

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 791

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, 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 “Small Business Inno-
3 vation Protection Act of 2017”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 In this Act—

6 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
7 ministrator of the SBA;

8 (2) the term “Director” means the Under Sec-
9 retary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
10 Director of the USPTO;

11 (3) the term “SBA” means the Small Business
12 Administration;

13 (4) the term “small business concern” has the
14 meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Small
15 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a));

16 (5) the term “small business development cen-
17 ter” means a center described in section 21 of the
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648); and

19 (6) the term “USPTO” means the United
20 States Patent and Trademark Office.

21 SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

22 Congress finds that—

23 (1) the USPTO and the SBA are positioned
24 to—

(A) build upon several successful intellectual property and training programs aimed at small business concerns; and

7 (2) any education and training program admin-
8 istered by the USPTO and the SBA should be scal-
9 able so that the program is able to reach more small
10 business concerns.

11 SEC. 4. SBA AND USPTO PARTNERSHIPS.

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
14 trator, in consultation with the Director, shall develop
15 partnership agreements that—

16 (1) provide for the—

(B) leveraging of training materials already developed for the education of inventors and small business concerns; and

11 SEC. 5. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

12 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
13 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(U) in conjunction with the United States Pat-
20 ent and Trademark Office, providing training—

21 “(i) to small business concerns relating
22 to—

1 “(II) how the protections described in
2 subclause (I) should be considered in the
3 business plans and growth strategies of the
4 small business concerns; and
5 “(ii) that may be delivered—
6 “(I) in person; or
7 “(II) through a website.”.

Passed the Senate July 18, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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