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To strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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SCORE program, and for other purposes.

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 “SCORE for Small
5 Business Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCORE REAUTHORIZATION.**

7 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
8 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
10 section (f); and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(g) SCORE PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be
3 appropriated to the Administrator to carry out the
4 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1) such sums
5 as are necessary for the Administrator to make grants or
6 enter into cooperative agreements in a total amount that
7 does not exceed—

8 “(1) \$9,100,000 in fiscal year 2015;

9 “(2) \$10,500,000 in fiscal year 2016; and

10 “(3) \$10,500,000 in fiscal year 2017.”.

11 **SEC. 3. SCORE PROGRAM.**

12 Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)
13 is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking “a Serv-
15 ice Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)” and in-
16 serting “the SCORE program described in sub-
17 section (c)”; and

18 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(c) SCORE PROGRAM.—

21 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
22 ‘SCORE program’ means the SCORE program au-
23 thorized by subsection (b)(1)(B).

24 “(2) VOLUNTEERS.—A volunteer participating
25 in the SCORE program shall—

1 “(A) based on the business experience and
2 knowledge of the volunteer—

3 “(i) provide at no cost to individuals
4 who own, or aspire to own, small business
5 concerns personal counseling, mentoring,
6 and coaching relating to the process of
7 starting, expanding, managing, buying,
8 and selling a business; and

9 “(ii) facilitate low-cost education
10 workshops for individuals who own, or as-
11 pire to own, small business concerns; and

12 “(B) as appropriate, use tools, resources,
13 and expertise of other organizations to carry
14 out the SCORE program.

15 “(3) PLANS AND GOALS.—The Administrator,
16 in consultation with the SCORE Association, shall
17 ensure that the SCORE program and each chapter
18 of the SCORE program develop and implement
19 plans and goals to more effectively and efficiently
20 provide services to individuals in rural areas, eco-
21 nomically disadvantaged communities, and other tra-
22 ditionally underserved communities, including plans
23 for electronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chap-
24 ter expansion, partnerships, and the development of

1 new skills by volunteers participating in the SCORE
2 program.

3 “(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The SCORE Associa-
4 tion shall submit to the Administrator an annual re-
5 port that contains—

6 “(A) the number of individuals counseled
7 or trained under the SCORE program;

8 “(B) the number of hours of counseling
9 provided under the SCORE program; and

10 “(C) to the extent possible—

11 “(i) the number of small business con-
12 cerns formed with assistance from the
13 SCORE program;

14 “(ii) the number of small business
15 concerns expanded with assistance from
16 the SCORE program; and

17 “(iii) the number of jobs created with
18 assistance from the SCORE program.

19 “(5) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Adminis-
21 trator nor the SCORE Association may disclose
22 the name, address, or telephone number of any
23 individual or small business concern receiving
24 assistance from the SCORE Association with-

1 out the consent of such individual or small busi-
2 ness concern, unless—

3 “(i) the Administrator is ordered to
4 make such a disclosure by a court in any
5 civil or criminal enforcement action initi-
6 ated by a Federal or State agency; or

7 “(ii) the Administrator determines
8 such a disclosure to be necessary for the
9 purpose of conducting a financial audit of
10 the SCORE program, in which case disclo-
11 sure shall be limited to the information
12 necessary for the audit.

13 “(B) ADMINISTRATOR USE OF INFORMA-
14 TION.—This paragraph shall not—

15 “(i) restrict the access of the Adminis-
16 trator to program activity data; or

17 “(ii) prevent the Administrator from
18 using client information to conduct client
19 surveys.

20 “(C) REGULATIONS.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
22 shall issue regulations to establish stand-
23 ards for—

1 “(I) disclosures with respect to
 2 financial audits under subparagraph
 3 (A)(II); and

4 “(II) conducting client surveys,
 5 including standards for oversight of
 6 the surveys and for dissemination and
 7 use of client information.

8 “(ii) MAXIMUM PRIVACY PROTEC-
 9 TION.—The regulations issued under this
 10 subparagraph shall, to the extent prac-
 11 ticable, provide for the maximum amount
 12 of privacy protection.

13 “(iii) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Until
 14 the effective date of the regulations issued
 15 under this subparagraph, any client survey
 16 and the use of any client information shall
 17 be approved by the Inspector General of
 18 the Administration, who shall include any
 19 such approval in the semi-annual report of
 20 the Inspector General.”.

21 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR THE PROGRAM FOR**
 22 **INVESTMENT IN MICROENTREPRENEURS.**

23 (a) REPEAL.—Subtitle C of title I of the Riegle Com-
 24 munity Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of
 25 1994 (15 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) is repealed.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion shall affect any grant or assistance provided under
 3 subtitle C of title I of the Riegle Community Development
 4 and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C.
 5 6901 et seq.) before the date of enactment of this Act,
 6 and any such grant or assistance shall be subject to such
 7 subtitle C, as in effect on the day before the date of enact-
 8 ment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

10 (a) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act
 11 (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.
 13 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “Service Corps
 14 of Retired Executives” and inserting “SCORE pro-
 15 gram”; and

16 (2) in section 22 (15 U.S.C. 649)—

17 (A) in subsection (b)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
 19 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and
 20 inserting “SCORE program”; and

21 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
 22 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and
 23 inserting “SCORE program”;

1 (B) in subsection (c)(12), by striking
 2 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and in-
 3 serting “SCORE program”.

4 (b) OTHER LAWS.—

5 (1) Section 621 of the Children’s Health Insur-
 6 ance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (15
 7 U.S.C. 657p) is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-
 9 graph (4) and inserting the following:

10 “(4) the term ‘SCORE program’ means the
 11 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1)(B)
 12 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 13 637(b)(1)(B));”; and

14 (B) in subsection (b)(4)(A)(iv), by striking
 15 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and in-
 16 serting “SCORE program”.

17 (2) Section 337(d)(2)(A) of the Energy Policy
 18 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6307(d)(2)(A)) is
 19 amended by striking “Service Corps of Retired Ex-
 20 ecutives (SCORE)” and inserting “SCORE pro-
 21 gram”.

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