includ-
9	ing the related technologies required to enable these sys-
10	tems, through a consortium or other appropriate entity
11	with participants from institutions of higher education,
12	Federal laboratories, and industry.
13	"(b) Functions.—The task force shall—
14	"(1) develop options for a collaborative model
15	and an organizational structure for such entity
16	under which the joint research and development ac-
17	tivities could be planned, managed, and conducted
18	effectively, including mechanisms for the allocation
19	of resources among the participants in such entity
20	for support of such activities;
21	"(2) propose a process for developing a re-
22	search and development agenda for such entity, in-
23	cluding guidelines to ensure an appropriate scope of
24	work focused on nationally significant challenges and
25	requiring collaboration and to ensure the develop-

1	ment of related scientific and technological mile-
2	stones;
3	"(3) define the roles and responsibilities for the
4	participants from institutions of higher education,
5	Federal laboratories, and industry in such entity;
6	"(4) propose guidelines for assigning intellec-
7	tual property rights and for the transfer of research
8	results to the private sector; and
9	"(5) make recommendations for how such enti-
10	ty could be funded from Federal, State, and non-
11	governmental sources.
12	"(c) Composition.—In establishing the task force
13	under subsection (a), the Director of the National Coordi-
14	nation Office—
15	"(1) shall appoint an equal number of individ-
16	uals with knowledge and expertise in cyber-physical
17	systems from—
18	"(A) institutions of higher education, in-
19	cluding minority-serving institutions and com-
20	munity colleges; and
21	"(B) industry; and
22	"(2) may appoint not more than 2 individuals
23	from Federal laboratories.
24	"(d) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25	of enactment of the Advancing America's Networking and

- 1 Information Technology Research and Development Act of
- 2 2012, the Director of the National Coordination Office
- 3 shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
- 4 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
- 5 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
- 6 resentatives a report describing the findings and rec-
- 7 ommendations of the task force.
- 8 "(e) Termination.—The task force shall terminate
- 9 upon transmittal of the report required under subsection
- 10 (d).
- 11 "(f) Compensation.—Members of the task force
- 12 shall serve without compensation.".
- 13 SEC. 5. CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES FOR RESEARCH.
- 14 Title I of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5511) is amended fur-
- 15 ther by adding after section 105, as added by section 4(b)
- 16 of this Act, the following new section:
- 17 "SEC. 106. CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES FOR RESEARCH.
- 18 "(a) Interagency Working Group.—Not later
- 19 than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Advanc-
- 20 ing America's Networking and Information Technology
- 21 Research and Development Act of 2012, the Director of
- 22 the National Coordination Office, working through the
- 23 National Science and Technology Council, shall convene
- 24 an interagency working group to—

- 1 "(1) examine issues around funding mecha-
- 2 nisms and policies for the use of cloud computing
- 3 services for federally-funded science and engineering
- 4 research; and
- 5 "(2) recommend guidelines, as needed, to agen-
- 6 cies on providing uniform guidance to organizations
- 7 and researchers on such funding mechanisms and
- 8 policies.
- 9 "(b) Consultation.—In carrying out the tasks in
- 10 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), the working
- 11 group shall consult with academia, industry, Federal lab-
- 12 oratories, and other relevant organizations and institu-
- 13 tions, as appropriate.
- 14 "(c) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date
- 15 of enactment of the Advancing America's Networking and
- 16 Information Technology Research and Development Act of
- 17 2012, the Director of the National Coordination Office
- 18 shall transmit to the Committee on Science, Space, and
- 19 Technology of the House of Representatives and the Com-
- 20 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
- 21 Senate a report describing the findings and any rec-
- 22 ommendations of the working group.
- 23 "(d) TERMINATION.—The interagency working group
- 24 shall terminate upon transmittal of the report required
- 25 under subsection (c).".

1 SEC. 6. NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE.

2	Section 102 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5512) is amended
3	to read as follows:
4	"SEC. 102. NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE.
5	"(a) Office.—The Director shall continue a Na-
6	tional Coordination Office with a Director and full-time
7	staff.
8	"(b) Functions.—The National Coordination Office
9	shall—
10	"(1) provide technical and administrative sup-
11	port to—
12	"(A) the agencies participating in planning
13	and implementing the Program, including such
14	support as needed in the development of the
15	strategic plan under section 101(e); and
16	"(B) the advisory committee established
17	under section 101(b);
18	"(2) serve as the primary point of contact on
19	Federal networking and information technology ac-
20	tivities for government organizations, academia, in-
21	dustry, professional societies, State computing and
22	networking technology programs, interested citizen
23	groups, and others to exchange technical and pro-
24	grammatic information;
25	"(3) solicit input and recommendations from a
26	wide range of stakeholders during the development

- of each strategic plan required under section 101(e) through the convening of at least 1 workshop with invitees from academia, industry, Federal laboratories, and other relevant organizations and institu-
- 6 "(4) conduct public outreach, including the dis-7 semination of findings and recommendations of the 8 advisory committee, as appropriate; and
 - "(5) 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.
- 14 "(c) Source of Funding.—

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tions;

- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The operation of the National Coordination Office shall be supported by funds from each agency participating in the Program.
 - "(2) Specifications.—The portion of the total budget of such Office that is provided by each agency for each fiscal year shall be in the same proportion as each such agency's share of the total budget for the Program for the previous fiscal year, as specified in the report required under section 101(a)(3).".

1	SEC. 7. IMPROVING NETWORKING AND INFORMATION
2	TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION.
3	Section 201(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5521(a)) is
4	amended—
5	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
6	(4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively; and
7	(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
8	lowing new paragraph:
9	"(2) the National Science Foundation shall use
10	its existing programs, in collaboration with other
11	agencies, as appropriate, to improve the teaching
12	and learning of networking and information tech-
13	nology at all levels of education and to increase par-
14	ticipation in networking and information technology
15	fields, including by women and underrepresented mi-
16	norities;".
17	SEC. 8. CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.
18	(a) Section 3.—Section 3 of such Act (15 U.S.C.
19	5502) is amended—
20	(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
21	striking "high-performance computing" and insert-
22	ing "networking and information technology";
23	(2) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
24	subparagraph (A), by striking "high-performance
25	computing" and inserting "networking and informa-
26	tion technology";

1	(3) in subparagraphs (A) and (F) of paragraph
2	(1), by striking "high-performance computing" each
3	place it appears and inserting "networking and in-
4	formation technology"; and
5	(4) in paragraph (2)—
6	(A) by striking "high-performance com-
7	puting and" and inserting "networking and in-
8	formation technology and"; and
9	(B) by striking "high-performance com-
10	puting network" and inserting "networking and
11	information technology".
12	(b) Title I.—The heading of title I of such Act (15
13	U.S.C. 5511) is amended by striking "HIGH-PER-
14	FORMANCE COMPUTING" and inserting "NET-
15	WORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-
16	NOLOGY".
17	(c) Section 101.—Section 101 of such Act (15
18	U.S.C. 5511) is amended—
19	(1) in the section heading, by striking "HIGH-
20	PERFORMANCE COMPUTING" and inserting
21	"NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-
22	NOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT";
23	(2) in subsection (a)—
24	(A) in the subsection heading, by striking
25	"National High-Performance Computing"

1	and inserting "NETWORKING AND INFORMA-
2	TION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
3	MENT";
4	(B) in paragraph (1) of such subsection—
5	(i) in the matter preceding subpara-
6	graph (A), by striking "National High-Per-
7	formance Computing Program" and insert-
8	ing "networking and information tech-
9	nology research and development pro-
10	gram'';
11	(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12	"high-performance computing, including
13	networking" and inserting "networking
14	and information technology"; and
15	(iii) in subparagraphs (B), (C), and
16	(G), by striking "high-performance" each
17	place it appears and inserting "high-end";
18	and
19	(C) in paragraph (2) of such subsection—
20	(i) in subparagraphs (A) and (C)—
21	(I) by striking "high-performance
22	computing" each place it appears and
23	inserting "networking and information
24	technology''; and

1 (II) by striking "development, 2 networking," each place it appears and inserting "development,"; and 3 (ii) in subparagraphs (F) and (G), as 4 5 redesignated by section 2(c)(1) of this Act, 6 by striking "high-performance" each place 7 it appears and inserting "high-end"; 8 (3) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter pre-9 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking "high-perform-10 ance computing" both places it appears and insert-11 ing "networking and information technology"; and (4) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking "high-12 performance computing" and inserting "networking 13 14 and information technology". 15 (d) Section 201.—Section 201(a)(1) of such Act 16 (15 U.S.C. 5521(a)(1)) is amended by striking "high-performance computing" and all that follows through "net-17 working;" and inserting "networking and information re-18 19 search and development;". 20 (e) Section 202.—Section 202(a) of such Act (15 21 U.S.C. 5522(a)) is amended by striking "high-perform-22 ance computing" and inserting "networking and informa-23 tion technology". 24 (f) Section 203.—Section 203(a)(1) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 5523(a)(1)) is amended by striking "high-perform-

- 1 ance computing and networking" and inserting "net-
- 2 working and information technology".
- 3 (g) Section 204.—Section 204(a)(1) of such Act
- 4 (15 U.S.C. 5524(a)(1)) is amended—
- 5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "high-per-
- 6 formance computing systems and networks" and in-
- 7 serting "networking and information technology sys-
- 8 tems and capabilities"; and
- 9 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking "high-per-
- formance computing" and inserting "networking and
- information technology".
- 12 (h) Section 205.—Section 205(a) of such Act (15
- 13 U.S.C. 5525(a)) is amended by striking "computational"
- 14 and inserting "networking and information technology".
- 15 (i) Section 206.—Section 206(a) of such Act (15
- 16 U.S.C. 5526(a)) is amended by striking "computational
- 17 research" and inserting "networking and information
- 18 technology research".
- 19 (j) Section 208.—Section 208 of such Act (15
- 20 U.S.C. 5528) is amended—
- 21 (1) in the section heading, by striking "**HIGH-**
- 22 **PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**" and inserting
- 23 "NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-
- 24 **NOLOGY**"; and
- 25 (2) in subsection (a)—

1	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "High-
2	performance computing and associated" and in-
3	serting "Networking and information";
4	(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "high-
5	performance computing" and inserting "net-
6	working and information technologies";
7	(C) in paragraph (4), by striking "high-
8	performance computers and associated" and in-
9	serting "networking and information"; and
10	(D) in paragraph (5), by striking "high-
11	performance computing and associated" and in-
12	serting "networking and information".

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