

AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **SEC. 505. INCREASED PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SBIR**
2 **AWARDEES AND PRIME CONTRACTORS, VEN-**
3 **TURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES,**
4 **AND LARGER BUSINESSES.**

5 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
6 as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 “(qq) INCREASED PARTNERSHIPS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each agency required by
10 this section to conduct an SBIR program shall es-
11 tablish initiatives by which the agency encourages
12 partnerships between SBIR awardees and prime
13 contractors, venture capital investment companies,
14 business incubators, and larger businesses, for the
15 purpose of facilitating the progress of the SBIR
16 awardees to the third phase.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
18 ‘business incubator’ means an entity that provides
19 coordinated and specialized services to entrepre-
20 neurial businesses which meet selected criteria dur-

1 ing the businesses' startup phases, including pro-
2 viding services such as shared office space and office
3 services, access to equipment, access to telecommuni-
4 cations and technology services, flexible leases, spe-
5 cialized management assistance, access to financing,
6 mentoring and training services, or other coordi-
7 nated business or technical support services designed
8 to provide business development assistance to entre-
9 preneurial businesses during these businesses' start-
10 up phases.”.

