

HR 539

Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jan 14, 2019
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jan 14, 2019
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 14, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2019
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3253	Related bill	Feb 4, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 S 118	Identical bill	May 15, 2019: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-85.

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This bill expands eligibility for the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program and requires development of an I-Corps course to support commercialization-ready participants.

(Sec. 3) The bill requires the National Science Foundation (NSF) to allow grantees of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program and other entities to participate in I-Corps courses. The cost of participation by such a grantee in a course may be furnished

- through I-Corps Teams grants,
- through funds awarded to grantees under the SBIR Program or the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program,
- by the grantor federal agency using funds set aside for the SBIR and STTR Programs, or
- by the participating teams.

(Sec. 4) The NSF shall develop an I-Corps course, to be offered by I-Corps regional nodes, to support commercialization-ready participants. The course shall support participants that have completed an I-Corps course and participants that have made the decision to market an innovation.

(Sec. 5) The Government Accountability Office shall report on the I-Corps Program, including by assessing the effects of the I-Corps on the commercialization of federally funded research and development, the higher education system, regional economies, and the national economy.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Mr. Lipinski moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2055-2058)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 539.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2064-2065)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 385 - 18 (Roll no. 88).(text: CR H2055-2056)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 385 - 18 (Roll no. 88). (text: CR H2055-2056)
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.