

# Calendar No. 641

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 4719

To provide, temporarily, authority for the Secretary of Commerce to waive cost sharing requirements for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KAINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 15, 2020

Reported by Mr. WICKER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Manufacturers  
3 Respond to COVID–19 Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY WAIVER OF HOLLINGS MANUFAC-**  
5 **TURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP COST**  
6 **SHARING REQUIREMENT.**

7 The Secretary of Commerce may waive all or a por-  
8 tion of the requirements of subsection (e)(2) of section 25  
9 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act  
10 (15 U.S.C. 278k) with respect to the provision under such  
11 section by the Secretary of capital and annual operating  
12 and maintenance funds required to establish and support  
13 a Center (as defined in subsection (a) of such section) to  
14 the degree that such funds are derived from amounts spe-  
15 cifically appropriated for the Hollings Manufacturing Ex-  
16 tension Partnership for fiscal year 2021.

17 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

18 *This Act may be cited as the “Helping Manufacturers*  
19 *Respond to COVID–19 Act of 2020”.*

20 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY WAIVER OF HOLLINGS MANUFAC-**  
21 **TURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP COST**  
22 **SHARING REQUIREMENT.**

23 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce may*  
24 *waive all or a portion of the requirements of subsection*  
25 *(e)(2) of section 25 of the National Institute of Standards*  
26 *and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k) with respect to the*

1 *provision under such section by the Secretary of capital and*  
2 *annual operating and maintenance funds required to estab-*  
3 *lish and support an eligible Center to the degree that such*  
4 *funds are derived from amounts specifically appropriated*  
5 *for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership for*  
6 *fiscal year 2021.*

7       **(b) ELIGIBLE CENTER DEFINED.**—*In this section, the*  
8 *term “eligible Center” means a Center (as defined in section*  
9 *25(a) of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-*  
10 *nology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(a)) that has demonstrated to*  
11 *the Secretary of Commerce that it is unable or significantly*  
12 *restricted in its ability to meet cost share requirements due*  
13 *to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19).*

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