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S. 1222

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to encourage entrepreneurship training in after school programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “21st Century Entre-
5 preneurship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) entrepreneurship creates new jobs, grows
9 the economy, increases productivity, and signifi-

1 cantly improves the quality of life of the people of
2 the United States;

3 (2) entrepreneurship rates in the United States
4 have declined substantially over the last several dec-
5 ades;

6 (3) children from disadvantaged communities
7 are less likely to become entrepreneurs and inven-
8 tors, hampering economic growth and harming com-
9 munities most in need;

10 (4) studies show that children with mentors in
11 entrepreneurship and inventorship are more likely to
12 pursue these fields in adulthood; and

13 (5) in order to promote growth in disadvan-
14 taged communities, increase entrepreneurship rates,
15 and improve the economy, volunteer mentors with
16 the SCORE program should be encouraged to en-
17 gage with children in community learning centers.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this Act—

20 (1) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-
21 trator” mean the Small Business Administration
22 and the Administrator thereof, respectively;

23 (2) the term “community learning center” has
24 the meaning given the term in section 4201(b) of

1 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
2 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171(b));

3 (3) the term “inventorship” means the activity
4 of creating, designing, or otherwise originating a
5 new product or service;

6 (4) the term “SCORE program” means the
7 Service Corps of Retired Executives described in sec-
8 tion 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
9 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)); and

10 (5) the term “small business development cen-
11 ter” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of
12 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

13 **SEC. 4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION FOR DISADVAN-**
14 **TAGED YOUTH.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall—

16 (1) develop a curriculum for volunteers with the
17 SCORE program to teach female students, minority
18 students, English learners, children with disabilities,
19 and low-income students who are often underrep-
20 resented in critical and enriching subjects about en-
21 trepreneurship and inventorship through community
22 learning centers;

23 (2) develop and implement a strategy to encour-
24 age partnerships between the SCORE program and
25 community learning centers to teach the curriculum

1 developed under paragraph (1) to the students de-
2 scribed in that paragraph through community learn-
3 ing centers; and

4 (3) in developing the curriculum required under
5 paragraph (1), collaborate with education specialists,
6 entrepreneurship groups, business groups, and
7 groups with experience serving underrepresented
8 children.

9 (b) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—In
10 carrying out the partnerships under subsection (a)(2), vol-
11 unteers with the SCORE program are encouraged to col-
12 laborate with other entrepreneurial development programs
13 of the Administration and other agencies, including—

14 (1) small business development centers;

15 (2) women’s business centers operating under
16 section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17 656);

18 (3) centers overseen by the Minority Business
19 Development Agency of the Department of Com-
20 merce; and

21 (4) the Growth Accelerator Fund Competition
22 of the Administration carried out under section 24
23 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act
24 of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719).

1 (c) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended,
3 in the first sentence, by inserting before the period at the
4 end the following: “and to carry out entrepreneurship and
5 inventorship programs under section 4(a) of the 21st Cen-
6 tury Entrepreneurship Act”.

7 (d) COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS.—Part B of
8 title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 4201(a)(2) (20 U.S.C.
11 7171(a)(2)), by inserting “entrepreneurship and
12 inventorship (as defined in section 3 of the 21st
13 Century Entrepreneurship Act) programs,” after
14 “apprenticeship programs,”; and

15 (2) in section 4205(a) (20 U.S.C. 7175(a))—

16 (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”
17 at the end;

18 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-
19 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(15) entrepreneurship and inventorship pro-
22 grams described in section 4(a) of the 21st Century
23 Entrepreneurship Act.”.

24 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter,

1 the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Small
 2 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the
 3 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-
 4 tives a report that—

5 (1) identifies each partnership between the
 6 SCORE program and a community learning center
 7 during the preceding 2-year period;

8 (2) documents the use of funds by the SCORE
 9 program, and adherence by the SCORE program to
 10 contract award and procurement procedures, relat-
 11 ing to the implementation of this Act;

12 (3) documents any training or guidance pro-
 13 vided to SCORE program chapter leadership on
 14 properly using funds provided to carry out this Act;

15 (4) estimates the number of students who were
 16 reached through the entrepreneurship curriculum de-
 17 veloped under subsection (a);

18 (5) identifies any barriers to reaching additional
 19 students; and

20 (6) identifies any plans for improving the cur-
 21 riculum or implementing the strategy developed
 22 under subsection (a).

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
 25 appropriated to the Administrator \$2,500,000 for

1 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to carry out
2 this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

3 (2) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Of amounts made
4 available to the Administrator to carry out this Act
5 and the amendments made by this Act, the Adminis-
6 trator may transfer any portion of those amounts to
7 the SCORE program to carry out such provisions.

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