

## S 2195

### National Fab Lab Network Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jul 22, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jul 22, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 22, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3837	Identical bill	Aug 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

### Summary (as of Jul 22, 2019)

#### National Fab Lab Network Act of 2019

This bill establishes the National Fab Lab Network as a federally chartered corporation.

A fab lab is a digital fabrication facility with the capabilities necessary to create form and function from digital designs. The bill requires the National Fab Lab Network to (1) endeavor to establish at least one fab lab in each congressional district and additional labs according to local demand, (2) link fab labs into a national network and promote their further expansion across the country, (3) serve as a training and operating resource for fab labs and their leaders and mentors, (4) maintain a national registry of fab labs, and (5) provide standards and protocols for connecting fab labs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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