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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MORAN) 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 “Service-Disabled Vet-
5 eran Opportunities in Small Business Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATION; ADMINISTRATOR.—The
 2 terms “Administration” and “Administrator” mean
 3 the Small Business Administration and the Adminis-
 4 trator thereof, respectively.

5 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN OWNED AND
 6 CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.—
 7 The term “small business concern owned and con-
 8 trolled by service-disabled veterans” has the meaning
 9 given the term in section 3(q) of the Small Business
 10 Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)).

11 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR**
 12 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
 13 **CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VET-**
 14 **ERANS.**

15 (a) REQUIRED TRAINING.—Notwithstanding the
 16 goals established under section 15(g)(1)(A) of the Small
 17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(A)) for each Federal
 18 agency, the Administration, in consultation with the Office
 19 of Veterans Business Development of the Administration,
 20 shall provide training to employees with responsibility for
 21 procurement or acquisition at any Federal agency that
 22 awards less than 3 percent of prime contracts and sub-
 23 contracts to small business concerns owned and controlled
 24 by service-disabled veterans in a fiscal year.

1 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in con-
3 sultation with the Office of Veterans Business Develop-
4 ment of the Administration, shall issue publicly available
5 guidance for each Federal agency that is required to meet
6 the goal under section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) of the Small Busi-
7 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(A)(ii)).

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Ad-
10 ministration shall submit to Congress a report detailing,
11 for the fiscal year covered by the report—

12 (1) a list of each Federal agency that awarded
13 less than the 3 percent of the prime contracts and
14 subcontracts required under section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii)
15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 644(g)(1)(A)(ii));

17 (2) the number of training sessions provided by
18 each such Federal agency under subsection (a);

19 (3) an overview of the content included in those
20 training sessions; and

21 (4) whether additional contracting opportunities
22 were provided to small business concerns owned and
23 controlled by service-disabled veterans.

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