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S. 1044

To establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the
Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation

A BILL

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within the Department of Commerce, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Manufac-
5 turing Advisory Council for the 21st Century Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL MANUFACTURING ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The term “Advisory
9 Council” means the National Manufacturing Advi-
10 sory Council established under subsection (b).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Commerce.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
4 Department of Commerce the National Manufacturing
5 Advisory Council.

6 (c) MISSION.—The mission of the Advisory Council
7 shall be to—

8 (1) ensure regular communication between the
9 Federal Government and the manufacturing sector
10 in the United States;

11 (2) advise the Secretary regarding policies and
12 programs of the Federal Government that affect
13 United States manufacturing;

14 (3) provide a forum for discussing and pro-
15 posing solutions to problems relating to the manu-
16 facturing industry in the United States; and

17 (4) ensure that the United States remains the
18 preeminent destination throughout the world for in-
19 vestment in manufacturing.

20 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Advisory Council
21 shall include—

22 (1) meeting from time to time to provide inde-
23 pendent advice and recommendations to the Sec-
24 retary regarding issues involving United States man-
25 ufacturing;

1 (2) completing specific tasks requested by the
2 Secretary;

3 (3) conveying input from key industry, labor,
4 academic, defense, governmental, and other stake-
5 holders to aid in the development of a national stra-
6 tegic plan for manufacturing in the United States;

7 (4) monitoring the status of technological devel-
8 opments, critical production capacity, skill avail-
9 ability, investment patterns, emerging defense needs,
10 and other key indicators of manufacturing competi-
11 tiveness to provide foresight for periodic updates to
12 the national strategic plan for manufacturing devel-
13 oped under paragraph (3);

14 (5) soliciting input from the public and private
15 sectors and academia regarding emerging trends in
16 manufacturing, the responsiveness of Federal pro-
17 gramming with respect to manufacturing, and sug-
18 gestions for areas of increased Federal attention
19 with respect to manufacturing;

20 (6) monitoring global manufacturing trends and
21 global threats to manufacturing sectors in the
22 United States; and

23 (7) with respect to the manufacturing.gov
24 website, providing input and improvements in order
25 to—

1 (A) make that website more user-friendly
2 so as to enhance the ability of that website to—

3 (i) provide information to manufactur-
4 ers; and

5 (ii) receive feedback from manufactur-
6 ers;

7 (B) assist that website in becoming the
8 principal place of interaction between manufac-
9 turers in the United States and Federal pro-
10 grams relating to manufacturing; and

11 (C) permit that website to provide assist-
12 ance to manufacturers relating to—

13 (i) international trade and investment
14 matters;

15 (ii) research and technology develop-
16 ment opportunities;

17 (iii) workforce development and train-
18 ing programs and opportunities;

19 (iv) small and medium manufacturer
20 needs; and

21 (v) industrial commons and supply
22 chain needs.

23 (e) MEMBERSHIP.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council
25 shall—

1 (A) consist of individuals, appointed by the
2 Secretary, with a balance of backgrounds, expe-
3 riences, and viewpoints; and

4 (B) include individuals with manufacturing
5 experience who directly represent private indus-
6 try, academia, and labor.

7 (2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary
8 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, accept rec-
9 ommendations from the public regarding the ap-
10 pointment of individuals under paragraph (1).

11 (f) INAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
12 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
13 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Advisory
14 Council or the activities of the Advisory Council.

15 (g) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—All functions of the United
17 States Manufacturing Council of the International
18 Trade Administration of the Department of Com-
19 merce, including the personnel, assets, and obliga-
20 tions of the United States Manufacturing Council of
21 the International Trade Administration of the De-
22 partment of Commerce, as in existence on the day
23 before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be
24 transferred to the Office of the Secretary.

1 (2) DEEMING OF NAME.—Any reference in law,
2 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the
3 United States to the United States Manufacturing
4 Council of the International Trade Administration of
5 the Department of Commerce shall be deemed a ref-
6 erence to the Advisory Council.

7 (3) UNEXPENDED BALANCES.—Unexpended
8 balances of appropriations, authorization, alloca-
9 tions, or other funds related to the United States
10 Manufacturing Council of the International Trade
11 Administration of the Department of Commerce
12 shall be available for use by the Secretary for which
13 the appropriations, authorizations, allocations, or
14 other funds were originally made available.

15 (h) SUNSET.—The Advisory Council shall terminate
16 on September 30, 2025.

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