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To reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes.

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Ms. Cantwell (for herself, Mr. Young, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Daines) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act of
- 6 2024".
- 7 (b) Table of Contents for
- 8 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Definitions.
 - Sec. 3. Purposes.
 - Sec. 4. National Quantum Initiative Program.
 - Sec. 5. National Quantum Coordination Office.

- Sec. 6. Subcommittee on Quantum Information Science.
- Sec. 7. National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 8. Subcommittee on the Economic and Security Implications of Quantum Information Science.
- Sec. 9. International Quantum Cooperation Strategy.
- Sec. 10. Prize challenges.
- Sec. 11. Sunset of National Quantum Initiative.
- Sec. 12. National Institute of Standards and Technology activities and quantum consortium.
- Sec. 13. National Institute of Standards and Technology Quantum Centers.
- Sec. 14. National Science Foundation quantum information science research and education activities.
- Sec. 15. Multidisciplinary centers for quantum research and education.
- Sec. 16. Quantum Reskilling, Education, and Workforce (QREW) Coordination Hub, quantum testbeds, and research security.
- Sec. 17. National Science Foundation cryptography research.
- Sec. 18. National Aeronautics and Space Administration quantum activities.
- Sec. 19. National Institute of Health quantum activities.
- Sec. 20. Department of State quantum activities.
- Sec. 21. Comptroller General review and report.
- Sec. 22. Clerical amendments.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 2 Section 2 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15
- 3 U.S.C. 8801) is amended—
- 4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),
- 5 (7), the first paragraph (8) (relating to the defini-
- 6 tion of the "Subcommittee on Economic and Secu-
- 7 rity Implications"), and the second paragraph (8)
- 8 (relating to the definition of the "Subcommittee on
- 9 Quantum Information Science") as paragraphs (7),
- 10 (9), (12), (13), (17), and (18), respectively;
- 11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
- lowing:
- 13 "(4) Federal Laboratory.—The term 'Fed-
- eral laboratory' has the meaning given such term in

1	section 4 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno-
2	vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703).
3	"(5) Foreign country of concern.—The
4	term 'foreign country of concern' means—
5	"(A) a country that is a covered nation (as
6	such term is defined in section 4872(d) of title
7	10, United States Code); and
8	"(B) any country that the Secretary of
9	Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of
10	Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Direc-
11	tor of National Intelligence, determines to be
12	engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the
13	national security or foreign policy of the United
14	States.
15	"(6) Foreign entity of concern.—The
16	term 'foreign entity of concern' means a foreign en-
17	tity that is—
18	"(A) designated as a foreign terrorist orga-
19	nization by the Secretary of State under section
20	219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
21	(8 U.S.C. 1189(a));
22	"(B) included on the list of specially des-
23	ignated nationals and blocked persons main-
24	tained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control

1	of the Department of the Treasury (commonly
2	known as the 'SDN list');
3	"(C) owned by, controlled by, or subject to
4	the jurisdiction or direction of a government of
5	a foreign country that is a covered nation (as
6	such term is defined in section 4872 of title 10,
7	United States Code);
8	"(D) alleged by the Attorney General to
9	have been involved in activities for which a con-
10	viction was obtained under—
11	"(i) chapter 37 of title 18, United
12	States Code (commonly known as the 'Es-
13	pionage Act');
14	"(ii) section 951 or 1030 of title 18,
15	United States Code;
16	"(iii) chapter 90 of title 18, United
17	States Code (commonly known as the 'Eco-
18	nomic Espionage Act of 1996');
19	"(iv) the Arms Export Control Act
20	(22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);
21	"(v) section 224, 225, 226, 227, or
22	236 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
23	U.S.C. 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, and
24	2284);

1	"(vi) the Export Control Reform Act	
2	of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.); or	
3	"(vii) the International Emergency	
4	Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et	
5	seq.); or	
6	"(E) determined by the Secretary of Com-	
7	merce, in consultation with the Secretary of De-	
8	fense and the Director of National Intelligence,	
9	to be engaged in unauthorized conduct that is	
10	detrimental to the national security or foreign	
11	policy of the United States.";	
12	(3) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by	
13	striking "(a)" each place it appears;	
14	(4) by inserting after paragraph (7), as so re-	
15	designated, the following new paragraph:	
16	"(8) National Laboratory.—The term 'Na-	
17	tional Laboratory' has the meaning given such term	
18	in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42	
19	U.S.C. 15801).";	
20	(5) by inserting after paragraph (9), as so re-	
21	designated, the following:	
22	"(10) QUANTUM APPLICATIONS.—The term	
23	'quantum applications' means uses of quantum in-	
24	formation science, engineering, and technology, in-	
25	cluding quantum algorithms and software, quantum	

- computing and quantum-classical hybrids, quantum
 sensing, quantum networking, quantum encryption,
 quantum simulation, or quantum communications
 applications.
 - "(11) QUANTUM COMPUTING.—The term 'quantum computing' means any of a variety of quantum computing technologies, including quantum annealing and quantum gate-model systems that utilize a variety of architectures, such as superconductors, ion traps, photonics, neutral atoms, atomic spin, electronic spin, or topological qubits.";
 - (6) by amending paragraph (12), as so redesignated, to read as follows:
 - "(12) QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY.—The term 'quantum information science, engineering, and technology' means the understanding, translation, use, or application of the laws of quantum physics for the storage, transmission, manipulation, computing, simulation, or measurement of information."; and
 - (7) by inserting after paragraph (13), as so redesignated, the following:
 - "(14) QUANTUM NETWORKING.—The term 'quantum networking' means the transmission of quantum information and the distribution and use of

1	entanglement across nodes to enable new informa-
2	tion technology applications and fundamental
3	science.
4	"(15) Quantum sensing.—The term 'quan-
5	tum sensing'—
6	"(A) means the use of quantum mechanics
7	to enhance or enable new sensors; and
8	"(B) can include uses of superposition and
9	entanglement, nonclassical states, and advances
10	in accuracy and precision enabled by quantum
11	control.
12	"(16) STEM.—The term 'STEM' means the
13	academic and professional disciplines of science,
14	technology, engineering, and mathematics, including
15	computer science.".
16	SEC. 3. PURPOSES.
17	Section 3 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15
18	U.S.C. 8802) is amended—
19	(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
20	striking "science and its technology applications"
21	and inserting "science, engineering, and technology";
22	(2) in paragraph (1)—
23	(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
24	(A), by striking "science and technology" and

1	inserting "science, engineering, and tech-
2	nology'';
3	(B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
4	as follows:
5	"(A) to expand the number of researchers
6	educators, and students with training in quan-
7	tum information science, engineering, and tech-
8	nology to develop a domestic workforce pipeline
9	and retain international talent to the extent
10	consistent with national security and inter-
11	national competitiveness;";
12	(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13	"science at the" and inserting "science, engi-
14	neering, and technology at the primary, sec-
15	ondary,";
16	(D) in subparagraph (C), by striking
17	"basic";
18	(E) in subparagraph (D)—
19	(i) by striking "science and tech-
20	nology" and inserting "science, engineer-
21	ing, and technology"; and
22	(ii) by striking "and" after the semi-
23	colon; and
24	(F) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(F) to facilitate development of quantum
2	applications, including quantum-hybrid applica-
3	tions, to promote innovation and domestic com-
4	mercialization; and
5	"(G) to support advancements in emerging
6	technologies that could benefit from or benefit
7	the development of quantum technology and
8	promote research, development, demonstration,
9	and application of such emerging technologies
10	in quantum information science, engineering,
11	and technology and scientific discovery.";
12	(3) in paragraph (2), by striking "science and
13	technology" and inserting "science, engineering, and
14	technology";
15	(4) in paragraph (3), by striking "science and
16	technology" and inserting "science, engineering, and
17	technology";
18	(5) in paragraph (4)—
19	(A) by inserting "National Laboratories,"
20	after "Federal laboratories,"; and
21	(B) by striking "and" after the semicolon;
22	(6) in paragraph (5)—
23	(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
24	(A)—

1	(i) by inserting "partnerships, re-
2	search collaborations, and" after "inter-
3	national"; and
4	(ii) by striking "science and tech-
5	nology security" and inserting "science,
6	engineering, and technology";
7	(B) in subparagraph (A)—
8	(i) by inserting ", social benefit,"
9	after "innovation"; and
10	(ii) by striking "and" after the semi-
11	colon;
12	(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
13	period and inserting "; and; and
14	(D) by adding at the end the following:
15	"(C) to facilitate cooperation in the ad-
16	vancement of quantum capabilities, including
17	through investment, among the United States
18	and its strategic allies and partners to strength-
19	en and secure the quantum-relevant domestic
20	supply chain and related ecosystem; and
21	"(D) to coordinate on potential export or
22	strategic trade controls where appropriate.";
23	and
24	(7) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(6) improving the maturity and scale of the
2	quantum industry, including small- and medium-
3	sized businesses and startups representing a diver-
4	sity of quantum specialties, and commercialization of
5	domestic quantum capacity across modalities.".
6	SEC. 4. NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE PROGRAM.
7	Subsection (b) of section 101 of the National Quan-
8	tum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8811) is amended—
9	(1) in paragraph (1)—
10	(A) by striking "development" and insert-
11	ing "research development, and near-, medium-
12	, and long-term demonstration and commer-
13	cialization";
14	(B) by striking "information science and
15	technology"; and
16	(C) by inserting "in diverse sectors" after
17	"applications";
18	(2) in paragraph (2)—
19	(A) by striking "fundamental";
20	(B) by striking "science and technology"
21	and inserting "science, engineering, and tech-
22	nology"; and
23	(C) by inserting "infrastructure," after
24	"demonstration,";
25	(3) in paragraph (3)—

1	(A) by inserting "and retain" after "to de-
2	velop"; and
3	(B) by striking "science and technology"
4	and inserting "science, engineering, and tech-
5	nology";
6	(4) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
7	lows:
8	"(4) provide for interagency planning and co-
9	ordination of Federal quantum information science,
10	engineering, and technology research, development,
11	demonstration, standards engagement, and other ac-
12	tivities under the Program, including activities au-
13	thorized pursuant to section 234 of the John S.
14	McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
15	cal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 4001 note), quantum edu-
16	cational activities and programs authorized pursuant
17	to section 10661 of the Research and Development,
18	Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19261),
19	and activities conducted at any Federal laboratory;";
20	and
21	(5) in paragraph (5)—
22	(A) by striking "industry and universities"
23	and inserting "industry, universities, small
24	businesses, and strategic allies and partners";
25	and

1	(B) by inserting ", including human re-
2	sources" after "resources".
3	SEC. 5. NATIONAL QUANTUM COORDINATION OFFICE.
4	Section 102 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
5	(15 U.S.C. 8812) is amended—
6	(1) in subsection (a)(2)—
7	(A) in subparagraph (A)—
8	(i) by inserting "who shall be" before
9	"appointed"; and
10	(ii) by inserting ", and who may serve
11	a 4-year term, subject to renewal" before
12	the semicolon; and
13	(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read
14	as follows:
15	"(B) staff comprised of employees detailed
16	from the Federal departments and agencies
17	specified in section 103(b)."; and
18	(2) in subsection (b)—
19	(A) in paragraph (3), by striking "science
20	and technology" and inserting "science, engi-
21	neering, and technology research, development,
22	workforce, and international";
23	(B) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
24	follows:

1	"(4) ensure coordination among the collabo-
2	rative ventures or consortia established under this
3	Act;"; and
4	(C) in paragraph (6), by striking "; and"
5	and inserting a semicolon;
6	(D) in paragraph (7)—
7	(i) by inserting "small businesses,
8	nonprofit research organizations," after
9	"universities,"; and
10	(ii) by striking the period at the end
11	and inserting a semicolon; and
12	(E) by adding after paragraph (7), the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"(8) promote understanding and adoption of
15	viable quantum capabilities that strengthen the
16	United States economy as appropriate; and
17	"(9) track, monitor, and promote policies that
18	will ensure the stability of the United States quan-
19	tum workforce, quantum supply chain, domestic
20	quantum industry, and international trade.".
21	SEC. 6. SUBCOMMITTEE ON QUANTUM INFORMATION
22	SCIENCE.
23	Section 103 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
24	(15 U.S.C. 8813) is amended—
25	(1) in subsection (b)—

1	(A) in paragraph (8), by striking "and"
2	after the semicolon;
3	(B) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
4	paragraph (16); and
5	(C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
6	following new paragraphs:
7	"(9) the Department of Health and Human
8	Services;
9	"(10) the Department of State;
10	"(11) the Department of Homeland Security;
11	"(12) the Department of Education;
12	"(13) the Department of Labor;
13	"(14) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
14	Administration;
15	"(15) the Small Business Administration; and";
16	(2) in subsection (d)—
17	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "the
18	quantum information science and technology re-
19	search" and inserting "quantum information
20	science, engineering, and technology research
21	and quantum application development, dem-
22	onstration, and commercialization";
23	(B) in paragraph (4), by inserting ", engi-
24	neering, and technology" after "science";
25	(C) in paragraph (5)—

1	(i) by inserting ", engineering, and
2	technology" after "science"; and
3	(ii) by inserting "and conduct com-
4	parative benchmarking of Federal invest-
5	ments and research strategies relative to
6	those of strategic allies and partners of the
7	United States and other countries," after
8	"development efforts";
9	(D) in paragraph (6)—
10	(i) by striking "science and tech-
11	nology" and inserting "science, engineer-
12	ing, and technology"; and
13	(ii) by striking "and" after the semi-
14	colon;
15	(E) in paragraph (7)—
16	(i) by inserting ", engineering and
17	technology" after "science"; and
18	(ii) by striking the period and insert-
19	ing "; and"; and
20	(F) by adding at the end the following new
21	paragraph:
22	"(8) facilitate interagency partnership opportu-
23	nities to advance quantum applications related to en-
24	vironment, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology,
25	chemistry, space, and other sectors.";

1	(3) in subsection $(g)(2)$ —
2	(A) in paragraph (A), by inserting "num-
3	bers" after "budget";
4	(B) in paragraph (B), by inserting "num-
5	bers" after "budget"; and
6	(C) by adding at the end the following new
7	paragraph:
8	"(D) Metrics for measuring the impact of
9	the Program for the current fiscal year, for
10	each Federal department and agency described
11	in subsection (b).";
12	(4) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by inserting ", in-
13	cluding a description of agency roles and responsibil-
14	ities" before the period; and
15	(5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16	section:
17	"(i) QUANTUM USE CASES.—
18	"(1) In General.—The Subcommittee shall
19	identify potential use cases for quantum technologies
20	that could advance the missions of Federal depart-
21	ments and agencies participating in the Program.
22	"(2) QUANTUM ON-RAMP.—For each potential
23	use case identified pursuant to paragraph (1) for a
24	Federal department or agency, the head of the Fed-
25	eral department or agency may, in consultation with

1	the Subcommittee, develop a plan to enable such de-
2	partment or agency to address the potential use
3	case.
4	"(3) Comparison to artificial intel-
5	LIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES.—For any potential use
6	case identified under paragraph (1) for a Federal
7	department or agency, the head of the department
8	or agency may, in consultation with the Sub-
9	committee, consider the quantum use case's inter-
10	play with artificial intelligence.
11	"(4) Reporting.—The Subcommittee, as part
12	of the annual report on the budget for the Program
13	under subsection (g), shall report progress in car-
14	rying out the activities under this subsection, includ-
15	ing information relating to the following:
16	"(A) The potential use cases identified
17	pursuant to paragraph (1).
18	"(B) The status of plans developed pursu-
19	ant to paragraph (2).
20	"(C) Any obstacles to addressing such po-
21	tential use cases, including lack of funding.".
22	SEC. 7. NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ADVISORY COM-
23	MITTEE.
24	Section 104 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
25	(15 U.S.C. 8814) is amended—

1	(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
2	lows:
3	"(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Advisory Committee
4	shall consist of members, appointed by the President, who
5	are—
6	"(1) representative of industry, including end
7	users likely to benefit from quantum technology and
8	companies that are part of quantum-relevant supply
9	chains;
10	"(2) small- and medium-sized businesses and
11	startups representing a diversity of quantum special-
12	ties;
13	"(3) universities and Federal laboratories; and
14	"(4) qualified to provide advice and information
15	on quantum information science, engineering, and
16	technology research, development, demonstrations,
17	standards, STEM education and workforce, tech-
18	nology transfer, commercial application, national se-
19	curity and economic concerns, or research security.";
20	(2) in subsection $(d)(2)$ —
21	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
22	"science and technology" and inserting
23	"science, engineering, and technology";

1	(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (D),
2	(E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (F), (G),
3	(H), and (I), respectively;
4	(C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
5	the following new subparagraphs:
6	"(D) other countries' quantum programs
7	and the progress of such countries and such
8	programs relative to the Program;
9	"(E) the competitiveness of the United
10	States in quantum technologies, with respect to
11	quantum computing, sensing, and networking;";
12	(D) in subparagraph (F), as so redesig-
13	nated—
14	(i) by striking "to" and inserting
15	"promote innovation, foster a robust
16	United States quantum industry, and";
17	and
18	(ii) by striking "science and tech-
19	nology" and inserting "science, engineer-
20	ing, and technology";
21	(E) in subparagraph (G), as so redesig-
22	nated, by inserting ", including to address any
23	gaps that may exist" before the semicolon;
24	(F) in subparagraph (H), as so redesig-
25	nated, by striking "open standards for, quan-

1	tum information science and technology; and"
2	and inserting "international standards in open
3	and transparent standardization systems for
4	quantum information science, engineering, and
5	technology;";
6	(G) in subparagraph (I), as so redesig-
7	nated—
8	(i) by inserting "educational, environ-
9	mental, health," after "legal,"; and
10	(ii) by striking the period and insert-
11	ing "; and; and
12	(H) by adding at the end the following new
13	subparagraphs:
14	"(J) the domestic and international co-
15	operation needs and goals of the Program, in-
16	cluding those related to infrastructure and the
17	supply chain of quantum information science,
18	engineering, and technology; and
19	"(K) the degree to which quantum infor-
20	mation science, engineering, and technology—
21	"(i) is enhancing or can enhance—
22	"(I) the capabilities of the United
23	States advanced industrial economy;
24	and

1	"(II) Federal, State, and local
2	government capabilities and services;
3	and
4	"(ii) can protect or optimize critical
5	infrastructure (as such term is defined in
6	section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
7	U.S.C. 5195c(e))).";
8	(3) in subsection (e)—
9	(A) by inserting "through December 31,
10	2030" after "thereafter"; and
11	(B) by adding at the end the following new
12	sentence: "In the first such report required
13	after the date of the enactment of this sentence,
14	the Advisory Committee shall assess the advis-
15	ability and feasibility of establishing a quantum
16	communications corridor in which Federal lab-
17	oratories, institutions of higher education, and
18	other entities conducting quantum information
19	science, engineering, and technology research
20	are connected via quantum communication net-
21	works capable of securely transmitting informa-
22	tion."; and
23	(4) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
24	lows:

1	"(g) FACA Exemption.—The President shall char-
2	ter the Advisory Committee in accordance with chapter 10
3	of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as
4	the 'Federal Advisory Committee Act'), except that the
5	Advisory Committee shall be exempt from section 1013
6	of such title.".
7	SEC. 8. SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
8	IMPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM INFORMATION
9	SCIENCE.
10	Section 105 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
11	(15 U.S.C. 8814a) is amended—
12	(1) in subsection (b)—
13	(A) in paragraph (10), by striking "and"
14	after the semicolon;
15	(B) by redesignating paragraph (11) as
16	paragraph (15); and
17	(C) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
18	following new paragraphs:
19	"(11) the Department of Health and Human
20	Services;
21	"(12) the Department of State;
22	"(13) the Small Business Administration;
23	"(14) the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
24	ministration; and"; and
25	(2) in subsection (c)—

1	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "infor-
2	mation science" and inserting "information
3	science, engineering, and technology";
4	(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting "or to
5	supply chains" before the semicolon;
6	(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting "or sup-
7	ply chains" before the semicolon;
8	(D) in paragraph (5)—
9	(i) by inserting "and engineering"
10	after "quantum information science"; and
11	(ii) by inserting "any" before "export
12	controls";
13	(E) in paragraph (6), by striking "infor-
14	mation science" and inserting "information
15	science, engineering, and technology";
16	(F) in paragraph (7), by striking "and"
17	after the semicolon;
18	(G) in paragraph (8)—
19	(i) by striking "information science"
20	and inserting "information science, engi-
21	neering, and technology"; and
22	(ii) by striking the period and insert-
23	ing a semicolon; and
24	(H) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(9) in coordination with the Subcommittee on
2	Quantum Information Science, identify opportunities
3	to increase coordination between civilian, military,
4	and intelligence quantum research entities, reduce
5	unnecessary duplicative quantum research activities,
6	and facilitate collaboration between quantum re-
7	search agencies with specialized capabilities or ex-
8	pertise in one or more aspects of quantum informa-
9	tion science, engineering, and technology; and
10	"(10) recommend strategies for attracting and
11	retaining students and scholars with expertise in
12	quantum related fields to Federal departments and
10	according "
13	agencies.".
13 14	sec. 9. International quantum cooperation strat-
14	SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRAT-
14 15	SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRATEGY.
14151617	SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRAT- EGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C.
14151617	SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRAT- EGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 105
1415161718	EGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 105 the following new section:
141516171819	SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRATEGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 105 the following new section: "SEC. 105A. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	EGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 105 the following new section: "SEC. 105A. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRATEGY.
1415161718192021	EGY. The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 105 the following new section: "SEC. 105A. INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM COOPERATION STRATEGY. "(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
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- 1 tional Science Foundation, and the heads of other Federal
- 2 agencies, as appropriate, shall develop and submit to the
- 3 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
- 4 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the
- 5 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the
- 6 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the
- 7 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
- 8 tives a strategy—
- 9 "(1) to establish collaborative international
- partnerships, including co-funded international pro-
- grams, to advance research and development, testing
- and evaluation, commercialization, and interoper-
- ability in quantum information science, engineering,
- and technology with allies and partners of the
- United States, and other countries, when in the se-
- 16 curity, strategic, technological, and scientific inter-
- ests of the United States;
- 18 "(2) to ensure continued United States partici-
- pation in bilateral and multilateral efforts to ad-
- vance quantum information science, engineering, and
- 21 technology on the international stage;
- 22 "(3) to promote the integrity and impartiality
- of international standards organizations and proc-
- esses related to quantum information science, engi-
- 25 neering, and technology; and

1	"(4) to ensure ethical application of quantum
2	information science, engineering, and technology to
3	protect civil liberties and basic human rights.
4	"(b) Designation.—The strategy under this sub-
5	section shall be known as the 'International Quantum Co-
6	operation Strategy' (in this section referred to as the
7	'Strategy').
8	"(c) Elements.—In the development of the Strat-
9	egy, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology
10	Policy, the National Quantum Coordination Office, the
11	Subcommittee on Quantum Information Science, the Sub-
12	committee on Economic and Security Implications, and
13	the relevant agencies shall consider including the fol-
14	lowing:
15	"(1) The establishment of international part-
16	nerships to advance research and development in
17	quantum information science, engineering, and tech-
18	nology.
19	"(2) Key strategic allies and partners of the
20	United States that have demonstrated unique capa-
21	bilities in one or more areas of quantum information
22	science, engineering, and technology.
23	"(3) Efforts and plans to address risks to the
24	national security and economic interests of the
25	United States during development and deployment

- of quantum technologies worldwide, including plans for diplomatic engagement with allies and partners, and other countries.
 - "(4) Efforts and plans to promote responsible global development and deployment of quantum technologies, including through international engagement and leadership in the development of international standards.
 - "(5) Efforts and plans to develop, attract, and retain international talent.
 - "(6) The ability and risks of domestic manufacturers and suppliers and those of allies and partners of the United States to meet the needs of the global quantum supply chain, including raw materials such as Helium–3, plans for engagement with allies and partners, manufacturers, and suppliers, and options to mitigate gaps and vulnerabilities in the global quantum supply chain.
 - "(7) A plan to safeguard research and technology supported through international cooperation, as appropriate, in whole or in part, including in quantum technologies critical to national security, from malign influence, theft, or exfiltration by foreign entities of concern.

1	"(8) As necessary, a description of such legisla-
2	tive or administrative action needed to carry out the
3	Strategy.
4	"(d) Briefing.—Not later than 30 days after the
5	date on which the Strategy is completed, the Director shall
6	brief the committees specified in subsection (a) on the
7	Strategy.".
8	SEC. 10. PRIZE CHALLENGES.
9	The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C.
10	8801 et seq.) is amended—
11	(1) by redesignating section 106 as section 107;
12	and
13	(2) by inserting after section 105A, as added by
14	section 9, the following:
15	"SEC. 106. NATIONAL QUANTUM PRIZE CHALLENGES.
16	"(a) In General.—Subject to the availability of ap-
17	propriations, any head of a Federal agency with a rep-
18	resentative serving on the Subcommittee on Quantum In-
19	formation Science established under section 103, may, in-
20	dividually or in cooperation with one or more heads of
21	Federal agencies—
22	"(1) conduct a prize competition under section
23	24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation
24	Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) to dramatically accel-
25	erate the development and commercialization of an-

- 1 plications and algorithms in quantum information
- 2 science, engineering, and technology; and
- 3 "(2) define a measurable set of performance
- 4 goals for participants in the prize competitions to
- 5 demonstrate their solutions on a level playing field
- 6 while making a significant advancement over the
- 7 current state of the art.
- 8 "(b) Purpose.—Any prize competition carried out
- 9 under subsection (a) shall be for the purpose of stimu-
- 10 lating innovation to advance the ability of the United
- 11 States to achieve high-priority breakthroughs for applica-
- 12 tions in quantum information science, engineering, and
- 13 technology, such as in quantum computing, quantum sens-
- 14 ing, quantum communications, quantum networking,
- 15 quantum algorithms, and quantum cryptography.
- 16 "(c) Coordination With Subcommittees.—Each
- 17 prize competition conducted under subsection (a) may be
- 18 conducted in coordination with members of the Sub-
- 19 committee on Quantum Information Science and the Sub-
- 20 committee on the Economic and Security Implications of
- 21 Quantum Information Science.
- 22 "(d) Recommendations.—To assist in the adminis-
- 23 tration of this section, the Subcommittee on Quantum In-
- 24 formation Science may provide recommendations on key
- 25 challenges in quantum information science, engineering,

1	and technology that would be well-suited for a prize com-
2	petition under subsection (a). The recommendations shall
3	include a scope for efforts carried out under such sub-
4	section.".
5	SEC. 11. SUNSET OF NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE.
6	Subsection (a) of section 107 of the National Quan-
7	tum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8815), as redesignated by
8	section 10, is amended to read as follows:
9	"(a) In General.—Except as provided in subsection
10	(b), the authority to carry out sections 101, 102, 103, 104,
11	and 105 shall terminate on December 30, 2034.".
12	SEC. 12. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH-
13	NOLOGY ACTIVITIES AND QUANTUM CONSOR-
13 14	NOLOGY ACTIVITIES AND QUANTUM CONSORTIUM.
14	TIUM.
14 15	TIUM. Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
141516	TIUM. Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended—
14151617	TIUM. Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended— (1) in subsection (a)—
14 15 16 17 18	TIUM. Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended— (1) in subsection (a)— (A) in paragraph (1)—
14 15 16 17 18 19	TIUM. Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended— (1) in subsection (a)— (A) in paragraph (1)— (i) by striking "basic and applied";
14151617181920	Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended— (1) in subsection (a)— (A) in paragraph (1)— (i) by striking "basic and applied"; and
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Section 201 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831) is amended— (1) in subsection (a)— (A) in paragraph (1)— (i) by striking "basic and applied"; and (ii) by striking "science and tech-

1	(i) by inserting "attract, educate,
2	and" before "train"; and
3	(ii) by striking "science and tech-
4	nology" and inserting "science, engineer-
5	ing, and technology";
6	(C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
7	follows:
8	"(3) shall carry out research to facilitate the
9	development and standardization, as appropriate, of
10	quantum cryptography, post-quantum cryptography
11	(as such term is defined in section 3 of the Quantum
12	Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act (6
13	U.S.C. 1526 note; Public Law 117–260)), and prac-
14	tices to replace cryptographic keys or algorithms
15	with minimal disruption to current applications and
16	systems;";
17	(D) by amending paragraph (4) to read as
18	follows:
19	"(4) shall carry out research, development, and
20	demonstration projects, as appropriate, to facilitate
21	the development and standardization of quantum ap-
22	plications, including quantum supporting tech-
23	nologies;";

1	(E) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6),
2	and (7) as paragraphs (8), (9), and (11), re-
3	spectively;
4	(F) by inserting the following after para-
5	graph (4) the following:
6	"(5) shall carry out research to support the
7	measurement of comparative performance and
8	progress of quantum technologies, including, as
9	practicable, technology readiness assessments of
10	quantum technologies;
11	"(6) shall promote United States participation
12	in international standards organizations related to
13	quantum information science, engineering, and tech-
14	nology;
15	"(7) shall establish or expand partnerships with
16	the public sector and private sector—
17	"(A) to accelerate the development of do-
18	mestic quantum supply chain and supply chain-
19	supporting technologies;
20	"(B) to reduce quantum supply chain
21	vulnerabilities, including by promoting domestic
22	vendor diversification efforts and coordination
23	activities; and

1	"(C) to avoid offshoring to, or dependence
2	on, countries of concern for critical components
3	of capabilities in the quantum supply chain;";
4	(G) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated,
5	by striking "infrastructure" and inserting ",
6	communications, sensing, and computing";
7	(H) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated—
8	(i) by inserting "nonprofit research
9	organizations," after "universities,"; and
10	(ii) by striking "and engineering;
11	and" and inserting ", engineering, and
12	technology and expanding the domestic
13	STEM workforce;"; and
14	(I) by inserting after paragraph (9), as so
15	redesignated, the following:
16	"(10) shall establish such infrastructure as is
17	necessary to carry out title II; and";
18	(2) in subsection (b)—
19	(A) in paragraph (1)—
20	(i) by striking "future" and inserting
21	"research"; and
22	(ii) by striking "science and tech-
23	nology" and inserting "science, engineer-
24	ing, and technology";
25	(B) in paragraph (2)—

1	(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
2	read as follows:
3	"(A) to gather and assess information on
4	the quantum industry to address the needs
5	identified in paragraph (1);"; and
6	(ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
7	(C) and inserting the following new sub-
8	paragraphs:
9	"(B) to provide recommendations regard-
10	ing how the National Institute of Standards
11	and Technology, the Program, and other Fed-
12	eral agencies, as appropriate, can address the
13	gaps in the research necessary to meet the
14	needs identified in paragraph (1) and accelerate
15	real-world uses of quantum information science,
16	engineering, and technology;
17	"(C) to identify enabling technologies and
18	the relevant supply chain essential to foster re-
19	search and industrial competitiveness in quan-
20	tum information science, engineering, and tech-
21	nology, and communicate findings to Federal
22	agencies and other domestic and international
23	stakeholders;
24	"(D) to assess and identify key areas for
25	establishing, expanding, or developing inter-

1	national partnerships that will facilitate United
2	States quantum-related business engagement
3	and growth; and
4	"(E) to provide recommendations on how
5	the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
6	nology, the Program, and other Federal agen-
7	cies, as appropriate, can incorporate small and
8	medium-sized businesses and startups into Fed-
9	eral quantum activities and promote the success
10	of small- and medium-sized startups.";
11	(C) in paragraph (3)—
12	(i) by striking "Not later than 2 years
13	after the date of enactment of this Act,
14	the" and inserting "The"; and
15	(ii) by inserting "periodically, but not
16	less than every five years," after "shall";
17	and
18	(D) by adding at the end the following new
19	paragraph:
20	"(4) Coordination encouraged.—As appro-
21	priate, the consortium is encouraged to engage with
22	Federal agencies that fund research, have a mission
23	to transition or translate research results to prac-
24	tical quantum applications, or have a mission that
25	could benefit from the development of quantum tech-

1	nologies, to inform and accelerate progress in such
2	areas. Federal agencies are also encouraged to en-
3	gage with the consortium."; and
4	(3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
5	following new subsections:
6	"(c) Quantum Supply Chains.—
7	"(1) Mapping and Planning.—
8	"(A) In General.—The Secretary of
9	Commerce shall carry out quantum supply
10	chain mapping activities and design a plan to
11	strengthen quantum supply chains and enhance
12	the competitiveness of the United States in key
13	quantum technologies.
14	"(B) Activities.—In carrying out sub-
15	paragraph (A), the Secretary shall carry out the
16	following activities:
17	"(i) Map and model supply chains for
18	quantum networking, quantum computing,
19	quantum communications, quantum sim-
20	ulation, and quantum sensing technologies
21	and applications.
22	"(ii) Identify current and future high-
23	priority gaps and vulnerabilities in quan-
24	tum supply chains.

1	"(iii) Track and assess the security,
2	reliability, and strength of quantum supply
3	chains, such as—
4	"(I) single points of failure, sole-
5	source, consolidated manufacturing,
6	or where there are limited United
7	States and partner nation suppliers;
8	and
9	"(II) critical components, ele-
10	ments, materials, equipment, and in-
11	frastructure.
12	"(2) Study on key quantum supply
13	CHAINS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of
14	the enactment of the National Quantum Initiative
15	Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Secretary of Com-
16	merce and the Secretary of Energy shall jointly—
17	"(A) complete a study documenting the
18	key quantum supply chains and identified
19	vulnerabilities; and
20	"(B) submit to the appropriate committees
21	of Congress a report on the findings with re-
22	spect to the study completed pursuant to sub-
23	paragraph (A).
24	"(3) Recommendations for federal sup-
25	PORT OF QUANTUM SUPPLY CHAINS.—Not later

1 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the 2 National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 3 2024, the Secretary of Commerce shall, in coordina-4 tion with the Secretary of Energy, the Director of 5 the National Science Foundation, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the National Aero-6 7 nautics and Space Administration, the Adminis-8 trator of the Small Business Administration, and the 9 heads of such other Federal agencies as the Sec-10 retary of Commerce considers relevant, develop and 11 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress 12 specific recommendations on potential Federal Gov-13 ernment mechanisms to support the quantum supply 14 chains.

"(4) Plan to strengthen and secure Quantum Supply Chains.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of the National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

"(A) a plan to strengthen and secure quantum information science, engineering, and technology supply chains, including a forecast of future needs:

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1	"(B) a roadmap to support a reliable sup-
2	ply of key components; and
3	"(C) a plan to develop, maintain, and ex-
4	pand quantum supply chain capacity.
5	"(d) International Quantum Research and
6	Metrology.—
7	"(1) In general.—The Director of the Na-
8	tional Institute of Standards and Technology shall,
9	in coordination with the Secretary of State and the
10	Director of the National Science Foundation, pro-
11	mote, establish, and support international quantum
12	information science, engineering, and technology re-
13	search, metrology research, and standardization, as
14	appropriate, to enhance international cooperation,
15	meet United States commitments, and support
16	United States engagement in international standards
17	for quantum information science, engineering, and
18	technology.
19	"(2) Alignment.—In carrying out this section,
20	the Director of the National Institute of Standards
21	and Technology shall ensure alignment with the Na-
22	tional Quantum Information Science Strategy and
23	the U.S. Government National Standards Strategy
24	for Critical and Emerging Technology, or successor
25	strategies.

1 "(3) Prohibitions.—

"(A) Confucius Institute.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated or expended to an institution of higher education that maintains a contract or agreement between such institution and a Confucius Institute (as defined in section 10339A of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19039)) or any successor of a Confucius Institute.

"(B) Foreign countries or entities of concern.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated or expended to promote, establish, or finance quantum research activities between a United States entity and a foreign country of concern or foreign entity of concern, including the entity's subsidiaries, except such restriction shall not apply to participation by award recipients in consensus-based international standardization activities.

22 "(e) Post Quantum Cryptography Deploy-23 ment.—

24 "(1) DEFINITION OF POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOG-25 RAPHY.—In this subsection, the term 'post-quantum 1 cryptography' has the meaning given such term in 2 section 3 of the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity 3 Preparedness Act (Public Law 117–260; 6 U.S.C. 4 1526 note).

- "(2) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the heads of Sector Risk Management Agencies (as such term is defined in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650)), and private sector entities, as the Director considers appropriate, promote the voluntary development, adoption, and deployment of standards relating to post-quantum cryptography, including by—
 - "(A) disseminating and making publicly available guidance and resources to help organizations adopt and deploy standards relating to post-quantum cryptography and minimize disruptions to current applications and systems caused by cryptographic updates;
 - "(B) providing technical assistance, as practicable, to entities that are at high risk of quantum cryptoanalytic attacks, such as entities determined to be critical infrastructure (as such term is defined in section 1016(e) of Pub-

lic Law 107–56 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e))) or digital infrastructure providers; and

"(C) conducting such other activities as determined necessary by the Director to promote the development, adoption, and deployment across the United States of standards relating to post-quantum cryptography.

"(3) Grant Program.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations and after the date on which the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology has issued standards relating to post-quantum cryptography, the Director may establish a program to identify and provide technical assistance through the award of grants to entities that are at high risk of quantum cryptoanalytic attacks, including by granting funds for the adoption of such standards and the remediation of quantum-related vulnerabilities.

"(B) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded to entities under this paragraph may be used to cover reasonable costs, up to a specified amount established by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, for activi-

ties to adopt standards relating to post-quantum cryptography and remediate quantum-related vulnerabilities.

"(C) GUIDANCE.—The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology may develop, and periodically update, guidance, including relating to eligibility, application disclosure requirements, grant amount and duration, and any additional requirements regarding the award of grants under this paragraph.

"(D) Consultation.—If the program described in this paragraph is established, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall consult with the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, the heads of other Sector Risk Management Agencies, and appropriate representatives of private sector entities, including non-profit organizations, to share information regarding the grant program under this paragraph and guidance developed and updated under subparagraph (C).

"(f) Funding.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated for the National Institute of Standards and Tech-

- 1 nology pursuant to section 10211 of the Research and De-
- 2 velopment, Competition, and Innovation Act (Public Law
- 3 117–167) for scientific and technical research and services
- 4 laboratory activities, there is authorized to be appro-
- 5 priated to the Director of the National Institute of Stand-
- 6 ards and Technology to carry out this section up to
- 7 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through
- 8 2029.".

9 SEC. 13. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH-

- 10 NOLOGY QUANTUM CENTERS.
- 11 Title II of the National Quantum Initiative Act is
- 12 amended by adding at the end the following new sections:
- 13 "SEC. 202. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND
- 14 TECHNOLOGY QUANTUM CENTERS.
- 15 "(a) Establishment.—
- 16 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
- of appropriations, the Director of the National Insti-
- tute of Standards and Technology shall, in consulta-
- tion with such heads of other Federal departments
- and agencies as the Director considers appropriate,
- 21 carry out a program to establish and operate at least
- 22 1, but not more than 3, centers to accelerate re-
- 23 search, development, deployment, and standardiza-
- 24 tion of quantum information science, engineering,
- and technology.

1	"(2) Program details.—
2	"(A) Competitive, merit-reviewei
3	PROCESS.—The centers established and oper
4	ated under paragraph (1) shall be established
5	through a competitive, merit-reviewed process.
6	"(B) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible applican
7	described in subparagraph (C) seeking to estab
8	lish and operate a center described in para
9	graph (1) shall submit to the Director of the
10	National Institute of Standards and Technology
11	an application therefor at such time, in such
12	manner, and containing such information as the
13	Director determines to be appropriate.
14	"(C) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—Eligible ap
15	plicants described in this subparagraph are the
16	following:
17	"(i) Institutions of higher education.
18	"(ii) Nonprofit organizations.
19	"(iii) Multi-institution collaborations
20	including multiple types of research insti
21	tutions, private sector entities, Federal lab
22	oratories, and nonprofit organizations, or
23	consortia thereof.
24	"(iv) Any other entity the Director de
25	termines appropriate.

1	"(3) Selection of Topics.—The Director of
2	the National Institute of Standards and Technology
3	shall solicit proposals and prioritize the following
4	topics in the initial selection of centers, subject to
5	merit-review:
6	"(A) Quantum sensing and measurement.
7	"(B) Quantum engineering.
8	"(b) Requirements.—To the maximum extent
9	practicable, centers established and operated under this
10	section shall serve the mission of the National Institute
11	of Standards and Technology, for the benefit of the broad-
12	er United States quantum information science community,
13	to develop processes for the following purposes:
14	"(1) Advancing research and standardization in
15	quantum information science, engineering, and tech-
16	nology.
17	"(2) Advancing technology transfer.
18	"(3) Improving the competitiveness of the
19	United States.
20	"(c) Coordination.—The Director of the National
21	Institute of Standards and Technology shall ensure coordi-
22	nation, and avoid unnecessary duplication of, the activities
23	carried out under this section with existing activities of
24	the Institute, other activities carried out under this Act,
25	and other related programs, as appropriate.

"(d) COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY.—Each center es-1 2 tablished under this section may leverage commercially 3 available hardware and software to carry out the activities 4 described in subsection (a). 5 "(e) SELECTION AND DURATION.— "(1) IN GENERAL.—The centers established 6 7 under this section may carry out activities for a pe-8 riod of 5 years. 9 "(2) Renewal.—Each center established under 10 this section may be renewed for successive periods of 11 5 years following a successful merit-based review by 12 the Director. 13 "(3) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the au-14 thorities of the National Institute of Standards and 15 Technology, the Director of the National Institute of 16 Standards and Technology may terminate an under-17 performing center for cause during the performance 18 period. 19 "(f) Funding.—The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall allocate up to 20 21 \$18,000,000 for each center established under this section for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, subject to the

availability of appropriations. Amounts made available to

carry out this section shall be derived from amounts ap-

- 1 propriated or otherwise made available to the National In-
- 2 stitute of Standards and Technology.
- 3 "(g) Briefing Requirements.—Not later than 1
- 4 year after the date of the enactment of the National Quan-
- 5 tum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2024, and not less
- 6 frequently than once each year thereafter, the Director of
- 7 the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall
- 8 provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
- 9 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Space,
- 10 Science, and Technology of the House of Representatives
- 11 a briefing on current and planned activities under this sec-
- 12 tion.
- 13 "SEC. 203. RESEARCH SECURITY.
- 14 "The activities authorized under this title shall be
- 15 carried out in a manner consistent with subtitle D of title
- 16 VI of the Research and Development, Competition, and
- 17 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).".
- 18 SEC. 14. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION QUANTUM IN-
- 19 FORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH AND EDU-
- 20 CATION ACTIVITIES.
- 21 Section 301 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
- 22 (15 U.S.C. 8841) is amended—
- (1) in the section heading, by inserting ", EN-
- 24 **GINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY**" after
- 25 "**SCIENCE**";

1	(2) in subsection (a)—
2	(A) by striking "basic"; and
3	(B) by striking "science and engineering"
4	and inserting "science, engineering, and tech-
5	nology";
6	(3) in subsection (b)—
7	(A) in paragraph (1)—
8	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
9	(I) by striking "basic"; and
10	(II) by striking "science and en-
11	gineering" and inserting "science, en-
12	gineering, and technology"; and
13	(ii) in subparagraph (B)—
14	(I) by striking "human re-
15	sources" and inserting "education and
16	workforce'; and
17	(II) by striking "science and en-
18	gineering" and inserting "science, en-
19	gineering, and technology"; and
20	(B) in paragraph (2)—
21	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
22	(I) in clause (i)—
23	(aa) by striking "science and
24	engineering" and inserting

1	"science, engineering, and tech-
2	nology";
3	(bb) by inserting "kinder-
4	garten through grade 12, voca-
5	tional," before "undergraduate";
6	and
7	(cc) by striking "and" after
8	the semicolon;
9	(II) in clause (ii), by inserting
10	"and" after the semicolon; and
11	(III) by adding at the end the
12	following:
13	"(iii) to pursue research at the fron-
14	tiers of quantum information science, engi-
15	neering, and technology, and explore solu-
16	tions to important challenges for the devel-
17	opment, application, and commercialization
18	of quantum technologies;";
19	(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
20	"science and engineering" and inserting
21	"science, engineering, and technology";
22	(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
23	"science and engineering" and inserting
24	"science, engineering, and technology";

1	(iv) in subparagraph (D), by striking
2	"and" after the semicolon;
3	(v) in subparagraph (E), by striking
4	the period and inserting "; and"; and
5	(vi) by adding at the end the fol-
6	lowing:
7	"(F) providing infrastructure to support
8	academic quantum information science, engi-
9	neering, and technology, including through ex-
10	isting infrastructure programs and new activi-
11	ties.";
12	(4) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
13	following:
14	"(c) Student Traineeships, Fellowships, and
15	OTHER MODELS.—
16	"(1) In general.—The Director of the Na-
17	tional Science Foundation, in consultation with
18	heads of Federal agencies the Director considers ap-
19	propriate, shall award grants to institutions of high-
20	er education or eligible nonprofit organizations (or
21	consortia thereof) to increase capacity and broaden
22	participation in quantum information science, engi-
23	neering, and technology and other related dis-
24	ciplines, including through provisioning of experien-
25	tial opportunities, where appropriate.

1	"(2) QUANTUM TRAINEESHIPS.—The Director
2	of the National Science Foundation, in consultation
3	with heads of Federal agencies as the Director con-
4	siders appropriate, may establish, or use existing,
5	programs to make awards to institutions of higher
6	education or nonprofit organizations (or consortia
7	thereof)—
8	"(A) to provide traineeships to graduate
9	students at institutions of higher education
10	within the United States who are citizens of the
11	United States and who choose or plan to pursue
12	master or doctoral degrees in quantum informa-
13	tion science, engineering, and technology, or re-
14	lated fields; and
15	"(B) to provide students with opportunities
16	for research experiences in government or in-
17	dustry related to such students' quantum stud-
18	ies.
19	"(3) Quantum fellowships and scholar-
20	SHIPS.—
21	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
22	National Science Foundation, in consultation
23	with heads of Federal agencies as the Director
24	considers appropriate, may establish, or use ex-
25	isting, programs to support fellowships and

1	scholarships for students at institutions of high-
2	er education for the purpose of—
3	"(i) increasing quantum information
4	science, engineering, and technology expo-
5	sure for undergraduate and graduate
6	STEM students; and
7	"(ii) increasing postgraduation em-
8	ployment opportunities for STEM students
9	who demonstrate potential to pursue ca-
10	reers in quantum information science, en-
11	gineering, and technology or fields that
12	support the quantum industry.
13	"(B) REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible partici-
14	pant in the fellowship and scholarship program
15	under this paragraph shall—
16	"(i) be enrolled in or have graduated
17	from a STEM degree program at an insti-
18	tution of higher education within the
19	United States; and
20	"(ii) have demonstrated interest in
21	quantum information science, engineering,
22	and technology, such as by taking not less
23	than 1 quantum science or quantum-rel-
24	evant course as part of the participant's
25	degree program or by participating in a

summer school program that focuses on quantum information science, engineering, and technology.

> "(C) Considerations.—Eligible fellowships and scholarships under this paragraph may include temporary quantum-related positions at Federal or State agencies, National Laboratories, private sector entities, institutions of higher education, the quantum centers established under section 202, the Multidisciplinary Centers for Quantum Research and Education established under section 302, the Quantum Reskilling, Education, and Workforce Coordination Hub under section 303, the National Quantum Information Science Research Centers established under section 402, and the initiatives established under section 503, or other quantum-relevant entities, as determined appropriate by the Director.

> "(D) Competitive Awards.—Fellowships and scholarships awarded under this paragraph shall be competitively awarded through a meritreview process. The Director of the National Science Foundation may prioritize fellowships that include an industry partner that provides

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financial assistance to awardees for direct or indirect costs.

"(4) QUANTUM RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES.—The Director of the National Science Foundation shall seek to increase opportunities for quantum research for undergraduate students by encouraging proposals in quantum information science, engineering, and technology, through the research experiences for undergraduates provided under section 514 of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 1862p-6).

- "(5) Cooperative education programs.—
 The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with heads of Federal agencies the Director considers appropriate, may establish, or use existing, programs to support cooperative education programs between institutions of higher education and employers that increase opportunities for undergraduate students to acquire experiential learning and professional experiences in quantum information science, engineering, and technology.
- "(6) Partnerships.—In carrying out the activities under this subsection, the Director of the National Science Foundation shall encourage recipi-

1	ents of awards under this subsection to partner with
2	relevant Federal agencies, Federal laboratories, in-
3	dustry and other private sector organizations, and
4	nonprofit organizations to facilitate the expansion of
5	workforce pathways and hands-on learning experi-
6	ences.";
7	(5) in subsection (d)—
8	(A) in the subsection heading, by striking
9	"QISE" and inserting "QISET";
10	(B) in paragraph (1)—
11	(i) by striking "information science
12	and engineering (referred to in this sub-
13	section as 'QISE')" and inserting "infor-
14	mation science, engineering, and tech-
15	nology (referred to in this subsection as
16	'QISET')''; and
17	(ii) by inserting "and career and tech-
18	nical education entities" after "colleges";
19	(C) in paragraph (2)—
20	(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21	"QISE" and inserting "quantum informa-
22	tion science, engineering, and technology";
23	(ii) in subparagraph (D)—
24	(I) by inserting ", engineering,
25	and technology" after "science"; and

1	(II) by inserting ", including
2	those principles relevant to emerging
3	technologies, such as artificial intel-
4	ligence, microelectronics, and nano-
5	technology" after "fields";
6	(iii) by redesignating subparagraphs
7	(E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and
8	(H), respectively;
9	(iv) by inserting after subparagraph
10	(D) the following:
11	"(E) Informal education methods to en-
12	hance experiences of students of all ages with
13	quantum information science, engineering, and
14	technology concepts and applications."; and
15	(v) by inserting after subparagraph
16	(F), as so redesignated, the following:
17	"(G) Methods to introduce security and
18	other potential societal dimensions associated
19	with quantum information science, engineering,
20	and technology into STEM curricula.";
21	(D) in paragraph (3), by striking "QISE"
22	and inserting "quantum information science,
23	engineering, and technology"; and
24	(E) by striking paragraph (4); and
25	(6) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(e) Quantum Research Experiences for
2	TEACHERS.—The Director of the National Science Foun-
3	dation shall seek to increase opportunities to engage edu-
4	cators, principals, or other school leaders of kindergarten
5	through grade 12 students in professional learning oppor-
6	tunities to enhance quantum information science, engi-
7	neering, and technology knowledge, including by—
8	"(1) providing hands-on training and research
9	opportunities for such educators at Federal labora-
10	tories or institutions of higher education, or in in-
11	dustry; and
12	"(2) developing best practices.
13	"(f) Expanding Capacity in Quantum Informa-
14	TION SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY.—
15	"(1) Definitions.—In this subsection:
16	"(A) Eligible consortium.—The term
17	'eligible consortium' means a consortium that—
18	"(i) includes not less than 1 institu-
19	tion of higher education or eligible non-
20	profit organization; and
21	"(ii) may include—
22	"(I) a private sector entity;
23	"(II) a Federal laboratory; or
24	"(III) a Federal, Tribal, State,
25	local, or territorial government entity.

"(B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term 'eligible institution of higher education' means an institution of higher education that, during the 3-year period prior to the year of an award under this section and according to the data published by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics was not, on average, among the top 70 institutions in Federal research and development expenditures.

"(2) AWARDS AUTHORIZED.—The Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the heads of Federal agencies the Director considers appropriate, shall make awards on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to eligible institutions of higher education, eligible nonprofit organizations, or eligible consortia to increase research capacity, increase education and infrastructure capacity, and broaden participation in quantum information science, engineering, and technology and related disciplines, including by—

"(A) supporting curriculum development in quantum information science, engineering, and technology as described in subsection (d);

1	"(B) building upon the activities carried
2	out under the Next Generation Quantum Lead-
3	ers Pilot Program authorized under section
4	10661(f) of the Research and Development,
5	Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C.
6	19261(f)); and
7	"(C) leveraging the readiness for the in-
8	volvement of local research and education com-
9	munities to secure a talent pipeline in quantum
10	information science, engineering, and tech-
11	nology to meet the workforce needs of industry,
12	government, and academia.
13	"(3) Requirements.—To receive an award
14	under this subsection, an eligible institution of high-
15	er education, eligible nonprofit organization, or eligi-
16	ble consortium shall submit to the Director of the
17	National Science Foundation an application that in-
18	cludes the following:
19	"(A) A plan to sustain proposed activities
20	beyond the duration of the award.
21	"(B) Proposed quantum information
22	science, engineering, and technology disciplines
23	and focus areas the eligible institution of higher
24	education or consortium is prepared to engage

in to significantly build up its quantum infor-

1	mation science, engineering, and technology re-
2	search and education capacity.
3	"(C) A plan for education and workforce
4	development, which may include—
5	"(i) kindergarten through grade 12
6	and postsecondary education programs and
7	activities;
8	"(ii) workforce training and career
9	and technical education programs and ac-
10	tivities;
11	"(iii) undergraduate, graduate, and
12	postdoctoral education programs and ac-
13	tivities; and
14	"(iv) informal education programs
15	and activities.
16	"(4) Activities.—Awards under this sub-
17	section to support research and related activities
18	may include activities relating to the following:
19	"(A) Development or expansion of research
20	programs in disciplines and focus areas speci-
21	fied in paragraph (3)(B).
22	"(B) Faculty recruitment and professional
23	development in disciplines and focus areas spec-
24	ified in paragraph (3)(B).

1	"(C) Bridge programs focused on pre-
2	paring postbaccalaureate students for graduate
3	programs in quantum information science, engi-
4	neering, and technology.
5	"(D) Building research capacity and infra-
6	structure at an eligible institution of higher
7	education in disciplines and focus areas speci-
8	fied in paragraph (3)(B).
9	"(E) An assessment of capacity-building
10	and research infrastructure needs identified in
11	paragraph (3)(B).
12	"(F) Administrative research development
13	support.
14	"(G) Other activities necessary to build re-
15	search capacity in quantum information science,
16	engineering, and technology.
17	"(5) Additional considerations.—In mak-
18	ing awards under this subsection, the Director of the
19	National Science Foundation may also consider the
20	following:
21	"(A) The extent to which the eligible appli-
22	cant will support students from diverse back-
23	grounds, including first-generation under-
24	graduate students.

"(B) The geographic and institutional di-1 2 versity of eligible applicants. "(C) How the eligible applicant can lever-3 4 age public-private partnerships and existing re-5 search partnerships with Federal agencies. 6 "(D) How the eligible applicant prioritizes 7 research security, including through educational 8 efforts and furtherance of best practices for 9 handling research that is supported by an 10 award under this subsection. 11 "(6) Duplication.—The Director of the National Science Foundation shall ensure awards made 12 13 under this subsection are complementary to, and not 14 duplicative of, existing programs. "(g) 15 FACULTY MID-CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS.—The Director of the National Science Founda-17 tion may provide merit-based, competitive awards to sup-18 port mid-career scientists and faculty of institutions of 19 higher education to upgrade, develop, or acquire essential 20 research instruments to start new research activities on, 21 or expand existing activities that show promise for advancements within, quantum information science, engineering, and technology.

- 1 "(h) International Research on Quantum In-2 formation Science, Engineering, and Tech-3 nology.—
- 4 "(1) In general.—The Director of the Na-5 tional Science Foundation, in coordination with the 6 Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce, 7 shall support international quantum information 8 science, engineering, and technology research, as ap-9 propriate, to enhance international cooperation and 10 meet United States commitments, including as part 11 of the terms and conditions of bilateral or multilat-12 eral quantum information science, engineering, and 13 technology research agreements.
 - "(2) ALIGNMENT.—In carrying out this subsection, the Director of the National Science Foundation shall ensure alignment with the national quantum information strategy in accordance with Executive Order 14073 (87 Fed. Reg. 27909; relating to enhancing the National Quantum Advisory Committee) or successor strategies.
 - "(3) PRIORITY.—The Director shall prioritize research programs with countries that have signed a Quantum Cooperation Statement with the United States.
- 25 "(4) Restrictions.—

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"(A) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated or expended to an institution of higher education that maintains a contract or agreement between such institution and a Con-fucius Institute, as defined in section 10339A of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19039) or any successor of a Confucius Institute.

- "(B) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN AND FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated or expended to promote, establish, or finance quantum research activities between a United States entity and a foreign country of concern or foreign entity of concern, including the entity's subsidiaries.
- 18 "(i) Upgrading and Improving Access to Quan-19 tum Research Resources.—
 - "(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the activities described in this section, the Director of the National Science Foundation, in consultation with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies, as appropriate, shall award grants to institutions of higher education or eligible nonprofit organizations

1	(or consortia thereof) to upgrade research facilities
2	and improve access to research resources, such as
3	equipment and instrumentation, that is needed for
4	research and development in quantum information
5	science, engineering, and technology.
6	"(2) Purpose.—Grants under paragraph (1)
7	shall be used to facilitate quantum information
8	science, engineering, and technology research and
9	development, including by carrying out the following:
10	"(A) Upgrading or adding research re-
11	sources to—
12	"(i) accelerate the development of
13	quantum technologies, including capabili-
14	ties focused on addressing the roadblocks
15	to implementation; and
16	"(ii) meet the materials, advanced
17	materials development, high performance
18	computing, heterogeneous computing, net-
19	working, software, data, clean room, and
20	device needs of the scientific community
21	and the quantum supply chain.
22	"(B) Enhancing access to equipment and
23	instrumentation, including at partnering insti-
24	tutions, by facilitating information sharing, co-
25	ordination, education, and training, including

1	activities that provide meaningful hands-on
2	learning experiences for students, including at
3	community and technical colleges.
4	"(C) Enabling professional staff to support
5	the operation, scheduling, and improvement of
6	research resources used for quantum informa-
7	tion science, engineering, and technology.
8	"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—An institution of higher
9	education or an eligible nonprofit organization (or a
10	consortium thereof) seeking funding under this sub-
11	section shall submit to the Director of the National
12	Science Foundation an application at such time, in
13	such manner, and containing such information as
14	the Director may require.".
15	SEC. 15. MULTIDISCIPLINARY CENTERS FOR QUANTUM RE-
16	SEARCH AND EDUCATION.
17	Section 302 of the National Quantum Initiative Act
18	(15 U.S.C. 8842) is amended—
19	(1) in subsection (a), by striking "5" and in-
20	serting "10";
21	(2) in subsection (c)—
22	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
23	by striking "basic":

1	(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "science
2	and engineering" and inserting "science, engi-
3	neering, and technology";
4	(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "and en-
5	gineering" and inserting ", engineering, and
6	technology, including leveraging or expanding
7	activities established pursuant to section
8	301(d)"; and
9	(D) in paragraph (3), by inserting ", such
10	as commercially available hardware and soft-
11	ware" after "resources";
12	(3) in subsection $(d)(2)$ —
13	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
14	"quantum science," and inserting "quantum in-
15	formation science, engineering, and tech-
16	nology,";
17	(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
18	"health," after "chemistry,";
19	(C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting ",
20	including how each participant will develop and
21	implement outreach activities to increase the
22	participation of women and other students from
23	groups historically underrepresented in STEM"
24	before the semicolon:

1	(D) in subparagraph (D), by striking
2	"and" after the semicolon;
3	(E) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
4	period and inserting a semicolon; and
5	(F) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(F) how the Center will participate in
7	international collaborations, as appropriate, to
8	build a trusted global research network with al-
9	lies and partners of the United States and
10	other countries that share values with the
11	United States, including respect for inter-
12	national norms of fair competition; and
13	"(G) how the Center will protect research
14	from foreign countries of concern and foreign
15	entities of concern, and the subsidiaries of such
16	foreign entities, to ensure the competitiveness of
17	the United States.";
18	(4) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (2)
19	and inserting the following:
20	"(2) Reapplication.—An awardee may re-
21	apply for an additional, subsequent period of 5 years
22	following a successful, merit-based review.";
23	(5) in subsection (f), by striking "2019 through
24	2023" and inserting "2025 through 2029"; and
25	(6) by adding at the end the following:

- 1 "(g) Briefing Requirements.—Not later than 1
- 2 year after the date of the enactment of the National Quan-
- 3 tum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2024, and not less
- 4 frequently than annually thereafter, the Director of the
- 5 National Science Foundation shall brief the appropriate
- 6 committees of Congress on current and planned activities
- 7 under this section.".
- 8 SEC. 16. QUANTUM RESKILLING, EDUCATION, AND WORK-
- 9 FORCE (QREW) COORDINATION HUB, QUAN-
- 10 TUM TESTBEDS, AND RESEARCH SECURITY.
- 11 Title III of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15
- 12 U.S.C. 8841 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
- 13 the following:
- 14 "SEC. 303. QUANTUM RESKILLING, EDUCATION, AND WORK-
- 15 FORCE (QREW) COORDINATION HUB.
- 16 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
- 17 Science Foundation, in consultation with the Director of
- 18 the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the
- 19 Secretary of Energy, and the heads of other relevant Fed-
- 20 eral agencies, shall make an award to a consortium led
- 21 by an institution of higher education or an eligible non-
- 22 profit organization to establish a Quantum Reskilling,
- 23 Education, and Workforce Coordination Hub (in this sec-
- 24 tion referred to as the 'Hub').

- 1 "(b) Consortium.—The consortium established pur-
- 2 suant to subsection (a) shall include not fewer than 4 in-
- 3 stitutions of higher education, including not fewer than
- 4 2 community colleges, and may include career and tech-
- 5 nical schools, nonprofit organizations, and private sector
- 6 entities.
- 7 "(c) Purpose.—The purpose of the Hub shall be
- 8 to—
- 9 "(1) identify and address cross-cutting work-
- force development challenges in quantum informa-
- tion science, engineering, and technology, the quan-
- tum industry, and other critical and emerging tech-
- 13 nology areas that share similar workforce challenges
- by serving as a national and regional clearinghouse;
- 15 and
- 16 "(2) facilitate the establishment of programs to
- disseminate, to institutions of higher education (in-
- 18 cluding community colleges) and career and tech-
- 19 nical education entities, model curricula, best prac-
- 20 tices, and instructional materials related to the ac-
- 21 tivities described in subsection (d).
- 22 "(d) Activities.—The activities of the Hub may in-
- 23 clude the following:
- 24 "(1) Testing, implementing, scaling, dissemi-
- 25 nating, and standardizing materials, methods, best

- practices, and other outputs developed through activities under this Act.
- "(2) Promoting core competencies, such as computer science, data science, and mathematics, that are shared with other critical and emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence.
 - "(3) Increasing the integration of quantum information science, engineering, and technology content into STEM curricula at all education levels, including career and technical education programs.
 - "(4) Providing opportunities for STEM degree students to provide feedback on quantum information science, engineering, and technology curricula.
 - "(5) Facilitating post-education employment opportunities and workforce pathways for STEM degree recipients in quantum-related industries, including by facilitating opportunities for internships, externships, fellowships, and other such activities as determined by the Director, including through the establishment of a publicly accessible online portal.
 - "(6) Coordinating with quantum industry and nonprofit entities and small- and medium-sized businesses and startups to inform and enhance the quality and availability of quantum education in STEM degree programs, including through the promotion of

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1	postgraduation opportunities for STEM students
2	outside the classroom to increase exposure to quan-
3	tum industries.
4	"(7) Supporting activities and programs to en-
5	hance the recruitment of students from groups his-
6	torically underrepresented in STEM to pursue un-
7	dergraduate and graduate studies in quantum infor-
8	mation science, engineering, and technology.
9	"(8) Developing, testing, implementing, and co-
10	ordinating career development programs and strate-
11	gies to increase the number of quantum-informed
12	educators at all levels of education, including by car-
13	rying out the following:
14	"(A) Hosting career development work-
15	shops.
16	"(B) Developing in-house and distance
17	learning career development tools for public
18	use.
19	"(C) Facilitating access to related quan-
20	tum technology, tools, and resources.
21	"(D) Developing training, research, and
22	professional development programs, including
23	innovative pre-service and in-service programs.
24	"(E) Facilitating relationships with State
25	and local entities, such as a State board or local

board (as such terms are defined in section 3

of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity

Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)), to increase awareness of

and promote quantum-related career develop
ment activities at the Hub.

- "(9) Establishing a framework for performing ongoing regular data collection and analysis for the quantum workforce to report on trends, and perform other activities that expand the understanding of the current and future needs of the quantum industry, and the education capacity or readiness of the quantum workforce. Such activities shall complement or align with, as relevant, authorized quantum and STEM workforce studies under section 10661(d) of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19261(d)).
- "(10) Facilitating public education and outreach activities to enhance the understanding and awareness of quantum information science, engineering, and technology to a broader community to satisfy broader impact requirements of award applications.
- "(11) Encouraging coordination on quantum education in the broader STEM community.

- 1 "(e) QREW QUANTUM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—
- 2 Subject to the restrictions described in section 301(c), the
- 3 Hub may support education or policy fellowships for stu-
- 4 dents at entities participating in the consortium under
- 5 subsection (a) or at other research centers established pur-
- 6 suant to this Act at the National Science Foundation, the
- 7 National Institute of Standards and Technology, the De-
- 8 partment of Energy, or the National Aeronautics and
- 9 Space Administration, for the purpose of supporting the
- 10 activities described in subsection (d).
- 11 "(f) Industry Coordination.—The Hub shall col-
- 12 laborate with the Quantum Consortium established under
- 13 section 201(b) or other industry consortia to identify, pub-
- 14 lish, facilitate, or enable quantum-related education and
- 15 workforce development opportunities as described in sub-
- 16 sections (c) and (d).
- 17 "(g) Application.—A consortium seeking funding
- 18 under this section shall submit to the Director of the Na-
- 19 tional Science Foundation an application at such time, in
- 20 such manner, and containing such information as the Di-
- 21 rector may require. Each application shall include a de-
- 22 scription of how the consortium shall carry out the fol-
- 23 lowing:
- 24 "(1) Contribute to the success of the Hub and
- fulfill the purposes of the Hub.

1	"(2) Include industry participation in fulfilling
2	the purposes of the Hub.
3	"(3) Collaborate with other members of the
4	consortium to share expertise in integrating quan-
5	tum information science, engineering, and tech-
6	nology into STEM programs and other relevant
7	fields and disciplines.
8	"(4) Support long-term and short-term work-
9	force development in the quantum field.
10	"(5) Develop and implement outreach activities
11	to increase the participation of women and other
12	students from groups historically underrepresented
13	in STEM.
14	"(h) Selection and Duration.—
15	"(1) In general.—The Hub established under
16	this section is authorized to carry out activities for
17	a period of 5 years.
18	"(2) REAPPLICATION.—A consortium receiving
19	an award under this section may reapply for an ad-
20	ditional, subsequent period of 5 years following a
21	successful, merit-based review.
22	"(3) Termination.—Consistent with and in
23	addition to the authorities of the National Science

Foundation, the Director of the National Science

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- 1 Foundation may also terminate the Hub if it is
- 2 underperforming during the performance period.
- 3 "(i) COORDINATION.—The Hub shall coordinate with
- 4 other research centers established under this Act at the
- 5 National Science Foundation, the National Institute of
- 6 Standards and Technology, the Department of Energy,
- 7 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and
- 8 other relevant Federal agencies, as appropriate, on activi-
- 9 ties and resources.
- 10 "(j) Funding.—The Director of the National
- 11 Science Foundation shall allocate up to \$10,000,000 for
- 12 the Hub for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029, sub-
- 13 ject to the availability of appropriations. Amounts made
- 14 available to carry out this section shall be derived from
- 15 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the
- 16 National Science Foundation.
- 17 "(k) Reporting Requirements.—Not later than 3
- 18 years after the date of enactment of the National Quan-
- 19 tum Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Director
- 20 shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees
- 21 of Congress a progress report that includes current (as
- 22 of the date of the report) and planned activities of the
- 23 Hub.

1 "SEC. 304. QUANTUM TESTBEDS.

2	"(a) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the
3	date of the enactment of the National Quantum Initiative
4	Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Director of the National
5	Science Foundation, in coordination with the Director of
6	the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the
7	Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the National
8	Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the heads of
9	other Federal agencies, as determined appropriate by the
10	Director of the National Science Foundation, shall make
11	awards on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to institu-
12	tions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, feder-
13	ally funded research and development centers, or consortia
14	thereof, to establish testbeds for accelerating the develop-
15	ment of viable quantum applications.
16	"(b) Purposes.—The quantum testbeds established
17	under subsection (a) shall focus on advancing the develop-
18	ment of quantum application use cases that show promise
19	of commercialization in the near- to medium-term, as de-
20	termined by the Director, through proof-of-concept test-
21	ing, demonstrations, pilot projects, benchmarking, and
22	prototyping, by—
23	"(1) supporting translational quantum research
24	and development activities for quantum application
25	use cases, including, for testbeds featuring quantum
26	software and quantum algorithms driving toward

1	utility, leveraging approaches such as algorithm in-
2	novation and tools such as resource estimators;
3	"(2) providing accessible research resources for
4	developing, testing, and benchmarking the applica-
5	tion of quantum technologies to likely use cases, in-
6	cluding enabling quantum cloud access;
7	"(3) investing in quantum computing tech-
8	nologies that show promise for viability, including di-
9	recting funding to advance each layer of the stack
10	and related systems engineering and integration; and
11	"(4) establishing cost and benefit.
12	"(c) Application Proposals.—An applicant for an
13	award under this section shall submit to the Director a
14	proposal at such time, in such manner, and containing
15	such information as the Director may reasonably require
16	The proposal shall, at a minimum, describe the following
17	"(1) How the applicant will assemble a work-
18	force, including from populations that are histori-
19	cally underrepresented in STEM, with the skills
20	needed to operate a quantum testbed.
21	"(2) How the applicant will ensure broad access
22	to a quantum testbed, including for start-ups and
23	small businesses.
24	"(3) How a quantum testbed will operate after
25	Federal funding has ended.

1	"(4) How the applicant will contribute to the
2	quantum testbed, such as through funding or other
3	resources required to develop quantum applications.
4	"(5) How the applicant will protect any re-
5	search or advancements made as a result of using
6	the quantum testbed.
7	"(d) Prioritization.—In awarding grants under
8	this section, the Director of the National Science Founda-
9	tion shall prioritize the following:
10	"(1) Applicants that ensure not less than 25
11	percent of the cost for a testbed awarded under this
12	section is provided by private or non-Federal enti-
13	ties, including in-kind contributions.
14	"(2) Awards for consortia that include quantum
15	industry participation.
16	"(e) Roles and Responsibilities.—The Director
17	of the National Science Foundation shall be responsible
18	for the following:
19	"(1) Maintaining a record of notable outcomes
20	from each quantum testbed established under this
21	section.
22	"(2) Partnering with other Federal agencies to
23	enable opportunities for quantum testbed outcomes
24	to be appropriately taken up by such agencies in
25	alignment with the missions of such agencies.

- 1 "(3) Not later than 1 year after the date of the
- 2 enactment of this section and every 2 years there-
- 3 after until December 31, 2030, briefing the appro-
- 4 priate committees of Congress on the status of such
- 5 quantum testbeds and providing recommendations
- 6 for improving such quantum testbeds.
- 7 "(f) Coordination.—In establishing quantum
- 8 testbeds under this section, the Director of the National
- 9 Science Foundation shall ensure coordination with other
- 10 testbeds and other quantum facilities hosting Federal
- 11 quantum technology and infrastructure supported by the
- 12 National Science Foundation, including those testbeds and
- 13 facilities authorized pursuant to section 10390 of the Re-
- 14 search and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
- 15 (42 U.S.C. 19110), or by other Federal agencies as deter-
- 16 mined appropriate by the Director, to avoid duplication
- 17 and maximize use of Federal resources.
- 18 "(g) Stakeholder Collaboration.—In carrying
- 19 out this section, the Director of the National Science
- 20 Foundation shall collaborate with the Quantum Consor-
- 21 tium established pursuant to section 201(b) to accomplish
- 22 the purposes of the quantum testbeds program described
- 23 in subsection (b) and ensure there is strong collaboration
- 24 with industry stakeholders. The Director may also engage
- 25 with National Laboratories, federally funded research and

- 1 development centers, industry, and other members of the
- 2 United States quantum ecosystem.
- 3 "(h) Geographic Diversity.—The Director shall
- 4 ensure regional and geographic diversity in issuing awards
- 5 under this section.
- 6 "(i) Funding.—The Director of the National Science
- 7 Foundation shall allocate up to \$50,000,000 for the quan-
- 8 tum testbeds under this section for each of fiscal years
- 9 2025 through 2029, subject to the availability of appro-
- 10 priations. Amounts made available to carry out this sec-
- 11 tion shall be derived from amounts appropriated or other-
- 12 wise made available to the National Science Foundation.
- 13 "SEC. 305. RESEARCH SECURITY.
- 14 "The activities authorized under this title shall be
- 15 carried out in a manner consistent with subtitle D of title
- 16 VI of the Research and Development, Competition, and
- 17 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).".
- 18 SEC. 17. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CRYPTOGRAPHY
- 19 RESEARCH.
- Section 4(a)(1)(A) of the Cyber Security Research
- 21 and Development Act (15 U.S.C. 7403) is amended by in-
- 22 serting ", including post-quantum cryptography (as such
- 23 term is defined in section 3 of the Quantum Computing
- 24 Cybersecurity Preparedness Act (6 U.S.C. 1526 note;
- 25 Public Law 117–260))" before the semicolon.

1	SEC. 18. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINIS-
2	TRATION QUANTUM ACTIVITIES.
3	(a) In General.—The National Quantum Initiative
4	Act (15 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) is amended by adding at
5	the end the following new title:
6	"TITLE V—NATIONAL AERO-
7	NAUTICS AND SPACE ADMIN-
8	ISTRATION QUANTUM ACTIVI-
9	TIES
10	"SEC. 501. DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATOR.
11	"In this title, the term 'Administrator' means the Ad-
12	ministrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
13	istration.
14	"SEC. 502. QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE, ENGINEER-
15	ING, AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOR
16	SPACE AND AERONAUTICS.
17	"(a) In General.—The Administrator is authorized
18	to carry out research on quantum information science, en-
19	gineering, and technology.
20	"(b) Cooperation.—In carrying out subsection (a),
21	the Administrator—
22	"(1) shall consider cooperative arrangements
23	with the Department of Energy and other Federal
24	Government agencies, as practicable, on areas of
25	shared benefit; and

1	"(2) may enter into memoranda of under-
2	standing or memoranda of agreement to establish
3	such cooperative arrangements.
4	"(c) Strategy.—Not later than 180 days after the
5	date of the enactment of this title, the Administrator shall
6	submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strat-
7	egy for National Aeronautics and Space Administration
8	research on quantum information science, engineering
9	and technology. The strategy shall identify resources re-
10	quired to support implementation of the strategy, includ-
11	ing budgets, workforce, and infrastructure, describe coop-
12	erative efforts with other Federal Government agencies
13	and address areas of research and applications, including
14	the following:
15	"(1) Quantum sensing.
16	"(2) Quantum networking.
17	"(3) Quantum communications, including quan-
18	tum satellite communications.
19	"(4) Quantum computing.
20	"(5) Science, aeronautics, and exploration-re-
21	lated applications.
22	"(6) Any other area on quantum information
23	science, engineering, and technology the Adminis-
24	trator determines necessary.

1	"(d) Consultation.—In developing the strategy de-
2	scribed in subsection (c), the Administrator may seek
3	input from relevant external stakeholders, including insti-
4	tutions of higher education, industry, and nonprofit re-
5	search organizations.
6	"SEC. 503. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINIS
7	TRATION QUANTUM INITIATIVES.
8	"(a) In General.—Subject to the availability of ap-
9	propriations, the Administrator, in consultation with the
10	heads of other Federal departments and agencies, as ap-
11	propriate, may establish one or more initiatives focused
12	on space and aeronautics applications of quantum infor-
13	mation science, engineering, and technology.
14	"(b) Initiative Details.—
15	"(1) Competitive, merit-reviewed proc-
16	ESS.—An initiative under this section shall be estab-
17	lished through a competitive, merit-reviewed process.
18	"(2) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible applicant
19	under this section shall submit to the Administrator
20	an application at such time, in such manner, and
21	containing such information as the Administrator
22	determines to be appropriate.
23	"(3) Eligible applicants.—In carrying out
24	the process under paragraph (1), the Administrator
25	shall consider applications from institutions of high-

1	er education, research centers, multi-institutional
2	collaborations, and any other entity the Adminis-
3	trator considers appropriate.
4	"(4) Collaborations.—A collaboration that
5	receives an award under this section may include
6	multiple types of research institutions, private sector
7	entities, and nonprofit organizations.
8	"(5) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall
9	ensure that an awardee under this section—
10	"(A) coordinates with the National Aero-
11	nautics and Space Administration; and
12	"(B) avoids unnecessary duplication of ex-
13	isting activities of the National Aeronautics and
14	Space Administration, other activities carried
15	out under this Act, and other related programs,
16	as appropriate.
17	"(6) Commercial Technology.—An initiative
18	carried out under this section may leverage commer-
19	cially-available hardware and software to carry out
20	the activities described in subsection (c).
21	"(c) Initiative Activities.—An initiative estab-
22	lished under this section may carry out activities that—
23	"(1) support research focused on developing
24	and demonstrating space and aeronautics applica-
25	tions for quantum information science, engineering,

1	and technology, including research relating to the
2	strategy developed under section 502(c); and
3	"(2) support quantum information science, en-
4	gineering, and technology education and public out-
5	reach.
6	"(d) Initiative Requirements.—To the maximum
7	extent practicable, an initiative established under this sec-
8	tion shall serve the needs of the National Aeronautics and
9	Space Administration for the benefit of the broader
10	United States quantum information science community, to
11	create and develop processes for the purpose of advancing
12	space and aeronautics applications in quantum informa-
13	tion science, engineering, and technology, and improving
14	the competitiveness of the United States.
15	"(e) Initiative Selection and Duration.—
16	"(1) In general.—Subject to the availability
17	of appropriations, an initiative established under this
18	section may carry out activities for a period of 5
19	years.
20	"(2) Reapplication.—Subject to the avail-
21	ability of appropriations, an awardee may reapply
22	for an additional, subsequent period of 5 years fol-
23	lowing a successful, merit-based review.
24	"(3) Termination.—Consistent with the au-
25	thorities of the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-

- 1 ministration, the Administrator may terminate the
- 2 initiative for cause during the performance period.

3 "SEC. 504. RESEARCH SECURITY.

- 4 "The activities authorized under this title shall be
- 5 carried out in a manner consistent with subtitle D of title
- 6 VI of the Research and Development, Competition, and
- 7 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).

8 "SEC. 505. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 9 "The Administrator shall allocate up to \$45,000,000
- 10 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to carry out
- 11 this title, subject to the availability of appropriations.
- 12 Amounts made available to carry out this title shall be
- 13 derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made
- 14 available to the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-
- 15 tration.".

16 SEC. 19. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH QUANTUM AC-

- 17 TIVITIES.
- 18 The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C.
- 19 8801 et seq.), as amended by section 18, is further amend-
- 20 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 "TITLE VI—NATIONAL INSTI-

2 TUTES OF HEALTH QUANTUM

3 **ACTIVITIES**

4	"SEC.	601.	QUANTUM	RESEARCH	PROGRAM.
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- 5 "(a) In General.—The Director of the National In-
- 6 stitutes of Health, in collaboration with other Federal de-
- 7 partments and agencies, may establish and carry out a
- 8 research program on quantum sensors and computing for
- 9 biomedical applications, including the competitive award
- 10 of grants to institutions of higher education or eligible
- 11 nonprofit organizations (or consortia thereof).
- 12 "(b) Program Components.—In carrying out the
- 13 program under subsection (a) the Director of the National
- 14 Institutes of Health may carry out activities that sup-
- 15 port—
- 16 "(1) basic and applied research focused on de-
- 17 veloping quantum sensors for biomedical applica-
- tions;
- 19 "(2) studies of end-use cases of quantum sen-
- sors in biomedicine;
- 21 "(3) multi-disciplinary partnerships to explore
- and develop capabilities at the intersection of quan-
- tum computing, data science, and biomedical re-
- search; and

1	"(4) development of a diverse biomedical quan-
2	tum information science workforce through training
3	and fellowship activities.".
4	SEC. 20. DEPARTMENT OF STATE QUANTUM ACTIVITIES.
5	The National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C.
6	8801 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended
7	by adding at the end the following new title:
8	"TITLE VII—DEPARTMENT OF
9	STATE QUANTUM ACTIVITIES
10	"SEC. 701. DEPARTMENT OF STATE INTERNATIONAL QUAN-
11	TUM COOPERATION PROGRAM.
12	"(a) In General.—The Secretary of State may es-
13	tablish and carry out a program—
14	"(1) to enhance international cooperation in
15	quantum information science through the competi-
16	tive award of matching grants to institutions of
17	higher education or eligible nonprofit organizations
18	(or consortia thereof) engaged in international col-
19	laborative research; and
20	"(2) to support international scientist and engi-
21	neer exchange programs, including those that vary
22	in length from multi-day to multi-year and those
23	that include talent development programs.
24	"(b) Program Alignment.—

1	"(1) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the pro-
2	gram under subsection (a), the Secretary of State
3	shall coordinate with—
4	"(A) the Director of the Office of Science
5	and Technology Policy;
6	"(B) the Director of the National Quan-
7	tum Coordination Office;
8	"(C) the Co-Chairs of the Subcommittee
9	on Quantum Information Science of the Na-
10	tional Science and Technology Council; and
11	"(D) the Co-Chairs of the Subcommittee
12	on the Economic and Security Implications of
13	Quantum Information Science of the National
14	Science and Technology Council.
15	"(2) Strategic alignment.—In carrying out
16	the program under subsection (a), the Secretary of
17	State shall—
18	"(A) ensure alignment with the National
19	Quantum Information Science Strategy; and
20	"(B) fund collaborative research programs
21	with countries who have signed quantum co-
22	operation statements with the United States.
23	"(c) Consultation.—In developing and operating
24	the program required under subsection (a), the Secretary
25	of State shall consult with—

1	"(1) the appropriate congressional committees;
2	"(2) the Special Envoy for Critical and Emerg-
3	ing Technologies;
4	"(3) United States industry leaders;
5	"(4) any technology experts the Secretary con-
6	siders relevant, including experts from academia;
7	and
8	"(5) representatives from any United States
9	Government agency the Secretary considers relevant.
10	"(d) Annual Report.—Not later than 2 years after
11	the date of the enactment of this title, and annually there-
12	after, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-
13	gressional committees a report that contains the following
14	elements:
15	"(1) A description of the activities pursued
16	under the authorities of this section during the prior
17	year.
18	"(2) A list of priority countries with which the
19	Department of State seeks to pursue increased col-
20	laboration on quantum information science.
21	"(e) Sunset.—The authorities under this section
22	shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date
23	of the enactment of this title.

1	"(f) Appropriate Congressional Committees.—
2	In this section, the term 'appropriate congressional com-
3	mittees' means the following:
4	"(1) The Committee on Foreign Relations in
5	the Senate.
6	"(2) The Committee on Foreign Affairs in the
7	House of Representatives.
8	"(3) The Committee on Commerce, Science,
9	and Transportation in the Senate.
10	"(4) The Committee on Science, Space, and
11	Technology in the House of Representatives.".
12	SEC. 21. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW AND REPORT.
13	(a) Review.—Not later than 1 year after the date
14	of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
15	the United States shall conduct a review of existing proc-
16	esses and reporting requirements associated with research
17	and development programs established within the National
18	Institute of Standards and Technology, the National
19	Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy pur-
20	suant to the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C.
21	8801 et seq.) to identify potential opportunities—
22	(1) to reduce duplicative and unnecessary pa-
23	perwork and reporting requirements without com-
24	promising security, transparency, and accountability;
25	and

- 1 (2) to expedite access to facilities and equip-
- 2 ment of the Federal Government for researchers af-
- 3 filiated with such programs.
- 4 (b) Research and Development Programs Cov-
- 5 ERED.—The review required under subsection (a) shall
- 6 cover all research and development programs established
- 7 pursuant to sections 201, 302, 402, 403, and 404 of the
- 8 National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8831, 8842,
- 9 8852, 8853, and 8854).
- 10 (c) Report.—Not later than 180 days after com-
- 11 pleting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller
- 12 General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
- 13 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on En-
- 14 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
- 15 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
- 16 resentatives a report on the findings of the review, which
- 17 shall include recommendations relating to paragraphs (1)
- 18 and (2) of such subsection.
- 19 SEC. 22. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.
- The table of contents in section 1(b) of the National
- 21 Quantum Initiative Act is amended as follows:
- 22 (1) By inserting after the item relating to sec-
- tion 105 the following new items:

[&]quot;Sec. 105A. International Quantum Cooperation Strategy.

[&]quot;Sec. 106. National quantum prize challenges.".

- 96 1 (2) By inserting after the item relating to sec-2 tion 201 the following new items: "Sec. 202. National Institute of Standards and Technology Quantum Centers. "Sec. 203. Research security.". 3 (3) By striking the item relating to section 301 4 and inserting the following new item: "Sec. 301. Quantum information science, engineering, and technology research and education program.". 5 (4) By inserting after the item relating to sec-6 tion 302 the following new items: "Sec. 303. Quantum Reskilling, Education, and Workforce (QREW) Coordination Hub. "Sec. 304. Quantum testbeds. "Sec. 305. Research security.". 7 (5) By inserting after the item relating to sec-8 tion 404 the following new item: "Sec. 405. Research security.". 9 (6) By adding at the end the following new 10 items:
 - "TITLE V—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION QUANTUM ACTIVITIES
 - "Sec. 501. Definition of Administrator.
 - "Sec. 502. Quantum information science, engineering, and technology research for space and aeronautics.
 - "Sec. 503. National Aeronautics and Space Administration quantum initiatives.
 - "Sec. 504. Research security.
 - "Sec. 505. Authorization of appropriations.

"TITLE VI—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH QUANTUM ACTIVITIES

"Sec. 601. Quantum research program.

"TITLE VII—DEPARTMENT OF STATE QUANTUM ACTIVITIES

"Sec. 701. Department of State International Quantum Cooperation Program.".

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