

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. EVANS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 861. IMPROVEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT CENTERS PROGRAM.**

3 (a) USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DE-
4 VELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—The Small Business Act (15
5 U.S.C. 631 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 48 as section 49;
7 and

8 (2) by inserting after section 47 the following
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 48. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**
11 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

12 **“(a) EXPANDED SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURS.—**

13 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, the Administrator shall only deliver
15 entrepreneurial development services, entrepreneurial
16 education, support for the development and mainte-
17 nance of clusters, or business training through a
18 program authorized under—

1 “(A) section 7(j), 7(m), 8(a), 8(b)(1), 21,
2 22, 29, or 32 of this Act; or

3 “(B) sections 358 or 389 of the Small
4 Business Investment Act of 1958.

5 “(2) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply
6 to services provided to assist small business concerns
7 owned by an Indian tribe (as such term is defined
8 in section 8(a)(13)).

9 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning on the first De-
10 cember 1 after the date of the enactment of this sub-
11 section, the Administrator shall annually report to the
12 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-
13 tives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
14 neurship of the Senate on all entrepreneurial development
15 activities undertaken in the current fiscal year through a
16 program described in subsection (a). Such report shall in-
17 clude—

18 “(1) a description and operating details for
19 each program and activity;

20 “(2) operating circulars, manuals, and standard
21 operating procedures for each program and activity;

22 “(3) a description of the process used to award
23 grants under each program and activity;

24 “(4) a list of all awardees, contractors, and ven-
25 dors (including organization name and location) and

1 the amount of awards for the current fiscal year for
2 each program and activity;

3 “(5) the amount of funding obligated for the
4 current fiscal year for each program and activity;
5 and

6 “(6) the names and titles for those individuals
7 responsible for each program and activity.”.

8 (b) **MARKETING OF SERVICES.**—Section 21 of the
9 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(o) **NO PROHIBITION OF MARKETING OF SERV-**
12 **ICES.**—The Administrator shall not prohibit applicants re-
13 ceiving grants under this section from marketing and ad-
14 vertising their services to individuals and small business
15 concerns.”.

16 (c) **DATA COLLECTION.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 21(a)(3)(A) of the
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(A)) is
19 amended—

20 (A) by striking “as provided in this section
21 and” and inserting “as provided in this sec-
22 tion,”; and

23 (B) by inserting before the period at the
24 end the following: “, and (iv) governing data

1 collection activities related to applicants receiv-
2 ing grants under this section”.

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—

4 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 648), as amended by subsection (b), is further
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(p) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—The
8 Administrator shall report annually to the Committee on
9 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the
10 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
11 the Senate on any data collection activities related to the
12 Small Business Development Center Program.”.

13 (3) WORKING GROUP TO IMPROVE DATA COL-
14 LECTION.—

15 (A) ESTABLISHMENT AND STUDY.—The
16 Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-
17 tration shall establish a group to be known as
18 the “Data Collection Working Group” con-
19 sisting of members from entrepreneurial devel-
20 opment grant recipients associations and orga-
21 nizations and officials from the Small Business
22 Administration, to carry out a study to deter-
23 mine the best way to capture data collection
24 and create or revise existing systems dedicated
25 to data collection.

1 (B) REPORT.—Not later than the end of
2 the 180-day period beginning on the date of the
3 enactment of this Act, the Data Collection
4 Working Group shall issue a report to the Com-
5 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives and the Committee on Small Busi-
7 ness and Entrepreneurship of the Senate con-
8 taining the findings and determinations made
9 in carrying out the study required under para-
10 graph (1), including—

11 (i) recommendations for revising exist-
12 ing data collection practices; and

13 (ii) a proposed plan for the Small
14 Business Administration to implement
15 such recommendations.

16 (d) FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-
17 SPONSORSHIPS.—Section 21(a)(3) of the Small Business
18 Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(C)), as amended by subsection
19 (c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(D) FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-
21 SPONSORSHIPS.—A small business development center
22 that participates in a private partnership or cosponsorship
23 with the Administration shall not be prohibited from col-
24 lecting fees or other income related to the operation of
25 such a private partnership or cosponsorship.”.

1 (e) EQUITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
2 CENTERS.—Subclause (I) of section 21(a)(4)(C)(v) of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(C)(v)) is amend-
4 ed to read as follows:

5 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the
6 amounts made available in any fiscal
7 year to carry out this section, not
8 more than \$600,000 may be used by
9 the Administration to pay expenses
10 enumerated in subparagraphs (B)
11 through (D) of section 20(a)(1).”.

12 (f) CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section
13 21(a)(7)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 648(a)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting after “under this
15 section” the following: “to any State, local, or Federal
16 agency, or to any third party”.

17 (g) LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS TO SMALL
18 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Small
20 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as amended by sub-
21 section (c), is further amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “any
23 women’s business center operating pursuant to
24 section 29,”; and

25 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(q) LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS.—Except
2 for not-for-profit institutions of higher education, and not-
3 withstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator
4 may not award grants (including contracts and coopera-
5 tive agreements) under this section to any entity other
6 than those that received grants (including contracts and
7 cooperative agreements) under this section prior to the
8 date of the enactment of this subsection, and that seek
9 to renew such grants (including contracts and cooperative
10 agreements) after such date.”.

11 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amend-
12 ments made by this section may not be construed as
13 prohibiting a women’s business center (as described
14 under section 29 of the Small Business Act (15
15 U.S.C. 656)) from receiving a subgrant from an en-
16 tity receiving a grant under section 21 of the Small
17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648).

