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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5585
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Advanced Research
3 Projects Agency–Health Act” or the “ARPA–H Act”.

4 SEC. 2. ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY–
5 HEALTH.

6 Title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
7 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “PART J—ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS
10 AGENCY–HEALTH

11 “SEC. 499A. ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY–
12 HEALTH.

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, as an
14 independent operating division within the Department of
15 Health and Human Services, the Advanced Research
16 Projects Agency–Health (in this part referred to as
17 ‘ARPA–H’). Not later than 180 days after the date of en-

1 actment of this part, the Secretary shall transfer all func-
2 tions, personnel, missions, activities, authorities, and
3 funds of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for
4 Health within the National Institutes of Health, as in ex-
5 istence on the date of enactment of this part, to ARPA-
6 H established by the preceding sentence.

7 “(b) GOALS AND METHODS.—

8 “(1) GOALS.—The goals of ARPA-H shall be
9 to—

10 “(A) foster the development of new, break-
11 through capabilities, technologies, systems, and
12 platforms to accelerate innovations in health
13 and medicine that are not being met by Federal
14 programs or private entities;

15 “(B) revolutionize detection, diagnosis,
16 mitigation, prevention, treatment, and curing of
17 serious diseases and medical conditions through
18 the development of transformative health tech-
19 nologies;

20 “(C) promote high-risk, high-reward inno-
21 vation for the development and translation of
22 transformative health technologies; and

23 “(D) contribute to ensuring the United
24 States maintains—

1 “(i) global leadership in science and
2 innovation;

3 “(ii) the highest quality of life and
4 health for its citizens; and

5 “(iii) an aggressive agenda for innova-
6 tions to address global health threats that
7 place United States citizens at risk.

8 “(2) METHODS.—ARPA–H shall achieve the
9 goals specified in paragraph (1) by—

10 “(A) discovering, identifying, and pro-
11 moting revolutionary advances in health
12 sciences;

13 “(B) translating scientific discoveries into
14 transformative health technologies;

15 “(C) providing resources and support to
16 create platform capabilities that draw on mul-
17 tiple disciplines;

18 “(D) using researchers in a wide range of
19 disciplines, including the life sciences, the phys-
20 ical sciences, engineering, and the computa-
21 tional sciences;

22 “(E) delivering advanced proofs of concept
23 that demonstrate potentially clinically meaning-
24 ful advances;

1 “(F) developing new capabilities, advanced
2 computational tools, predictive models, or ana-
3 lytical techniques to identify potential targets
4 and technological strategies for early disease
5 detection and intervention;

6 “(G) accelerating transformational techno-
7 logical advances in areas with limited technical
8 certainty; and

9 “(H) prioritizing investments based on
10 such considerations as—

11 “(i) scientific opportunity and unique-
12 ness of fit to the strategies and operating
13 practices of ARPA-H;

14 “(ii) the effect on disease burden, in-
15 cluding unmet patient need, quality and
16 disparity gaps, and the potential to pre-
17 empt progression of serious disease; and

18 “(iii) the effect on the fiscal liability
19 of the Federal Government with respect to
20 health care and the ability to reduce the
21 cost of care through innovation.

22 “(c) DIRECTOR.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall ap-
24 point with the advice and consent of the Senate, a

1 director of ARPA–H (in this part referred to as the
2 ‘Director’).

3 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Director shall be
4 an individual who, by reason of professional back-
5 ground and experience, is especially qualified to
6 manage—

7 “(A) research and advanced development
8 programs; and

9 “(B) large-scale, high-risk initiatives with
10 respect to health research and technology devel-
11 opment across multiple sectors, including gener-
12 ating transformative health technologies and
13 improving health outcomes for patients.

14 “(3) RELATIONSHIP TO SECRETARY.—The Di-
15 rector shall report directly to the Secretary.

16 “(4) DUTIES.—The duties of the Director shall
17 include the following:

18 “(A) Approve and terminate the projects
19 and programs of ARPA–H.

20 “(B) Set research and development prior-
21 ities with respect to the goals specified in sub-
22 section (b) and manage the budget of ARPA–
23 H.

1 “(C) Develop funding criteria and assess
2 the success of programs through the establish-
3 ment of technical milestones.

4 “(D) Advance the goals under subsection
5 (b), through consideration of the advice of the
6 ARPA–H Interagency Research Council estab-
7 lished under subsection (q).

8 “(E) Solicit data, as needed, from the Na-
9 tional Institutes of Health and other relevant
10 entities.

11 “(F) Coordinate with the Director of the
12 National Institutes of Health to ensure that the
13 programs of ARPA–H build on, and are in-
14 formed by, scientific research supported by the
15 National Institutes of Health.

16 “(G) Coordinate with the heads of Federal
17 agencies and, to the extent practicable, ensure
18 that the activities of ARPA–H supplement (and
19 do not supplant) the efforts of other Federal
20 agencies.

21 “(H) Ensure ARPA–H does not provide
22 funding for a project unless the program man-
23 ager determines that the project meets the
24 goals described in subsection (b)(1).

25 “(5) TERM.—The Director—

1 “(A) shall be appointed for a 5-year term;

2 and

3 “(B) may be reappointed for 1 consecutive

4 5-year term.

5 “(6) AUTONOMY OF AGENCY REGARDING REC-
6 COMMENDATIONS AND TESTIMONY.—No officer or
7 agency of the United States shall have any authority
8 to require the Director or any other officer of
9 ARPA–H to submit legislative recommendations, or
10 testimony or comments on legislation, to any officer
11 or agency of the United States for approval, com-
12 ments, or review prior to the submission of such rec-
13 ommendations, testimony, or comments to the Con-
14 gress, if such recommendations, testimony, or com-
15 ments to the Congress include a statement indi-
16 cating that the views expressed therein are those of
17 the Director or such officer, and do not necessarily
18 reflect the views of the President or another agency.

19 “(7) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Direc-
20 tor may delegate to any duly authorized employee,
21 representative, or agent any power vested in the Di-
22 rector by law, except that the Director may not dele-
23 gate the power to appoint the Deputy Director
24 under paragraph (8).

1 “(8) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Director shall
2 appoint a deputy director to serve as the first assist-
3 ant to the office.

4 “(d) APPLICATION OF PAPERWORK REDUCTION
5 ACT.—The Director may waive the requirements of sub-
6 chapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code
7 (commonly referred to as the ‘Paperwork Reduction Act’)
8 with respect to the methods described in subsection (b)(2).

9 “(e) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—The following
10 types of information collected by ARPA–H from recipients
11 of financial assistance awards shall be considered commer-
12 cial and financial information obtained from a person and
13 privileged or confidential and not subject to disclosure
14 under section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States Code:

15 “(1) Plans for commercialization of technologies
16 developed under the award, including business plans,
17 technology-to market plans, market studies, and cost
18 and performance models.

19 “(2) Investments provided to an awardee from
20 third parties (such as venture capital firms, hedge
21 funds, and private equity firms), including amounts
22 and the percentage of ownership of the awardee pro-
23 vided in return for the investments.

24 “(3) Additional financial support that the
25 awardee—

1 “(A) plans to invest or has invested in the
2 technology developed under the award; or

3 “(B) is seeking from third parties.

4 “(4) Revenue from the licensing or sale of new
5 products or services resulting from research con-
6 ducted under the award.

7 “(f) SHARING INFORMATION WITH THE CENTERS
8 FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES.—The Director
9 shall timely share relevant information with the Adminis-
10 trator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
11 that may help to expedite determinations of coverage of
12 transformative health technologies developed by ARPA-H.

13 “(g) EXPEDITING BREAKTHROUGHS THROUGH CO-
14 OPERATION WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRA-
15 TION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
17 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and
18 in consultation with the Director, may take actions
19 to facilitate translation of transformative health
20 technology into tangible solutions for patients and to
21 expedite development of drugs, devices, and biological
22 products, including through—

23 “(A) helping to ensure that drug, device,
24 or biological product development programs, in
25 as efficient a manner as possible, gather the

1 nonclinical and clinical data necessary to ad-
2 vancing the development of such products and
3 to obtaining their approval, licensure, or clear-
4 ance, as applicable, by the Food and Drug Ad-
5 ministration under sections 505, 510(k), and
6 515 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
7 Act and section 351 of this Act;

8 “(B) expediting review of investigational
9 new drug applications under section 505(i) of
10 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, re-
11 view of investigational device exemptions under
12 section 520(g) of such Act, and review of appli-
13 cations for approval, licensure, and clearance of
14 drugs, devices, or biological products under sec-
15 tions 505, 510(k), and 515 of such Act, and
16 section 351 of this Act; and

17 “(C) meeting at appropriate intervals with
18 the Director and any member of the ARPA–H
19 Interagency Research Council to discuss the de-
20 velopment status of drugs, devices, or biological
21 products and projects that are the highest pri-
22 orities to ARPA–H, unless the Director and the
23 Commissioner of Food and Drugs determine
24 that any such meetings are not necessary.

1 “(2) RELATION TO OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED
2 ACTIVITIES OF THE FDA.—The authority specified in
3 paragraph (1) shall not be construed as limiting the
4 authority of the Secretary, acting through the Com-
5 missioner of Food and Drugs, with respect to the re-
6 view and approval, clearance, authorization for emer-
7 gency use, or licensure of drugs, devices, or biologi-
8 cal products under the Federal Food, Drug, and
9 Cosmetic Act or section 351 of this Act.

10 “(3) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Director, using
11 funds made available to ARPA–H, may reimburse
12 the Food and Drug Administration for expenditures
13 made by the Food and Drug Administration for ac-
14 tivities carried out under this section that have been
15 identified by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
16 and the Director as being carried out by the Food
17 and Drug Administration.

18 “(h) AWARDS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this sec-
20 tion, the Director may make awards including—

21 “(A) grants and cooperative agreements,
22 which shall—

23 “(i) be subject to the uniform admin-
24 istrative requirements, cost principles, and
25 audit requirements for Federal awards

1 contained in part 200 of title 2, Code of
2 Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
3 tions); and

4 “(ii) include the total line-item and
5 itemized indirect facilities and administra-
6 tive costs that shall be made publicly avail-
7 able and published in a machine-readable
8 format;

9 “(B) contracts subject to the Federal Ac-
10 quisition Regulation;

11 “(C) multi-year contracts under section
12 3903 of title 41, United States Code;

13 “(D) prizes; and

14 “(E) other transactions.

15 “(2) EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN REQUIRE-
16 MENTS.—Research funded by ARPA-H shall not be
17 subject to the requirements of section
18 406(a)(3)(A)(ii) or section 492.

19 “(i) FACILITIES AUTHORITY.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may acquire
21 (by purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise),
22 construct, improve, repair, operate, and maintain
23 such real and personal property as may be necessary
24 to carry out this section.

1 “(2) LEASE OF NONEXCESS PROPERTY.—The
2 Director may enter into a lease under this section
3 with any person or entity (including another depart-
4 ment or agency of the Federal Government or an en-
5 tity of a State or local government) with regard to
6 any nonexcess real property and related personal
7 property under the jurisdiction of the Director.

8 “(3) UTILIZATION OF LEASE FUNDS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may uti-
10 lize, without further appropriation, amounts of
11 cash consideration received for a lease entered
12 into under this subsection to cover the full costs
13 to ARPA–H in connection with the lease.
14 Funds received as such cash consideration shall
15 remain available until expended.

16 “(B) CAPITAL REVITALIZATION AND IM-
17 PROVEMENTS.—Of any amounts of cash consid-
18 eration received under this subsection that are
19 not utilized in accordance with subparagraph
20 (A), without further appropriation—

21 “(i) 35 percent shall—

22 “(I) be deposited in a capital
23 asset account to be established by the
24 Director;

1 “(II) be available for mainte-
2 nance, capital revitalization, and im-
3 provements of the real property assets
4 and related personal property under
5 the jurisdiction of the Director; and

6 “(III) remain available until ex-
7 pended; and

8 “(ii) the remaining 65 percent shall
9 be available to the respective center or fa-
10 cility of ARPA–H engaged in the lease of
11 nonexcess real property, and shall remain
12 available until expended for maintenance,
13 capital revitalization, and improvements of
14 the real property assets and related per-
15 sonal property at the respective center or
16 facility subject to the concurrence of the
17 Director.

18 “(C) NO UTILIZATION FOR DAILY OPER-
19 ATING COSTS.—Amounts utilized under sub-
20 paragraph (B) may not be utilized for daily op-
21 erating costs.

22 “(4) LOCATIONS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—ARPA–H, including
24 its headquarters, shall not be located on any

1 part of the existing National Institutes of
2 Health campuses.

3 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining
4 the location of facilities, the Director shall
5 make a fair and open consideration of—

6 “(i) the characteristics of the intended
7 location; and

8 “(ii) the extent to which such location
9 will facilitate advancement of the goals and
10 methods specified in subsection (b).

11 “(j) PERSONNEL.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may—

13 “(A) make and rescind appointments of
14 scientific, engineering, medical, and professional
15 personnel, which may include temporary or
16 time-limited appointments as determined by the
17 Director to fulfill the mission of ARPA–H,
18 without regard to any provision in title 5,
19 United States Code, governing appointments
20 and removals under the civil service laws, and
21 fix the base pay compensation of such personnel
22 at a rate to be determined by the Director, up
23 to the amount of annual compensation (exclud-
24 ing expenses) specified in section 102 of title 3,
25 United States Code; and

1 “(B) contract with private recruiting firms
2 for the hiring of qualified staff referenced in
3 subparagraph (A).

4 “(2) ADDITIONAL STAFF.—The Director may
5 use, to the same extent and in the same manner as
6 the Secretary, all authorities in existence on the date
7 of the enactment of this section that are provided to
8 the Secretary to hire administrative, financial, con-
9 tracts, legislative affairs, information technology,
10 ethics, and communications staff, and such other
11 staff as may be identified by the Director as nec-
12 essary to carry out this section.

13 “(3) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In ap-
14 pointing personnel under this subsection, the Direc-
15 tor—

16 “(A) may contract with private entities;

17 “(B) shall make efforts to recruit and re-
18 tain a diverse workforce, including individuals
19 underrepresented in science and medicine and
20 racial and ethnic minorities (as long as such ef-
21 forts comply with applicable Federal civil rights
22 law); and

23 “(C) shall recruit program managers with
24 expertise in a wide range of relevant disciplines,

1 including life sciences, the physical sciences, en-
2 gineering, and the computational sciences.

3 “(4) ADDITIONAL HIRING AUTHORITY.—To the
4 extent needed to carry out the authorities vested by
5 paragraph (1), the Director may utilize hiring au-
6 thorities under sections 3371 through 3376 of title
7 5, United States Code, to staff ARPA–H with em-
8 ployees from other Federal agencies, State and local
9 governments, Indian Tribes and Tribal organiza-
10 tions, institutions of higher education, and other or-
11 ganizations, as described in such sections.

12 “(5) EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—The authorities
13 granted by this section are—

14 “(A) in addition to existing authorities
15 granted to the Secretary; and

16 “(B) are not intended to supersede or
17 modify any existing authorities.

18 “(6) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FEDERAL
19 DETAILEES.—The Director may accept officers or
20 employees of the United States or members of the
21 uniformed service on a detail from an element of the
22 Federal Government on a reimbursable or a nonre-
23 imburseable basis, as jointly agreed to by the heads
24 of the receiving and detailing elements, for a period
25 not to exceed 3 years.

1 “(k) PROGRAM MANAGERS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall appoint
3 program managers for 3-year terms (and may re-
4 appoint such program managers for 1 consecutive 3-
5 year term) for the programs carried out by ARPA-
6 H.

7 “(2) DUTIES.—A program manager shall—

8 “(A) establish, in consultation with the Di-
9 rector or Deputy Director, research and devel-
10 opment goals for programs, including timelines
11 and milestones, and make such goals available
12 to the public;

13 “(B) collaborate with experts from the Na-
14 tional Institutes of Health and other Federal
15 agencies and experts in relevant scientific fields
16 to identify research and development gaps and
17 opportunities;

18 “(C) convene workshops and meetings, as
19 needed, with entities such as patients, patient
20 advocacy groups, practitioners, professional so-
21 cieties, and other stakeholders to solicit input
22 on programs and goals;

23 “(D) manage applications and proposals,
24 through the appropriate officials for making
25 grants, cooperative agreements, contracts,

1 prizes, and other transaction awards for ad-
2 vanced research that may show particular
3 promise, especially in areas in which the private
4 sector and the Federal Government have not
5 undertaken sufficient research;

6 “(E) issue funding opportunity announce-
7 ments, using uniform administrative processes,
8 as appropriate;

9 “(F) select, on the basis of merit, each of
10 the projects to be supported under a program
11 carried out by ARPA–H, and taking into con-
12 sideration—

13 “(i) the scientific and technical merit
14 of the proposed project;

15 “(ii) the capabilities of the applicants
16 to successfully carry out the proposed
17 project;

18 “(iii) the unmet needs or ability to
19 improve health outcomes within patient
20 populations;

21 “(iv) future commercial applications
22 of the project or the feasibility of
23 partnering with one or more commercial
24 entities;

1 “(v) the potential for
2 interdisciplinarity of the approach of the
3 project; and

4 “(vi) such other criteria as established
5 by the Director;

6 “(G) conduct project reviews within 18
7 months of funding awards to identify milestones
8 and monitor progress of such milestones with
9 respect to each project and prior to disburse-
10 ment of new funds;

11 “(H) provide recommendations to the Di-
12 rector with respect to advancing the goals speci-
13 fied in subsection (b);

14 “(I) cultivate opportunities for the com-
15 mercial application or community use of suc-
16 cessful projects, including through the establish-
17 ment of partnerships between or among award-
18 ees;

19 “(J) identify innovative cost-sharing ar-
20 rangements for ARPA–H projects;

21 “(K) provide recommendations to expand,
22 restructure, or terminate research partnerships
23 or projects; and

24 “(L) ensure that—

1 “(i) animal studies meet the Federal
2 animal research requirements pursuant of
3 the Public Health Service Policy on Hu-
4 mane Care and Use of Laboratory Ani-
5 mals; and

6 “(ii) applications apply statistical
7 modeling approaches and appropriately
8 justify animal sample sizes to meet project
9 goals.

10 “(l) REPORTS AND EVALUATION.—

11 “(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later
13 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
14 section, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Di-
15 rector shall submit a report on the actions un-
16 dertaken, and results generated, by ARPA–H,
17 including—

18 “(i) a description of projects sup-
19 ported by ARPA–H in the previous fiscal
20 year and whether such projects are meet-
21 ing the goals developed by the Director
22 pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(C);

23 “(ii) a description of projects termi-
24 nated in the previous fiscal year, and the
25 reason for such termination;

1 “(iii) a description of programs start-
2 ing in the next fiscal year, as available;

3 “(iv) activities conducted in coordina-
4 tion with other Federal agencies;

5 “(v) an analysis of the extent of co-
6 ordination conducted pursuant to sub-
7 sections (c)(4)(F) and (f), including suc-
8 cesses and barriers with respect to achiev-
9 ing the goals under subsection (b);

10 “(vi) a description of the demographic
11 (including racial and gender) diversity if
12 available of direct recipients and per-
13 formers in funded projects and of the
14 ARPA–H workforce; and

15 “(vii) a disclosure by the reward re-
16 cipients of whether the principal investiga-
17 tors named on the award participate in
18 foreign talent programs, including the pro-
19 vision of copies of all grants, contracts, or
20 other agreements related to such pro-
21 grams, and other supporting documenta-
22 tion related to such programs, as a condi-
23 tion of receipt of Federal extramural bio-
24 medical research funding awarded.

1 “(B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The re-
2 port under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted
3 to—

4 “(i) the Committee on Energy and
5 Commerce and the Committee on Appro-
6 priations of the House of Representatives;
7 and

8 “(ii) the Committee on Health, Edu-
9 cation, Labor, and Pensions and the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate.

11 “(2) EVALUATION.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years
13 after the date of the enactment of this section,
14 the Secretary shall enter into an agreement
15 with the National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
16 neering, and Medicine under which the National
17 Academies agree to study and evaluate whether
18 ARPA–H is meeting the goals specified in sub-
19 section (b).

20 “(B) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—The
21 agreement entered into under subparagraph (A)
22 shall require the National Academies of
23 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to submit
24 the results of the evaluation conducted under
25 such agreement to the Secretary, the Com-

1 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
2 of Representatives, and the Committee on
3 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
4 Senate.

5 “(m) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date of the enactment of this section, and every 3
7 years thereafter, the Director shall provide to the relevant
8 committees of Congress a strategic plan describing how
9 ARPA–H will carry out investments each fiscal year in
10 the following 3-year period.

11 “(n) INDEPENDENT REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of the enactment of this section, and every
13 3 years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
14 States shall conduct an independent review of the research
15 portfolio of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
16 ices, including ARPA–H, the National Institutes of
17 Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Bio-
18 medical Advanced Research and Development Authority—

19 “(1) to assess the degree of unnecessary dupli-
20 cation of existing Federal programs and projects;
21 and

22 “(2) to make recommendations regarding any
23 potential reorganization, consolidation, or termi-
24 nation of such programs and projects.

25 “(o) PRIORITIZATION.—The Director shall—

1 “(1) prioritize awarding grants, cooperative
2 agreements, contracts, prizes, and other transaction
3 awards to domestic recipients conducting the re-
4 search on transformative health technology in the
5 United States;

6 “(2) as appropriate and practicable, ensure that
7 nondomestic recipients of any grants, cooperative
8 agreements, contracts, prizes, and other transactions
9 under this section are conducting research in col-
10 laboration with a domestic recipient;

11 “(3) not award any grants, cooperative agree-
12 ments, contracts, prizes, and other transactions to
13 nondomestic recipients subject to malign foreign in-
14 fluence or organized under the laws of a malign for-
15 eign country; and

16 “(4) in accordance with the requirements of
17 chapter 33 of title 41, United States Code, and the
18 Federal Acquisition Regulation, only award grants,
19 cooperative agreements, contracts, prizes, and other
20 transactions to individual persons that do not have
21 more than 3 ongoing concurrent grants, cooperative
22 agreements, contracts, prizes, and other transactions
23 under this section.

24 “(p) ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION.—In carrying out
25 this section, the Director may consult with—

1 “(1) the President’s Council of Advisors on
2 Science and Technology;

3 “(2) peers in the scientific community, includ-
4 ing academia and industry;

5 “(3) an existing advisory committee providing
6 advice to the Secretary or the head of any operating
7 or staff division of the Department;

8 “(4) a new interagency research council orga-
9 nized to support the programs of ARPA–H and to
10 provide advice and assistance on—

11 “(A) specific program tasks; or

12 “(B) the overall direction of ARPA–H; and

13 “(5) any other entity the Director may deem
14 appropriate.

15 “(q) ARPA–H INTERAGENCY RESEARCH COUN-
16 CIL.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish
18 an interagency advisory committee to be known as
19 the ARPA–H Interagency Research Council (re-
20 ferred to in this subsection as the ‘Research Coun-
21 cil’).

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Research Council
23 may include any or all of the following members, or
24 designees:

1 “(A) The Director of the National Insti-
2 tutes of Health.

3 “(B) The Director of National Center for
4 Advancing Translational Sciences.

5 “(C) The Director of Office of Science and
6 Technology Policy.

7 “(D) The Commissioner of Food and
8 Drugs.

9 “(E) The Director of the Biomedical Ad-
10 vanced Research and Development Authority.

11 “(F) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
12 ease Control and Prevention.

13 “(G) The Administrator of the Centers for
14 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

15 “(H) The Director of the Agency for
16 Healthcare Research and Quality.

17 “(I) The Director of the Office of Minority
18 Health.

19 “(J) The Administrator of the Health Re-
20 sources and Services Administration.

21 “(K) The Director of the Defense Ad-
22 vanced Research Projects Agency.

23 “(L) The Director of the National Science
24 Foundation.

1 “(M) The Director of the Office of Science
2 of the Department of Energy.

3 “(N) The Director of the Advanced Re-
4 search Projects Agency–Energy.

5 “(O) The Assistant Secretary for Pre-
6 paredness and Response.

7 “(P) Representatives of any Federal agen-
8 cy with subject matter expertise that the Direc-
9 tor determines is necessary for the successful
10 completion of a project carried out pursuant to
11 this section.

12 “(Q) Any other entity the Director may
13 deem appropriate.

14 “(3) DUTIES.—The Research Council shall ad-
15 vise the Director, including by—

16 “(A) making recommendations on—

17 “(i) research priorities that will pro-
18 vide the greatest return on investment with
19 respect to improving human health;

20 “(ii) avoiding duplication of efforts in
21 the Federal Government; and

22 “(iii) improving coordination with
23 other Federal agencies; and

24 “(B) identifying and developing strategies
25 to address regulatory, reimbursement, and mar-

1 ket barriers to commercialization or adoption of
2 transformative health technologies, including
3 technologies intended to preempt serious dis-
4 ease.

5 “(4) ADVISORY NATURE.—The function of the
6 Research Council shall be advisory in nature. Noth-
7 ing in this subsection shall be construed as granting
8 the Research Council authority over any activities or
9 functions of ARPA–H.

10 “(5) MEETINGS.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of the enactment of this section, and every
12 fiscal year thereafter, the Director shall convene
13 meetings of the Research Council, including con-
14 ferences or workshops, as needed. The Research
15 Council may function through established or ad hoc
16 committees, task forces, or interagency groups to—

17 “(A) share information on health innova-
18 tions funded by ARPA–H; and

19 “(B) receive input on areas of particular
20 promise for ARPA–H projects.

21 “(r) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE.—The Direc-
22 tor may establish within ARPA–H an Office of Technology
23 Transfer to facilitate, where appropriate, the transfer of
24 federally-owned or federally-originated technology to re-

1 cipients of an award under this section (other than Fed-
2 eral Government entities).

3 “(s) FOLLOW-ON PRODUCTION AWARD AUTHOR-
4 ITY.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An other transaction en-
6 tered into by the Director under subsection (h)(1)
7 for a project may provide for the award of a follow-
8 on production contract or transaction to the partici-
9 pants in the transaction by ARPA-H or another
10 Federal agency. For purposes of this paragraph,
11 such an other transaction includes all individual sub-
12 projects awarded under the transaction to a Consor-
13 tium of United States industry and academic institu-
14 tions.

15 “(2) RELATION TO COMPETITIVE PROCE-
16 DURES.—A follow-on production contract or trans-
17 action under paragraph (1) may be awarded to the
18 participants in the transaction without the use of
19 competitive procedures (as defined in section 152 of
20 title 41, United States Code), notwithstanding the
21 requirements of division C of subtitle I of such title
22 41, if—

23 “(A) competitive procedures were used for
24 the selection of parties for participation in the
25 other transaction; and

1 “(B) the participants in the other trans-
2 action successfully completed the project pro-
3 vided for in the transaction.

4 “(3) PRECONDITION.—A follow-on production
5 contract or transaction may be awarded pursuant to
6 this subsection when the Director determines that
7 an individual project or subproject as part of a con-
8 sortium is successfully completed by the partici-
9 pants.

10 “(4) CLARIFICATION.—Award of a follow-on
11 production contract or transaction pursuant to this
12 subsection shall not be made contingent upon the
13 successful completion of all activities within a con-
14 sortium as a condition for an award for follow-on
15 production of a successfully completed project or
16 subproject within that consortium.

17 “(5) OTHER AUTHORITIES.—Contracts and
18 transactions entered into by ARPA–H pursuant to
19 this subsection may be awarded pursuant to division
20 C of subtitle I of title 41, United States Code, or
21 under such procedures, terms, and conditions as the
22 Director or head of such agency may establish by
23 regulation.

24 “(t) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authorities
25 under this section, with respect to the Director, are addi-

1 tional authorities that do not supersede or modify any ex-
2 isting authorities.

3 “(u) DEFINITIONS.—In this part:

4 “(1) ADVANCED PROOFS OF CONCEPT.—The
5 term ‘advanced proofs of concept’ means data, a
6 prototype, or other experimental evidence that—

7 “(A) may precede the development of
8 transformative health technologies; and

9 “(B) demonstrates the feasibility of a new
10 concept.

11 “(2) BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT.—The term ‘bio-
12 logical product’ has the meaning given such term in
13 section 351(i).

14 “(3) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’
15 means the Department of Health and Human Serv-
16 ices.

17 “(4) DRUG; DEVICE.—The terms ‘drug’ and
18 ‘device’ have the meanings given such terms in sec-
19 tion 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
20 Act.

21 “(5) FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—
22 The term ‘Federal Acquisition Regulation’ means
23 the Federal Acquisition Regulation issued pursuant
24 to section 1303(a)(1) of title 41, United States
25 Code.

1 “(6) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term ‘Federal
2 agency’ has the meaning given such term in section
3 3371 of title 5, United States Code.

4 “(7) PRIZE.—The term ‘prize’ means a prize as
5 such term is used in section 24 of the Stevenson-
6 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

7 “(8) TRANSFORMATIVE HEALTH TECH-
8 NOLOGY.—The term ‘transformative health tech-
9 nology’ means a drug, biological product, interven-
10 tion, platform, tool, or device—

11 “(A) that should be prioritized to detect,
12 diagnose, mitigate, prevent, cure, or treat a se-
13 rious disease or medical condition for which
14 there are unmet needs; and

15 “(B) for which—

16 “(i) significant scientific uncertainty
17 and regulatory risk exist; or

18 “(ii) incentives in the commercial
19 market are unlikely to result in the ade-
20 quate or timely development of such drug,
21 biological product, intervention, platform,
22 tool, or device.

23 “(v) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for each

1 of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, to remain available
2 until expended.”.

