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# H. R. 7376

To establish an advisory board on national security innovation activities and extend the pilot program on defense manufacturing, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2020

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Security In-  
5 novation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY BOARD ON NATIONAL SECURITY INNOVA-**  
7 **TION ACTIVITIES.**

8 Section 230 of the John S. McCain National Defense  
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 2358  
10 note) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Under  
2           Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering  
3           shall establish” and inserting “The Under Secretary  
4           of Defense for Research and Engineering, acting  
5           through the Director of the Defense Innovation  
6           Unit, shall establish”;

7           (2) by redesignating subsections (e) through (h)  
8           as subsections (f) through (i), respectively;

9           (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
10          lowing new subsection:

11          “(e) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD.—

12                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than the date  
13                 specified in paragraph (5), but no later than 180  
14                 days after such date, the Under Secretary shall es-  
15                 tablish an advisory board within the Defense Innova-  
16                 tion Unit to advise the Under Secretary and the Di-  
17                 rector of the Unit with respect to the establishment  
18                 and prioritization of activities under such subsection  
19                 (a).

20                 “(2) DUTIES.—The advisory board established  
21                 under paragraph (1) shall—

22                         “(A) identify activities that should be  
23                         prioritized for establishment under subsection  
24                         (a);

1           “(B) not less frequently than semiannually,  
2           reevaluate and update such priorities; and

3           “(C) ensure continuing alignment of the  
4           activities established under subsection (a), in-  
5           cluding all elements of such activities described  
6           in subsection (b), with the overall technology  
7           strategy of the Department of Defense.

8           “(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory board estab-  
9           lished under paragraph (1) shall be composed of one  
10          or more representatives from each of the following:

11           “(A) Each science and technology reinven-  
12          tion laboratory of the Department of Defense.

13           “(B) The primary procurement organiza-  
14          tion of each Armed Force.

15           “(C) The Defense Innovation Board.

16           “(D) Such other organizations and ele-  
17          ments of the Department of Defense as the  
18          Under Secretary, in consultation with the Di-  
19          rector of the Defense Innovation Unit, deter-  
20          mines appropriate.

21          “(4) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days before the  
22          date on which the advisory board is established  
23          under paragraph (1), the Under Secretary shall sub-  
24          mit to the congressional defense committees a plan  
25          for establishing the advisory board, including a de-

1       scription of the expected roles, responsibilities, and  
2       membership of the advisory board.

3               “(5) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in  
4       this paragraph is the date on which funds are first  
5       appropriated or otherwise made available to carry  
6       out subsection (a).”; and

7               (4) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by  
8       striking “subsection (h)” and inserting “subsection  
9       (i)”.

10 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON DEFENSE MAN-**  
11 **UFACTURING.**

12       Section 1711 of the National Defense Authorization  
13 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C.  
14 2505 note) is amended—

15               (1) in subsection (d), by striking “the date that  
16       is four years after the date of the enactment of this  
17       Act” and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and

18               (2) in subsection (e), by striking “January 31,  
19       2022” and inserting “January 31, 2027”.

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