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To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a program that assists military spouses in establishing small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. TILLIS) 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 “Military Spouse Entre-
5 preneurship Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR MILITARY**
7 **SPOUSES.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
3 ness Administration.

4 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
5 “small business concern” has the meaning given the
6 term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 632).

8 (b) PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
10 the Administrator shall establish a program within
11 the Small Business Administration—

12 (A) the purpose of which shall be to assist
13 military spouses in forming, operating, and
14 growing small business concerns; and

15 (B) which shall include providing such as-
16 sistance through remotely accessible online serv-
17 ices.

18 (2) EXTENSION OF EXISTING PROGRAM.—In
19 lieu of establishing a new program, the Adminis-
20 trator may carry out the purpose described in para-
21 graph (1) through an extension of a program that
22 is in existence, as of the date of enactment of this
23 Act, if that extension is tailored to military spouses
24 and otherwise achieves that purpose and satisfies the
25 requirements of this section.

1 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The assistance provided by the
2 Administrator under the program described in subsection
3 (b) shall include the following:

4 (1) Assistance for military spouses in identi-
5 fying and understanding the requirements with re-
6 spect to forming and operating a small business con-
7 cern, including assistance relating to relocating the
8 operations of a small business concern.

9 (2) Assistance for military spouses in strength-
10 ening the expertise and skills necessary for the for-
11 mation and operation of a small business concern,
12 including the expertise and skills necessary to create
13 a sustainable small business concern throughout the
14 uniquely challenging requirements of life as a mili-
15 tary spouse, which arise as a result of—

16 (A) military deployments;

17 (B) military-related absences from the
18 workforce; or

19 (C) multiple permanent changes of duty
20 station or other long-term relocations for mili-
21 tary reasons.

22 (3) Through partnerships with organizations
23 supporting military spouse entrepreneurship and
24 business volunteer entities (including by entering
25 into cooperative agreements with those organizations

1 and entities), providing mentorship to military
2 spouses with respect to entrepreneurship.

3 (4) Any other assistance that the Administrator
4 determines to be appropriate.

5 (d) SURVEY; REPORT.—

6 (1) SURVEY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in
8 consultation with such nonprofit organizations
9 and other stakeholders determined appropriate
10 by the Administrator, shall conduct a survey to
11 identify the barriers to forming, operating, and
12 growing small business concerns that are faced
13 by military spouses as a result of life as a mili-
14 tary spouse, including as a result of the condi-
15 tions described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and
16 (C) of subsection (c)(2).

17 (B) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The survey
18 conducted under subparagraph (A) shall include
19 an analysis of the challenges that military
20 spouses face in accessing capital and other crit-
21 ical resources with respect to forming, oper-
22 ating, and growing small business concerns, in-
23 cluding the education, mentoring, and training
24 that is required to form, operate, and grow a
25 small business concern.

1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
3 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business
4 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Com-
5 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report containing the results of the
7 survey conducted under paragraph (1).

8 (e) USE OF RESULTS; OUTREACH.—In carrying out
9 the program described in subsection (b), the Adminis-
10 trator shall—

11 (1) take into consideration the results of the
12 survey conducted under subsection (d)(1); and

13 (2) develop an outreach program to ensure that
14 the program becomes well-known.

15 (f) CONSULTATION PERMITTED.—In carrying out
16 this section, the Administrator may consult with the Sec-
17 retary of Defense, as determined necessary by the Admin-
18 istrator.

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