

HOUSE BILL 82

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## AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; EXTENDING THE TECHNOLOGY READINESS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX CREDIT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 7-9-96.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2020, Chapter 22, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-9-96.3. TECHNOLOGY READINESS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX  
CREDIT--

A. Prior to July 1, [2027] 2035, a taxpayer that is a national laboratory that provides technology readiness assistance to a business that is registered to do business in New Mexico and has licensed a technology from the national laboratory or is a participant in a cooperative research and development agreement with the national laboratory may claim a tax credit against the taxpayer's gross receipts tax liability

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1 imposed pursuant to the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax  
2 Act, excluding any local option gross receipts tax liability.  
3 The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as  
4 the "technology readiness gross receipts tax credit".

5                   B. The purpose of the technology readiness gross  
6 receipts tax credit is to help businesses in New Mexico achieve  
7 technology maturation of the businesses' technologies developed  
8 at New Mexico national laboratories and increase economic  
9 development in the state.

10                  C. The amount of a technology readiness gross  
11 receipts tax credit shall equal the amount of qualified  
12 expenditures incurred by a national laboratory to provide  
13 technology readiness assistance to a business, not to exceed  
14 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in a fiscal year  
15 per business; provided that the annual aggregate amount of  
16 credits allowed per national laboratory per fiscal year shall  
17 be limited to [~~one million dollars (\$1,000,000)~~]:

18                   (1) beginning on July 1, 2026 and prior to  
19 July 1, 2027, two million dollars (\$2,000,000);

20                   (2) beginning on July 1, 2027 and prior to  
21 July 1, 2028, three million dollars (\$3,000,000);

22                   (3) beginning on July 1, 2028 and prior to  
23 July 1, 2029, four million dollars (\$4,000,000); and

24                   (4) beginning on July 1, 2029 and prior to  
25 July 1, 2035, five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

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D. A taxpayer may claim a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit for the taxable period in which the taxpayer provides technology assistance pursuant to this section. That portion of a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit that exceeds a taxpayer's tax liability in the taxable period in which the credit is claimed may be carried forward to succeeding taxable periods.

E. To receive a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit, a taxpayer shall apply to the department on forms and in the manner required by the department. The application shall include the following:

(1) certification from each business that received technology readiness assistance that:

(a) the assistance was made in good faith to help the business demonstrate the feasibility of real-world application of the business's technology; and

(b) the assistance was not otherwise available to the business at a reasonable cost through private industry;

(2) evidence that the business that received the technology readiness assistance is registered to do business in New Mexico; and

(3) evidence that the business's technology is a licensed technology from the national laboratory or the business is a participant in a cooperative research and

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development agreement with the national laboratory.

F. In addition to the requirements in Subsection E of this section, a national laboratory shall:

(1) create forms for technology readiness assistance requests and completion of technology maturation;

(2) establish a technology readiness assistance program that will assist businesses to reach technology maturation;

(3) consult with the secretary of economic development to seek advice on improvements in the operation of the technology readiness assistance program; and

(4) establish a methodology to use state educational institutions that have demonstrated the capability to provide technology readiness assistance.

G. A taxpayer shall not claim both a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit and a credit pursuant to the Laboratory Partnership with Small Business Tax Credit Act for assistance provided to the same business in the same taxable period.

H. If more than one national laboratory provides technology readiness assistance to a business, the national laboratories shall not claim a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit until coordination is developed between the national laboratories providing the assistance that generates a joint operational plan to ensure that:

(1) the assistance provided by each national laboratory suits the business's needs and challenges; and

(2) the combined claims for a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit will not exceed the limitations provided in Subsection C of this section.

I. A national laboratory that claims a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit shall submit an annual report in writing to the department, the economic development department and an appropriate legislative interim committee. If more than one national laboratory claims a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit, those laboratories shall jointly submit an annual report. The annual report shall summarize activities related to and the results of the technology readiness assistance programs created by the national laboratories and shall include:

(1) a description of each business's technology that has received technology readiness assistance, including progress toward technology maturation and whether, and to what extent, the business is still doing business in New Mexico;

(2) results of surveys of businesses to which technology readiness assistance is provided;

(3) the total amount of the technology readiness gross receipts tax credits received in the previous fiscal year; and

(4) an economic impact study performed by an uninterested third party.

J. At any time after receipt of an annual report required pursuant to this section, the department or the economic development department may provide written instructions to a national laboratory identifying future improvements in the national laboratory's technology readiness assistance program for which it receives a technology readiness gross receipts tax credit.

K. As used in this section:

(1) "cooperative research and development agreement" means any agreement between a national laboratory and a non-federal party under which the laboratory provides personnel, services, facilities, equipment, intellectual property or other resources and a non-federal party provides funds, personnel, services, facilities, equipment, intellectual property or other resources toward the conduct of specified research or development efforts that are consistent with the missions of the laboratory;

(2) "national laboratory" means a prime contractor designated as a national laboratory by act of congress that is operating a facility in New Mexico;

(3) "qualified expenditure" means an expenditure by a national laboratory in providing technology readiness assistance and is limited to the following:

(a) employee salaries, wages, benefits and employer payroll taxes;

(b) administrative costs related directly to the provision of technology readiness assistance;

(c) in-state travel expenses, including per diem and mileage at the internal revenue service standard rate; and

(d) supplies and services of contractors that are related to the provision of technology readiness assistance;

(4) "state educational institution" means a state educational institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico;

(5) "technology maturation" means technology that has been developed to a stage that results in a prototype or demonstration of the feasibility of real-world application of the technology; and

(6) "technology readiness assistance" means assistance provided to a business by a national laboratory with the intent to help the business's technology achieve technology maturation."

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--**The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2026.