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H. R. 1649

To amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2019

Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Business Devel-
5 opment Center Cyber Training Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
7 **TER COUNSELORS.**

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

1 “(o) CYBER STRATEGY TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSI-
2 NESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

3 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

4 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-
5 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-
6 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks
7 and cyber attacks; and

8 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-
9 ment center’ means a small business develop-
10 ment center that has received a grant from the
11 Administration.

12 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
13 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification
14 program, or approve a similar existing program, to
15 certify the employees of lead small business develop-
16 ment centers to provide cyber planning assistance to
17 small business concerns.

18 “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—
19 The Administrator shall ensure that the number of
20 employees of each lead small business development
21 center who are certified in providing cyber planning
22 assistance under this subsection is not fewer than
23 the lesser of—

24 “(A) 5; or

1 “(B) 10 percent of the total number of em-
2 ployees of the lead small business development
3 center.

4 “(4) CONSIDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DE-
5 VELOPMENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.—In car-
6 rying out this subsection, the Administrator, to the
7 extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy
8 methods included in the Small Business Develop-
9 ment Center Cyber Strategy developed under section
10 1841(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act
11 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130
12 Stat. 2662).

13 “(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
15 ability of appropriations and subparagraph (B),
16 the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small
17 business development center for costs relating
18 to the certification of an employee of the lead
19 small business development center under the
20 program established under paragraph (2).

21 “(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-
22 imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-
23 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-
24 cal year.”.

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