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# H. R. 8404

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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 “21st Century Entre-  
5       preneurship Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1           (1) entrepreneurship creates new jobs, grows  
2           the economy, increases productivity, and signifi-  
3           cantly improves the quality of life of the people of  
4           the United States;

5           (2) entrepreneurship rates in the United States  
6           have been unstable over the last several decades;

7           (3) children from disadvantaged communities  
8           are less likely to become entrepreneurs and inven-  
9           tors, hampering economic growth and harming com-  
10          munities most in need;

11          (4) studies show that children with mentors in  
12          entrepreneurship and inventorship are more likely to  
13          pursue these fields in adulthood; and

14          (5) in order to promote growth in disadvan-  
15          tagged communities, increase entrepreneurship rates,  
16          and improve the economy, volunteer mentors with  
17          the SCORE program should be encouraged to en-  
18          gage with children in community learning centers.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20       In this Act:

21           (1) **COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER.**—The term  
22       “community learning center” has the meaning given  
23       the term in section 4201(b) of the Elementary and  
24       Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
25       7171(b)).

1           (2) SCORE PROGRAM.—The term “SCORE  
2       program” means the Service Corps of Retired Ex-  
3       ecutives described in section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small  
4       Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)).

5 **SEC. 4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION FOR DISADVAN-**  
6 **TAGED YOUTH.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small  
8       Business Administration shall, in consultation with the  
9       SCORE Program—

10           (1) develop a curriculum for volunteers with the  
11       SCORE program to teach entrepreneurship to stu-  
12       dents served by community learning centers; and

13           (2) in developing the curriculum required under  
14       paragraph (1), collaborate with education specialists,  
15       entrepreneurship groups, business groups, and  
16       groups with experience serving underrepresented  
17       children.

18       (b) CONSULTATION.—The Administrator of the  
19       Small Business Administration, in consultation with the  
20       Secretary of Education, shall develop and implement a  
21       strategy to teach the curriculum developed under sub-  
22       section (a)(1) to the students described in that paragraph  
23       through community learning centers.

24       (c) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—In  
25       teaching the curriculum developed under subsection (a),

1 volunteers with the SCORE program are encouraged to  
2 collaborate with other entrepreneurial development pro-  
3 grams of the Small Business Administration and other  
4 agencies, including—

5           (1) small business development centers de-  
6       scribed in section 21 of the Small Business Act (15  
7       U.S.C. 648);

8           (2) women’s business centers operating under  
9       section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
10      656); and

11          (3) centers overseen by the Minority Business  
12      Development Agency (established under section  
13      100002 of the Minority Business Development Act  
14      of 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9501)).

15      (d) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the  
16      Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended,  
17      in the first sentence, by inserting “and to teach students  
18      entrepreneurship through community learning centers (as  
19      defined in section 4201(b) of the Elementary and Sec-  
20      ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171(b)))” be-  
21      fore the period at the end.

22      (e) COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS.—Part B of  
23      title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
24      of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) in section 4201(a)(2) (20 U.S.C.  
2       7171(a)(2)), by inserting “entrepreneurship edu-  
3       cation taught through volunteers with the SCORE  
4       program (as defined in section 8(b)(1)(B) of the  
5       Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B))),”  
6       after “apprenticeship programs,”; and

7           (2) in section 4205(a) (20 U.S.C. 7175(a))—

8               (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”  
9       at the end;

10            (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-  
11       riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12            (C) by adding at the end the following:

13               “(15) entrepreneurship education described in  
14       section 4201(a)(2).”.

15       (f) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
16       of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter,  
17       the Administrator of the Small Business Administration  
18       shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-  
19       trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small  
20       Business of the House of Representatives a report that—

21            (1) identifies instances of the use of the cur-  
22       riculum described in subsection (a) by the SCORE  
23       program and a community learning center during  
24       the preceding 2-year period;

1           (2) documents the use of funds by the SCORE  
2       program, and adherence by the SCORE program to  
3       contract award and procurement procedures, relat-  
4       ing to the implementation of this Act;

5           (3) documents any training or guidance pro-  
6       vided to SCORE program chapter leadership on  
7       properly using funds provided to carry out this Act;

8           (4) estimates the number of students who were  
9       reached through the entrepreneurship curriculum de-  
10      veloped under subsection (a);

11          (5) identifies any barriers to reaching additional  
12      students; and

13          (6) identifies any plans for improving the cur-  
14      riculum or implementing the strategy developed  
15      under subsection (a).

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