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To establish the National Security Commission on Quantum Computing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON QUANTUM**
7 **COMPUTING.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
9 ecutive branch an independent commission to be known

1 as the National Security Commission on Quantum Com-
2 puting (in this subtitle referred to as the “Commission”).
3 The Commission shall be considered an independent estab-
4 lishment of the Federal Government as defined by section
5 104 of title 5, United States Code, and a temporary orga-
6 nization under section 3161 of such title.

7 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

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

17 (2) SCOPE OF THE REVIEW.—In conducting the
18 review under paragraph (1), the Commission shall
19 consider—

20 (A) the competitiveness of the United
21 States in quantum computing, including mat-
22 ters related to national security, economic secu-
23 rity, public-private partnerships, and invest-
24 ments;

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

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

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

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

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

23 (G) associated ethical considerations re-
24 lated to quantum computing as it will be used
25 for future applications; and

1 (H) any other matters the Commission
2 considers relevant to the common defense of the
3 Nation.

4 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-
6 mission shall be composed of 11 members appointed
7 as follows:

8 (A) The Secretary of Defense shall appoint
9 3 members.

10 (B) The Chairman of the Committee on
11 Armed Services of the Senate shall appoint 2
12 members.

13 (C) The ranking minority member of the
14 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
15 shall appoint 2 members.

16 (D) The Chairman of the Committee on
17 Armed Services of the House of Representatives
18 shall appoint 2 members.

19 (E) The ranking minority member of the
20 Committee on Armed Services of the House of
21 Representatives shall appoint 2 members.

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

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

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

11 (e) TERMS.—Members shall be appointed for the life
12 of the Commission. A vacancy in the Commission shall not
13 affect its powers and shall be filled in the same manner
14 as the original appointment was made.

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

20 (g) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to be ap-
21 propriated for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of De-
22 fense, not more than \$10,000,000 shall be made available
23 to the Commission to carry out its duties under this sec-
24 tion. Funds made available to the Commission under the
25 preceding sentence shall remain available until expended.

1 (h) REPORTS.—

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

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

17 (j) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
18 on October 1, 2030.