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H. R. 7687

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to encourage entrepreneurship training in after school programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. HILL, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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

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 “21st Century Entre-

5 preneurship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) entrepreneurship creates new jobs, grows
2 the economy, increases productivity, and signifi-
3 cantly improves the quality of life of the people of
4 the United States;

5 (2) entrepreneurship rates in the United States
6 have declined substantially over the last several dec-
7 ades;

8 (3) children from disadvantaged communities
9 are less likely to become entrepreneurs and inven-
10 tors, hampering economic growth and harming com-
11 munities most in need;

12 (4) studies show that children with mentors in
13 entrepreneurship and inventorship are more likely to
14 pursue these fields in adulthood; and

15 (5) in order to promote growth in disadvan-
16 taged communities, increase entrepreneurship rates,
17 and improve the economy, volunteer mentors with
18 the SCORE program should be encouraged to en-
19 gage with children in community learning centers.

20 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act—

22 (1) the term “community learning center” has
23 the meaning given the term in section 4201(b) of
24 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171(b));

1 (2) the term “inventorship” means the activity
2 of creating, designing, or otherwise originating a
3 new product or service; and

4 (3) the term “SCORE program” means the
5 Service Corps of Retired Executives described in sec-
6 tion 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)).

8 **SEC. 4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION FOR DISADVAN-**
9 **TAGED YOUTH.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small
11 Business Administration shall—

12 (1) develop a curriculum for volunteers with the
13 SCORE program to teach female students, minority
14 students, English learners, children with disabilities,
15 and low-income students who are often underrep-
16 resented in critical and enriching subjects about en-
17 trepreneurship and inventorship through community
18 learning centers;

19 (2) develop and implement a strategy to encour-
20 age partnerships between the SCORE program and
21 community learning centers to teach the curriculum
22 developed under paragraph (1) to the students de-
23 scribed in that paragraph through community learn-
24 ing centers; and

1 (3) in developing the curriculum required under
2 paragraph (1), collaborate with education specialists,
3 entrepreneurship groups, business groups, and
4 groups with experience serving underrepresented
5 children.

6 (b) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—In
7 carrying out the partnerships under subsection (a)(2), vol-
8 unteers with the SCORE program are encouraged to col-
9 laborate with other entrepreneurial development programs
10 of the Small Business Administration and other agencies,
11 including—

12 (1) small business development centers de-
13 scribed in section 21 of the Small Business Act (15
14 U.S.C. 648);

15 (2) women’s business centers operating under
16 section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17 656);

18 (3) centers overseen by the Minority Business
19 Development Agency of the Department of Com-
20 merce; and

21 (4) the Growth Accelerator Fund Competition
22 of the Administration carried out under section 24
23 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act
24 of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719).

1 (c) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended,
3 in the first sentence, by inserting before the period at the
4 end the following: “and to carry out entrepreneurship and
5 inventorship programs under section 4(a) of the 21st Cen-
6 tury Entrepreneurship Act”.

7 (d) COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS.—Part B of
8 title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 4201(a)(2) (20 U.S.C.
11 7171(a)(2)), by inserting “entrepreneurship and
12 inventorship (as defined in section 3 of the 21st
13 Century Entrepreneurship Act) programs,” after
14 “apprenticeship programs,”; and

15 (2) in section 4205(a) (20 U.S.C. 7175(a))—

16 (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”
17 at the end;

18 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-
19 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(15) entrepreneurship and inventorship pro-
22 grams described in section 4(a) of the 21st Century
23 Entrepreneurship Act.”.

24 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter,

1 the Administrator of the Small Business Administration
2 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-
3 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small
4 Business of the House of Representatives a report that—

5 (1) identifies each partnership between the
6 SCORE program and a community learning center
7 during the preceding 2-year period;

8 (2) documents the use of funds by the SCORE
9 program, and adherence by the SCORE program to
10 contract award and procurement procedures, relat-
11 ing to the implementation of this Act;

12 (3) documents any training or guidance pro-
13 vided to SCORE program chapter leadership on
14 properly using funds provided to carry out this Act;

15 (4) estimates the number of students who were
16 reached through the entrepreneurship curriculum de-
17 veloped under subsection (a);

18 (5) identifies any barriers to reaching additional
19 students; and

20 (6) identifies any plans for improving the cur-
21 riculum or implementing the strategy developed
22 under subsection (a).

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
25 appropriated to the Administrator of the Small

1 Business Administration \$2,500,000 for each of fis-
2 cal years 2021 through 2025 to carry out this Act
3 and the amendments made by this Act.

4 (2) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Of amounts made
5 available to the Administrator of the Small Business
6 Administration to carry out this Act and the amend-
7 ments made by this Act, the Administrator may
8 transfer any portion of those amounts to the
9 SCORE program to carry out such provisions.

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