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National Fab Lab Network Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3274	Identical bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Summary (as of May 17, 2021)

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This bill establishes the National Fab Lab Network as a nonprofit 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, (5) provide standards and protocols for connecting fab labs, and (6) assist fab labs in producing fab labs.

Actions Timeline

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