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To amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance public-private talent exchange programs in the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Advancing Develop-
5 ment of AI Processes and Talent Act” or the “ADAPT
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE TALENT EX-**
2 **CHANGE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) PUBLIC-PRIVATE TALENT EXCHANGE.—Section
5 1599g of title 10, United States Code is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by amending subpara-
7 graph (C) to read as follows:

8 “(C) shall contain language ensuring that
9 such employee of the Department does not im-
10 properly use information that such employee
11 knows relates to a Department acquisition, or
12 procurement for the benefit or advantage of the
13 private-sector organization.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (f)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) by striking “is deemed to be an
17 employee of the Department of Defense for
18 the purposes of” and inserting “is subject
19 to”;

20 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D); and

21 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs
22 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and
23 (E), respectively;

24 (B) by striking paragraph (4);

25 (C) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
26 paragraph (4); and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(5) shall be required to file a Public Financial
4 Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278) and the Public
5 Financial Disclosure Report for a such a person and
6 a description of any waivers provided to such person
7 shall be made available on a publicly accessible
8 website of the Department of Defense.”.

9 (b) APPLICATION OF EXCHANGE AUTHORITY TO AR-
10 TIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 90 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
12 Defense shall take steps to ensure that the authority for
13 the Department of Defense to operate a public-private tal-
14 ent exchange program pursuant to section 1599g of title
15 10, United States Code, is used to exchange personnel
16 with private sector entities working on artificial intel-
17 ligence applications. Such application of the authority of
18 section 1599g shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any
19 other application of such authority by the Department of
20 Defense.

21 (c) GOALS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.—In car-
22 rying out the requirement of subsection (b), the Secretary
23 shall seek to achieve the following objectives:

24 (1) In the Secretary of Defense Executive Fel-
25 lows program, the nomination of an additional five

1 uniformed service members and three government ci-
2 vilians by each service and by the Office of the Sec-
3 retary of Defense, for sponsorship by private sector
4 entities working on artificial intelligence applica-
5 tions.

6 (2) For the public-private talent exchange pro-
7 gram of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-
8 tion and Sustainment—

9 (A) an additional 10 government employ-
10 ees to work with private sector entities working
11 on artificial intelligence applications; and

12 (B) an additional 10 employees of private
13 sector entities working on artificial intelligence
14 applications to work in the Department.

15 (3) The establishment of the following new pub-
16 lic-private talent exchange programs in the Office of
17 the Secretary of Defense, comparable to the pro-
18 gram referred to in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) in the office of the Undersecretary of
20 Defense for Research and Engineering, a pro-
21 gram with 20 participants, focused on ex-
22 changes with private sector entities working on
23 artificial intelligence applications; and

24 (B) in the office of the Chief Information
25 Officer of the Department of Defense, a pro-

1 gram with 20 participants, focused on ex-
2 changes with private sector entities working on
3 artificial intelligence applications.

4 (4) In the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, the
5 establishment of new public-private exchange pro-
6 grams, comparable to the Air Force Education with
7 Industry Program, each with 20 program partici-
8 pants, focused on private sector entities working on
9 artificial intelligence applications.

10 (d) TREATMENT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.—

11 (1) The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps shall
12 take steps to ensure that participation by a service
13 member in a program described in subsection (c)(4)
14 is treated, for purposes of promotion boards and
15 subsequent assignments, as equivalent to attending
16 resident professional military education.

17 (2) The Secretary of Defense shall establish a
18 public-private exchange program billet office to tem-
19 porarily hold billets for civilian employees who par-
20 ticipate in programs described in subsection (b), to
21 ensure that participating Department of Defense of-
22 fices are able to retain their staffing levels during
23 the period of participation.

24 (e) BRIEFING ON EXPANSION OF EXISTING EX-
25 CHANGE PROGRAMS.—Not later than 180 days after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
2 the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees
3 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
4 resentatives a briefing on the efforts undertaken to expand
5 existing public-private exchange programs of the Depart-
6 ment of Defense and to ensure that such programs seek
7 opportunities for exchanges with private sector entities
8 working on artificial intelligence applications, in accord-
9 ance with the requirements of this section.

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