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To establish the National Security Commission on Quantum Computing.

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Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Foreign Affairs, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the National Security Commission on Quantum Computing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Security
5 Commission Quantum Computing Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON QUANTUM**
2 **COMPUTING.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the ex-
4 ecutive branch an independent commission to be known
5 as the National Security Commission on Quantum Com-
6 puting (in this subtitle referred to as the “Commission”).
7 The Commission shall be considered an independent estab-
8 lishment of the Federal Government as defined by section
9 104 of title 5, United States Code, and a temporary orga-
10 nization under section 3161 of such title.

11 (b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall carry
13 out a review of the advances in quantum computing.
14 In carrying out such review, the Commission shall
15 consider the methods and means necessary to ad-
16 vance the development of quantum computing by the
17 United States to comprehensively address the na-
18 tional security needs of the Nation, including eco-
19 nomic risk, and any other needs of the Department
20 of Defense or the common defense of the Nation.

21 (2) **SCOPE OF THE REVIEW.**—In conducting the
22 review under paragraph (1), the Commission shall
23 consider—

24 (A) the competitiveness of the United
25 States in quantum computing, including mat-
26 ters related to national security, economic secu-

1 rity, public-private partnerships, and invest-
2 ments;

3 (B) means and methods for the United
4 States to maintain a technological advantage in
5 quantum computing;

6 (C) developments and trends in inter-
7 national cooperation and competitiveness, in-
8 cluding foreign investments in quantum com-
9 puting and quantum information science fields;

10 (D) means by which to foster greater em-
11 phasis and investments in basic and advanced
12 research to stimulate private, public, academic
13 and combined initiatives in quantum computing,
14 including high-performance computing;

15 (E) workforce and education incentives to
16 attract and recruit leading talent in quantum
17 computing, including science, technology, engi-
18 neering, and math programs;

19 (F) risks associated with United States
20 and foreign country advances in military em-
21 ployment of quantum computing, including
22 under the international law of armed conflict,
23 international humanitarian law, and escalation
24 dynamics;

1 (G) associated ethical considerations re-
2 lated to quantum computing as it will be used
3 for future applications; and

4 (H) any other matters the Commission
5 considers relevant to the common defense of the
6 Nation.

7 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-
9 mission shall be composed of 11 members appointed
10 as follows:

11 (A) The Secretary of Defense shall appoint
12 3 members.

13 (B) The Chairman of the Committee on
14 Armed Services of the Senate shall appoint 2
15 members.

16 (C) The ranking minority member of the
17 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
18 shall appoint 2 members.

19 (D) The Chairman of the Committee on
20 Armed Services of the House of Representatives
21 shall appoint 2 members.

22 (E) The ranking minority member of the
23 Committee on Armed Services of the House of
24 Representatives shall appoint 2 members.

1 (2) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Members
2 shall be appointed to the Commission under para-
3 graph (1) not later than 90 days after the date of
4 the enactment of this Act.

5 (3) EFFECT OF LACK OF APPOINTMENT BY AP-
6 POINTMENT DATE.—If one or more appointments
7 under paragraph (1) is not made by the date speci-
8 fied in paragraph (2), the authority to make such
9 appointment or appointments shall expire, and the
10 number of members of the Commission shall be re-
11 duced by the number equal to the number of ap-
12 pointments so not made.

13 (d) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The Commission shall
14 elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.

15 (e) TERMS.—Members shall be appointed for the life
16 of the Commission. A vacancy in the Commission shall not
17 affect its powers and shall be filled in the same manner
18 as the original appointment was made.

19 (f) STATUS AS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Notwith-
20 standing the requirements of section 2105 of title 5,
21 United States Code, including the required supervision
22 under subsection (a)(3) of such section, the members of
23 the Commission shall be deemed to be Federal employees.

24 (g) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to be ap-
25 propriated for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of De-

1 fense, not more than \$10,000,000 shall be made available
2 to the Commission to carry out its duties under this sec-
3 tion. Funds made available to the Commission under the
4 preceding sentence shall remain available until expended.

5 (h) REPORTS.—

6 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 Commission shall submit to the President and Con-
9 gress an initial report on the findings of the Com-
10 mission and such recommendations that the Com-
11 mission may have for action by the executive branch
12 and the Congress related to quantum computing and
13 associated technologies, including recommendations
14 to more effectively organize the Federal Government.

15 (2) COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.—Not later than
16 one year after the date of this enactment of this Act,
17 and annually thereafter until the date specified in
18 subsection (j), the Commission shall submit to the
19 President and to Congress a comprehensive report
20 on the review required under subsection (b).

21 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
22 on October 1, 2030.

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