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To amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the establishment of a DPA Registry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIMES (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the establishment of a DPA Registry, 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 “CLEAR (Committee
5 Leadership and Enhanced Accountability for Resilience)
6 Defense Production Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION**
8 **ACT COMMITTEE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 722 of the Defense Pro-
10 duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4567) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “on the effective use of the priorities and allocations authorities under this Act” and inserting “the effective use of the authorities provided under this Act”;

2 (2) in subsection (b)—

3 (A) in paragraph (1)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(C) the chairperson of the Committee.”.

8 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

9 “(2) CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the Committee shall be a senior, full-time employee of the Department of Commerce classified as a member of the Senior Executive Service, as defined in section 2101a of title 5, United States Code, selected by the Secretary of Commerce.

1 “(B) REPORTING AUTHORITY.—The Chair-
2 person of the Committee shall report directly to
3 the Secretary of Commerce on all matters—

4 “(i) undertaken under this Act; and

5 “(ii) relating to and the Committee.

6 “(C) DUTIES.—The Chairperson of the
7 Committee’s primary job responsibility shall be
8 to lead the Committee and help fulfill the re-
9 sponsibilities of the Committee under this sec-
10 tion.

11 “(D) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The
12 Chairperson of the Committee shall provide in-
13 formation to each member of the Committee
14 about—

15 “(i) the frequency of the meetings of
16 the Committee and the expected content of
17 such meetings;

18 “(ii) the type and quality of informa-
19 tion that needs to be shared with the Com-
20 mittee by Federal departments and agen-
21 cies on the planned and actual use of au-
22 thorities provided under this Act; and

23 “(iii) any other information necessary
24 for the President, acting through the Com-
25 mittee, to coordinate and plan for the ef-

1 fective use of the authorities provided
2 under this Act.”;

3 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(c) COORDINATION OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVI-
6 TIES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Com-
8 merce shall—

9 “(A) ensure that the Chairperson of the
10 Committee has the necessary staff and re-
11 sources to carry out this section; and

12 “(B) shall submit funding requests on be-
13 half of the Committee and the Chairperson for
14 inclusion in the President’s budget of the
15 United States;

16 “(2) COORDINATOR.—The members of the
17 Committee shall, not later than 90 days after the
18 enactment of this subsection, designate one member
19 of the Senior Executive Service, as defined in section
20 2101a of title 5, from each department, agency, or
21 independent establishment of the Federal Govern-
22 ment to which the President has delegated authority
23 under this Act, to coordinate with the Chairperson
24 of the Committee as required by the Chairperson on

1 the effective use of the authorities provided under
2 this Act.”;

3 (4) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and
5 inserting the following:

6 “(1) a review of the use of the authorities pro-
7 vided under this Act by each department, agency, or
8 independent establishment of the Federal Govern-
9 ment to which the President has delegated authority
10 under this Act; and

11 “(2) recommendations about how to effectively
12 use the authorities provided under this Act in a
13 manner that is consistent with the statement of pol-
14 icy set forth in section 2(b).”;

15 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “to sup-
16 port the effective use of the priorities and allo-
17 cations authorities in this Act” and inserting
18 “to support the effective use of the authorities
19 provided under this Act”;

20 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “the use
21 of the priorities and allocations authorities in
22 this Act;” and inserting “the effective use of
23 the authorities provided under this Act; and”;
24 and

1 (D) by striking paragraph (5) and redesignig-
2 nating paragraph (6) as paragraph (5).

3 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this section, the Comp-
6 troller General of the United States shall issue a re-
7 port to the Committee on Financial Services of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on
9 Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include—

12 (A) an assessment of the quality of the co-
13 ordination and planning relating to the effective
14 use of the authorities provided under the De-
15 fense Production Act of 1950 completed by the
16 Committee under section 722 of the Defense
17 Production Act of 1950;

18 (B) a review of the information provided
19 by the Chairperson of the Committee to mem-
20 bers of the Committee under section 722(b)(2)
21 of the Defense Production Act of 1950;

22 (C) an identification of the authorities pro-
23 vided under the Defense Production Act of
24 1950 that may need additional attention from

1 the Committee established under section 722 of
2 the Defense Production Act of 1950; and

3 (D) any other recommendations relating to
4 how the Committee established under section
5 722 of the Defense Production Act of 1950
6 could improve its coordination and planning.

7 **SEC. 3. TRANSPARENCY REGISTRY OF USES OF DPA AU-**
8 **THORITIES.**

9 Title VII of the of the Defense Production Act of
10 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) is amended by adding at
11 the end the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 724. REGISTRY OF USES OF DPA AUTHORITIES.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce,
14 acting through the Chairperson of the Defense Production
15 Act Committee established under section 722 of this Act,
16 shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
17 of this section, establish a secure, electronic database that
18 can include records about how each authority under this
19 Act is used by the Federal Government (in this section
20 referred to as the ‘DPA Registry’).

21 “(b) CONTENTS.—The DPA Registry established by
22 the Secretary of Commerce under subsection (a) shall—

23 “(1) identify each use of an authority provided
24 under this Act by any Federal agency on or after the

1 date that is 1 year before the date of the enactment
2 of this section; and

3 “(2) describe, with respect to each use identi-
4 fied under paragraph (1)—

5 “(A) why the authority was used; and

6 “(B) how the authority was used to accom-
7 plish an objective in support of the national de-
8 fense of the United States.

9 “(c) ADDITION OF INFORMATION TO THE DPA REG-
10 ISTRY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each Federal
12 agency that uses the authorities provided under this
13 Act shall, not later than 180 days after the estab-
14 lishment of the DPA database under subsection (a),
15 enter any data into the DPA database that the
16 Chairperson of the Defense Production Act Com-
17 mittee may require, including information about
18 each use of an authority provided under the Act by
19 the Federal agency on or after the date that is 1
20 year before the date of the enactment of this section.

21 “(2) UPDATE.—The head of each Federal agen-
22 cy that uses the authorities provided under this Act
23 shall, each quarter, update the information in the
24 DPA registry and submit any new information that

1 the Chairperson of the Defense Production Act
2 Committee may require.

3 “(d) SECURITY OF DPA REGISTRY.—The Secretary
4 of Commerce, acting through the Chairperson of the De-
5 fense Production Act Committee, shall ensure that the
6 DPA registry is secure from cyber attacks and manipula-
7 tion.

8 “(e) DPA REGISTRY ACCESS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Com-
10 merce, acting through the Chairperson of the De-
11 fense Production Act Committee, shall ensure that
12 the DPA Registry is structured in such a way to
13 allow access to varying information for different
14 types of users, including—

15 “(A) users employed by or contracted by
16 Federal agencies or the Congress; and

17 “(B) users who are members of the public.

18 “(2) SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—The Secretary
19 of Commerce, acting through the Chairperson of the
20 Defense Production Act Committee, may limit access
21 to certain types of information in the DPA Registry
22 that may be sensitive to the national security of the
23 United States.

24 “(3) PROMOTION OF TRANSPARENCY.—The
25 Secretary of Commerce, shall in carrying out this

1 section, maximize transparency by providing as
2 much access to information in the DPA Registry as
3 is practicable while preserving the national security
4 of the United States.”.

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