[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. ______

To [to be supplied].

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. __________ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________________

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A BILL

To [to be supplied].

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “High Quality Research Act”.

4 SEC. 2. HIGH QUALITY RESEARCH.

5 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Prior to making an award of any contract or grant funding for a scientific research project, the Director of the National Science Foundation
shall publish a statement on the public website of the Foundation that certifies that the research project—

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

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

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

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

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

(d) NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
ment of this Act, the National Science Board shall report
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space,
and Technology of the House of Representatives its find-
ings and recommendations on how the requirements of
subsection (a) are being implemented.

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