

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1730

To amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women’s business centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. PEREZ) 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 “Supporting Small
5 Business and Career and Technical Education Act of
6 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-**
2 **CATION.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Small Business
4 Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following new subsection:

6 “(gg) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The
7 term ‘career and technical education’ has the meaning
8 given the term in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career
9 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).”.

10 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—
11 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 648(c)(1)) is amended—

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

15 (2) in clause (v) of the first subparagraph (U)
16 (relating to succession planning), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

18 (3) in second subparagraph (U) (relating to
19 training on domestic and international intellectual
20 property protections)—

21 (A) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period
22 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23 (B) by redesignating such subparagraph as
24 subparagraph (V); and

25 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
26 paragraphs:

1 “(W) assisting small businesses in hiring
2 graduates from career and technical education
3 programs or programs of study; and

4 “(X) assisting graduates of career and
5 technical education programs or programs of
6 study in starting up a small business concern.”.

7 (c) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—Section 29(b) of
8 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

11 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
12 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraphs:

15 “(4) assistance for small business concerns to
16 hire graduates from career and technical education
17 programs or programs of study; and

18 “(5) assistance for graduates of career and
19 technical education programs or programs of study
20 to start up a small business concern.”.

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