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H. R. 1642

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs for small business development centers and women's business centers, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Connecting Small
3 Businesses with Career and Technical Education Grad-
4 uates Act of 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-**
6 **CATION.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Small Business
8 Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(gg) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The
11 term ‘career and technical education’ has the meaning
12 given the term in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career
13 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).”.

14 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—
15 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 648(c)(1)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (T), by striking “and” at
18 the end;

19 (2) in clause (v) of the first subparagraph (U)
20 (relating to succession planning), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

22 (3) in second subparagraph (U) (relating to
23 training on domestic and international intellectual
24 property protections)—

25 (A) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period
26 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (B) by redesignating such subparagraph as
2 subparagraph (V); and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 paragraphs:

5 “(W) providing educational information to
6 small businesses on—

7 “(i) hiring graduates from career and tech-
8 nical education programs; and

9 “(ii) career and technical education pro-
10 grams relevant to such businesses, including
11 how to use such programs to satisfy hiring
12 needs of such businesses;

13 “(X) providing information to career and tech-
14 nical education programs about how students and
15 graduates of such programs can access resources
16 and services of small business development centers
17 to start and expand a small business concern; and

18 “(Y) as appropriate, connecting small busi-
19 nesses with career and technical education programs
20 to assist students and graduates of such programs
21 with identifying career opportunities.”.

22 (c) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—Section 29(b) of
23 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
25 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraphs:

5 “(4) providing educational information to small
6 business concerns owned and controlled by women
7 on—

8 “(A) hiring graduates from career and
9 technical education programs; and

10 “(B) career and technical education pro-
11 grams relevant to such concerns, including how
12 to use such programs to satisfy hiring needs of
13 such concerns;

14 “(5) providing information to career and tech-
15 nical education programs about how students and
16 graduates of such programs can access resources
17 and services of women’s business centers to start
18 and expand a small business concern; and

19 “(6) as appropriate, connecting small business
20 concerns owned and controlled by women with career
21 and technical education programs to assist students

- 1 and graduates of such programs with identifying ca-
- 2 reer opportunities.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 3, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
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