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H. R. 4121

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Business Devel-
5 opment Centers Improvement Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**
7 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

8 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 48. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

3 “(a) EXPANDED SUPPORT FOR
4 ENTREPRENEURS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, the Administrator shall only use
7 the programs authorized in sections 7(j), 7(m), 8(a),
8 8(b)(1), 21, 22, 29, and 32 of this Act, and sections
9 358 and 389 of the Small Business Investment Act
10 to deliver entrepreneurial development services, en-
11 trepreneurial education, business incubation services,
12 growth acceleration services, support for the develop-
13 ment and maintenance of clusters, or business train-
14 ing.

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply
16 to services provided to assist small business concerns
17 owned by an Indian tribe.

18 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning on the first De-
19 cember 1 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
20 the Administrator shall annually report to the Committee
21 on Small Business of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
23 of the Senate on all entrepreneurial development activities
24 undertaken in the current fiscal year. This report shall
25 include—

1 “(1) a description and operating details for
2 each program and activity;

3 “(2) operating circulars, manuals, and standard
4 operating procedures for each program and activity;

5 “(3) a description of the process used to award
6 grants under each program and activity;

7 “(4) a list of all awardees, contractors, and ven-
8 dors (including organization name and location) and
9 the amount of awards for the current fiscal year for
10 each program and activity;

11 “(5) the amount of funding obligated for the
12 current fiscal year for each program and activity;
13 and

14 “(6) the names and titles for those individuals
15 responsible for each program and activity.”.

16 **SEC. 3. MARKETING OF SERVICES.**

17 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648)
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(o) NO PROHIBITION OF MARKETING OF SERV-
20 ICES.—The Administrator shall not prohibit applicants re-
21 ceiving grants under this section from marketing and ad-
22 vertising their services to individuals and small busi-
23 nesses.”.

1 **SEC. 4. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.**

2 Section 21(a)(7)(A) of the Small Business Act (15
3 U.S.C. 648(a)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting after
4 “under this section” the following: “to any State, local or
5 Federal agency or third party”.

6 **SEC. 5. DATA COLLECTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(a)(3)(A) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(A)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “as provided in this section
10 and” and inserting “as provided in this section,”;
11 and

12 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
13 following: “, and (iv) governing data collection ac-
14 tivities related to applicants receiving grants under
15 this section”.

16 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—Sec-
17 tion 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as
18 amended by section 3 of this Act, is further amended by
19 adding at the end the following:

20 “(p) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—The
21 Administrator shall report annually to the Committee on
22 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the
23 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
24 the Senate on data collection activities related to the Small
25 Business Development Center program.”.

1 **SEC. 6. MATCHMAKING AND OTHER EVENTS.**

2 Section 21(a)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15
3 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(C) Such participation in private partnerships
5 and cosponsorships with the Administration shall
6 not limit Small Business Development Centers from
7 collecting fees or other income related to the oper-
8 ation of such partnerships and cosponsorships.”.

9 **SEC. 7. EQUITY FOR SBDCS.**

10 Section 21(a)(4)(C)(v) of the Small Business Act (15
11 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(C)(v)) is amended—

12 (1) in item (aa), by striking “; and” and insert-
13 ing a period; and

14 (2) by striking item (bb).

15 **SEC. 8. AWARD OF GRANTS TO SBDCS.**

16 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17 648), as amended by sections 3 and 5 of this Act, is fur-
18 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(q) LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS.—Except
20 for not-for-profit institutions of higher education, notwith-
21 standing any provision of law, the Administrator shall not
22 award grants (including contracts and cooperative agree-
23 ments) under this section to any entity other than those
24 that received grants (including contracts and cooperative
25 agreements) under this section prior to September 30,

- 1 2014, and that seek to renew such grants (including con-
- 2 tracts and cooperative agreements) after such date.”.

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