

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1308

To establish an Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2005

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Trade Adjustment As-
5 sistance for Firms Reorganization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title II of the Trade
8 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.) is amended by in-
9 serting after section 255 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 255A. OFFICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the date of enactment of the Trade Adjustment Assistance
4 for Firms Reorganization Act, there shall be established
5 in the International Trade Administration of the Depart-
6 ment of Commerce an Office of Trade Adjustment Assist-
7 ance.

8 “(b) PERSONNEL.—The Office shall be headed by a
9 Director, and shall have such staff as may be necessary
10 to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary of Com-
11 merce described in this chapter.

12 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Office shall assist the Sec-
13 retary of Commerce in carrying out the Secretary’s re-
14 sponsibilities under this chapter.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
16 tents for the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting
17 after the item relating to section 255, the following new
18 item:

“Sec. 255A. Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.”.

19 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 Section 256(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
21 2346(b)) is amended by striking “2007” and inserting
22 “2012”.

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