

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1536

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a fellowship program
regarding neuroscience.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

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

A BILL

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fellowship program regarding neuroscience.

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. VISITING NIH SENIOR NEUROSCIENCE FEL-**
4 **LOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.**—The Secretary of
6 Defense may establish a program to be known as the Vis-
7 iting NIH Senior Neuroscience Fellowship Program at—

8 (1) the Defense Advanced Research Projects
9 Agency; and

1 (2) the Defense Center of Excellence for Psy-
2 chological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury.

3 (b) ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM.—In establishing
4 the Visiting NIH Senior Neuroscience Fellowship Pro-
5 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall require the
6 program to—

7 (1) provide a partnership between the National
8 Institutes of Health and the Defense Advanced Re-
9 search Projects Agency to enable identification and
10 funding of the broadest range of innovative, highest
11 quality clinical and experimental neuroscience stud-
12 ies for the benefit of members of the Armed Forces;

13 (2) provide a partnership between the National
14 Institutes of Health and the Defense Center of Ex-
15 cellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic
16 Brain Injury that will enable identification and
17 funding of clinical and experimental neuroscience
18 studies for the benefit of members of the Armed
19 Forces;

20 (3) use the results of the studies described in
21 paragraph (1) and (2) to enhance the mission of the
22 National Institutes of Health for the benefit of the
23 public; and

24 (4) provide a military and civilian collaborative
25 environment for neuroscience-based medical prob-

- 1 lem-solving in critical areas affecting both military
- 2 and civilian life, particularly post-traumatic stress
- 3 disorder.

