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116TH CONGRESS
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S. 771

To amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2019

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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Reported by Mr. RUBIO, without amendment

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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 Cyber
5 Training Act of 2019”.

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

3 (a) CYBER TRAINING.—Section 21 of the Small Busi-
4 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 648) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

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

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

9 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-
10 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-
11 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks
12 and attacks; and

13 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-
14 ment center’ means a small business develop-
15 ment center that has received a grant from the
16 Administration.

17 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
18 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification
19 program, or designate a substantially similar exist-
20 ing program, to certify the employees of lead small
21 business development centers in providing cyber
22 planning assistance to small business concerns.

23 “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—
24 The Administrator shall ensure that the number of
25 employees of each lead small business development

center who are certified in providing cyber planning assistance is not less than the lesser of—

“(A) 5; or

“(B) 10 percent of the total number of employees of the lead small business development center.

“(4) CYBER STRATEGY.—In carrying out paragraph (2), the Administrator, to the extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy methods included in the Small Business Development Center Cyber Strategy developed under section 1841(a)(3)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328).

“(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small business development center for costs relating to the certification of an employee of the lead small business center in providing cyber planning assistance under the program established under paragraph (2).

“(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount reimbursed by the Administrator under subpara-

1 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-
2 cal year.”.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
5 of the Small Business Administration shall implement
6 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of section 21(o) of the Small
7 Business Act, as added by subsection (a).

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