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H. R. 7664

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

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.

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 “Supporting Small
3 Business and Career and Technical Education Act of
4 2022”.

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

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

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

14 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—
15 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 648(c)(1)) is amended—

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

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

22 (3) in second subparagraph (U) (relating to
23 training on domestic and international intellectual
24 property protections)—

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

1 (B) by redesignating such subparagraph as
2 subparagraph (V); and

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

5 “(W) assisting small businesses in hiring
6 graduates from career and technical education
7 programs or programs of study; and

8 “(X) assisting graduates of career and
9 technical education programs or programs of
10 study in starting up a small business concern.”.

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

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

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

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraphs:

19 “(4) assistance for small business concerns to
20 hire graduates from career and technical education
21 programs or programs of study; and

