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S. 3174

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

MAY 14, 2012

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 2012”.

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 45 as section 46;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 44 the following:

8 **“SEC. 45. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
9 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(c) NO MATCHING FUNDS.—The Administrator
16 shall not require, as a condition of receiving a grant under
17 this section, that the applicant provide a matching
18 amount, either in cash or in-kind contributions.

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 goals and objectives of
24 the applicant for the educational programs to be assisted.

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

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

13 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
14 March 31, 2015, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-
15 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

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

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

1 \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2013 through
2 2015. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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