SEC. 202. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION INITIATIVE.

(a) REPEAL.—Section 2359a of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 139 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2359a.

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would repeal section 2359a of title 10, United States Code. By striking subsection (a) through (f) of that section, this proposal would repeal the requirement for the Department of Defense to execute the Technology Transition Initiative (TTI). TTI has shown how the military departments and the Agencies of the Department can implement programs and policies to facilitate the rapid transition of new technologies from Science and Technology into acquisition programs of the Department for the production of such technologies and accelerate the introduction of new technologies into operational capabilities for the armed forces. A unique program demonstrating these approaches is no longer required.

By striking subsection (g) and (h) of section 2359a, this proposal would repeal the requirement for the Technology Transition Council (TTC). The TTC comprises the science and technology executive of each military department and each Defense Agency, the acquisition executive of each military department, and the members of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council. An oversight and guidance governance construct is in place, obviating the need for the TTC.

Budget Implications: None. The TTC is an organizational management forum where defense executives from the department facilitate rapid transition of new technologies from science and technology programs into acquisition programs. There is no budget line that specifically supports the activities of the TTC and there are no direct personnel or sustainment costs associated with convening the council.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would repeal section 2359a of title 10, United States Code, as follows:

~~**§ 2359a. Technology Transition Initiative**~~

~~(a) INITIATIVE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, shall carry out an initiative, to be known as the Technology Transition Initiative (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Initiative"), to facilitate the rapid transition of new technologies from science and technology programs of the Department of Defense into acquisition programs of the Department for the production of such technologies.~~

~~(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative are as follows:~~

~~(1) To accelerate the introduction of new technologies into operational capabilities for the armed forces.~~

~~(2) To successfully demonstrate new technologies in relevant environments.~~

~~(c) MANAGEMENT OF INITIATIVE.—(1) The Under Secretary shall designate a senior official of the Department of Defense (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Manager") to manage the Initiative.~~

~~(2) In managing the Initiative, the Manager shall—~~

~~(A) report directly to the Under Secretary; and~~

~~(B) obtain advice and other assistance from the Technology Transition Council established under subsection (g).~~

~~(3) The Manager shall—~~

~~(A) in consultation with the Technology Transition Council established under subsection (g), identify promising technology transition projects that can contribute to meeting Department of Defense technology goals and requirements;~~

~~(B) identify potential sponsors in the Department of Defense to manage such projects; and~~

~~(C) provide funds under subsection (f) for those projects that are selected under subsection (d)(2).~~

~~(d) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—(1) The science and technology and acquisition executives of each military department and each appropriate Defense Agency and the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands may nominate technology transition projects for implementation under subsection (e) and shall submit a list of the projects so nominated to the Manager.~~

~~(2) The Manager, in consultation with the Technology Transition Council established under subsection (g), shall select projects for implementation under subsection (e) from among the projects on the lists submitted under paragraph (1).~~

~~(e) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS.—For each project selected under subsection (d)(2), the Manager shall designate a military department or Defense Agency to implement the project.~~

~~(f) FUNDING OF PROJECTS.—(1) From funds made available to the Manager for the Initiative, the Manager shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), provide funds for each project selected under subsection (d)(2) in an amount determined by mutual agreement between the Manager and the acquisition executive of the military department or Defense Agency concerned.~~

~~(2) The amount of funds provided to a project under paragraph (1) by the military department or Defense Agency concerned shall be the appropriate share of the military department or Defense Agency, as the case may be, of the cost of the project, as determined by the Manager.~~

~~(3) A project shall not be provided funds under this subsection for more than four fiscal years.~~

~~(g) TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION COUNCIL.—(1) There is a Technology Transition Council in the Department of Defense. The Council is composed of the following members:~~

~~(A) The science and technology executive of each military department and each Defense Agency.~~

~~(B) The acquisition executive of each military department.~~

~~(C) The members of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.~~

~~(2) The duty of the Council shall be to support the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics in developing policies to facilitate the rapid transition of~~

~~technologies from science and technology programs into acquisition programs of the Department of Defense.~~

~~(3) The Council shall meet not less often than semiannually to carry out its duty under paragraph (2).~~

~~(h) DEFINITION. - In this section, the term "acquisition executive", with respect to a military department or Defense Agency, means the official designated as the senior procurement executive for that military department or Defense Agency for the purposes of section 16(c) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 414(c)).~~