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BEACON Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.
117 HR 5107	Identical bill	Aug 27, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Building Equitable Access to Contribute to Our National Security Act of 2021 or the BEACON Act of 2021

This bill implements plans and requirements related to minority institutions of higher education and their contributions to national security efforts.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a plan for the establishment of the Minority Institute for Defense Research. The plan must be made available on a publicly accessible DOD website.

DOD is authorized to establish a program to award grants to leading minority institutions to, among other purposes, advance research capabilities relating to national security.

Under the bill, certain contracts awarded to educational institutions must include a requirement to subcontract with one or more minority institutions for a total amount of at least 5% of the amount awarded in the contract.

Actions Timeline

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