

Calendar No. 627

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 3434**

To commission a study relating to the manufacturing programs of the
Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2021

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

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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grams of the Department of Commerce, and for other
purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Support
5 for American Manufacturing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS OF**
 2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) **ACADEMY.**—The term “Academy” means
 5 the National Academy of Public Administration.

6 (2) **COMMERCE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.**—
 7 The term “commerce manufacturing programs”
 8 mean the manufacturing programs of the Depart-
 9 ment of Commerce.

10 (b) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Commerce shall enter
 11 into a contract with the Academy to conduct a study—

12 (1) on the commerce manufacturing programs;
 13 the statutory foundations of the commerce manufac-
 14 turing programs, and the merits and limitations of
 15 the commerce manufacturing programs;

16 (2) that considers and evaluates options to opti-
 17 mize the management of the commerce manufac-
 18 turing programs, including options to consolidate the
 19 administration of the commerce manufacturing pro-
 20 grams by creating an agency responsible for that ad-
 21 ministration; and

22 (3) suggests a structure for legislation that
 23 would implement the options described in paragraph
 24 (2).

25 (c) **CONTENTS.**—The study conducted under sub-
 26 section (b) shall include—

1 (1) a comprehensive collection of the statutory
2 authorities for the commerce manufacturing pro-
3 grams;

4 (2) an assessment of available Federal pro-
5 posals to consolidate the commerce manufacturing
6 programs; and

7 (3) a consideration of the administrative and
8 organizational relationships—

9 (A) between the heads of the commerce
10 manufacturing programs;

11 (B) within the Department of Commerce;
12 and

13 (C) between the Department of Commerce
14 and States.

15 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
16 after the date on which the Academy enters into a contract
17 to conduct a study under subsection (b), the Academy
18 shall submit a summary of the findings and recommenda-
19 tions of the study to—

20 (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the
21 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
22 tation of the Senate; and

23 (2) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
24 mittee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on

1 ~~Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-~~
 2 ~~tives.~~

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11 (2) *COMMERCE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.—*
 12 *The term “commerce manufacturing programs” mean*
 13 *the programs of the Department of Commerce—*

14 (A) *that provide services or support to man-*
 15 *ufacturers in the United States, such as—*

16 (i) *the Hollings Manufacturing Exten-*
 17 *sion Partnership Program established under*
 18 *section 25 of the National Institute of*
 19 *Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.*
 20 *278k); and*

21 (ii) *the Manufacturing USA Program*
 22 *established under section 34 of the National*
 23 *Institute of Standards and Technology Act*
 24 *(15 U.S.C. 278s); and*

25 (B) *that—*

1 (i) *conduct activities relating to the*
2 *support of manufacturers and manufac-*
3 *turing in the United States; and*

4 (ii) *the Secretary of Commerce, in con-*
5 *sultation with the Academy, considers ap-*
6 *propriate and relevant to the purposes of*
7 *the study conducted under subsection (b).*

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15 *mize the management and increase the impact of the*
16 *commerce manufacturing programs, including options*
17 *to consolidate the administration of the commerce*
18 *manufacturing programs by creating an agency re-*
19 *sponsible for that administration; and*

20 (3) *that suggests a structure for legislation that*
21 *would implement the options described in paragraph*
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