

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7094

To require the Director of the National Science Foundation to review the application process for awarding grants under the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. MOOLENAAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Get to a Yes or No
5 Faster Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION REVIEW ON CER-**
2 **TAIN GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
4 Science Foundation shall carry out a review of the process
5 for awarding grants under the Small Business Innovation
6 Research Program and the Small Business Technology
7 Transfer Program established under section 9 of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), including—

9 (1) identifying methods, including the use of
10 preliminary proposals, of decreasing the workload
11 for entities applying for such grants; and

12 (2) accelerating the decisionmaking process for
13 awarding such grants.

14 (b) EXAMINATION OF EFFICIENT MODELS.—In car-
15 rying out the review under subsection (a), the Director
16 shall examine models and practices for awarding grants
17 under the Small Business Innovation Research Program
18 and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program
19 that can be adopted by the National Science Foundation,
20 including examining—

21 (1) alternative models for grant application
22 processes, including the Defense Innovation Unit
23 Experimental program carried out by the Depart-
24 ment of Defense; and

1 (2) best practices used by other Federal agen-
2 cies that award such grants, including the letter of
3 intent requirement of the Department of Energy.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to Con-
6 gress a report on the findings of the review carried out
7 under this section and any actions the Director plans to
8 take pursuant to such findings.

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