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# H. R. 2780

To amend the Small Business Act to create certain requirements for Federal agencies with a SBIR or STTR program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS (for himself and Mr. BRAT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. ANNUAL MEETING FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES**  
4               **WITH A SBIR OR STTR PROGRAM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business  
6       Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended by adding at the end the  
7       following new subsection:

8       “(tt) ANNUAL MEETING.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each Federal  
2           agency required to have a program under this sec-  
3           tion (or a designee) and the Administrator (or a des-  
4           ignee), shall meet annually to discuss methods—

5                   “(A) to improve the collection of data  
6                   under this section;

7                   “(B) to improve the reporting of data to  
8                   the Administrator under this section;

9                   “(C) to make the application processes for  
10                  programs under this section more efficient; and

11                  “(D) to increase participation in the pro-  
12                  grams under this section.

13           “(2) REPORTING.—Not later than 60 days after  
14           the date on which an annual meeting required under  
15           paragraph (1) is held, the Administrator shall sub-  
16           mit to the Committee on Small Business and Entre-  
17           preneurship of the Senate and the Committee on  
18           Small Business and the Committee on Science,  
19           Space, and Technology of the House of Representa-  
20           tives, a report on the findings of such meeting and  
21           recommendations on how to implement changes to  
22           programs under this section.”.

23           (b) FUNDING FOR ANNUAL MEETING.—Section  
24           9(mm)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
25           638(mm)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking the “and”  
 2 at the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period  
 4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 6 paragraph:

7 “(K) the annual meeting required under  
 8 subsection (tt).”.

9 **SEC. 2. INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF UNDERSERVED**  
 10 **POPULATIONS IN THE SBIR AND STTR PRO-**  
 11 **GRAMS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(mm)(2) of the Small  
 13 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)(2)) is amended to read  
 14 as follows:

15 “(2) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
 16 ANCE.—A Federal agency participating in the pro-  
 17 gram under this subsection shall use a portion of the  
 18 funds authorized for uses under paragraph (1) to  
 19 carry out the policy directive required under sub-  
 20 section (j)(2)(F) and to increase the participation of  
 21 States with respect to which a low level of SBIR  
 22 awards have historically been awarded.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9(mm)(6)  
 24 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)(6)) is  
 25 amended by striking “paragraph (2)(A) and any use of

- 1 the waiver authority under paragraph (2)(B)” and insert-
- 2 ing “paragraph (2)”.

