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# S. 816

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2025

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

To increase United States jobs through greater United States exports to Africa and Latin America, 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 “Increasing American  
5 Jobs Through Greater United States Exports to Africa  
6 and Latin America Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. INVESTMENT, TRADE, AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRI-**

8                   **CA AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIB-**

9                   **BEAN.**

10       (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish  
2 a comprehensive United States strategy for public  
3 and private investment, trade, and development in  
4 Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

5           (2) FOCUS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy re-  
6 quired by paragraph (1) shall focus on increasing ex-  
7 ports of United States goods and services to Africa  
8 and Latin America and the Caribbean by 200 per-  
9 cent in real dollar value by the date that is 10 years  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11           (3) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing the strat-  
12 egy required by paragraph (1), the President shall  
13 consult with—

14                   (A) Congress;

15                   (B) each agency that is a member of the  
16 Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee;

17                   (C) the relevant multilateral development  
18 banks, in coordination with the Secretary of the  
19 Treasury and the respective United States Ex-  
20 ecutive Directors of such banks;

21                   (D) each agency that participates in the  
22 Trade Policy Staff Committee;

23                   (E) the President’s Export Council;

24                   (F) each of the development agencies;

1 (G) any other Federal agencies with re-  
2 sponsibility for export promotion or financing  
3 and development; and

4 (H) the private sector, including busi-  
5 nesses, nongovernmental organizations, and Af-  
6 rican and Latin American and Caribbean dias-  
7 pora groups.

8 (4) SUBMISSION TO APPROPRIATE CONGRES-  
9 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—

10 (A) STRATEGY.—Not later than 200 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
12 President shall submit to the appropriate con-  
13 gressional committees the strategy required by  
14 subsection (a).

15 (B) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 3  
16 years after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act, the President shall submit to the appro-  
18 priate congressional committees a report on the  
19 implementation of the strategy required by  
20 paragraph (1).

21 (b) SPECIAL AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE  
22 CARIBBEAN EXPORT STRATEGY COORDINATORS.—The  
23 Secretary of Commerce shall designate an official of the  
24 Department of Commerce to serve as Special Africa Ex-  
25 port Strategy Coordinator and an official of the Depart-

1 ment to serve as Special Latin America and the Caribbean  
2 Export Strategy Coordinator—

3 (1) to oversee the development and implementa-  
4 tion of the strategy required by subsection (a);

5 (2) to coordinate developing and implementing  
6 the strategy with—

7 (A) the Trade Promotion Coordinating  
8 Committee;

9 (B) the Director General for the United  
10 States and Foreign Commercial Service and As-  
11 sistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Mar-  
12 kets;

13 (C) the Assistant United States Trade  
14 Representative for African Affairs or the Assist-  
15 ant United States Trade Representative for the  
16 Western Hemisphere, as appropriate;

17 (D) the Assistant Secretary of State for  
18 African Affairs or the Assistant Secretary of  
19 State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, as ap-  
20 propriate;

21 (E) the Administrator of the Foreign Agri-  
22 cultural Service of the Department of Agri-  
23 culture;

24 (F) the Export-Import Bank of the United  
25 States;

1 (G) the United States International Devel-  
2 opment Finance Corporation; and

3 (H) the development agencies; and

4 (3) to consider and reflect on the impact of the  
5 promotion of exports of goods and services from the  
6 United States on the economies of and employment  
7 opportunities in the countries importing those goods  
8 and services, with a view toward improving secure  
9 supply chains, avoiding economic disruptions, and  
10 stabilizing economic growth through a trade and ex-  
11 port strategy.

12 (c) TRADE MISSIONS TO AFRICA AND LATIN AMER-  
13 ICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.—It is the sense of Congress  
14 that, not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce and other  
16 high-level officials of the United States Government with  
17 responsibility for export promotion, financing, and devel-  
18 opment should conduct joint trade missions to Africa and  
19 to Latin America and the Caribbean.

20 (d) TRAINING.—The President shall develop a plan—

21 (1) to standardize the training received by  
22 United States and Foreign Commercial Service offi-  
23 cers, economic officers of the Department of State,  
24 and economic officers of the United States Agency  
25 for International Development with respect to the

1 programs and procedures of the Export-Import  
2 Bank of the United States, the United States Inter-  
3 national Development Finance Corporation, the  
4 Small Business Administration, and the United  
5 States Trade and Development Agency; and

6 (2) to ensure that, not later than one year after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act—

8 (A) all United States and Foreign Com-  
9 mercial Service officers that are stationed over-  
10 seas receive the training described in paragraph  
11 (1); and

12 (B) in the case of a country to which no  
13 United States and Foreign Commercial Service  
14 officer is assigned, any economic officer of the  
15 Department of State stationed in that country  
16 receives that training.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
19 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
22 and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Com-  
23 merce, Science, and Transportation, the Com-  
24 mittee on Finance, and the Committee on For-  
25 eign Relations of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
2 merce, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and  
3 the Committee on Ways and Means of the  
4 House of Representatives.

5 (2) DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.—The term “de-  
6 velopment agencies” means the United States De-  
7 partment of State, the United States Agency for  
8 International Development, the Millennium Chal-  
9 lenge Corporation, the United States International  
10 Development Finance Corporation, the United  
11 States Trade and Development Agency, the United  
12 States Department of Agriculture, and relevant mul-  
13 tilateral development banks.

14 (3) MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS.—  
15 The term “multilateral development banks” has the  
16 meaning given that term in section 1701(c)(4) of the  
17 International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.  
18 262r(c)(4)) and includes the African Development  
19 Foundation.

20 (4) TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE.—The  
21 term “Trade Policy Staff Committee” means the  
22 Trade Policy Staff Committee established pursuant  
23 to section 2002.2 of title 15, Code of Federal Regu-  
24 lations.

1           (5) TRADE PROMOTION COORDINATING COM-  
2           MITTEE.—The term “Trade Promotion Coordinating  
3           Committee” means the Trade Promotion Coordi-  
4           nating Committee established under section 2312 of  
5           the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C.  
6           4727).

7           (6) UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMER-  
8           CIAL SERVICE.—The term “United States and For-  
9           eign Commercial Service” means the United States  
10          and Foreign Commercial Service established by sec-  
11          tion 2301 of the Export Enhancement Act of 1988  
12          (15 U.S.C. 4721).

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