

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2666

To amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2001

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Vocational and Tech-  
5       nical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**  
2 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15  
4 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 36 as section 37;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 35 the following  
8 new section:

9 **“SEC. 36. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**  
10 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
12 definitions apply:

13 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-  
14 trator’ means the Administrator of the Small Busi-  
15 ness Administration.

16 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means  
17 the program established under subsection (b).

18 “(3) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-  
19 TER.—The term ‘small business development center’  
20 means a small business development center described  
21 in section 21.

22 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—In accordance with this sec-  
23 tion, the Administrator shall establish a program under  
24 which the Administrator shall make grants to small busi-  
25 ness development centers to enable such centers to provide  
26 technical assistance to secondary schools, or to postsec-

1 onday vocational or technical schools, for the development  
2 and implementation of curricula designed to promote voca-  
3 tional and technical entrepreneurship.

4 “(c) MINIMUM GRANT.—The Administrator may  
5 make no grant under the program for an amount less than  
6 \$200,000.

7 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each small business develop-  
8 ment center seeking a grant under the program shall sub-  
9 mit to the Administrator an application in such form as  
10 the Administrator may require. The application shall in-  
11 clude information regarding the applicant’s goals and ob-  
12 jectives for the educational programs to be assisted.

13 “(e) REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—The Adminis-  
14 trator shall make a condition of each grant under the pro-  
15 gram that not later than 18 months after the receipt of  
16 the grant the recipient shall transmit to the Administrator  
17 a report describing how the grant funds were used.

18 “(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CON-  
19 TRACTS.—The Administrator may enter into a cooperative  
20 agreement or contract with a small business development  
21 center receiving a grant under this section to provide addi-  
22 tional assistance that furthers the purposes of this section.

23 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than  
24 March 31, 2004, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-  
25 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

1 “(h) CLEARINGHOUSE.—

2 “(1) SELECTION.—Before making grants under  
3 the program, the Administrator shall select an asso-  
4 ciation established pursuant to section 21(a)(3)(A)  
5 to act as a clearinghouse of information and exper-  
6 tise regarding vocational and technical entrepreneur-  
7 ship education programs.

8 “(2) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

9 In each fiscal year in which grants are made under  
10 the program, the Administrator shall provide addi-  
11 tional assistance to the association selected under  
12 paragraph (1) to carry out the functions described  
13 in such paragraph.

14 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
15 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
16 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.  
17 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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