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S. 1254

To amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Vocational and Tech-
5 nical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
 2 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

3 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
 4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 36 as section 37;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 35 the following
 8 new section:

9 **“SEC. 36. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
 10 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
 12 definitions shall apply:

13 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-
 14 trator’ means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
 15 ness Administration.

16 “(2) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘Association’
 17 means the association of small business development
 18 centers recognized under section 21(a)(3)(A).

19 “(3) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
 20 the program established under subsection (b).

21 “(4) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-
 22 TER.—The term ‘small business development center’
 23 means a small business development center described
 24 in section 21.

25 “(5) STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
 26 CENTER.—The term ‘State small business develop-

1 ment center' means a small business development
2 center from each State selected by the Adminis-
3 trator, in consultation with the Association and giv-
4 ing substantial weight to the Association's rec-
5 ommendations, to carry out the program on a state-
6 wide basis in such State.

7 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—In accordance with this sec-
8 tion, the Administrator shall establish a program under
9 which the Administrator shall make grants to State small
10 business development centers to enable such centers to
11 provide, on a statewide basis, technical assistance to sec-
12 ondary schools, or to postsecondary vocational or technical
13 schools, for the development and implementation of cur-
14 ricula designed to promote vocational and technical entre-
15 preneurship.

16 “(c) MINIMUM GRANT.—The Administrator may
17 make no grant under the program for an amount less than
18 \$200,000.

19 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each State small business de-
20 velopment center seeking a grant under the program shall
21 submit to the Administrator an application in such form
22 as the Administrator may require. The application shall
23 include information regarding the applicant's goals and
24 objectives for the educational programs to be assisted.

1 “(e) REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—The Adminis-
2 trator shall make a condition of each grant under the pro-
3 gram that not later than 18 months after the receipt of
4 the grant the recipient shall transmit to the Administrator
5 a report describing how the grant funds were used.

6 “(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CON-
7 TRACTS.—The Administrator may enter into a cooperative
8 agreement or contract with any State small business devel-
9 opment center receiving a grant under this section to pro-
10 vide additional assistance that furthers the purposes of
11 this section.

12 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
13 March 31, 2006, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-
14 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

15 “(h) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Association shall act as
16 a clearinghouse of information and expertise regarding vo-
17 cational and technical entrepreneurship education pro-
18 grams. In each fiscal year in which grants are made under
19 the program, the Administrator shall provide additional
20 assistance to the Association to carry out the functions
21 described in this subsection.

22 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

- 1 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- 2 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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