

Union Calendar No. 103

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4515

[Report No. 117-143]

To amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CHABOT, and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

OCTOBER 12, 2021

Additional sponsors: Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER

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Reported from the Committee on Small Business; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 Center Cyber Training Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
7 **TER COUNSELORS.**

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

10 “(o) CYBER STRATEGY TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSI-
11 NESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

12 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

13 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-
14 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-
15 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks
16 and cyber attacks; and

17 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-
18 ment center’ means a small business develop-
19 ment center that has received a grant from the
20 Administration.

21 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
22 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification
23 program, or approve a similar existing program, to
24 certify the employees of lead small business develop-

1 ment centers to provide cyber planning assistance to
2 small business concerns.

3 “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—

4 The Administrator shall ensure that the number of
5 employees of each lead small business development
6 center who are certified in providing cyber planning
7 assistance under this subsection is not fewer than
8 the lesser of—

9 “(A) 5; or

10 “(B) 10 percent of the total number of em-
11 ployees of the lead small business development
12 center.

13 “(4) CONSIDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DE-
14 VELOPMENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.—In car-
15 rying out this subsection, the Administrator, to the
16 extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy
17 methods included in the Small Business Develop-
18 ment Center Cyber Strategy developed under section
19 1841(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act
20 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130
21 Stat. 2662).

22 “(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
24 ability of appropriations and subparagraph (B),
25 the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small

1 business development center for costs relating
2 to the certification of an employee of the lead
3 small business development center under the
4 program established under paragraph (2).

5 “(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-
6 imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-
7 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-
8 cal year.”.

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