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# H. R. 6664

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To establish a Biotechnology Management Office in the Department of Defense and to provide support for the research and development of bioindustrial manufacturing processes, and for other purposes.

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. BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.**

4       (a) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—Not later  
5       than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
6       the Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official,  
7       with relevant biotechnology experience, from a position

1 within the Department of Defense that was in effect on  
2 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, to—

3 (1) be the senior official for biotechnology  
4 issues;

5 (2) be the head of the Biotechnology Manage-  
6 ment Office established under subsection (b); and

7 (3) carry out the responsibilities for the office  
8 in subsection (c).

9 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGE-  
10 MENT OFFICE.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
12 shall, with input from the senior official designated under  
13 subsection (a), charter and establish, under the authority,  
14 direction, and control of the Deputy Secretary of Defense,  
15 a Biotechnology Management Office to foster the develop-  
16 ment, acquisition, and sustainment of broad-based bio-  
17 technology capabilities for the Department.

18 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The office established under  
19 subsection (b) shall be responsible for the following:

20 (1) Maintaining and executing a long-term re-  
21 search, development, acquisition, and sustainment  
22 roadmap.

23 (2) Updating policies and guidance within the  
24 Department relating to the acquisition, adoption,

1 and transition of biotechnology-based products into  
2 Department use.

3 (3) Coordinating with activities across the De-  
4 partment, the Federal Government, industry, aca-  
5 demia, and international partners relating to bio-  
6 technology.

7 (4) Proposing options for streamlining the regu-  
8 latory or acquisition process of the Department.

9 (5) Conducting, as may be needed, global com-  
10 petition analyses, net assessment, or forecasting to  
11 support decisionmakers on biotechnology advances.

12 (6) Supporting the development of public-pri-  
13 vate partnerships with academia, industry, and other  
14 State and local government partners, including  
15 through the development or fostering of regionally  
16 focused innovation ecosystems.

17 (7) Identifying biotechnology workforce and  
18 training gaps across the workforce of the Depart-  
19 ment.

20 (8) Such other responsibilities as the Secretary  
21 considers appropriate.

22 (d) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2030.

24 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the des-  
25 ignation of the senior official pursuant to subsection (a),

1 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense  
 2 committees a briefing on the proposed scope of the charter  
 3 for the office to be established pursuant to subsection (b),  
 4 as well as implementation plans for preliminary activities  
 5 the office will pursue during the proceeding one-year pe-  
 6 riod.

7 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF**  
 8 **BIOINDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING PROC-**  
 9 **ESSES.**

10 Section 215 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
 11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–  
 12 263; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f)  
 14 as subsections (e) through (g), respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
 16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(d) FUNDING.—Funds authorized to be appro-  
 18 priated or otherwise made available to the Department of  
 19 Defense for research, development, test, and evaluation  
 20 may be used to carry out the activities described in sub-  
 21 section (c), including the design and construction activities  
 22 described in subsection (c).”.

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