H. R. 4515

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Garbarino (for himself, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Chabot) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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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 “Small Business Devel-
5 opment Center Cyber Training Act of 2021”.
SEC. 2. DUTIES OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER COUNSELORS.

Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o) CYBER STRATEGY TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means resources and tactics to assist in planning for cybersecurity and defending against cyber risks and cyber attacks; and

“(B) the term ‘lead small business development center’ means a small business development center that has received a grant from the Administration.

“(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall establish a cyber counseling certification program, or approve a similar existing program, to certify the employees of lead small business development centers to provide cyber planning assistance to small business concerns.

“(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—The Administrator shall ensure that the number of employees of each lead small business development center who are certified in providing cyber planning
assistance under this subsection is not fewer than
the lesser of—

“(A) 5; or
“(B) 10 percent of the total number of em-
ployees of the lead small business development
center.

“(4) CONSIDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DE-
VELOPMENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.—In car-
rying out this subsection, the Administrator, to the
extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy
methods included in the Small Business Develop-
ment Center Cyber Strategy developed under section
1841(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act
for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130
Stat. 2662).

“(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
ability of appropriations and subparagraph (B),
the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small
business development center for costs relating
to the certification of an employee of the lead
small business development center under the
program established under paragraph (2).
“(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-
imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-
graph (A) may not exceed $350,000 in any fiscal year.”