

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

APRIL 18, 2013

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To **[to be supplied]**.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “High Quality Research
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HIGH QUALITY RESEARCH.**

7 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Prior to making an award of
8 any contract or grant funding for a scientific research
9 project, the Director of the National Science Foundation

1 shall publish a statement on the public website of the
2 Foundation that certifies that the research project—

3 (1) is in the interests of the United States to
4 advance the national health, prosperity, or welfare,
5 and to secure the national defense by promoting the
6 progress of science;

7 (2) is the finest quality, is ground breaking,
8 and answers questions or solves problems that are of
9 utmost importance to society at large; and

10 (3) is not duplicative of other research projects
11 being funded by the Foundation or other Federal
12 science agencies.

13 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Any unobligated funds
14 for projects not meeting the requirements of subsection
15 (a) may be awarded to other scientific research projects
16 that do meet such requirements.

17 (c) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later
18 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Director shall report to the Committee on Commerce,
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
21 mittee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House
22 of Representatives on how the requirements set forth in
23 subsection (a) are being implemented.

24 (d) NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD IMPLEMENTATION
25 REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-

1 ment of this Act, the National Science Board shall report
2 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
3 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space,
4 and Technology of the House of Representatives its find-
5 ings and recommendations on how the requirements of
6 subsection (a) are being implemented.

7 (e) IMPLEMENTATION BY OTHER AGENCIES.—Not
8 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
9 the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Pol-
10 icy, in collaboration with the National Science and Tech-
11 nology Council, shall report to the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
13 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
14 House of Representatives on how the requirements of sub-
15 section (a) may be implemented in other Federal science
16 agencies.