

117TH CONGRESS
1ST 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

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”.

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

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

3 (2) COMMERCE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.—
4 The term “commerce manufacturing programs”
5 mean the manufacturing programs of the Depart-
6 ment of Commerce.

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

9 (1) on the commerce manufacturing programs,
10 the statutory foundations of the commerce manufac-
11 turing programs, and the merits and limitations of
12 the commerce manufacturing programs;

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

19 (3) suggests a structure for legislation that
20 would implement the options described in paragraph
21 (2).

22 (c) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under sub-
23 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.

