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S. 139

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 2005”.

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 37 as section 38;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 36 the following:

8 **“SEC. 37. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
 9 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(5) STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
 25 CENTER.—The term ‘State small business develop-
 26 ment center’ means a small business development

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

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

15 “(c) GRANT AMOUNT.—

16 “(1) MINIMUM GRANT.—Each grant awarded
17 under the program shall be in an amount equal to
18 not less than \$200,000.

19 “(2) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Ad-
20 ministrator shall not require, as a condition of re-
21 ceiving a grant under this section, that the applicant
22 provide a matching amount, either in cash or in-kind
23 contributions.

24 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each State small business de-
25 velopment center seeking a grant under the program shall

1 submit to the Administrator an application in such form
2 as the Administrator may require. The application shall
3 include information regarding the goals and objectives of
4 the applicant for the educational programs to be assisted.

5 “(e) REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—The Adminis-
6 trator shall make as a condition of each grant under the
7 program, that not later than 18 months after the date of
8 receipt of the grant, the recipient shall transmit to the
9 Administrator a report describing how the grant funds
10 were used.

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

17 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
18 March 31, 2008, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-
19 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

20 “(h) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Association shall act as
21 a clearinghouse of information and expertise regarding vo-
22 cational and technical entrepreneurship education pro-
23 grams. In each fiscal year in which grants are made under
24 the program, the Administrator shall provide additional

1 assistance to the Association to carry out the functions
2 described in this subsection.

3 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 through
6 2008. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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