

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-
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OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 861. SCORE.**

2 (a) SCORE REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 20 of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
5 section (f); and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) SCORE PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be
8 appropriated to the Administrator to carry out the
9 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1) such sums
10 as are necessary for the Administrator to make grants or
11 enter into cooperative agreements in a total amount that
12 does not exceed \$10,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2018
13 and 2019.”.

14 (b) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8 of the Small Busi-
15 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 637) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking “a Serv-
17 ice Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)” and in-
18 serting “the SCORE program described in sub-
19 section (c)”; and

1 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(c) SCORE PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

5 “(A) SCORE ASSOCIATION.—The term
6 ‘SCORE Association’ means the Service Corps
7 of Retired Executives Association or any suc-
8 cessor or other organization who receives a
9 grant from the Administrator to operate the
10 SCORE program under paragraph (2)(A).

11 “(B) SCORE PROGRAM.—The term
12 ‘SCORE program’ means the SCORE program
13 authorized by subsection (b)(1)(B).

14 “(2) MANAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
16 shall provide a grant to the SCORE Association
17 to manage the SCORE program.

18 “(B) VOLUNTEERS.—A volunteer partici-
19 pating in the SCORE program shall—

20 “(i) based on the business experience
21 and knowledge of the volunteer—

22 “(I) provide at no cost to individ-
23 uals who own, or aspire to own, small
24 business concerns personal counseling,
25 mentoring, and coaching relating to

1 the process of starting, expanding,
2 managing, buying, and selling a busi-
3 ness; and

4 “(II) facilitate low-cost education
5 workshops for individuals who own, or
6 aspire to own, small business con-
7 cerns; and

8 “(ii) as appropriate, use tools, re-
9 sources, and expertise of other organiza-
10 tions to carry out the SCORE program.

11 “(3) PLANS AND GOALS.—The Administrator,
12 in consultation with the SCORE Association, shall
13 ensure that the SCORE program and each chapter
14 of the SCORE program develop and implement
15 plans and goals to more effectively and efficiently
16 provide services to individuals in rural areas, eco-
17 nomically disadvantaged communities, and other tra-
18 ditionally underserved communities, including plans
19 for electronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chap-
20 ter expansion, partnerships, and the development of
21 new skills by volunteers participating in the SCORE
22 program.

23 “(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The SCORE Associa-
24 tion shall submit to the Administrator an annual re-
25 port that contains—

1 “(A) the number of individuals counseled
2 or trained under the SCORE program;

3 “(B) the number of hours of counseling
4 provided under the SCORE program; and

5 “(C) to the extent possible—

6 “(i) the number of small business con-
7 cerns formed with assistance from the
8 SCORE program;

9 “(ii) the number of small business
10 concerns expanded with assistance from
11 the SCORE program; and

12 “(iii) the number of jobs created with
13 assistance from the SCORE program.

14 “(5) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Adminis-
16 trator nor the SCORE Association may disclose
17 the name, address, or telephone number of any
18 individual or small business concern receiving
19 assistance from the SCORE Association with-
20 out the consent of such individual or small busi-
21 ness concern, unless—

22 “(i) the Administrator is ordered to
23 make such a disclosure by a court in any
24 civil or criminal enforcement action initi-
25 ated by a Federal or State agency; or

1 “(ii) the Administrator determines
2 such a disclosure to be necessary for the
3 purpose of conducting a financial audit of
4 the SCORE program, in which case disclo-
5 sure shall be limited to the information
6 necessary for the audit.

7 “(B) ADMINISTRATOR USE OF INFORMA-
8 TION.—This paragraph shall not—

9 “(i) restrict the access of the Adminis-
10 trator to program activity data; or

11 “(ii) prevent the Administrator from
12 using client information to conduct client
13 surveys.

14 “(C) STANDARDS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
16 shall, after the opportunity for notice and
17 comment, establish standards for—

18 “(I) disclosures with respect to
19 financial audits under subparagraph
20 (A)(ii); and

21 “(II) conducting client surveys,
22 including standards for oversight of
23 the surveys and for dissemination and
24 use of client information.

1 “(ii) MAXIMUM PRIVACY PROTEC-
2 TION.—The standards issued under this
3 subparagraph shall, to the extent prac-
4 ticable, provide for the maximum amount
5 of privacy protection.”.

6 (c) ONLINE COMPONENT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(c) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)), as amended by
9 subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “(6) ONLINE COMPONENT.—In carrying out
12 this subsection, the SCORE Association shall make
13 use of online counseling, including by developing and
14 implementing webinars and an electronic mentoring
15 platform to expand access to services provided under
16 this subsection and to further support entre-
17 preneurs.”.

18 (2) ONLINE COMPONENT REPORT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—At the end of fiscal
20 year 2018, the SCORE Association shall issue
21 a report to the Committee on Small Business of
22 the House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
24 of the Senate on the effectiveness of the online

1 counseling and webinars required as part of the
2 SCORE program, including—

3 (i) how the SCORE Association deter-
4 mines electronic mentoring and webinar
5 needs, develops training for electronic men-
6 toring, establishes webinar criteria cur-
7 ricula, and evaluates webinar and elec-
8 tronic mentoring results;

9 (ii) describing the internal controls
10 that are used and a summary of the topics
11 covered by the webinars; and

12 (iii) performance metrics, including
13 the number of small business concerns
14 counseled by, the number of small business
15 concerns created by, the number of jobs
16 created and retained by, and the funding
17 amounts directed towards such online
18 counseling and webinars.

19 (B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
20 subsection, the terms “SCORE Association”
21 and “SCORE program” have the meaning
22 given those terms, respectively, under section
23 8(e)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
24 637(c)(1)).

1 (d) STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF
2 THE SCORE PROGRAM.—

3 (1) STUDY.—The SCORE Association shall
4 carry out a study on the future role of the SCORE
5 program and develop a strategic plan for how the
6 SCORE program will evolve to meet the needs of
7 small business concerns and potential future small
8 business concerns over the course of the 5 years fol-
9 lowing the date of enactment of this Act, with mark-
10 ers and specific objectives for year 1, year 3, and
11 year 5.

12 (2) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 6-
13 month period beginning on the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act, the SCORE Association shall issue
15 a report to the Committee on Small Business of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on
17 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate
18 containing—

19 (A) all findings and determination made in
20 carrying out the study required under para-
21 graph (1);

22 (B) the strategic plan developed under
23 paragraph (1);

24 (C) an explanation of how the SCORE As-
25 sociation plans to achieve the strategic plan, as-

1 suming both stagnant and increased funding
2 levels.

3 (3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-
4 tion, the terms “SCORE Association” and “SCORE
5 program” have the meaning given those terms, re-
6 spectively, under section 8(c)(1) of the Small Busi-
7 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).

8 (e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Busi-
10 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

11 (A) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15
12 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking
13 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and in-
14 serting “SCORE program”; and

15 (B) in section 22 (15 U.S.C. 649)—

16 (i) in subsection (b)—

17 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking
18 “Service Corps of Retired Executives”
19 and inserting “SCORE program”;
20 and

21 (II) in paragraph (3), by striking
22 “Service Corps of Retired Executives”
23 and inserting “SCORE program”;
24 and

1 (ii) in subsection (c)(12), by striking
2 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and
3 inserting “SCORE program”.

4 (2) OTHER LAWS.—

5 (A) CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PRO-
6 GRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009.—Sec-
7 tion 621 of the Children’s Health Insurance
8 Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (15
9 U.S.C. 657p) is amended—

10 (i) in subsection (a), by striking para-
11 graph (4) and inserting the following:

12 “(4) the term ‘SCORE program’ means the
13 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1)(B)
14 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
15 637(b)(1)(B));” and

16 (ii) in subsection (b)(4)(A)(iv), by
17 striking “Service Corps of Retired Execu-
18 tives” and inserting “SCORE program”.

19 (B) ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION
20 ACT.—Section 337(d)(2)(A) of the Energy Pol-
21 icy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
22 6307(d)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “Service
23 Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)” and in-
24 serting “SCORE program”.

