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and Transportation

AN ACT

To establish an interagency aerospace revitalization task force to develop a national strategy for aerospace workforce recruitment, training, and cultivation.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The aerospace industry generates nearly 15
4 percent of the gross domestic product of the United
5 States, supports approximately 11,000,000 jobs in
6 the United States, and leads the United States econ-
7 omy in net exports.

8 (2) The aerospace industry contributes directly
9 to the economic and national security of the United
10 States through military, space, air transport, and in-
11 formation technology applications.

12 (3) A skilled and educated workforce represents
13 the most valuable asset of the United States econ-
14 omy.

15 (4) In 2004, total employment in the aerospace
16 industry fell to its lowest point in 50 years.

17 (5) 27 percent of the aerospace manufacturing
18 workforce will become eligible for retirement by
19 2008.

20 (6) Students in the United States rank near the
21 bottom of the leading industrialized countries of the
22 world in mathematics and science test performance.

23 (7) To ensure the stability of high-skilled jobs
24 and the global competitiveness of the domestic aero-
25 space industry, the United States requires coordi-
26 nated Federal Government policies to sustain and

1 expand the science, mathematics, engineering, and
2 manufacturing workforce.

3 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY AEROSPACE REVITALIZATION TASK**
4 **FORCE.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a task
6 force to be known as the “Interagency Aerospace Revital-
7 ization Task Force” (in this section referred to as the
8 “Task Force”).

9 (b) **DUTIES.**—The Task Force shall develop a strat-
10 egy for the Federal Government for aerospace workforce
11 development, including strategies for—

12 (1) maximizing cooperation among departments
13 and agencies of the Federal Government and the use
14 of resources of the Federal Government in fulfilling
15 demand for a skilled workforce across all vocational
16 classifications;

17 (2) developing integrated Federal Government
18 policies to promote and monitor public and private
19 sector programs for science, engineering, technology,
20 mathematics, and skilled trades education and train-
21 ing; and

22 (3) establishing partnerships with industry, or-
23 ganized labor, academia, and State and local govern-
24 ments to—

1 (A) collect and disseminate information on
2 occupational requirements and projected em-
3 ployment openings; and

4 (B) coordinate appropriate agency re-
5 sources, including grants, loans, and scholar-
6 ships, for the advancement of workforce edu-
7 cation, training, and certification programs.

8 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Task
10 Force shall be composed of 11 members who shall
11 be appointed as follows:

12 (A) One member shall be the Assistant
13 Secretary of Labor for Employment and Train-
14 ing.

15 (B) One member shall be a representative
16 of the Department of Commerce and shall be
17 appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.

18 (C) One member shall be a representative
19 of the Department of Defense and shall be ap-
20 pointed by the Secretary of Defense.

21 (D) One member shall be a representative
22 of the Department of Homeland Security and
23 shall be appointed by the Secretary of Home-
24 land Security.

1 (E) One member shall be a representative
2 of the Department of Education and shall be
3 appointed by the Secretary of Education.

4 (F) One member shall be a representative
5 of the Department of Transportation and shall
6 be appointed by the Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation.

8 (G) One member shall be a representative
9 of the Department of Energy and shall be ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary of Energy.

11 (H) One member shall be a representative
12 of the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
13 istration (NASA) and shall be appointed by the
14 Administrator of NASA.

15 (I) One member shall be a representative
16 of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and
17 shall be appointed by the Director of the NSF.

18 (J) Two members shall be appointed by
19 the President.

20 (2) CHAIRPERSON.—The Assistant Secretary of
21 Labor for Employment and Training shall serve as
22 the chairperson of the Task Force.

23 (3) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Each
24 member shall be appointed to the Task Force not

1 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

3 (4) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Task Force
4 shall be filled in the manner in which the original
5 appointment was made.

6 (5) PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION.—Mem-
7 bers of the Task Force may not receive pay, allow-
8 ances, or benefits by reason of their service on the
9 Task Force.

10 (d) MEETINGS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall meet
12 at the call of the Chairperson.

13 (2) FREQUENCY.—The Task Force shall meet
14 not less than two times each year.

15 (3) QUORUM.—6 members of the Task Force
16 shall constitute a quorum.

17 (e) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
19 thereafter for four years, the Task Force shall submit to
20 Congress, and make available to the public, a report de-
21 tailing the activities of the Task Force and containing the
22 findings, strategies, recommendations, policies, and initia-
23 tives developed pursuant to the duties of the Task Force
24 under subsection (b).

1 (f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
2 on the date of the submission of the final report under
3 subsection (e).

Passed the House of Representatives October 25,
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.