

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 207  
OFFERED BY MR. CHABOT OF OHIO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Developing the Next Generation of Small Businesses Act  
4 of 2016”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS  
IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Use of authorized entrepreneurial development programs.

Sec. 103. Marketing of services.

Sec. 104. Data collection.

Sec. 105. Fees from private partnerships and cosponsorships.

Sec. 106. Equity for small business development centers.

Sec. 107. Confidentiality requirements.

Sec. 108. Limitation on award of grants to small business development centers.

TITLE II—WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS PROGRAM  
IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Office of Women’s Business Ownership.

Sec. 203. Women’s Business Center Program.

Sec. 204. Matching requirements under Women’s Business Center Program.

TITLE III—SCORE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. SCORE Reauthorization.

Sec. 303. SCORE program.

Sec. 304. Online component.

Sec. 305. Study and report on the future role of the SCORE program.

Sec. 306. Technical and conforming amendments.

1 **TITLE I—SMALL BUSINESS DE-**  
2 **VELOPMENT CENTERS IM-**  
3 **PROVEMENTS**

4 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Small Business Devel-  
6 opment Centers Improvement Act of 2016”.

7 **SEC. 102. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**  
8 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

9 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 **“SEC. 48. USE OF AUTHORIZED ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-**  
12 **OPMENT PROGRAMS.**

13 “(a) EXPANDED SUPPORT FOR ENTREPRENEURS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
15 provision of law, the Administrator shall only use  
16 the programs authorized in sections 7(j), 7(m), 8(a),  
17 8(b)(1), 21, 22, 29, and 32 of this Act, and sections  
18 358 and 389 of the Small Business Investment Act  
19 to deliver entrepreneurial development services, en-  
20 trepreneurial education, support for the development  
21 and maintenance of clusters, or business training.

22 “(2) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply  
23 to services provided to assist small business concerns

1 owned by an Indian tribe (as such term is defined  
2 in section 8(a)(13)).

3 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning on the first De-  
4 cember 1 after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
5 the Administrator shall annually report to the Committee  
6 on Small Business of the House of Representatives and  
7 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
8 of the Senate on all entrepreneurial development activities  
9 undertaken in the current fiscal year. This report shall  
10 include—

11 “(1) a description and operating details for  
12 each program and activity;

13 “(2) operating circulars, manuals, and standard  
14 operating procedures for each program and activity;

15 “(3) a description of the process used to award  
16 grants under each program and activity;

17 “(4) a list of all awardees, contractors, and ven-  
18 dors (including organization name and location) and  
19 the amount of awards for the current fiscal year for  
20 each program and activity;

21 “(5) the amount of funding obligated for the  
22 current fiscal year for each program and activity;  
23 and

24 “(6) the names and titles for those individuals  
25 responsible for each program and activity.”.

1 **SEC. 103. MARKETING OF SERVICES.**

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

4 “(o) NO PROHIBITION OF MARKETING OF SERV-  
5 ICES.—The Administrator shall not prohibit applicants re-  
6 ceiving grants under this section from marketing and ad-  
7 vertising their services to individuals and small business  
8 concerns.”.

9 **SEC. 104. DATA COLLECTION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(a)(3)(A) of the Small  
11 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(A)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “as provided in this section  
13 and” and inserting “as provided in this section,”;  
14 and

15 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the  
16 following: “, and (iv) governing data collection ac-  
17 tivities related to applicants receiving grants under  
18 this section”.

19 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—Sec-  
20 tion 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as  
21 amended by section 103 of this Act, is further amended  
22 by adding at the end the following:

23 “(p) ANNUAL REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION.—The  
24 Administrator shall report annually to the Committee on  
25 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the  
26 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of

1 the Senate on any data collection activities related to the  
2 Small Business Development Center program.”.

3 (c) WORKING GROUP TO IMPROVE DATA COLLEC-  
4 TION.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT AND STUDY.—The Admin-  
6 istrator of the Small Business Administration shall  
7 establish a Data Collection Working Group con-  
8 sisting of members from entrepreneurial develop-  
9 ment grant recipients associations and organizations  
10 and Administration officials, to carry out a study to  
11 determine the best way to capture data collection  
12 and create or revise existing systems dedicated to  
13 data collection.

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the  
15 180-day period beginning on the date of the enact-  
16 ment of this Act, the Data Collection Working  
17 Group shall issue a report to the Committee on  
18 Small Business of the House of Representatives and  
19 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-  
20 neurship of the Senate containing the findings and  
21 determinations made in carrying out the study re-  
22 quired under paragraph (1), including—

23 (A) recommendations for revising existing  
24 data collection practices; and

1 (B) a proposed plan for the Small Busi-  
2 ness Administration to implement such rec-  
3 ommendations.

4 **SEC. 105. FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-**  
5 **SPONSORSHIPS.**

6 Section 21(a)(3) of the Small Business Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(C)), as amended by section 104, is fur-  
8 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(D) FEES FROM PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-  
10 SPONSORSHIPS.—Participation in private partnerships  
11 and cosponsorships with the Administration shall not limit  
12 small business development centers from collecting fees or  
13 other income related to the operation of such private part-  
14 nerships and cosponsorships.”.

15 **SEC. 106. EQUITY FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
16 **CENTERS.**

17 Subclause (I) of section 21(a)(4)(C)(v) of the Small  
18 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(C)(v)) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the  
21 amounts made available in any fiscal  
22 year to carry out this section not  
23 more than \$600,000 may be used by  
24 the Administration to pay expenses

1 enumerated in subparagraphs (B)  
2 through (D) of section 20(a)(1).”.

3 **SEC. 107. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 21(a)(7)(A) of the Small Business Act (15  
5 U.S.C. 648(a)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting after  
6 “under this section” the following: “to any State, local or  
7 Federal agency, or third party”.

8 **SEC. 108. LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS TO SMALL  
9 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Small Business  
11 Act (15 U.S.C. 648), as amended by section 104, is fur-  
12 ther amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “any wom-  
14 en’s business center operating pursuant to section  
15 29,”;

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(q) LIMITATION ON AWARD OF GRANTS.—Except  
18 for not-for-profit institutions of higher education, and not-  
19 withstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator  
20 may not award grants (including contracts and coopera-  
21 tive agreements) under this section to any entity other  
22 than those that received grants (including contracts and  
23 cooperative agreements) under this section prior to the  
24 date of the enactment of this subsection, and that seek

1 to renew such grants (including contracts and cooperative  
2 agreements) after such date.”.

3 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—The amendments  
4 made by this section may not be construed as prohibiting  
5 a women’s business center from receiving a subgrant from  
6 an entity receiving a grant under section 21 of the Small  
7 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648).

8 **TITLE II—WOMEN’S BUSINESS**  
9 **CENTERS PROGRAM IM-**  
10 **PROVEMENTS**

11 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This title may be cited as the “Women’s Business  
13 Centers Improvements Act of 2016”.

14 **SEC. 202. OFFICE OF WOMEN’S BUSINESS OWNERSHIP.**

15 Section 29(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
16 656(g)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs  
18 (B) and (C) and inserting the following:

19 “(B) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The responsibil-  
20 ities of the Assistant Administrator shall be to  
21 administer the programs and services of the Of-  
22 fice of Women’s Business Ownership.

23 “(C) **DUTIES.**—The Assistant Adminis-  
24 trator shall perform the following functions



1 with respect to the Office of Women’s Business  
2 Ownership:

3 “(i) Recommend the annual adminis-  
4 trative and program budgets of the Office  
5 and eligible entities receiving a grant  
6 under the Women’s Business Center Pro-  
7 gram.

8 “(ii) Review the annual budgets sub-  
9 mitted by each eligible entity receiving a  
10 grant under the Women’s Business Center  
11 Program.

12 “(iii) Select applicants to receive  
13 grants to operate a women’s business cen-  
14 ter after reviewing information required by  
15 this section, including the budget of each  
16 applicant.

17 “(iv) Collaborate with other Federal  
18 departments and agencies, State and local  
19 governments, not-for-profit organizations,  
20 and for-profit enterprises to maximize uti-  
21 lization of taxpayer dollars and reduce (or  
22 eliminate) any duplication among the pro-  
23 grams overseen by the Office of Women’s  
24 Business Ownership and those of other en-

1           tities that provide similar services to  
2           women entrepreneurs.

3                   “(v) Maintain a clearinghouse to pro-  
4           vide for the dissemination and exchange of  
5           information between women’s business cen-  
6           ters.

7                   “(vi) Serve as the vice chairperson of  
8           the Interagency Committee on Women’s  
9           Business Enterprise and as the liaison for  
10          the National Women’s Business Council.”;  
11          and

12                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

13                   “(3) MISSION.—The mission of the Office of  
14          Women’s Business Ownership shall be to assist  
15          women entrepreneurs to start, grow, and compete in  
16          global markets by providing quality support with ac-  
17          cess to capital, access to markets, job creation,  
18          growth, and counseling by—

19                           “(A) fostering participation of women en-  
20          trepreneurs in the economy by overseeing a net-  
21          work of women’s business centers throughout  
22          States and territories;

23                           “(B) creating public-private partnerships  
24          to support women entrepreneurs and conduct  
25          outreach and education to startup and existing

1 small business concerns owned and controlled  
2 by women; and

3 “(C) working with other programs over-  
4 seen by the Administrator to ensure women are  
5 well-represented and being served and to iden-  
6 tify gaps where participation by women could  
7 be increased.

8 “(4) ACCREDITATION PROGRAM.—

9 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than  
10 270 days after the date of enactment of this  
11 paragraph, the Administrator shall establish  
12 standards for an accreditation program for ac-  
13 crediting eligible entities receiving a grant  
14 under this section, after notice and the oppor-  
15 tunity for public comment of no less than 60  
16 days.

17 “(B) TRANSITION PROVISION.—Before the  
18 date on which standards are established under  
19 subparagraph (A), the Administrator may not  
20 terminate a grant under this section absent evi-  
21 dence of fraud or other criminal misconduct by  
22 the recipient.

23 “(C) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—The Ad-  
24 ministrator may provide financial assistance, by  
25 contract or otherwise, to a relevant national

1 women’s business center representative associa-  
2 tion to provide assistance in establishing the  
3 standards required under subparagraph (A) or  
4 for carrying out an accreditation program pur-  
5 suant to such standards.”.

6 **SEC. 203. WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 29(a) of the Small Busi-  
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (4);

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as  
11 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(2) the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

15 “(A) an organization described in section  
16 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
17 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)  
18 of such Code;

19 “(B) a State, regional, or local economic  
20 development organization, so long as the orga-  
21 nization certifies that grant funds received  
22 under this section will not be co-mingled with  
23 other funds;

1           “(C) an institution of higher education,  
2           unless such institution is currently receiving a  
3           grant under section 21;

4           “(D) a development, credit, or finance cor-  
5           poration chartered by a State, so long as the  
6           corporation certifies that grant funds received  
7           under this section will not be co-mingled with  
8           other funds; or

9           “(E) any combination of entities listed in  
10          subparagraphs (A) through (D);”;

11          (4) by adding at the end the following:

12          “(5) the term ‘women’s business center’ means  
13          the location at which counseling and training on the  
14          management, operations (including manufacturing,  
15          services, and retail), access to capital, international  
16          trade, Government procurement opportunities, and  
17          any other matter is needed to start, maintain, or ex-  
18          pand a small business concern owned and controlled  
19          by women.”.

20          (b) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 29(b) of the Small Busi-  
21          ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

22                  (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and  
23                  (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively,  
24                  and adjusting the margins accordingly;

1           (2) by striking “The Administration” and all  
2 that follows through “5-year projects” and inserting  
3 the following:

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a  
5 Women’s Business Center Program under which the  
6 Administrator may provide a grant to any eligible  
7 entity to operate one or more women’s business cen-  
8 ters”;

9           (3) by striking “The projects shall” and insert-  
10 ing the following:

11           “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—The women’s business  
12 centers shall be designed to provide counseling and  
13 training that meets the needs of women, especially  
14 socially or economically disadvantaged women, and  
15 shall”; and

16           (4) by adding at the end the following:

17           “(3) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a  
19 grant provided under this subsection to an eligi-  
20 ble entity per project year shall be not more  
21 than \$185,000 (as such amount is annually ad-  
22 justed by the Administrator to reflect the  
23 change in inflation).

24           “(B) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
2           subparagraph (A), with respect to an eligi-  
3           ble entity that has received \$185,000 in  
4           grants under this subsection in a project  
5           year, the Administrator may award an ad-  
6           ditional grant under this subsection of up  
7           to \$65,000 during such project year if the  
8           Administrator determines that the eligible  
9           entity—

10                   “(I) agrees to obtain, after its  
11                   application has been approved and no-  
12                   tice of award has been issued, cash  
13                   contributions from non-Federal  
14                   sources of 1 non-Federal dollar for  
15                   each Federal dollar;

16                   “(II) is in good standing with the  
17                   Women’s Business Center Program;  
18                   and

19                   “(III) has met performance goals  
20                   for the previous project year, if appli-  
21                   cable.

22           “(ii) LIMITATIONS.—The Adminis-  
23           trator may only award additional grants  
24           under clause (i)—

1                   “(I) during the 3rd and 4th  
2                   quarters of the fiscal year; and

3                   “(II) from unobligated amounts  
4                   made available to the Administrator  
5                   to carry out this section.

6                   “(4) NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIRED.—The  
7                   Administrator may only make a change to the stand-  
8                   ards by which an eligible entity obtains or maintains  
9                   grants under this section, the standards for accredi-  
10                  tation, or any other requirement for the operation of  
11                  a women’s business center if the Administrator first  
12                  provides notice and the opportunity for public com-  
13                  ment, as set forth in section 553(b) of title 5,  
14                  United States Code, without regard to any excep-  
15                  tions provided for under such section.”.

16                  (c) CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.—Section 29(c)  
17                  of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(c)) is amend-  
18                  ed—

19                   (1) in paragraph (1)—

20                   (A) by striking “the recipient organiza-  
21                   tion” and inserting “an eligible entity”; and

22                   (B) by striking “financial assistance” and  
23                   inserting “a grant”;

24                   (2) in paragraph (3)—



1 (A) by striking “financial assistance au-  
2 thorized pursuant to this section may be made  
3 by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement  
4 and” and inserting “grants authorized pursuant  
5 to this section”; and

6 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “a  
7 recipient organization” and inserting “an eligi-  
8 ble entity”;

9 (3) in paragraph (4)—

10 (A) by striking “recipient of assistance”  
11 and inserting “eligible entity”;

12 (B) by striking “during any project, it  
13 shall not be eligible thereafter” and inserting  
14 “during any project for 2 consecutive years, the  
15 eligible entity shall not be eligible at any time  
16 after that 2-year period”;

17 (C) by striking “such organization” and  
18 inserting “the eligible entity”; and

19 (D) by striking “the recipient” and insert-  
20 ing “the eligible entity”; and

21 (4) by adding at end the following:

22 “(5) SEPARATION OF PROJECT AND FUNDS.—

23 An eligible entity shall—

1           “(A) carry out a project under this section  
2 separately from other projects, if any, of the eli-  
3 gible entity; and

4           “(B) separately maintain and account for  
5 any grants under this section.

6           “(6) EXAMINATION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

7           “(A) REQUIRED SITE VISIT.—Each appli-  
8 cant, prior to receiving a grant under this sec-  
9 tion, shall have a site visit by an employee of  
10 the Administration, in order to ensure that the  
11 applicant has sufficient resources to provide the  
12 services for which the grant is being provided.

13           “(B) ANNUAL REVIEW.—An employee of  
14 the Administration shall—

15           “(i) conduct an annual review of the  
16 compliance of each eligible entity receiving  
17 a grant under this section with the grant  
18 agreement, including a financial examina-  
19 tion; and

20           “(ii) provide such review to the eligi-  
21 ble entity as required under subsection (l).

22           “(7) REMEDIATION OF PROBLEMS.—

23           “(A) PLAN OF ACTION.—If a review of an  
24 eligible entity under paragraph (6)(B) identifies  
25 any problems, the eligible entity shall, within 45

1 calendar days of receiving such review, provide  
2 the Assistant Administrator with a plan of ac-  
3 tion, including specific milestones, for cor-  
4 recting such problems.

5 “(B) PLAN OF ACTION REVIEW BY THE AS-  
6 SISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Assistant Ad-  
7 ministrator shall review each plan of action sub-  
8 mitted under subparagraph (A) within 30 cal-  
9 endar days of receiving such plan and—

10 “(i) if the Assistant Administrator de-  
11 termines that such plan will bring the eligi-  
12 ble entity into compliance with all the  
13 terms of the grant agreement, approve  
14 such plan;

15 “(ii) if the Assistant Administrator  
16 determines that such plan is inadequate to  
17 remedy the problems identified in the an-  
18 nual review to which the plan of action re-  
19 lates, the Assistant Administrator shall set  
20 forth such reasons in writing and provide  
21 such determination to the eligible entity  
22 within 15 calendar days of such determina-  
23 tion.

24 “(C) AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF ACTION.—  
25 An eligible entity receiving a determination

1 under subparagraph (B)(ii) shall have 30 cal-  
2 endar days from the receipt of the determina-  
3 tion to amend the plan of action to satisfy the  
4 problems identified by the Assistant Adminis-  
5 trator and resubmit such plan to the Assistant  
6 Administrator.

7 “(D) AMENDED PLAN REVIEW BY THE AS-  
8 SISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—Within 15 calendar  
9 days of the receipt of an amended plan of ac-  
10 tion under subparagraph (C), the Assistant Ad-  
11 ministrator shall either approve or reject such  
12 plan and provide such approval or rejection in  
13 writing to the eligible entity.

14 “(E) APPEAL OF ASSISTANT ADMINIS-  
15 TRATOR DETERMINATION.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Assistant  
17 Administrator rejects an amended plan  
18 under subparagraph (D), the eligible entity  
19 shall have the opportunity to appeal such  
20 decision to the Administrator, who may  
21 delegate such appeal to an appropriate of-  
22 ficer of the Administration.

23 “(ii) OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLA-  
24 NATION.—Any appeal described under  
25 clause (i) shall provide an opportunity for

1 the eligible entity to provide, in writing, an  
2 explanation of why the eligible entity's plan  
3 remedies the problems identified in the an-  
4 nual review.

5 “(iii) NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.—  
6 The determination of the appeal shall be  
7 provided to the eligible entity, in writing,  
8 within 15 calendar days from the eligible  
9 entity's filing of the appeal.

10 “(iv) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO ACT.—  
11 If the Administrator fails to act on an ap-  
12 peal made under this subparagraph within  
13 the 15 calendar day period specified under  
14 clause (iii), the eligible entity's amended  
15 plan of action submitted under subpara-  
16 graph (C) shall be deemed to be approved.

17 “(8) TERMINATION OF GRANT.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
19 shall issue regulations (after providing an op-  
20 portunity for notice and comment) to provide  
21 that, if an eligible entity fails to comply with a  
22 plan of action approved by the Assistant Ad-  
23 ministrator under paragraph (7)(B)(i) or an  
24 amended plan of action approved by the Assist-  
25 ant Administrator under paragraph (7)(D) or

1 approved on appeal under paragraph (7)(E),  
2 the Assistant Administrator shall terminate the  
3 grant provided to the eligible entity under this  
4 section.

5 “(B) APPEAL OF TERMINATION.—An eligi-  
6 ble entity that has a grant terminated under  
7 subparagraph (A) shall have the opportunity to  
8 challenge the termination on the record and  
9 after an opportunity for a hearing.

10 “(C) FINAL AGENCY ACTION.—The deter-  
11 mination made pursuant to subparagraph (B)  
12 shall be considered final agency action for the  
13 purposes of chapter 7, title 5, United States  
14 Code.”.

15 (d) SUBMISSION OF 5-YEAR PLAN.—Section 29(e) of  
16 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(e)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “applicant organization” and in-  
18 serting “eligible entity”;

19 (2) by striking “a recipient organization” and  
20 inserting “an eligible entity”;

21 (3) by striking “financial assistance” and in-  
22 serting “grants”; and

23 (4) by striking “site”.

1 (e) APPLICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR INITIAL  
2 GRANT.—Subsection (f) of section 29 of the Small Busi-  
3 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(f) APPLICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR INITIAL  
5 GRANT.—

6 “(1) APPLICATION.—Each eligible entity desir-  
7 ing a grant under subsection (b) shall submit to the  
8 Administrator an application that contains—

9 “(A) a certification that the eligible enti-  
10 ty—

11 “(i) has designated an executive direc-  
12 tor or program manager, who may be com-  
13 pensated using grant funds under sub-  
14 section (b) or other sources, to manage the  
15 women’s business center for which a grant  
16 under subsection (b) is sought;

17 “(ii) meets the accounting and report-  
18 ing requirements established by the Direc-  
19 tor of the Office of Management and  
20 Budget;

21 “(B) information demonstrating that the  
22 eligible entity has the ability and resources to  
23 meet the needs of the market to be served by  
24 the women’s business center, including the abil-

1           ity to obtain the non-Federal contribution re-  
2           quired under subsection (c);

3           “(C) information relating to the assistance  
4           to be provided by the women’s business center  
5           in the area in which the women’s business cen-  
6           ter is located;

7           “(D) information demonstrating the expe-  
8           rience and effectiveness of the eligible entity  
9           in—

10           “(i) conducting the services described  
11           under subsection (a)(5);

12           “(ii) providing training and services to  
13           a representative number of women who are  
14           socially or economically disadvantaged; and

15           “(iii) working with resource partners  
16           of the Administration and other entities,  
17           such as universities; and

18           “(E) a 5-year plan that describes the abil-  
19           ity of the eligible entity to provide the services  
20           described under subsection (a)(3), including to  
21           a representative number of women who are so-  
22           cially or economically disadvantaged.

23           “(2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS  
24           FOR INITIAL GRANTS.—



1                   “(A) REVIEW AND SELECTION OF ELIGI-  
2                   BLE ENTITIES.—

3                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
4                   shall review applications to determine  
5                   whether the applicant can meet obligations  
6                   to perform the activities required by a  
7                   grant under this section, including—

8                   “(I) the experience of the appli-  
9                   cant in conducting activities required  
10                  by this section;

11                  “(II) the amount of time needed  
12                  for the applicant to commence oper-  
13                  ations should it be awarded a grant;

14                  “(III) the capacity of the appli-  
15                  cant to meet the accreditation stand-  
16                  ards established by the Administrator  
17                  in a timely manner;

18                  “(IV) the ability of the applicant  
19                  to sustain operations for more than 5  
20                  years (including its ability to obtain  
21                  sufficient non-Federal funds for that  
22                  period); and

23                  “(V) the location of the women’s  
24                  business center and its proximity to

1 other grant recipients under this sec-  
2 tion.

3 “(ii) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

4 “(I) RULEMAKING.—The Admin-  
5 istrator shall issue regulations (after  
6 providing an opportunity for notice  
7 and comment) to specify the criteria  
8 for review and selection of applicants  
9 under this subsection.

10 “(II) MODIFICATIONS PROHIB-  
11 ITED AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT.—With  
12 respect to a public announcement of  
13 any opportunity to be awarded a  
14 grant under this section made by the  
15 Administrator pursuant to subsection  
16 (l)(1), the Administrator may not  
17 modify regulations issued pursuant to  
18 subclause (I) with respect to such op-  
19 portunity unless required to do so by  
20 an Act of Congress or an order of a  
21 Federal court.

22 “(III) RULE OF CONSTRUC-  
23 TION.—Nothing in this clause may be  
24 construed as prohibiting the Adminis-  
25 trator from modifying the regulations

1 issued pursuant to subclause (I) (after  
2 providing an opportunity for notice  
3 and comment) as such regulations  
4 apply to an opportunity to be awarded  
5 a grant under this section that the  
6 Administrator has not yet publicly an-  
7 nounced pursuant to subsection (l)(1).

8 “(B) RECORD RETENTION.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
10 shall maintain a copy of each application  
11 submitted under this subsection for not  
12 less than 5 years.

13 “(ii) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The  
14 Administrator shall take steps to reduce,  
15 to the maximum extent practicable, the pa-  
16 perwork burden associated with carrying  
17 out clause (i).”.

18 (f) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE  
19 WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.—Section 29 of  
20 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended by  
21 inserting after subsection (k) the following:

22 “(l) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE  
23 WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.—The Adminis-  
24 trator shall provide—

1           “(1) a public announcement of any opportunity  
2           to be awarded grants under this section, and such  
3           announcement shall include the standards by which  
4           such award will be made, including the regulations  
5           issued pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(A)(ii);

6           “(2) the opportunity for any applicant for a  
7           grant under this section that failed to obtain such  
8           a grant a debriefing with the Assistant Adminis-  
9           trator to review the reasons for the applicant’s fail-  
10          ure; and

11          “(3) with respect to any site visit or evaluation  
12          of an eligible entity receiving a grant under this sec-  
13          tion that is carried out by an officer or employee of  
14          the Administration (other than the Inspector Gen-  
15          eral), a copy of the site visit report or evaluation, as  
16          applicable, within 30 calendar days of the completion  
17          of such vision or evaluation.”.

18          (g) CONTINUED FUNDING FOR CENTERS.—Section  
19 29(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)) is  
20 amended—

21                 (1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the  
22                 following:

23                 “(3) APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FOR CON-  
24                 TINUATION GRANTS.—

1           “(A) SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.—

2           The Administrator shall solicit applications and  
3           award continuation grants under this subsection  
4           for the first fiscal year beginning after the date  
5           of enactment of this paragraph, and every third  
6           fiscal year thereafter.

7           “(B) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each  
8           eligible entity desiring a grant under this sub-  
9           section shall submit to the Administrator an ap-  
10          plication that contains—

11                   “(i) a certification that the appli-  
12                   cant—

13                           “(I) is an eligible entity;

14                           “(II) has designated an executive  
15                           director or program manager to man-  
16                           age the women’s business center oper-  
17                           ated by the applicant; and

18                           “(III) as a condition of receiving  
19                           a grant under this subsection,  
20                           agrees—

21                                   “(aa) to receive a site visit  
22                                   as part of the final selection  
23                                   process, at the discretion of the  
24                                   Administrator; and

1                   “(bb) to remedy any prob-  
2                   lem identified pursuant to the  
3                   site visit under item (aa);

4                   “(ii) information demonstrating that  
5                   the applicant has the ability and resources  
6                   to meet the needs of the market to be  
7                   served by the women’s business center for  
8                   which a grant under this subsection is  
9                   sought, including the ability to obtain the  
10                  non-Federal contribution required under  
11                  paragraph (4)(C);

12                  “(iii) information relating to assist-  
13                  ance to be provided by the women’s busi-  
14                  ness center in the geographic area served  
15                  by the women’s business center for which  
16                  a grant under this subsection is sought;

17                  “(iv) information demonstrating that  
18                  the applicant has worked with resource  
19                  partners of the Administration and other  
20                  entities;

21                  “(v) a 3-year plan that describes the  
22                  services provided by the women’s business  
23                  center for which a grant under this sub-  
24                  section is sought—

1                   “(I) to serve women who are  
2                   business owners or potential business  
3                   owners by conducting training and  
4                   counseling activities; and

5                   “(II) to provide training and  
6                   services to a representative number of  
7                   women who are socially or economi-  
8                   cally disadvantaged; and

9                   “(vi) any additional information that  
10                  the Administrator may reasonably require.

11                  “(C) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICA-  
12                  TIONS FOR GRANTS.—

13                  “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-  
14                  trator—

15                         “(I) shall review each application  
16                         submitted under subparagraph (B),  
17                         based on the information described in  
18                         such subparagraph and the criteria  
19                         set forth under clause (ii) of this sub-  
20                         paragraph; and

21                         “(II) as part of the final selection  
22                         process, may, at the discretion of the  
23                         Administrator, conduct a site visit to  
24                         each women’s business center for  
25                         which a grant under this subsection is

1 sought, in particular to evaluate the  
2 women’s business center using the se-  
3 lection criteria described in clause  
4 (ii)(II).

5 “(ii) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Admin-  
7 istrator shall evaluate applicants for  
8 grants under this subsection in ac-  
9 cordance with selection criteria that  
10 are—

11 “(aa) established before the  
12 date on which applicants are re-  
13 quired to submit the applications;

14 “(bb) stated in terms of rel-  
15 ative importance; and

16 “(cc) publicly available and  
17 stated in each solicitation for ap-  
18 plications for grants under this  
19 subsection made by the Adminis-  
20 trator.

21 “(II) REQUIRED CRITERIA.—The  
22 selection criteria for a grant under  
23 this subsection shall include—



1           “(aa) the total number of  
2 entrepreneurs served by the ap-  
3 plicant;

4           “(bb) the total number of  
5 new startup companies assisted  
6 by the applicant;

7           “(cc) the percentage of cli-  
8 ents of the applicant that are so-  
9 cially or economically disadvan-  
10 taged;

11           “(dd) the percentage of indi-  
12 viduals in the community served  
13 by the applicant who are socially  
14 or economically disadvantaged;

15           “(ee) the successful accredi-  
16 tation of the applicant under the  
17 accreditation program developed  
18 under subsection (g)(5); and

19           “(ff) any additional criteria  
20 that the Administrator may rea-  
21 sonably require.

22           “(iii) CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED  
23 FUNDING.—In determining whether to  
24 make a grant under this subsection, the  
25 Administrator—

1           “(I) shall consider the results of  
2           the most recent evaluation of the  
3           women’s business center for which a  
4           grant under this subsection is sought,  
5           and, to a lesser extent, previous eval-  
6           uations; and

7           “(II) may withhold a grant under  
8           this subsection, if the Administrator  
9           determines that the applicant has  
10          failed to provide the information re-  
11          quired to be provided under this para-  
12          graph, or the information provided by  
13          the applicant is inadequate.

14          “(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 60  
15          calendar days after the date of each deadline to  
16          submit applications under this paragraph, the  
17          Administrator shall approve or deny each sub-  
18          mitted application and notify the applicant for  
19          each such application of the approval or denial.

20          “(E) RECORD RETENTION.—

21                 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
22                 shall maintain a copy of each application  
23                 submitted under this paragraph for not  
24                 less than 5 years.

1                   “(ii) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The  
2                   Administrator shall take steps to reduce,  
3                   to the maximum extent practicable, the pa-  
4                   perwork burden associated with carrying  
5                   out clause (i).”; and

6                   (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the  
7                   following:

8                   “(5) AWARD TO PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS.—There  
9                   shall be no limitation on the number of times the  
10                  Administrator may award a grant to an applicant  
11                  under this subsection.”.

12                  (h) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
13                  Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is  
14                  amended—

15                  (1) in subsection (h)(2), by striking “to award  
16                  a contract (as a sustainability grant) under sub-  
17                  section (l) or”;

18                  (2) in subsection (j)(1), by striking “The Ad-  
19                  ministration” and inserting “Not later than Novem-  
20                  ber 1 of each year, the Administrator”;

21                  (3) in subsection (k)—

22                          (A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (4);

23                          (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
24                          paragraph (4);

1 (C) by inserting before paragraph (2) the  
2 following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
4 appropriated to the Administration to carry out this  
5 section, to remain available until expended,  
6 \$21,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through  
7 2020.”; and

8 (D) in paragraph (2), by striking subpara-  
9 graph (B) and inserting the following:

10 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Of the amount made  
11 available under this subsection for a fiscal year,  
12 the following amounts shall be available for se-  
13 lection panel costs, costs associated with main-  
14 taining an accreditation program, and post-  
15 award conference costs:

16 “(i) For the first fiscal year beginning  
17 after the date of the enactment of this sub-  
18 paragraph, 2.65 percent.

19 “(ii) For the second fiscal year begin-  
20 ning after the date of the enactment of  
21 this subparagraph and each fiscal year  
22 thereafter through fiscal year 2020, 2.5  
23 percent.”; and

24 (4) in subsection (m)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
2 section (b) or (l)” and inserting “this sub-  
3 section or subsection (b)”;

4 (B) in paragraph (4)(D), by striking “or  
5 subsection (l)”.

6 (i) EFFECT ON EXISTING GRANTS.—

7 (1) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A nonprofit or-  
8 ganization receiving a grant under section 29(m) of  
9 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)), as in  
10 effect on the day before the date of enactment of  
11 this Act, shall continue to receive the grant under  
12 the terms and conditions in effect for the grant on  
13 the day before the date of enactment of this Act, ex-  
14 cept that the nonprofit organization may not apply  
15 for a continuation of the grant under section  
16 29(m)(5) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
17 656(m)(5)), as in effect on the day before the date  
18 of enactment of this Act.

19 (2) LENGTH OF CONTINUATION GRANT.—The  
20 Administrator of the Small Business Administration  
21 may award a grant under section 29(m) of the Small  
22 Business Act to a nonprofit organization receiving a  
23 grant under section 29(m) of the Small Business  
24 Act (15 U.S.C. 656(m)), as in effect on the day be-

1       fore the date of enactment of this Act, for the pe-  
2       riod—

3               (A) beginning on the day after the last day  
4               of the grant agreement under such section  
5               29(m); and

6               (B) ending at the end of the third fiscal  
7               year beginning after the date of enactment of  
8               this Act.

9       **SEC. 204. MATCHING REQUIREMENTS UNDER WOMEN'S**  
10               **BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 29(c) of the Small Busi-  
12       ness Act (15 U.S.C. 656(c)), as amended by section 204  
13       of this Act, is amended—

14               (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “As a condi-  
15               tion” and inserting “Subject to paragraph (6), as a  
16               condition”; and

17               (2) by adding at the end the following:

18               “(9) WAIVER OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

19               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request by an  
20               eligible entity, and in accordance with this para-  
21               graph, the Administrator may waive, in whole  
22               or in part, the requirement to obtain non-Fed-  
23               eral funds under this subsection for counseling  
24               and training activities of the eligible entity car-  
25               ried out using a grant under this section for a

1 fiscal year. The Administrator may not waive  
2 the requirement for an eligible entity to obtain  
3 non-Federal funds under this paragraph for  
4 more than a total of 2 consecutive fiscal years.

5 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining  
6 whether to waive the requirement to obtain  
7 non-Federal funds under this paragraph, the  
8 Administrator shall consider—

9 “(i) the economic conditions affecting  
10 the eligible entity;

11 “(ii) the impact a waiver under this  
12 paragraph would have on the credibility of  
13 the Women’s Business Center Program  
14 under this section;

15 “(iii) the demonstrated ability of the  
16 eligible entity to raise non-Federal funds;  
17 and

18 “(iv) the performance of the eligible  
19 entity.

20 “(C) LIMITATION.—The Administrator  
21 may not waive the requirement to obtain non-  
22 Federal funds under this paragraph if granting  
23 the waiver would undermine the credibility of  
24 the Women’s Business Center Program.

1           “(10) SOLICITATION.—Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of law, eligible entity may—

3           “(A) solicit cash and in-kind contributions  
4 from private individuals and entities to be used  
5 to carry out the activities of the eligible entity  
6 under the project conducted under this section;  
7 and

8           “(B) use amounts made available by the  
9 Administrator under this section for the cost of  
10 such solicitation and management of the con-  
11 tributions received.

12           “(11) EXCESS NON-FEDERAL DOLLARS.—The  
13 amount of non-Federal dollars obtained by an eligi-  
14 ble entity that is above the amount that is required  
15 to be obtained by the eligible entity under this sub-  
16 section shall not be subject to the requirements of  
17 part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, or  
18 any successor thereto, if such amount of non-Fed-  
19 eral dollars—

20           “(A) is not used as matching funds for  
21 purposes of implementing the Women’s Busi-  
22 ness Center Program; and

23           “(B) was not obtained using funds from  
24 the Women’s Business Center Program.”.

25           (b) REGULATIONS.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Small  
2 Business Administration shall—

3           (A) except as provided in paragraph (2),  
4 and not later than 270 days after the date of  
5 enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal  
6 Register proposed regulations by the Adminis-  
7 trator to carry out the amendments made to  
8 section 29 of the Small Business Act (15  
9 U.S.C. 656) by this title; and

10           (B) accept public comments on such pro-  
11 posed regulations for not less than 60 days.

12           (2) EXISTING PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Para-  
13 graph (1)(A) shall not apply to the extent proposed  
14 regulations by the Administrator have been pub-  
15 lished on the date of enactment of this Act that are  
16 sufficient to carry out the amendments made to sec-  
17 tion 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)  
18 by this title.

19           **TITLE III—SCORE PROGRAM**  
20                           **REAUTHORIZATION**

21           **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

22           This title may be cited as the “SCORE for Small  
23 Business Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 302. SCORE REAUTHORIZATION.**

2 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631  
3 note) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
5 section (f); and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) SCORE PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be  
8 appropriated to the Administrator to carry out the  
9 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1) such sums  
10 as are necessary for the Administrator to make grants or  
11 enter into cooperative agreements in a total amount that  
12 does not exceed \$10,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2017  
13 and 2018.”.

14 **SEC. 303. SCORE PROGRAM.**

15 Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)  
16 is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking “a Serv-  
18 ice Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)” and in-  
19 serting “the SCORE program described in sub-  
20 section (c)”; and

21 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
22 following:

23 “(c) SCORE PROGRAM.—

24 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

25 “(A) SCORE ASSOCIATION.—The term  
26 ‘SCORE Association’ means the Service Corps

1 of Retired Executives Association or any suc-  
2 cessor or other organization who receives a  
3 grant from the Administrator to operate the  
4 SCORE program under paragraph (2)(A).

5 “(B) SCORE PROGRAM.—The term  
6 ‘SCORE program’ means the SCORE program  
7 authorized by subsection (b)(1)(B).

8 “(2) MANAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
10 shall provide a grant to the SCORE Association  
11 to manage the SCORE program.

12 “(B) VOLUNTEERS.—A volunteer partici-  
13 pating in the SCORE program shall—

14 “(i) based on the business experience  
15 and knowledge of the volunteer—

16 “(I) provide at no cost to individ-  
17 uals who own, or aspire to own, small  
18 business concerns personal counseling,  
19 mentoring, and coaching relating to  
20 the process of starting, expanding,  
21 managing, buying, and selling a busi-  
22 ness; and

23 “(II) facilitate low-cost education  
24 workshops for individuals who own, or

1                   aspire to own, small business con-  
2                   cerns; and

3                   “(ii) as appropriate, use tools, re-  
4                   sources, and expertise of other organiza-  
5                   tions to carry out the SCORE program.

6                   “(3) PLANS AND GOALS.—The Administrator,  
7                   in consultation with the SCORE Association, shall  
8                   ensure that the SCORE program and each chapter  
9                   of the SCORE program develop and implement  
10                  plans and goals to more effectively and efficiently  
11                  provide services to individuals in rural areas, eco-  
12                  nomically disadvantaged communities, and other tra-  
13                  ditionally underserved communities, including plans  
14                  for electronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chap-  
15                  ter expansion, partnerships, and the development of  
16                  new skills by volunteers participating in the SCORE  
17                  program.

18                  “(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The SCORE Associa-  
19                  tion shall submit to the Administrator an annual re-  
20                  port that contains—

21                         “(A) the number of individuals counseled  
22                         or trained under the SCORE program;

23                         “(B) the number of hours of counseling  
24                         provided under the SCORE program; and

25                         “(C) to the extent possible—

1           “(i) the number of small business con-  
2           cerns formed with assistance from the  
3           SCORE program;

4           “(ii) the number of small business  
5           concerns expanded with assistance from  
6           the SCORE program; and

7           “(iii) the number of jobs created with  
8           assistance from the SCORE program.

9           “(5) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Adminis-  
11           trator nor the SCORE Association may disclose  
12           the name, address, or telephone number of any  
13           individual or small business concern receiving  
14           assistance from the SCORE Association with-  
15           out the consent of such individual or small busi-  
16           ness concern, unless—

17           “(i) the Administrator is ordered to  
18           make such a disclosure by a court in any  
19           civil or criminal enforcement action initi-  
20           ated by a Federal or State agency; or

21           “(ii) the Administrator determines  
22           such a disclosure to be necessary for the  
23           purpose of conducting a financial audit of  
24           the SCORE program, in which case dislo-

1           sure shall be limited to the information  
2           necessary for the audit.

3           “(B) ADMINISTRATOR USE OF INFORMA-  
4           TION.—This paragraph shall not—

5                   “(i) restrict the access of the Adminis-  
6                   trator to program activity data; or

7                   “(ii) prevent the Administrator from  
8                   using client information to conduct client  
9                   surveys.

10          “(C) REGULATIONS.—

11                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
12                   shall issue regulations to establish stand-  
13                   ards for—

14                           “(I) disclosures with respect to  
15                           financial audits under subparagraph  
16                           (A)(ii); and

17                           “(II) conducting client surveys,  
18                           including standards for oversight of  
19                           the surveys and for dissemination and  
20                           use of client information.

21                   “(ii) MAXIMUM PRIVACY PROTEC-  
22                   TION.—The regulations issued under this  
23                   subparagraph shall, to the extent prac-  
24                   ticable, provide for the maximum amount  
25                   of privacy protection.”.

1 **SEC. 304. ONLINE COMPONENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(c) of the Small Busi-  
3 ness Act, as added by section 303, is further amended by  
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(6) ONLINE COMPONENT.—In carrying out  
6 this subsection, the SCORE Association shall make  
7 use of online counseling, including by developing and  
8 implementing webinars and an electronic mentoring  
9 platform to expand access to services provided under  
10 this subsection and to further support entre-  
11 preneurs.”.

12 (b) ONLINE COMPONENT REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—At the end of fiscal year  
14 2018, the SCORE Association shall issue a report to  
15 the Committee on Small Business of the House of  
16 Representatives and the Committee on Small Busi-  
17 ness and Entrepreneurship of the Senate on the ef-  
18 fectiveness of the online counseling and webinars re-  
19 quired as part of the SCORE program, including—

20 (A) how the SCORE Association deter-  
21 mines electronic mentoring and webinar needs,  
22 develops training for electronic mentoring, es-  
23 tablishes webinar criteria curricula, and evalu-  
24 ates webinar and electronic mentoring results;

1 (B) describing the internal controls that  
2 are used and a summary of the topics covered  
3 by the webinars; and

4 (C) performance metrics, including the  
5 number of small business concerns counseled  
6 by, the number of small business concerns cre-  
7 ated by, the number of jobs created and re-  
8 tained by, and the funding amounts directed to-  
9 wards such online counseling and webinars.

10 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
11 section, the terms “SCORE Association” and  
12 “SCORE program” have the meaning given those  
13 terms, respectively, under section 8(c)(1) of the  
14 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).

15 **SEC. 305. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF**  
16 **THE SCORE PROGRAM.**

17 (a) STUDY.—The SCORE Association shall carry out  
18 a study on the future role of the SCORE program and  
19 develop a strategic plan for how the SCORE program will  
20 evolve to meet the needs of America’s entrepreneurs over  
21 the course of the next 5 years, with markers and specific  
22 objectives for year 1, year 3, and year 5.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 6-month  
24 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,  
25 the SCORE Association shall issue a report to the Com-



1 mittee on Small Business of the House of Representatives  
2 and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneur-  
3 ship of the Senate containing—

4 (1) all findings and determination made in car-  
5 rying out the study required under subsection (a);

6 (2) the strategic plan developed under sub-  
7 section (a);

8 (3) an explanation of how the SCORE Associa-  
9 tion plans to achieve the strategic plan, assuming  
10 both stagnant and increased funding levels.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
12 terms “SCORE Association” and “SCORE program”  
13 have the meaning given those terms, respectively, under  
14 section 8(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
15 637(c)(1)).

16 **SEC. 306. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

17 (a) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act  
18 (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.  
20 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “Service Corps  
21 of Retired Executives” and inserting “SCORE pro-  
22 gram”; and

23 (2) in section 22 (15 U.S.C. 649)—

24 (A) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
2 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and  
3 inserting “SCORE program”; and

4 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
5 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and  
6 inserting “SCORE program”; and

7 (B) in subsection (c)(12), by striking  
8 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and in-  
9 serting “SCORE program”.

10 (b) OTHER LAWS.—

11 (1) Section 621 of the Children’s Health Insur-  
12 ance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (15  
13 U.S.C. 657p) is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (a), by striking para-  
15 graph (4) and inserting the following:

16 “(4) the term ‘SCORE program’ means the  
17 SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1)(B)  
18 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
19 637(b)(1)(B));” and

20 (B) in subsection (b)(4)(A)(iv), by striking  
21 “Service Corps of Retired Executives” and in-  
22 serting “SCORE program”.

23 (2) Section 337(d)(2)(A) of the Energy Policy  
24 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6307(d)(2)(A)) is  
25 amended by striking “Service Corps of Retired Ex-

- 1 executives (SCORE)” and inserting “SCORE pro-
- 2 gram”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to make improvements to Small Business Development Centers, to reauthorize the Women’s Business Center Program, to reauthorize the SCORE Program, and for other purposes.”.

