

A Bill to Accelerate Hypersonic Defense Innovation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense (DoD) shall initiate a comprehensive program
2 to research, develop, and deploy hypersonic weapon systems.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Hypersonic weapons shall be defined as any weapon which travels at
4 Mach-5 (five times the speed of sound), with capabilities for offensive and
5 defensive operations.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall receive \$6 billion a year over the next five
7 fiscal years to be used for research, development, testing, and eventual
8 deployment with funding allocated as follows:
9 A. 40% will be allocated for research and development.
10 B. 30% will be allocated for collaboration with private sector defense
11 contractors and university research institutions.
12 C. 20% will be allocated for testing and evaluation of prototypes.
13 D. 10% for defensive countermeasures and surveillance systems designed
14 to detect hypersonic weapons.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Defense shall oversee the program in coordination with
16 the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) ensuring that all
17 development meets strategic needs and international laws. The Secretary
18 of Defense shall submit annual reports to Congress detailing
19 advancements, expenditures, and security outcomes.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 21 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinecrest High School