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The following is the language from the SASC bill:

SEC. 241. PILOT PROGRAMS FOR REVITALIZING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LABORATORIES.

(a) **ADDITIONAL PILOT PROGRAM-** (1) The Secretary of Defense may carry out a pilot program to demonstrate improved efficiency in the performance of research, development, test, and evaluation functions of the Department of Defense.

(2) Under the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall provide the director of one science and technology laboratory, and the director of one test and evaluation laboratory, of each military department with authority for the following:

(A) To use innovative methods of personnel management appropriate for ensuring that the selected laboratories can—

(i) employ and retain a workforce appropriately balanced between permanent and temporary personnel and among workers with appropriate levels of skills and experience; and

(ii) effectively shape workforces to ensure that the workforces have the necessary sets of skills and experience to fulfill their organizational missions.

(B) To develop or expand innovative methods of entering into and expanding cooperative relationships and arrangements with private sector organizations, educational institutions (including primary and secondary schools), and State and local governments to facilitate the training of a future scientific and technical workforce that will contribute significantly to the accomplishment of organizational missions.

© To develop or expand innovative methods of establishing cooperative relationships and arrangements with private sector organizations and educational institutions to promote the establishment of the technological industrial base in areas critical for Department of Defense technological requirements.

(D) To waive any restrictions not required by law that apply to the demonstration and implementation of methods for achieving the objectives set forth in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C).

(3) The Secretary may carry out the pilot program under this subsection at each selected laboratory for a period of three years beginning not later than March 1, 2003.

(b) Relationship to Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 Revitalization Pilot Programs- The pilot program under this section is in addition to, but may be carried out in conjunction with, the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs.

© REPORTS- (1) Not later than January 1, 2003, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the experience under the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs in exercising the authorities provided for the administration of those programs. The report shall include a description of—

(A) barriers to the exercise of the authorities that have been encountered;

(B) the proposed solutions for overcoming the barriers; and

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(2) Not later than September 1, 2003, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the pilot program under subsection (a) and the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs. The report shall include, for each such pilot program, the following:

(A) Each laboratory selected for the pilot program.

(B) To the extent practicable, a description of the innovative methods that are to be tested at each laboratory.

© The criteria to be used for measuring the success of each method to be tested.

(3) Not later than 90 days after the expiration of the period for the participation of a laboratory in a pilot program referred to in paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a final report on the participation of that laboratory in the pilot program. The report shall include the following:

(A) A description of the methods tested.

(B) The results of the testing.

© The lessons learned.

(D) Any proposal for legislation that the Secretary recommends on the basis of the experience at that laboratory under the pilot program.

(d) Extension of Authority for Other Revitalization Pilot Programs-(1) Section 246(a)(4) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 112 Stat. 1956; 10 U.S.C. 2358 note) is amended by striking 'a period of three years' and inserting 'up to six years'.

(2) Section 245(a)(4) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65; 113 Stat. 553; 10 U.S.C. 2358 note) is amended by striking 'a period of three years' and inserting 'up to five years'.

(e) PARTNERSHIPS UNDER PILOT PROGRAM- (1) The Secretary of Defense may authorize one or more laboratories and test centers participating in the pilot program under subsection (a) or in one of the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs to enter into a cooperative arrangement (in this subsection referred to as a 'public-private partnership') with entities in the private sector and institutions of higher education for the performance of work.

(2) A competitive process shall be used for the selection of entities outside the Government to participate in a public-private partnership.

(3)(A) Not more than one public-private partnership may be established as a limited liability corporation.

(B) An entity participating in a limited liability corporation as a party to a public-private partnership under the pilot program may contribute funds to the corporation, accept contribution of funds for the corporation, and provide materials, services, and use of facilities for research, technology, and infrastructure of the corporation, if it is determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense that doing so will improve the efficiency of the performance of research, test, and evaluation functions of the Department of Defense.

(f) EXCEPTED SERVICE UNDER PILOT PROGRAM- (1) To facilitate recruitment of experts in science and engineering to improve the performance of research, test, and evaluation functions of the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Defense may—

(A) designate a total of not more than 30 scientific, engineering, and technology positions at the laboratories and test centers participating in the pilot program under subsection (a) or in any of the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs as positions in the excepted service (as defined in section 2103(a) of title 5, United States Code);

(B) appoint individuals to such positions; and
© fix the compensation of such individuals.

(2) The maximum rate of basic pay for a position in the excepted service pursuant to a designation made under paragraph (1) may not exceed the maximum rate of basic pay authorized for senior-level positions under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, notwithstanding any provision of such title governing the rates of pay or classification of employees in the executive branch.

(g) FISCAL YEARS 1999 AND 2000 REVITALIZATION PILOT PROGRAMS DEFINED- In this section, the term 'fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs' means the pilot programs authorized by—

(1) section 246 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 112 Stat. 1955; 10 U.S.C. 2358 note); and

(2) section 245 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65; 113 Stat. 552; 10 U.S.C. 2358 note).

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