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To amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers.

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the “De-*
 5 *veloping the Next Generation of Small Businesses Act of*
 6 *2016”.*

7 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents for*
 8 *this Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
IMPROVEMENTS**

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Use of authorized entrepreneurial development programs.

Sec. 103. Marketing of services.

Sec. 104. Data collection.

Sec. 105. Fees from private partnerships and cosponsorships.

Sec. 106. Equity for small business development centers.

Sec. 107. Confidentiality requirements.

Sec. 108. Limitation on award of grants to small business development centers.

TITLE II—WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Office of Women’s Business Ownership.

Sec. 203. Women’s Business Center Program.

Sec. 204. Matching requirements under Women’s Business Center Program.

TITLE III—SCORE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. SCORE Reauthorization.

Sec. 303. SCORE program.

Sec. 304. Online component.

Sec. 305. Study and report on the future role of the SCORE program.

Sec. 306. Technical and conforming amendments.

1 **TITLE I—SMALL BUSINESS DE-**
 2 **VELOPMENT CENTERS IM-**
 3 **PROVEMENTS**

4 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

5 *This title may be cited as the “Small Business Devel-*
 6 *opment Centers Improvement Act of 2016”.*

7 **SEC. 102. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**
 8 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

9 *The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is*
 10 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

11 **“SEC. 48. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**
 12 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

13 *“(a) EXPANDED SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURS.—*

14 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other*
 15 *provision of law, the Administrator shall only use the*
 16 *programs authorized in sections 7(j), 7(m), 8(a),*
 17 *8(b)(1), 21, 22, 29, and 32 of this Act, and sections*
 18 *358 and 389 of the Small Business Investment Act to*
 19 *deliver entrepreneurial development services, entrepre-*
 20 *neurial education, support for the development and*
 21 *maintenance of clusters, or business training.*

22 *“(2) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply*
 23 *to services provided to assist small business concerns*
 24 *owned by an Indian tribe (as such term is defined in*
 25 *section 8(a)(13)).*

1 “(b) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—Beginning on the first Decem-
 2 ber 1 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Ad-
 3 ministrators shall annually report to the Committee on
 4 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the
 5 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the
 6 Senate on all entrepreneurial development activities under-
 7 taken in the current fiscal year. This report shall include—

8 “(1) a description and operating details for each
 9 program and activity;

10 “(2) operating circulars, manuals, and standard
 11 operating procedures for each program and activity;

12 “(3) a description of the process used to award
 13 grants under each program and activity;

14 “(4) a list of all awardees, contractors, and ven-
 15 dors (including organization name and location) and
 16 the amount of awards for the current fiscal year for
 17 each program and activity;

18 “(5) the amount of funding obligated for the cur-
 19 rent fiscal year for each program and activity; and

20 “(6) the names and titles for those individuals
 21 responsible for each program and activity.”.

22 **SEC. 103. MARKETING OF SERVICES.**

23 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648)
 24 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(o) *NO PROHIBITION OF MARKETING OF SERVICES.*—
 2 *The Administrator shall not prohibit applicants receiving*
 3 *grants under this section from marketing and advertising*
 4 *their services to individuals and small business concerns.”.*

5 **SEC. 104. DATA COLLECTION.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 21(a)(3)(A) of the Small
 7 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(A)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “as provided in this section and”
 9 and inserting “as provided in this section,”; and

10 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
 11 following: “, and (iv) governing data collection activi-
 12 ties related to applicants receiving grants under this
 13 section”.

14 (b) *ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.*—Section
 15 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as amended
 16 by section 103 of this Act, is further amended by adding
 17 at the end the following:

18 “(p) *ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.*—The
 19 Administrator shall report annually to the Committee on
 20 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the
 21 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the
 22 Senate on any data collection activities related to the Small
 23 Business Development Center program.”.

24 (c) *WORKING GROUP TO IMPROVE DATA COLLEC-*
 25 *TION.*—

1 (1) *ESTABLISHMENT AND STUDY.*—*The Adminis-*
2 *trator of the Small Business Administration shall es-*
3 *tablish a Data Collection Working Group consisting*
4 *of members from entrepreneurial development grant*
5 *recipients associations and organizations and Admin-*
6 *istration officials, to carry out a study to determine*
7 *the best way to capture data collection and create or*
8 *revise existing systems dedicated to data collection.*

9 (2) *REPORT.*—*Not later than the end of the 180-*
10 *day period beginning on the date of the enactment of*
11 *this Act, the Data Collection Working Group shall*
12 *issue a report to the Committee on Small Business of*
13 *the House of Representatives and the Committee on*
14 *Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate*
15 *containing the findings and determinations made in*
16 *carrying out the study required under paragraph (1),*
17 *including—*

18 (A) *recommendations for revising existing*
19 *data collection practices; and*

20 (B) *a proposed plan for the Small Business*
21 *Administration to implement such recommenda-*
22 *tions.*

1 **SEC. 105. FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-**
 2 **SPONSORSHIPS.**

3 *Section 21(a)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.*
 4 *648(a)(3)(C)), as amended by section 104, is further amend-*
 5 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

6 *“(D) FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-*
 7 *SPONSORSHIPS.—Participation in private partnerships*
 8 *and cosponsorships with the Administration shall not limit*
 9 *small business development centers from collecting fees or*
 10 *other income related to the operation of such private part-*
 11 *nerships and cosponsorships.”.*

12 **SEC. 106. EQUITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**
 13 **CENTERS.**

14 *Subclause (I) of section 21(a)(4)(C)(v) of the Small*
 15 *Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(C)(v)) is amended to*
 16 *read as follows:*

17 *“(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts*
 18 *made available in any fiscal year to carry*
 19 *out this section not more than \$600,000*
 20 *may be used by the Administration to pay*
 21 *expenses enumerated in subparagraphs (B)*
 22 *through (D) of section 20(a)(1).”.*

23 **SEC. 107. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.**

24 *Section 21(a)(7)(A) of the Small Business Act (15*
 25 *U.S.C. 648(a)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting after “under*

1 *this section” the following: “to any State, local or Federal*
 2 *agency, or third party”.*

3 ***SEC. 108. LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS TO SMALL***
 4 ***BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.***

5 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Small Business*
 6 *Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as amended by section 104, is further*
 7 *amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “any wom-*
 9 *en’s business center operating pursuant to section*
 10 *29,”;*

11 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

12 *“(q) LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS.—Except for*
 13 *not-for-profit institutions of higher education, and notwith-*
 14 *standing any other provision of law, the Administrator*
 15 *may not award grants (including contracts and cooperative*
 16 *agreements) under this section to any entity other than*
 17 *those that received grants (including contracts and coopera-*
 18 *tive agreements) under this section prior to the date of the*
 19 *enactment of this subsection, and that seek to renew such*
 20 *grants (including contracts and cooperative agreements)*
 21 *after such date.”.*

22 *(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendments made*
 23 *by this section may not be construed as prohibiting a wom-*
 24 *en’s business center from receiving a subgrant from an enti-*

1 *ty receiving a grant under section 21 of the Small Business*
 2 *Act (15 U.S.C. 648).*

3 ***TITLE II—WOMEN’S BUSINESS***
 4 ***CENTERS PROGRAM IM-***
 5 ***PROVEMENTS***

6 ***SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.***

7 *This title may be cited as the “Women’s Business Cen-*
 8 *ters Improvements Act of 2016”.*

9 ***SEC. 202. OFFICE OF WOMEN’S BUSINESS OWNERSHIP.***

10 *Section 29(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.*
 11 *656(g)) is amended—*

12 *(1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs*
 13 *(B) and (C) and inserting the following:*

14 *“(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibil-*
 15 *ities of the Assistant Administrator shall be to*
 16 *administer the programs and services of the Of-*
 17 *fice of Women’s Business Ownership.*

18 *“(C) DUTIES.—The Assistant Adminis-*
 19 *trator shall perform the following functions with*
 20 *respect to the Office of Women’s Business Owner-*
 21 *ship:*

22 *“(i) Recommend the annual adminis-*
 23 *trative and program budgets of the Office*
 24 *and eligible entities receiving a grant under*
 25 *the Women’s Business Center Program.*

1 “(ii) *Review the annual budgets sub-*
2 *mitted by each eligible entity receiving a*
3 *grant under the Women’s Business Center*
4 *Program.*

5 “(iii) *Select applicants to receive*
6 *grants to operate a women’s business center*
7 *after reviewing information required by this*
8 *section, including the budget of each appli-*
9 *cant.*

10 “(iv) *Collaborate with other Federal*
11 *departments and agencies, State and local*
12 *governments, not-for-profit organizations,*
13 *and for-profit enterprises to maximize utili-*
14 *zation of taxpayer dollars and reduce (or*
15 *eliminate) any duplication among the pro-*
16 *grams overseen by the Office of Women’s*
17 *Business Ownership and those of other enti-*
18 *ties that provide similar services to women*
19 *entrepreneurs.*

20 “(v) *Maintain a clearinghouse to pro-*
21 *vide for the dissemination and exchange of*
22 *information between women’s business cen-*
23 *ters.*

24 “(vi) *Serve as the vice chairperson of*
25 *the Interagency Committee on Women’s*

1 *Business Enterprise and as the liaison for*
2 *the National Women’s Business Council.”;*
3 *and*

4 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

5 “(3) *MISSION.—The mission of the Office of*
6 *Women’s Business Ownership shall be to assist women*
7 *entrepreneurs to start, grow, and compete in global*
8 *markets by providing quality support with access to*
9 *capital, access to markets, job creation, growth, and*
10 *counseling by—*

11 “(A) *fostering participation of women en-*
12 *trepreneurs in the economy by overseeing a net-*
13 *work of women’s business centers throughout*
14 *States and territories;*

15 “(B) *creating public-private partnerships to*
16 *support women entrepreneurs and conduct out-*
17 *reach and education to startup and existing*
18 *small business concerns owned and controlled by*
19 *women; and*

20 “(C) *working with other programs overseen*
21 *by the Administrator to ensure women are well-*
22 *represented and being served and to identify*
23 *gaps where participation by women could be in-*
24 *creased.*

25 “(4) *ACCREDITATION PROGRAM.—*

1 “(A) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 270
 2 *days after the date of enactment of this para-*
 3 *graph, the Administrator shall establish stand-*
 4 *ards for an accreditation program for accred-*
 5 *iting eligible entities receiving a grant under*
 6 *this section, after notice and the opportunity for*
 7 *public comment of no less than 60 days.*

8 “(B) *TRANSITION PROVISION.*—Before the
 9 *date on which standards are established under*
 10 *subparagraph (A), the Administrator may not*
 11 *terminate a grant under this section absent evi-*
 12 *dence of fraud or other criminal misconduct by*
 13 *the recipient.*

14 “(C) *CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.*—The Ad-
 15 *ministrator may provide financial assistance, by*
 16 *contract or otherwise, to a relevant national*
 17 *women’s business center representative associa-*
 18 *tion to provide assistance in establishing the*
 19 *standards required under subparagraph (A) or*
 20 *for carrying out an accreditation program pur-*
 21 *suant to such standards.”.*

22 **SEC. 203. WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

23 (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—Section 29(a) of the Small Busi-
 24 *ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656(a)) is amended—*

25 (1) *by striking paragraph (4);*

1 (2) *by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as*
2 *paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;*

3 (3) *by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(2) *the term ‘eligible entity’ means—*

6 “(A) *an organization described in section*
7 *501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and*
8 *exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of*
9 *such Code;*

10 “(B) *a State, regional, or local economic de-*
11 *velopment organization, so long as the organiza-*
12 *tion certifies that grant funds received under this*
13 *section will not be co-mingled with other funds;*

14 “(C) *an institution of higher education, un-*
15 *less such institution is currently receiving a*
16 *grant under section 21;*

17 “(D) *a development, credit, or finance cor-*
18 *poration chartered by a State, so long as the cor-*
19 *poration certifies that grant funds received under*
20 *this section will not be co-mingled with other*
21 *funds; or*

22 “(E) *any combination of entities listed in*
23 *subparagraphs (A) through (D);”;* and

24 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(5) the term ‘women’s business center’ means
2 the location at which counseling and training on the
3 management, operations (including manufacturing,
4 services, and retail), access to capital, international
5 trade, Government procurement opportunities, and
6 any other matter is needed to start, maintain, or ex-
7 pand a small business concern owned and controlled
8 by women.”.

9 (b) *AUTHORITY*.—Section 29(b) of the Small Business
10 Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
12 as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and
13 adjusting the margins accordingly;

14 (2) by striking “The Administration” and all
15 that follows through “5-year projects” and inserting
16 the following:

17 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—There is established a Wom-
18 en’s Business Center Program under which the Ad-
19 ministrator may provide a grant to any eligible enti-
20 ty to operate one or more women’s business centers”;

21 (3) by striking “The projects shall” and insert-
22 ing the following:

23 “(2) *USE OF FUNDS*.—The women’s business cen-
24 ters shall be designed to provide counseling and train-
25 ing that meets the needs of women, especially socially

1 *or economically disadvantaged women, and shall*;
2 *and*

3 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

4 “(3) *AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—*

5 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant*
6 *provided under this subsection to an eligible en-*
7 *tity per project year shall be not more than*
8 *\$185,000 (as such amount is annually adjusted*
9 *by the Administrator to reflect the change in in-*
10 *flation).*

11 “(B) *ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—*

12 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding*
13 *subparagraph (A), with respect to an eligi-*
14 *ble entity that has received \$185,000 in*
15 *grants under this subsection in a project*
16 *year, the Administrator may award an ad-*
17 *ditional grant under this subsection of up to*
18 *\$65,000 during such project year if the Ad-*
19 *ministrator determines that the eligible en-*
20 *tity—*

21 “(I) *agrees to obtain, after its ap-*
22 *plication has been approved and notice*
23 *of award has been issued, cash con-*
24 *tributions from non-Federal sources of*

1 1 non-Federal dollar for each Federal
2 dollar;

3 “(II) is in good standing with the
4 Women’s Business Center Program;
5 and

6 “(III) has met performance goals
7 for the previous project year, if appli-
8 cable.

9 “(ii) LIMITATIONS.—The Adminis-
10 trator may only award additional grants
11 under clause (i)—

12 “(I) during the 3rd and 4th quar-
13 ters of the fiscal year; and

14 “(II) from unobligated amounts
15 made available to the Administrator to
16 carry out this section.

17 “(4) NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIRED.—The
18 Administrator may only make a change to the stand-
19 ards by which an eligible entity obtains or maintains
20 grants under this section, the standards for accredita-
21 tion, or any other requirement for the operation of a
22 women’s business center if the Administrator first
23 provides notice and the opportunity for public com-
24 ment, as set forth in section 553(b) of title 5, United

1 *States Code, without regard to any exceptions pro-*
 2 *vided for under such section.”.*

3 (c) *CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.*—Section 29(c) of
 4 *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(c)) is amended—*

5 (1) *in paragraph (1)—*

6 (A) *by striking “the recipient organization”*
 7 *and inserting “an eligible entity”; and*

8 (B) *by striking “financial assistance” and*
 9 *inserting “a grant”;*

10 (2) *in paragraph (3)—*

11 (A) *by striking “financial assistance au-*
 12 *thorized pursuant to this section may be made*
 13 *by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement*
 14 *and” and inserting “grants authorized pursuant*
 15 *to this section”; and*

16 (B) *in the second sentence, by striking “a*
 17 *recipient organization” and inserting “an eligi-*
 18 *ble entity”;*

19 (3) *in paragraph (4)—*

20 (A) *by striking “recipient of assistance”*
 21 *and inserting “eligible entity”;*

22 (B) *by striking “during any project, it shall*
 23 *not be eligible thereafter” and inserting “during*
 24 *any project for 2 consecutive years, the eligible*

1 *entity shall not be eligible at any time after that*
2 *2-year period”;*

3 *(C) by striking “such organization” and in-*
4 *serting “the eligible entity”; and*

5 *(D) by striking “the recipient” and insert-*
6 *ing “the eligible entity”; and*

7 *(4) by adding at end the following:*

8 *“(5) SEPARATION OF PROJECT AND FUNDS.—An*
9 *eligible entity shall—*

10 *“(A) carry out a project under this section*
11 *separately from other projects, if any, of the eli-*
12 *gible entity; and*

13 *“(B) separately maintain and account for*
14 *any grants under this section.*

15 *“(6) EXAMINATION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—*

16 *“(A) REQUIRED SITE VISIT.—Each appli-*
17 *cant, prior to receiving a grant under this sec-*
18 *tion, shall have a site visit by an employee of the*
19 *Administration, in order to ensure that the ap-*
20 *plicant has sufficient resources to provide the*
21 *services for which the grant is being provided.*

22 *“(B) ANNUAL REVIEW.—An employee of the*
23 *Administration shall—*

24 *“(i) conduct an annual review of the*
25 *compliance of each eligible entity receiving*

1 a grant under this section with the grant
2 agreement, including a financial examina-
3 tion; and

4 “(ii) provide such review to the eligible
5 entity as required under subsection (l).

6 “(7) *REMEDIATION OF PROBLEMS.*—

7 “(A) *PLAN OF ACTION.*—If a review of an
8 eligible entity under paragraph (6)(B) identifies
9 any problems, the eligible entity shall, within 45
10 calendar days of receiving such review, provide
11 the Assistant Administrator with a plan of ac-
12 tion, including specific milestones, for correcting
13 such problems.

14 “(B) *PLAN OF ACTION REVIEW BY THE AS-*
15 *SISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.*—The Assistant Ad-
16 ministrators shall review each plan of action sub-
17 mitted under subparagraph (A) within 30 cal-
18 endar days of receiving such plan and—

19 “(i) if the Assistant Administrator de-
20 termines that such plan will bring the eligi-
21 ble entity into compliance with all the
22 terms of the grant agreement, approve such
23 plan;

24 “(ii) if the Assistant Administrator de-
25 termines that such plan is inadequate to

1 *remedy the problems identified in the an-*
2 *nual review to which the plan of action re-*
3 *lates, the Assistant Administrator shall set*
4 *forth such reasons in writing and provide*
5 *such determination to the eligible entity*
6 *within 15 calendar days of such determina-*
7 *tion.*

8 “(C) *AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF ACTION.*—*An*
9 *eligible entity receiving a determination under*
10 *subparagraph (B)(ii) shall have 30 calendar*
11 *days from the receipt of the determination to*
12 *amend the plan of action to satisfy the problems*
13 *identified by the Assistant Administrator and re-*
14 *submit such plan to the Assistant Administrator.*

15 “(D) *AMENDED PLAN REVIEW BY THE AS-*
16 *SISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.*—*Within 15 calendar*
17 *days of the receipt of an amended plan of action*
18 *under subparagraph (C), the Assistant Adminis-*
19 *trator shall either approve or reject such plan*
20 *and provide such approval or rejection in writ-*
21 *ing to the eligible entity.*

22 “(E) *APPEAL OF ASSISTANT ADMINIS-*
23 *TRATOR DETERMINATION.*—

24 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the Assistant Ad-*
25 *ministrator rejects an amended plan under*

1 subparagraph (D), the eligible entity shall
2 have the opportunity to appeal such deci-
3 sion to the Administrator, who may dele-
4 gate such appeal to an appropriate officer
5 of the Administration.

6 “(ii) *OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLA-*
7 *NATION.—Any appeal described under*
8 *clause (i) shall provide an opportunity for*
9 *the eligible entity to provide, in writing, an*
10 *explanation of why the eligible entity’s plan*
11 *remedies the problems identified in the an-*
12 *nual review.*

13 “(iii) *NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.—*
14 *The determination of the appeal shall be*
15 *provided to the eligible entity, in writing,*
16 *within 15 calendar days from the eligible*
17 *entity’s filing of the appeal.*

18 “(iv) *EFFECT OF FAILURE TO ACT.—If*
19 *the Administrator fails to act on an appeal*
20 *made under this subparagraph within the*
21 *15 calendar day period specified under*
22 *clause (iii), the eligible entity’s amended*
23 *plan of action submitted under subpara-*
24 *graph (C) shall be deemed to be approved.*

25 “(8) *TERMINATION OF GRANT.—*

1 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator*
 2 *shall issue regulations (after providing an oppor-*
 3 *tunity for notice and comment) to provide that,*
 4 *if an eligible entity fails to comply with a plan*
 5 *of action approved by the Assistant Adminis-*
 6 *trator under paragraph (7)(B)(i) or an amended*
 7 *plan of action approved by the Assistant Admin-*
 8 *istrator under paragraph (7)(D) or approved on*
 9 *appeal under paragraph (7)(E), the Assistant*
 10 *Administrator shall terminate the grant pro-*
 11 *vided to the eligible entity under this section.*

12 “(B) *APPEAL OF TERMINATION.*—*An eligi-*
 13 *ble entity that has a grant terminated under*
 14 *subparagraph (A) shall have the opportunity to*
 15 *challenge the termination on the record and after*
 16 *an opportunity for a hearing.*

17 “(C) *FINAL AGENCY ACTION.*—*The deter-*
 18 *mination made pursuant to subparagraph (B)*
 19 *shall be considered final agency action for the*
 20 *purposes of chapter 7, title 5, United States*
 21 *Code.”.*

22 “(d) *SUBMISSION OF 5-YEAR PLAN.*—*Section 29(e) of*
 23 *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(e)) is amended—*

24 (1) *by striking “applicant organization” and in-*
 25 *serting “eligible entity”;*

1 (2) *by striking “a recipient organization” and*
 2 *inserting “an eligible entity”;*

3 (3) *by striking “financial assistance” and insert-*
 4 *ing “grants”; and*

5 (4) *by striking “site”.*

6 (e) *APPLICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR INITIAL*
 7 *GRANT.—Subsection (f) of section 29 of the Small Business*
 8 *Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended to read as follows:*

9 “(f) *APPLICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR INITIAL*
 10 *GRANT.—*

11 “(1) *APPLICATION.—Each eligible entity desiring*
 12 *a grant under subsection (b) shall submit to the Ad-*
 13 *ministrator an application that contains—*

14 “(A) *a certification that the eligible enti-*
 15 *ty—*

16 “(i) *has designated an executive direc-*
 17 *tor or program manager, who may be com-*
 18 *pensated using grant funds under subsection*
 19 *(b) or other sources, to manage the women’s*
 20 *business center for which a grant under sub-*
 21 *section (b) is sought;*

22 “(ii) *meets the accounting and report-*
 23 *ing requirements established by the Director*
 24 *of the Office of Management and Budget;*

1 “(B) information demonstrating that the el-
2 igible entity has the ability and resources to meet
3 the needs of the market to be served by the wom-
4 en’s business center, including the ability to ob-
5 tain the non-Federal contribution required under
6 subsection (c);

7 “(C) information relating to the assistance
8 to be provided by the women’s business center in
9 the area in which the women’s business center is
10 located;

11 “(D) information demonstrating the experi-
12 ence and effectiveness of the eligible entity in—

13 “(i) conducting the services described
14 under subsection (a)(5);

15 “(ii) providing training and services
16 to a representative number of women who
17 are socially or economically disadvantaged;
18 and

19 “(iii) working with resource partners
20 of the Administration and other entities,
21 such as universities; and

22 “(E) a 5-year plan that describes the ability
23 of the eligible entity to provide the services de-
24 scribed under subsection (a)(3), including to a

1 *representative number of women who are socially*
2 *or economically disadvantaged.*

3 “(2) *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS*
4 *FOR INITIAL GRANTS.—*

5 “(A) *REVIEW AND SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE*
6 *ENTITIES.—*

7 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—The Administrator*
8 *shall review applications to determine*
9 *whether the applicant can meet obligations*
10 *to perform the activities required by a grant*
11 *under this section, including—*

12 “(I) *the experience of the appli-*
13 *cant in conducting activities required*
14 *by this section;*

15 “(II) *the amount of time needed*
16 *for the applicant to commence oper-*
17 *ations should it be awarded a grant;*

18 “(III) *the capacity of the appli-*
19 *cant to meet the accreditation stand-*
20 *ards established by the Administrator*
21 *in a timely manner;*

22 “(IV) *the ability of the applicant*
23 *to sustain operations for more than 5*
24 *years (including its ability to obtain*

1 *sufficient non-Federal funds for that*
2 *period);*

3 “(V) *the location of the women’s*
4 *business center and its proximity to*
5 *other grant recipients under this sec-*
6 *tion; and*

7 “(VI) *the population density of*
8 *the area to be served by the women’s*
9 *business center.*

10 “(ii) *SELECTION CRITERIA.—*

11 “(I) *RULEMAKING.—The Admin-*
12 *istrator shall issue regulations (after*
13 *providing an opportunity for notice*
14 *and comment) to specify the criteria*
15 *for review and selection of applicants*
16 *under this subsection.*

17 “(II) *MODIFICATIONS PROHIBITED*
18 *AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT.—With respect*
19 *to a public announcement of any op-*
20 *portunity to be awarded a grant under*
21 *this section made by the Administrator*
22 *pursuant to subsection (l)(1), the Ad-*
23 *ministrator may not modify regula-*
24 *tions issued pursuant to subclause (I)*
25 *with respect to such opportunity unless*

1 *required to do so by an Act of Congress*
 2 *or an order of a Federal court.*

3 “(III) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—

4 *Nothing in this clause may be con-*
 5 *strued as prohibiting the Adminis-*
 6 *trator from modifying the regulations*
 7 *issued pursuant to subclause (I) (after*
 8 *providing an opportunity for notice*
 9 *and comment) as such regulations*
 10 *apply to an opportunity to be awarded*
 11 *a grant under this section that the Ad-*
 12 *ministrator has not yet publicly an-*
 13 *nounced pursuant to subsection (l)(1).*

14 “(B) *RECORD RETENTION.*—

15 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator*
 16 *shall maintain a copy of each application*
 17 *submitted under this subsection for not less*
 18 *than 5 years.*

19 “(ii) *PAPERWORK REDUCTION.*—*The*
 20 *Administrator shall take steps to reduce, to*
 21 *the maximum extent practicable, the paper-*
 22 *work burden associated with carrying out*
 23 *clause (i).”.*

24 (f) *NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE*
 25 *WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.*—*Section 29 of the*

1 *Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended by insert-*
2 *ing after subsection (k) the following:*

3 “(l) *NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE*
4 *WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.—The Adminis-*
5 *trator shall provide—*

6 “(1) *a public announcement of any opportunity*
7 *to be awarded grants under this section, and such an-*
8 *ouncement shall include the standards by which such*
9 *award will be made, including the regulations issued*
10 *pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(A)(ii);*

11 “(2) *the opportunity for any applicant for a*
12 *grant under this section that failed to obtain such a*
13 *grant a debriefing with the Assistant Administrator*
14 *to review the reasons for the applicant’s failure; and*

15 “(3) *with respect to any site visit or evaluation*
16 *of an eligible entity receiving a grant under this sec-*
17 *tion that is carried out by an officer or employee of*
18 *the Administration (other than the Inspector Gen-*
19 *eral), a copy of the site visit report or evaluation, as*
20 *applicable, within 30 calendar days of the completion*
21 *of such vision or evaluation.”.*

22 (g) *CONTINUED FUNDING FOR CENTERS.—Section*
23 *29(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)) is*
24 *amended—*

1 (1) *by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the*
 2 *following:*

3 “(3) *APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FOR CONTINU-*
 4 *ATION GRANTS.—*

5 “(A) *SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.—The*
 6 *Administrator shall solicit applications and*
 7 *award continuation grants under this subsection*
 8 *for the first fiscal year beginning after the date*
 9 *of enactment of this paragraph, and every third*
 10 *fiscal year thereafter.*

11 “(B) *CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each el-*
 12 *igible entity desiring a grant under this sub-*
 13 *section shall submit to the Administrator an ap-*
 14 *plication that contains—*

15 “(i) *a certification that the appli-*
 16 *cant—*

17 “(I) *is an eligible entity;*

18 “(II) *has designated an executive*
 19 *director or program manager to man-*
 20 *age the women’s business center oper-*
 21 *ated by the applicant; and*

22 “(III) *as a condition of receiving*
 23 *a grant under this subsection, agrees—*

24 “(aa) *to receive a site visit as*
 25 *part of the final selection process,*

1 *at the discretion of the Adminis-*
2 *trator; and*

3 *“(bb) to remedy any problem*
4 *identified pursuant to the site*
5 *visit under item (aa);*

6 *“(ii) information demonstrating that*
7 *the applicant has the ability and resources*
8 *to meet the needs of the market to be served*
9 *by the women’s business center for which a*
10 *grant under this subsection is sought, in-*
11 *cluding the ability to obtain the non-Fed-*
12 *eral contribution required under paragraph*
13 *(4)(C);*

14 *“(iii) information relating to assist-*
15 *ance to be provided by the women’s business*
16 *center in the geographic area served by the*
17 *women’s business center for which a grant*
18 *under this subsection is sought;*

19 *“(iv) information demonstrating that*
20 *the applicant has worked with resource*
21 *partners of the Administration and other*
22 *entities;*

23 *“(v) a 3-year plan that describes the*
24 *services provided by the women’s business*

center for which a grant under this subsection is sought—

“(I) to serve women who are business owners or potential business owners by conducting training and counseling activities; and

“(II) to provide training and services to a representative number of women who are socially or economically disadvantaged; and

“(vi) any additional information that the Administrator may reasonably require.

“(C) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator—

“(I) shall review each application submitted under subparagraph (B), based on the information described in such subparagraph and the criteria set forth under clause (ii) of this subparagraph; and

“(II) as part of the final selection process, may, at the discretion of the Administrator, conduct a site visit to

1 *each women’s business center for which*
 2 *a grant under this subsection is sought,*
 3 *in particular to evaluate the women’s*
 4 *business center using the selection cri-*
 5 *teria described in clause (ii)(II).*

6 *“(ii) SELECTION CRITERIA.—*

7 *“(I) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-*
 8 *trator shall evaluate applicants for*
 9 *grants under this subsection in accord-*
 10 *ance with selection criteria that are—*

11 *“(aa) established before the*
 12 *date on which applicants are re-*
 13 *quired to submit the applications;*

14 *“(bb) stated in terms of rel-*
 15 *ative importance; and*

16 *“(cc) publicly available and*
 17 *stated in each solicitation for ap-*
 18 *plications for grants under this*
 19 *subsection made by the Adminis-*
 20 *trator.*

21 *“(II) REQUIRED CRITERIA.—The*
 22 *selection criteria for a grant under this*
 23 *subsection shall include—*

1 “(aa) the total number of en-
2 trepreneurs served by the appli-
3 cant;

4 “(bb) the total number of
5 new startup companies assisted by
6 the applicant;

7 “(cc) the percentage of clients
8 of the applicant that are socially
9 or economically disadvantaged;

10 “(dd) the percentage of indi-
11 viduals in the community served
12 by the applicant who are socially
13 or economically disadvantaged;

14 “(ee) the successful accredita-
15 tion of the applicant under the ac-
16 creditation program developed
17 under subsection (g)(5); and

18 “(ff) any additional criteria
19 that the Administrator may rea-
20 sonably require.

21 “(iii) CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED
22 FUNDING.—In determining whether to make
23 a grant under this subsection, the Adminis-
24 trator—

1 “(I) shall consider the results of
2 the most recent evaluation of the wom-
3 en’s business center for which a grant
4 under this subsection is sought, and, to
5 a lesser extent, previous evaluations;
6 and

7 “(II) may withhold a grant under
8 this subsection, if the Administrator
9 determines that the applicant has
10 failed to provide the information re-
11 quired to be provided under this para-
12 graph, or the information provided by
13 the applicant is inadequate.

14 “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 cal-
15 endar days after the date of each deadline to sub-
16 mit applications under this paragraph, the Ad-
17 ministrator shall approve or deny each sub-
18 mitted application and notify the applicant for
19 each such application of the approval or denial.

20 “(E) RECORD RETENTION.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
22 shall maintain a copy of each application
23 submitted under this paragraph for not less
24 than 5 years.

1 “(ii) *PAPERWORK REDUCTION.*—*The*
 2 *Administrator shall take steps to reduce, to*
 3 *the maximum extent practicable, the paper-*
 4 *work burden associated with carrying out*
 5 *clause (i).”; and*

6 (2) *by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the*
 7 *following:*

8 “(5) *AWARD TO PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS.*—*There*
 9 *shall be no limitation on the number of times the Ad-*
 10 *ministrator may award a grant to an applicant*
 11 *under this subsection.”.*

12 (h) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—
 13 *Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is*
 14 *amended—*

15 (1) *in subsection (h)(2), by striking “to award a*
 16 *contract (as a sustainability grant) under subsection*
 17 *(l) or”;*

18 (2) *in subsection (j)(1), by striking “The Admin-*
 19 *istration” and inserting “Not later than November 1*
 20 *of each year, the Administrator”;*

21 (3) *in subsection (k)—*

22 (A) *by striking paragraphs (1) and (4);*

23 (B) *by inserting before paragraph (2) the*
 24 *following:*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There are authorized to be*
 2 *appropriated to the Administration to carry out this*
 3 *section, to remain available until expended,*
 4 *\$21,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through*
 5 *2020.”; and*

6 *(D) in paragraph (2), by striking subpara-*
 7 *graph (B) and inserting the following:*

8 “(B) *EXCEPTIONS.*—*Of the amount made*
 9 *available under this subsection for a fiscal year,*
 10 *the following amounts shall be available for selec-*
 11 *tion panel costs, costs associated with maintain-*
 12 *ing an accreditation program, and post-award*
 13 *conference costs:*

14 “(i) *For the first fiscal year beginning*
 15 *after the date of the enactment of this sub-*
 16 *paragraph, 2.65 percent.*

17 “(ii) *For the second fiscal year begin-*
 18 *ning after the date of the enactment of this*
 19 *subparagraph and each fiscal year there-*
 20 *after through fiscal year 2020, 2.5 percent.”;*
 21 *and*

22 *(4) in subsection (m)—*

23 *(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-*
 24 *section (b) or (l)” and inserting “this subsection*
 25 *or subsection (b)”;* *and*

1 (B) in paragraph (4)(D), by striking “or
2 subsection (l)”.

3 (i) *EFFECT ON EXISTING GRANTS.*—

4 (1) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—A nonprofit orga-
5 nization receiving a grant under section 29(m) of the
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)), as in effect
7 on the day before the date of enactment of this Act,
8 shall continue to receive the grant under the terms
9 and conditions in effect for the grant on the day be-
10 fore the date of enactment of this Act, except that the
11 nonprofit organization may not apply for a continu-
12 ation of the grant under section 29(m)(5) of the
13 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)(5)), as in ef-
14 fect on the day before the date of enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (2) *LENGTH OF CONTINUATION GRANT.*—The Ad-
17 ministrator of the Small Business Administration
18 may award a grant under section 29(m) of the Small
19 Business Act to a nonprofit organization receiving a
20 grant under section 29(m) of the Small Business Act
21 (15 U.S.C. 656(m)), as in effect on the day before the
22 date of enactment of this Act, for the period—

23 (A) beginning on the day after the last day
24 of the grant agreement under such section 29(m);
25 and

1 (B) ending at the end of the third fiscal
 2 year beginning after the date of enactment of
 3 this Act.

4 **SEC. 204. MATCHING REQUIREMENTS UNDER WOMEN'S**
 5 **BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 29(c) of the Small Business
 7 Act (15 U.S.C. 656(c)), as amended by section 204 of this
 8 Act, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “As a condi-
 10 tion” and inserting “Subject to paragraph (6), as a
 11 condition”; and

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

13 “(9) *WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE*.—

14 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—Upon request by an eli-
 15 gible entity, and in accordance with this para-
 16 graph, the Administrator may waive, in whole
 17 or in part, the requirement to obtain non-Fed-
 18 eral funds under this subsection for counseling
 19 and training activities of the eligible entity car-
 20 ried out using a grant under this section for a
 21 fiscal year. The Administrator may not waive
 22 the requirement for an eligible entity to obtain
 23 non-Federal funds under this paragraph for
 24 more than a total of 2 consecutive fiscal years.

1 “(B) *CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining*
2 *whether to waive the requirement to obtain non-*
3 *Federal funds under this paragraph, the Admin-*
4 *istrator shall consider—*

5 “(i) *the economic conditions affecting*
6 *the eligible entity;*

7 “(ii) *the impact a waiver under this*
8 *paragraph would have on the credibility of*
9 *the Women’s Business Center Program*
10 *under this section;*

11 “(iii) *the demonstrated ability of the*
12 *eligible entity to raise non-Federal funds;*
13 *and*

14 “(iv) *the performance of the eligible en-*
15 *tity.*

16 “(C) *LIMITATION.—The Administrator may*
17 *not waive the requirement to obtain non-Federal*
18 *funds under this paragraph if granting the*
19 *waiver would undermine the credibility of the*
20 *Women’s Business Center Program.*

21 “(10) *SOLICITATION.—Notwithstanding any*
22 *other provision of law, eligible entity may—*

23 “(A) *solicit cash and in-kind contributions*
24 *from private individuals and entities to be used*
25 *to carry out the activities of the eligible entity*

1 *under the project conducted under this section;*
 2 *and*

3 “(B) *use amounts made available by the*
 4 *Administrator under this section for the cost of*
 5 *such solicitation and management of the con-*
 6 *tributions received.*

7 “(11) *EXCESS NON-FEDERAL DOLLARS.—The*
 8 *amount of non-Federal dollars obtained by an eligible*
 9 *entity that is above the amount that is required to be*
 10 *obtained by the eligible entity under this subsection*
 11 *shall not be subject to the requirements of part 200*
 12 *of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-*
 13 *cessor thereto, if such amount of non-Federal dol-*
 14 *lars—*

15 “(A) *is not used as matching funds for pur-*
 16 *poses of implementing the Women’s Business*
 17 *Center Program; and*

18 “(B) *was not obtained using funds from the*
 19 *Women’s Business Center Program.”.*

20 (b) *REGULATIONS.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Small*
 22 *Business Administration shall—*

23 (A) *except as provided in paragraph (2),*
 24 *and not later than 270 days after the date of en-*
 25 *actment of this Act, publish in the Federal Reg-*

1 *ister proposed regulations by the Administrator*
 2 *to carry out the amendments made to section 29*
 3 *of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) by*
 4 *this title; and*

5 *(B) accept public comments on such pro-*
 6 *posed regulations for not less than 60 days.*

7 *(2) EXISTING PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Para-*
 8 *graph (1)(A) shall not apply to the extent proposed*
 9 *regulations by the Administrator have been published*
 10 *on the date of enactment of this Act that are sufficient*
 11 *to carry out the amendments made to section 29 of*
 12 *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) by this title.*

13 ***TITLE III—SCORE PROGRAM*** 14 ***REAUTHORIZATION***

15 ***SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.***

16 *This title may be cited as the “SCORE for Small Busi-*
 17 *ness Act of 2016”.*

18 ***SEC. 302. SCORE REAUTHORIZATION.***

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

21 *(1) by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection*
 22 *(f); and*

23 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

24 *“(g) SCORE PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be*
 25 *appropriated to the Administrator to carry out the SCORE*

1 *program authorized by section 8(b)(1) such sums as are nec-*
 2 *essary for the Administrator to make grants or enter into*
 3 *cooperative agreements in a total amount that does not ex-*
 4 *ceed \$10,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018.”.*

5 **SEC. 303. SCORE PROGRAM.**

6 *Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)*
 7 *is amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking “a Serv-*
 9 *ice Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)” and in-*
 10 *serting “the SCORE program described in subsection*
 11 *(c)”;* and

12 *(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the*
 13 *following:*

14 *“(c) SCORE PROGRAM.—*

15 *“(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:*

16 *“(A) SCORE ASSOCIATION.—The term*
 17 *‘SCORE Association’ means the Service Corps of*
 18 *Retired Executives Association or any successor*
 19 *or other organization who receives a grant from*
 20 *the Administrator to operate the SCORE pro-*
 21 *gram under paragraph (2)(A).*

22 *“(B) SCORE PROGRAM.—The term*
 23 *‘SCORE program’ means the SCORE program*
 24 *authorized by subsection (b)(1)(B).*

25 *“(2) MANAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERS.—*

1 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator*
2 *shall provide a grant to the SCORE Association*
3 *to manage the SCORE program.*

4 “(B) *VOLUNTEERS.*—*A volunteer partici-*
5 *pating in the SCORE program shall—*

6 “(i) *based on the business experience*
7 *and knowledge of the volunteer—*

8 “(I) *provide at no cost to individ-*
9 *uals who own, or aspire to own, small*
10 *business concerns personal counseling,*
11 *mentoring, and coaching relating to*
12 *the process of starting, expanding,*
13 *managing, buying, and selling a busi-*
14 *ness; and*

15 “(II) *facilitate low-cost education*
16 *workshops for individuals who own, or*
17 *aspire to own, small business concerns;*
18 *and*

19 “(ii) *as appropriate, use tools, re-*
20 *sources, and expertise of other organizations*
21 *to carry out the SCORE program.*

22 “(3) *PLANS AND GOALS.*—*The Administrator, in*
23 *consultation with the SCORE Association, shall en-*
24 *sure that the SCORE program and each chapter of*
25 *the SCORE program develop and implement plans*

1 *and goals to more effectively and efficiently provide*
2 *services to individuals in rural areas, economically*
3 *disadvantaged communities, and other traditionally*
4 *underserved communities, including plans for elec-*
5 *tronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chapter ex-*
6 *pansion, partnerships, and the development of new*
7 *skills by volunteers participating in the SCORE pro-*
8 *gram.*

9 *“(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The SCORE Association*
10 *shall submit to the Administrator an annual report*
11 *that contains—*

12 *“(A) the number of individuals counseled or*
13 *trained under the SCORE program;*

14 *“(B) the number of hours of counseling pro-*
15 *vided under the SCORE program; and*

16 *“(C) to the extent possible—*

17 *“(i) the number of small business con-*
18 *cerns formed with assistance from the*
19 *SCORE program;*

20 *“(ii) the number of small business con-*
21 *cerns expanded with assistance from the*
22 *SCORE program; and*

23 *“(iii) the number of jobs created with*
24 *assistance from the SCORE program.*

25 *“(5) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—*

1 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—Neither the Adminis-
 2 trator nor the SCORE Association may disclose
 3 the name, address, or telephone number of any
 4 individual or small business concern receiving
 5 assistance from the SCORE Association without
 6 the consent of such individual or small business
 7 concern, unless—

8 “(i) the Administrator is ordered to
 9 make such a disclosure by a court in any
 10 civil or criminal enforcement action initi-
 11 ated by a Federal or State agency; or

12 “(ii) the Administrator determines
 13 such a disclosure to be necessary for the
 14 purpose of conducting a financial audit of
 15 the SCORE program, in which case disclo-
 16 sure shall be limited to the information nec-
 17 essary for the audit.

18 “(B) *ADMINISTRATOR USE OF INFORMA-*
 19 *TION.*—This paragraph shall not—

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

22 “(ii) prevent the Administrator from
 23 using client information to conduct client
 24 surveys.

25 “(C) *REGULATIONS.*—

1 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator*
 2 *shall issue regulations to establish standards*
 3 *for—*

4 “(I) *disclosures with respect to fi-*
 5 *nancial audits under subparagraph*
 6 *(A)(ii); and*

7 “(II) *conducting client surveys,*
 8 *including standards for oversight of the*
 9 *surveys and for dissemination and use*
 10 *of client information.*

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

16 **SEC. 304. ONLINE COMPONENT.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 8(c) of the Small Business*
 18 *Act, as added by section 303, is further amended by adding*
 19 *at the end the following:*

20 “(6) *ONLINE COMPONENT.*—*In carrying out this*
 21 *subsection, the SCORE Association shall make use of*
 22 *online counseling, including by developing and imple-*
 23 *menting webinars and an electronic mentoring plat-*
 24 *form to expand access to services provided under this*
 25 *subsection and to further support entrepreneurs.”.*

1 **(b) ONLINE COMPONENT REPORT.**—

2 **(1) IN GENERAL.**—*At the end of fiscal year 2018,*
3 *the SCORE Association shall issue a report to the*
4 *Committee on Small Business of the House of Rep-*
5 *resentatives and the Committee on Small Business*
6 *and Entrepreneurship of the Senate on the effective-*
7 *ness of the online counseling and webinars required as*
8 *part of the SCORE program, including—*

9 **(A)** *how the SCORE Association determines*
10 *electronic mentoring and webinar needs, develops*
11 *training for electronic mentoring, establishes*
12 *webinar criteria curricula, and evaluates*
13 *webinar and electronic mentoring results;*

14 **(B)** *describing the internal controls that are*
15 *used and a summary of the topics covered by the*
16 *webinars; and*

17 **(C)** *performance metrics, including the*
18 *number of small business concerns counseled by,*
19 *the number of small business concerns created by,*
20 *the number of jobs created and retained by, and*
21 *the funding amounts directed towards such on-*
22 *line counseling and webinars.*

23 **(2) DEFINITIONS.**—*For purposes of this sub-*
24 *section, the terms “SCORE Association” and*
25 *“SCORE program” have the meaning given those*

1 *terms, respectively, under section 8(c)(1) of the Small*
 2 *Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).*

3 **SEC. 305. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF**
 4 **THE SCORE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) *STUDY.*—*The SCORE Association shall carry out*
 6 *a study on the future role of the SCORE program and de-*
 7 *velop a strategic plan for how the SCORE program will*
 8 *evolve to meet the needs of America’s entrepreneurs over the*
 9 *course of the next 5 years, with markers and specific objec-*
 10 *tives for year 1, year 3, and year 5.*

11 (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than the end of the 6-month*
 12 *period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,*
 13 *the SCORE Association shall issue a report to the Com-*
 14 *mittee on Small Business of the House of Representatives*
 15 *and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneur-*
 16 *ship of the Senate containing—*

17 (1) *all findings and determination made in car-*
 18 *rying out the study required under subsection (a);*

19 (2) *the strategic plan developed under subsection*
 20 *(a);*

21 (3) *an explanation of how the SCORE Associa-*
 22 *tion plans to achieve the strategic plan, assuming*
 23 *both stagnant and increased funding levels.*

24 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*For purposes of this section, the*
 25 *terms “SCORE Association” and “SCORE program” have*

1 *the meaning given those terms, respectively, under section*
 2 *8(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).*

3 **SEC. 306. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

4 *(a) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act*
 5 *(15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—*

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

10 *(2) in section 22 (15 U.S.C. 649)—*

11 *(A) in subsection (b)—*

12 *(i) in paragraph (1), by striking*
 13 *“Service Corps of Retired Executives” and*
 14 *inserting “SCORE program”; and*

15 *(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking*
 16 *“Service Corps of Retired Executives” and*
 17 *inserting “SCORE program”; and*

18 *(B) in subsection (c)(12), by striking “Serv-*
 19 *ice Corps of Retired Executives” and inserting*
 20 *“SCORE program”.*

21 *(b) OTHER LAWS.—*

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

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph
2 (4) and inserting the following:

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

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

10 (2) Section 337(d)(2)(A) of the Energy Policy
11 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6307(d)(2)(A)) is
12 amended by striking “Service Corps of Retired Execu-
13 tives (SCORE)” and inserting “SCORE program”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to make im-
provements to Small Business Development Centers, to
reauthorize the Women’s Business Center Program, to
reauthorize the SCORE Program, and for other pur-
poses.”.

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