

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1541

To amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2023

Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Business Work-
5 force Pipeline Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER APPREN-**
7 **TICESHIP PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.**

8 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
9 U.S.C. 648(c)(1)) is amended—

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

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

6 (3) in second subparagraph (U) (relating to
7 training on domestic and international intellectual
8 property protections)—

9 (A) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (B) by redesignating such subparagraph as
12 subparagraph (V); and

13 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(W) providing information and assistance
16 to small business concerns, including by dis-
17 seminating relevant information from the De-
18 partment of Labor and other Federal agencies,
19 on how to establish and improve—

20 “(i) work-based learning opportunities
21 (as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
22 kins Career and Technical Education Act
23 of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302));

24 “(ii) apprenticeship programs reg-
25 istered under the Act of August 16, 1937

1 (50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; commonly
2 known as the ‘National Apprenticeship
3 Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.);

4 “(iii) pre-apprenticeship programs;
5 and

6 “(iv) job training programs.”.

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