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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4515

To amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

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

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 Devel-
5 opment Center Cyber Training Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
2 **TER COUNSELORS.**

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

5 “(o) CYBER STRATEGY TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSI-
6 NESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

7 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

8 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-
9 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-
10 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks
11 and cyber attacks; and

12 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-
13 ment center’ means a small business develop-
14 ment center that has received a grant from the
15 Administration.

16 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
17 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification
18 program, or approve a similar existing program, to
19 certify the employees of lead small business develop-
20 ment centers to provide cyber planning assistance to
21 small business concerns.

22 “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—

23 The Administrator shall ensure that the number of
24 employees of each lead small business development
25 center who are certified in providing cyber planning

1 assistance under this subsection is not fewer than
2 the lesser of—

3 “(A) 5; or

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

7 “(4) CONSIDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DE-
8 VELOPMENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.—In car-
9 rying out this subsection, the Administrator, to the
10 extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy
11 methods included in the Small Business Develop-
12 ment Center Cyber Strategy developed under section
13 1841(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act
14 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130
15 Stat. 2662).

16 “(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
18 ability of appropriations and subparagraph (B),
19 the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small
20 business development center for costs relating
21 to the certification of an employee of the lead
22 small business development center under the
23 program established under paragraph (2).

24 “(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-
25 imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-

1 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-
2 cal year.”.