

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle C of title XXXI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 31___ . ESTABLISHMENT OF MICROLAB PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration
4 with the directors of national laboratories, may establish
5 a microlab pilot program under which the Secretary estab-
6 lishes a microlab that is located in close proximity to a
7 national laboratory and that is accessible to the public for
8 the purposes of—

9 (1) enhancing collaboration with regional re-
10 search groups, such as institutions of higher edu-
11 cation and industry groups; and

12 (2) accelerating technology transfer from na-
13 tional laboratories to the marketplace.

14 (3) promoting regional workforce development
15 through science, technology, engineering, and mathe-
16 matics (STEM) instruction and training.

1 (b) CRITERIA.—In determining the placement of a
2 microlab under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
3 sider—

4 (1) the commitment of a national laboratory to
5 establishing a microlab;

6 (2) the existence of a joint research institute or
7 a new facility that—

8 (A) is not on the main site of a national
9 laboratory;

10 (B) is in close proximity to a national lab-
11 oratory; and

12 (C) has the capability to house a microlab;

13 (3) whether employees of a national laboratory
14 and persons from academia, industry, and govern-
15 ment are available to be assigned to the microlab;
16 and

17 (4) cost-sharing or in-kind contributions from
18 State and local governments and private industry.

19 (c) TIMING.—If the Secretary, in collaboration with
20 the directors of national laboratories, elects to establish
21 a microlab pilot program under this section, the Secretary,
22 in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories,
23 shall—

24 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of en-
25 actment of this Act, begin the process of deter-

1 mining the placement of the microlab under sub-
2 section (a); and

3 (2) not later than 180 days after the date of
4 enactment of this Act, implement the microlab pilot
5 program under this section.

6 (d) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after
7 the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program
8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
9 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Com-
10 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives,
11 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
12 Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-
13 nology of the House of Representatives a report that pro-
14 vides an update on the implementation of the microlab
15 pilot program under subsection (a).

16 (e) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program
18 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
19 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Com-
20 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives,
21 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
22 Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-
23 nology of the House of Representatives a report on the
24 microlab pilot program under subsection (a), including
25 findings and recommendations of the Secretary.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “microlab” means a small labora-
3 tory established by the Secretary under section 3.

4 (2) The term “national laboratory” means a
5 national security laboratory, as defined in section
6 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
7 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2471).

8 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
9 of Energy.

