

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4491

AN ACT

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to implement certain recommendations relating to information technology modernization, 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 “SBA IT Modernization
3 Reporting Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS RELAT-**
5 **ING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MOD-**
6 **ERNIZATION FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-**
7 **MINISTRATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small
9 Business Administration, acting through the Chief Infor-
10 mation Officer of the Administration, shall take such ac-
11 tions as may be necessary to implement the recommenda-
12 tions contained in the report of the Comptroller General
13 of the United States titled “IT MODERNIZATION: SBA
14 Urgently Needs to Address Risks on Newly Deployed Sys-
15 tem” (GAO–25–106963; published November 6, 2024).

16 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
17 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
18 ministrator shall submit to the Committee on Small Busi-
19 ness of the House of Representatives and the Committee
20 on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate an
21 implementation plan detailing the actions the Small Busi-
22 ness Administration will undertake to establish and imple-
23 ment policies and procedures to govern information tech-
24 nology modernization projects of the Administration. Such
25 policies and procedures shall, with respect to each
26 project—

- 1 (1) for each risk identified, explicitly state the
2 source of such risk in the relevant risk documenta-
3 tion;
- 4 (2) clearly define risk parameters;
- 5 (3) establish and maintain risk management
6 strategies;
- 7 (4) identify and document risks for all phases
8 of the life cycle;
- 9 (5) evaluate, categorize, and prioritize risks
10 based on defined risk parameters and develop
11 project risk management plans;
- 12 (6) connect measures to mitigate risk to risk
13 mitigation plans;
- 14 (7) require that any information technology ac-
15 quisition plan and any strategic plan contains infor-
16 mation needed to manage cyber risks;
- 17 (8) require that a traceability analysis is per-
18 formed and documented;
- 19 (9) require that security-related subject matter
20 experts are involved in selection process for contrac-
21 tors for a project;
- 22 (10) develop master schedules using the guide-
23 lines contained in the publication of the Comptroller
24 General titled “GAO Schedule Assessment Guide:

1 Best Practices for Project Schedules” (GAO–16–
2 89G; published December 22, 2015); and

3 (11) develop cost estimates using the guidelines
4 contained in the publication of the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral titled “Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide:
6 Best Practices for Developing and Managing Pro-
7 gram Costs” (GAO–20–195G; published March 12,
8 2020).

9 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The implementa-
10 tion plan required by this section shall include the actions
11 required to carry out the requirements listed in para-
12 graphs (1) through (11) of subsection (b), an identifica-
13 tion of the office of the Administration responsible for im-
14 plementation, and the timelines for completion of each ac-
15 tion.

16 (d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
17 after the submission of the implementation plan required
18 under this section, the Administrator shall provide to the
19 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
2 neurship of the Senate a briefing on the plan.

Passed the House of Representatives December 1,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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