

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 650

To amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses that engage in research and development, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses that engage in research and development, and for other purposes.

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 “Support Small Busi-
5 ness R & D Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Small Business Administration;

1 (2) the term “Commissioner” means the Com-
2 missioner of Internal Revenue;

3 (3) the term “small business concern” has the
4 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Small
5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632); and

6 (4) the term “small business development cen-
7 ter” means a center described in section 21 of the
8 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648).

9 **SEC. 3. SBA AND IRS PARTNERSHIPS.**

10 Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of
11 enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation
12 with the Commissioner, shall develop partnership agree-
13 ments that—

14 (1) provide for the development of—

15 (A) basic training, including in-person or
16 modular training sessions, relating to Federal
17 income tax credits that benefit small business
18 concerns and startups, especially credits for re-
19 search and experimentation; and

20 (B) informational materials relating to
21 such credits, including Internal Revenue Service
22 guidance documents;

23 (2) provide the basic training and informational
24 materials developed under paragraph (1)—

1 (A) through electronic resources, including
 2 Internet-based webinars; and

3 (B) at physical locations, including small
 4 business development centers; and

5 (3) make such materials available to—

6 (A) business development programs admin-
 7 istered by the Small Business Administration,
 8 including women’s business centers, Veterans
 9 Business Outreach Centers, and U.S. Export
 10 Assistance Centers, and nonprofit research
 11 partners such as the Service Corps of Retired
 12 Executives authorized under section 8(b)(1)(B)
 13 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 14 637(b)(1)(B)); and

15 (B) business development entities that
 16 partner with Small Business Administration
 17 programs, including universities, nonprofits,
 18 business incubators, and business accelerators.

19 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

20 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
 21 of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the
 22 Commissioner, shall submit to Congress a report describ-
 23 ing how the Small Business Administration and the Inter-
 24 nal Revenue Service will—

1 (1) provide outreach and educational materials
 2 to small business concerns, businesses of medium
 3 size, and startups regarding section 41(h) of the In-
 4 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section
 5 121 of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes
 6 Act of 2015; and

7 (2) help and encourage tax advisors to educate
 8 such businesses about the important amendments
 9 made by such Act to section 41 of such Code.

10 **SEC. 5. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

11 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
 12 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (S), by striking “and” at
 14 the end;

15 (2) in subparagraph (T), by striking the period
 16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(U) in conjunction with the Internal Rev-
 19 enue Service, providing informational materials,
 20 education, and basic training—

21 “(i) to small business concerns relat-
 22 ing to Federal income tax credits available
 23 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
 24 including—

1 “(I) credits available to busi-
2 nesses generally; and

3 “(II) credits available to small
4 business concerns and startups spe-
5 cifically, especially credits for research
6 and experimentation; and

7 “(ii) which may be delivered—

8 “(I) in person; or

9 “(II) through an Internet
10 website.”.

○