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Purpose: To reduce duplication, increase transparency, and prioritize national security and caring for wounded warriors in the research and development conducted by the Department of Defense.


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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

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1  At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

2  SEC. 216. ENHANCEMENTS OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

3  (a) REDUCTION OF DUPLICATION.—

4  (1) PLAN FOR REDUCTION OF UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Director of
the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Director of the National Science Foundation, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the heads of other appropriate scientific agencies of the Federal Government, develop a plan to ensure such departments and agencies are effectively coordinating on matters relating to research and development and have the means to more efficiently cross-check grant applications and recipients to identify and prevent unnecessary duplication in such matters. The plan shall take into consideration the recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office in the report entitled “2012 Annual Report: Opportunities to Reduce Duplication, Overlap and Fragmentation, Achieve Savings, and Enhance Revenue” (GAO–12–342SP). The plan shall include specific objectives, actions, and schedules.

(2) PLAN FOR REDUCTION IN CERTAIN MEDICAL RESEARCH.—Not later than 300 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
Defense shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, submit to Congress a plan to eliminate unnecessary duplication in the research being conducted by the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense by transferring research that is not directly related to military service to another appropriate department or agency of the Federal Government. The plan shall include such recommendations for legislative and administrative action as the Secretaries consider appropriate to implement the plan.

(b) ENHANCEMENT OF TRANSPARENCY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, develop guidance to ensure that—

(A) the Department of Defense and the components of the Department are reporting information required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note) regarding recipients of grants, contracts, or other forms of Federal financial assistance provided
by the Department of Defense using covered re-
search, development, test, and evaluation funds;
and
(B) such information is posted in a timely
manner on the Internet website of the Office of
Management and Budget available to the pub-
lic.

(2) ADDITIONAL INTERNET WEBSITE.—Not
later than 300 days after the date of the enactment
of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, shall develop
a searchable Internet website available to the public
that lists grants awarded by the Department using
covered research, development, test, and evaluation
funds. The information posted on the website re-
garding a grant shall include the following:

(A) The name and location of the recipient
of the grant.

(B) The total amount of the grant, and the
amount of the grant to be disbursed by year in
the case of a multi-year grant.

(C) The duration of the grant.

(D) The purpose of the grant.

(3) COVERED RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST,
AND EVALUATION FUNDS DEFINED.—In this sub-
section, the term “covered research, development,
test, and evaluation funds” means amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2013 for research, development, test, and evaluation.

(c) PRIORITY IN DEFENSE RESEARCH FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND CARE OF WOUNDED WARRIORS.—

(1) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense by this title for research, development, test, and evaluation may be obligated and expended only on programs, projects, and initiatives directly related to defense activities, such as developing new technologies for the future force, combating terrorism and other emerging threats, increasing military combat capabilities, and improving care, protection, and the health and well-being of members of the Armed Forces.

(2) FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) program shall support the testing of technologies, products, and other
items with a high Technology Readiness Level that could fill gaps in mission requirements.

(B) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for the Foreign Comparative Testing program may be obligated or expended to develop products or technologies (such as beef jerky or the osmotic dehydration process) not related to weaponry, combat systems, or improving the care of or protecting the health and well-being of members of the Armed Forces.

(d) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive any requirement of this section if the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees in writing that the waiver is in the national security interests of the United States and includes with such certification a justification for the waiver.