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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 **OPMENT CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT**
- 4 **OF DEFENSE.**
- 5 (a) REDUCTION OF DUPLICATION.—
- 6 (1) PLAN FOR REDUCTION OF UNNECESSARY
- 7 DUPLICATION.—Not later than 180 days after the
- 8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
- 9 Defense shall, in consultation with the Director of

1 the Office of Management and Budget, the Sec-
2 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Energy,
3 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
4 Director of the National Institutes of Health, the
5 Director of the National Science Foundation, the
6 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
7 Space Administration, the Administrator of the Na-
8 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and
9 the heads of other appropriate scientific agencies of
10 the Federal Government, develop a plan to ensure
11 such departments and agencies are effectively co-
12 ordinating on matters relating to research and devel-
13 opment and have the means to more efficiently
14 cross-check grant applications and recipients to iden-
15 tify and prevent unnecessary duplication in such
16 matters. The plan shall take into consideration the
17 recommendations made by the Government Account-
18 ability Office in the report entitled “2012 Annual
19 Report: Opportunities to Reduce Duplication, Over-
20 lap and Fragmentation, Achieve Savings, and En-
21 hance Revenue” (GAO-12-342SP). The plan shall
22 include specific objectives, actions, and schedules.

23 (2) PLAN FOR REDUCTION IN CERTAIN MED-
24 ICAL RESEARCH.—Not later than 300 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Defense shall, in coordination with the Secretary of
2 Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services, submit to Congress a plan to elimi-
4 nate unnecessary duplication in the research being
5 conducted by the Congressionally Directed Medical
6 Research Program of the Department of Defense by
7 transferring research that is not directly related to
8 military service to another appropriate department
9 or agency of the Federal Government. The plan shall
10 include such recommendations for legislative and ad-
11 ministrative action as the Secretaries consider ap-
12 propriate to implement the plan.

13 (b) ENHANCEMENT OF TRANSPARENCY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Di-
17 rector of the Office of Management and Budget, de-
18 velop guidance to ensure that—

19 (A) the Department of Defense and the
20 components of the Department are reporting in-
21 formation required by the Federal Funding Ac-
22 countability and Transparency Act of 2006
23 (Public Law 109–282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note) re-
24 garding recipients of grants, contracts, or other
25 forms of Federal financial assistance provided

1 by the Department of Defense using covered re-
2 search, development, test, and evaluation funds;
3 and

4 (B) such information is posted in a timely
5 manner on the Internet website of the Office of
6 Management and Budget available to the pub-
7 lic.

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

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

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

21 (C) The duration of the grant.

22 (D) The purpose of the grant.

23 (3) COVERED RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST,
24 AND EVALUATION FUNDS DEFINED.—In this sub-
25 section, the term “covered research, development,

1 test, and evaluation funds” means amounts author-
2 ized to be appropriated for the Department of De-
3 fense for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2013 for re-
4 search, development, test, and evaluation.

5 (c) PRIORITY IN DEFENSE RESEARCH FOR NA-
6 TIONAL SECURITY AND CARE OF WOUNDED WARRIORS.—

7 (1) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN
8 AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 this Act, amounts authorized to be appropriated for
10 fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense by
11 this title for research, development, test, and evalua-
12 tion may be obligated and expended only on pro-
13 grams, projects, and initiatives directly related to de-
14 fense activities, such as developing new technologies
15 for the future force, combating terrorism and other
16 emerging threats, increasing military combat capa-
17 bilities, and improving care, protection, and the
18 health and well-being of members of the Armed
19 Forces.

20 (2) FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING PRO-
21 GRAM.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Foreign Compara-
23 tive Testing (FCT) program shall support the
24 testing of technologies, products, and other

1 items with a high Technology Readiness Level
2 that could fill gaps in mission requirements.

3 (B) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF
4 FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appro-
5 priated by this Act for the Foreign Comparative
6 Testing program may be obligated or expended
7 to develop products or technologies (such as
8 beef jerky or the osmotic dehydration process)
9 not related to weaponry, combat systems, or im-
10 proving the care of or protecting the health and
11 well-being of members of the Armed Forces.

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