

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3983

To provide for a report on the role of incubators and accelerators in the commercialization of federally funded research and regional economic development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. SWALWELL of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Building Opportunity
5 for Student Startups Act” or the “BOSS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMIES REPORT ON INCUBATORS**
7 **AND ACCELERATORS.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Stand-

1 ards and Technology shall enter into an arrangement with
2 the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on
3 the role of incubators and accelerators, including univer-
4 sity-based incubators and accelerators, in the commer-
5 cialization of federally funded research and regional eco-
6 nomic development. The study shall—

7 (1) include an examination of metrics for com-
8 paring startups that have and have not completed
9 incubator or accelerator programs, and include the
10 role of incubators and accelerators in developing re-
11 gional innovation clusters; and

12 (2) identify best practices in the structure,
13 goals, operation, management, and funding mecha-
14 nisms of leading incubators and accelerators.

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