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S. 2541

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to conduct research and development on the inclusion of certain oilseed crops in double cropping policies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. BRITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mid-South Oilseed
5 Double Cropping Study Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON INCLUSION OF CERTAIN OILSEED CROPS**
 2 **UNDER DOUBLE CROPPING POLICIES.**

3 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
 4 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 “(20) DOUBLE CROPPING OF CERTAIN OILSEED
 7 CROPS.—

8 “(A) DEFINITION OF COVERED OILSEED
 9 CROPS.—In this paragraph, the term ‘covered
 10 oilseed crops’ means rapeseed and canola crops.

11 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—
 12 The Corporation shall carry out research and
 13 development, or offer to enter into 1 or more
 14 contracts with 1 or more qualified persons to
 15 carry out research and development, with re-
 16 spect to the inclusion of covered oilseed crops
 17 under double cropping policies.

18 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—The research car-
 19 ried out pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be
 20 conducted in consultation with stakeholders to
 21 evaluate—

22 “(i) the economic and environmental
 23 benefits of incorporating covered oilseed
 24 crops into double cropping policies; and

25 “(ii) the potential risks associated
 26 with incorporating covered oilseed crops

1 into double cropping policies, specifically
2 with respect to winter-planted covered oil-
3 seed crops, including risks to soil health,
4 biodiversity, and the profitability of farm-
5 ing operations.

6 “(D) EMPHASIS.—In awarding contracts
7 under subparagraph (B), the Corporation may
8 place emphasis on persons and institutions
9 that—

10 “(i) have previous research experience
11 with covered oilseed crops; and

12 “(ii) have access to a facility with the
13 capacity to do the applicable research.

14 “(E) REPORT.—Not later than 13 months
15 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
16 the Corporation shall submit to the Committee
17 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
18 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
19 and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-
20 scribes—

21 “(i) the results of the research and
22 development carried out under subpara-
23 graph (B); and

- 1 “(ii) any recommendations with re-
- 2 spect to those results.”.

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