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To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop performance measures for individuals who receive entrepreneurial training as a part of any workforce investment activity, to create requirements for providers of workforce investment activities that offer entrepreneurial training, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Growing Small Busi-
3 nesses Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR ENTREPRE-**
5 **NEURIAL TRAINING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 136(i) of the Workforce
7 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2871(i)) is amended
8 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) ENTREPRENEURSHIP METRIC.—The Sec-
10 retary shall develop separate performance measures
11 for individuals who receive entrepreneurial training
12 as a part of any workforce investment activity fund-
13 ed under this subtitle.”.

14 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor
16 shall initiate a rulemaking process to develop the perform-
17 ance measures described in section 136(i)(4) of the Work-
18 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2871(i)(4)).

19 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF WORKFORCE**
20 **INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES THAT OFFER EN-**
21 **TREPRENEURIAL TRAINING.**

22 Section 134(d)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act
23 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(d)(4)) is amended by adding at
24 the end the following new subparagraph:

25 “(H) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF
26 ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING SERVICES.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A provider of
2 training services that offers entrepre-
3 neurial training services under this para-
4 graph shall—

5 “(I) use intake tools that assess
6 an individual’s suitability for referral
7 to entrepreneurial training services;

8 “(II) submit a report to the local
9 workforce investment board that in-
10 cludes the number of individuals who
11 express interest in self-employment or
12 starting a business and enroll entre-
13 preneurial training services; and

14 “(III) develop partnerships with
15 microbusiness development organiza-
16 tions that have demonstrated capacity
17 to provide education, training, coun-
18 seling, and coaching focused on help-
19 ing new and low and moderate income
20 entrepreneurs succeed.

21 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
22 graph—

23 “(I) the term ‘microbusiness de-
24 velopment organization’ means a non-
25 profit entity or a program adminis-

1 tered by such an entity that provides
2 services to disadvantaged or prospec-
3 tive entrepreneurs; and

4 “(II) the term ‘low and moderate
5 income entrepreneur’ means an entre-
6 preneur located in a HUBZone (as
7 defined in section 3(p) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p))), an
9 Urban Empowerment Zone or Urban
10 Enterprise Community (as designated
11 by the Secretary of the Department of
12 Housing and Urban Development), a
13 Rural Empowerment Zone or Rural
14 Enterprise Community (as designated
15 by the Secretary of the Department of
16 Agriculture), an area of Low Income
17 or Moderate Income (as recognized by
18 the Federal Financial Institutions Ex-
19 amination Council), or a county with
20 Persistent Poverty (as classified by
21 the Economic Research Service of the
22 Department of Agriculture).”.

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