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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 2007”.

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

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

5 (1) by redesignating section 37 as section 38;

6 and

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

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

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

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

16 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
17 the program established under subsection (b).

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

22 “(4) STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
23 CENTER.—The term ‘State small business develop-
24 ment center’ means a small business development
25 center from each State selected by the Adminis-
26 trator, in consultation with the Association and giv-

1 ing substantial weight to the Association’s rec-
2 ommendations, to carry out the program on a state-
3 wide basis in such State.

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

13 “(c) GRANT AMOUNT.—

14 “(1) MINIMUM GRANT.—Each grant awarded
15 by the Administrator under the program shall be in
16 an amount not less than \$200,000.

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

22 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each State small business de-
23 velopment center seeking a grant under the program shall
24 submit to the Administrator an application in such form
25 as the Administrator may require. The application shall

1 include information regarding the applicant’s goals and
2 objectives for the educational programs to be assisted.

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

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

15 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
16 March 31, 2010, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-
17 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

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

1 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010.
4 Such sums shall remain available until expended.

5 “(j) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

6 “(1) NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LIMITA-
7 TIONS.—Amounts made available under this section
8 are in addition to any amounts available under sec-
9 tion 21(a)(4).

10 “(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The Ad-
11 ministrator shall carry out this section using only
12 amounts appropriated in advance specifically for the
13 purpose of carrying out this section.”.

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