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To amend the Small Business Act to improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) 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 “Strengthening Re-
5 sources for America’s Entrepreneurs Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

7 Section 4 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 633)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION.—

1 “(1) PLAN FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOP-
2 MENT AND JOB CREATION STRATEGY.—

3 “(A) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Adminis-
4 trator, in consultation with a representative
5 from each entrepreneurial development program
6 of the Administration, shall develop and submit
7 to Congress a plan for using the entrepreneurial
8 development programs of the Administration to
9 create jobs during fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

10 “(B) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The plan re-
11 quired under subparagraph (A) shall—

12 “(i) include the plan of the Adminis-
13 trator for using existing programs, includ-
14 ing small business development centers,
15 women’s business centers, the Service
16 Corps of Retired Executives authorized by
17 section 8(b)(1), veterans business centers,
18 and programs of the Office of Native
19 American Affairs, to create jobs;

20 “(ii) identify a strategy for each re-
21 gion of the Administration to use programs
22 of the Administration to create or retain
23 jobs in the region; and

24 “(iii) establish performance measures
25 and criteria, including goals for job cre-

1 ation, job retention, and job retraining, to
2 evaluate the success of the plan.

3 “(2) DATA COLLECTION PROCESS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
5 shall, after notice and opportunity for comment,
6 promulgate a rule to develop and implement a
7 consistent data collection process for the entre-
8 preneurial development programs.

9 “(B) CONTENTS.—The data collection
10 process developed under subparagraph (A) shall
11 collect data relating to job creation and per-
12 formance and any other data determined appro-
13 priate by the Administrator.

14 “(3) COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT OF SBA
15 ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—

16 The Administrator, in consultation with other Fed-
17 eral departments and agencies as the Administrator
18 determines is appropriate, shall submit an annual
19 report to Congress describing opportunities to foster
20 coordination of, limit duplication among, and im-
21 prove program delivery for Federal entrepreneurial
22 development programs.

23 “(4) DATABASE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-
24 OPMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS.—

1 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—After providing a
2 period of 60 days for public comment, the Ad-
3 ministrator shall—

4 “(i) establish a database of providers
5 of entrepreneurial development services;
6 and

7 “(ii) make the database available
8 through the website of the Administration.

9 “(B) SEARCHABILITY.—The database es-
10 tablished under subparagraph (A) shall be
11 searchable by industry, geographic location, and
12 service required.

13 “(5) COMMUNITY SPECIALIST.—

14 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The Administrator
15 shall designate not fewer than 1 staff member
16 in each district office of the Administration as
17 a community specialist whose full-time responsi-
18 bility is working with local providers of entre-
19 preneurial development services to increase co-
20 ordination with Federal entrepreneurial devel-
21 opment programs.

22 “(B) PERFORMANCE.—The Administrator
23 shall develop benchmarks for measuring the

- 1 performance of community specialists under
- 2 this paragraph.”.

