

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**S. 791**

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**AN ACT**

To amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Inno-  
3 vation Protection Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act—

6           (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-  
7 ministrator of the SBA;

8           (2) the term “Director” means the Under Sec-  
9 retary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and  
10 Director of the USPTO;

11           (3) the term “SBA” means the Small Business  
12 Administration;

13           (4) the term “small business concern” has the  
14 meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Small  
15 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a));

16           (5) the term “small business development cen-  
17 ter” means a center described in section 21 of the  
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648); and

19           (6) the term “USPTO” means the United  
20 States Patent and Trademark Office.

21 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

22       Congress finds that—

23           (1) the USPTO and the SBA are positioned  
24 to—

1           (A) build upon several successful intellec-  
2           tual property and training programs aimed at  
3           small business concerns; and

4           (B) increase the availability of and the  
5           participation in the programs described in sub-  
6           paragraph (A) across the United States; and

7           (2) any education and training program admin-  
8           istered by the USPTO and the SBA should be scal-  
9           able so that the program is able to reach more small  
10          business concerns.

11 **SEC. 4. SBA AND USPTO PARTNERSHIPS.**

12          (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180  
13          days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
14          trator, in consultation with the Director, shall develop  
15          partnership agreements that—

16               (1) provide for the—

17                   (A) development of high-quality training,  
18                   including in-person or modular training ses-  
19                   sions, for small business concerns relating to  
20                   domestic and international protection of intel-  
21                   lectual property;

22                   (B) leveraging of training materials al-  
23                   ready developed for the education of inventors  
24                   and small business concerns; and

1 (C) participation of a nongovernmental or-  
2 ganization; and

3 (2) provide training—

4 (A) through electronic resources, including  
5 Internet-based webinars; and

6 (B) at physical locations, including—

7 (i) a small business development cen-  
8 ter; and

9 (ii) the headquarters or a regional of-  
10 fice of the USPTO.

11 **SEC. 5. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

12 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15  
13 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (S), by striking “and” at  
15 the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (T), by striking the period  
17 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(U) in conjunction with the United States Pat-  
20 ent and Trademark Office, providing training—

21 “(i) to small business concerns relating  
22 to—

23 “(I) domestic and international intel-  
24 lectual property protections; and

1                   “(II) how the protections described in  
2                   subclause (I) should be considered in the  
3                   business plans and growth strategies of the  
4                   small business concerns; and  
5                   “(ii) that may be delivered—  
6                   “(I) in person; or  
7                   “(II) through a website.”.

Passed the Senate July 18, 2018.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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