

118TH CONGRESS
2ND SESSION

S. 2116

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, 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 “Strengthening Support
5 for American Manufacturing Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-**
9 **GRESS.**—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress” means—

11 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
12 and Transportation of the Senate; and

13 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
14 merce of the House of Representatives.

15 (2) **COVERED OFFICES AND BUREAUS.**—The
16 term “covered offices and bureaus” means offices
17 and bureaus of the Department of Commerce identi-
18 fied under section 3(a)(1).

19 (3) **CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.**—The term “crit-
20 ical supply chain” means an end-to-end system that
21 converts raw materials into finished products in crit-
22 ical sectors, including in—

23 (A) the defense industrial base;

24 (B) the public health and biological pre-
25 paredness industrial base;

1 (C) the information and communications
2 technology industrial base;

3 (D) the energy sector industrial base;

4 (E) the transportation industrial base; and

5 (F) agricultural supply chains.

6 (4) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE.—The
7 term “critical supply chain resilience” means miti-
8 gating gaps and vulnerabilities in critical supply
9 chains, including by—

10 (A) reducing risk of malicious sabotage or
11 external or internal manipulation; and

12 (B) improving the ability to withstand sup-
13 ply chain interruptions such as logistical chal-
14 lenges and workforce, materials, equipment, or
15 product shortages.

16 (5) MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVA-
17 TION.—The term “manufacturing and industrial in-
18 novation” means—

19 (A) providing assistance, resources, or
20 services to manufacturers or manufacturing
21 workers in the United States;

22 (B) offering expertise, improvements, re-
23 search, and development or other assistance in
24 technological innovations or advanced manufac-

1 turing in partnership with or for use by manu-
2 facturers in the United States; or

3 (C) developing policy that substantially im-
4 pacts the manufacturing sector in the United
5 States.

6 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Commerce.

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY RELATING TO MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS**
9 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall produce
12 a report that—

13 (1) identifies offices and bureaus of the Depart-
14 ment of Commerce with responsibilities related to—

15 (A) critical supply chain resilience; and

16 (B) manufacturing and industrial innova-
17 tion;

18 (2) identifies the duties, responsibilities, pro-
19 grams, and expertise relevant to critical supply chain
20 resilience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
21 tion of each covered office and bureau;

22 (3) identifies and assesses the purpose, statu-
23 tory authority, effectiveness, efficiency, and limita-
24 tions of each covered office and bureau;

1 (4) identifies gaps between offices with duplica-
2 tive duties responsibilities, programs, and expertise
3 within the Department of Commerce that are imple-
4 menting activities related to critical supply chain re-
5 silience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
6 tion; and

7 (5) provides recommendations to improve the
8 effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each covered
9 office and bureau, including recommendations to—

10 (A) optimize operations within or across
11 covered offices and bureaus;

12 (B) improve coordination across covered
13 offices and bureaus; and

14 (C) improve coordination with Federal
15 agencies implementing similar activities related
16 to critical supply chain resilience and manufac-
17 turing and industrial innovation.

18 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRA-
19 TION.—The Secretary shall contract with the National
20 Academy of Public Administration in producing the report
21 under subsection (a).

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
23 on which the Secretary produces the report under sub-
24 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
25 committees of Congress—

- 1 (1) the report produced under subsection (a);
- 2 (2) recommendations for potential legislative ac-
- 3 tion addressing recommendations in the report pro-
- 4 duced under subsection (a); and
- 5 (3) a response from the Secretary to the rec-
- 6 ommendations included in the report produced under
- 7 subsection (a).

Passed the Senate April 30, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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