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117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4515

[Report No. 117-143]

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CHABOT, and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

OCTOBER 12, 2021

Additional sponsors: Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER

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Reported from the Committee on Small Business; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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”.

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

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

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

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

13 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-  
14 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-  
15 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks  
16 and cyber attacks; and

17 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-  
18 ment center’ means a small business develop-  
19 ment center that has received a grant from the  
20 Administration.

21 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-  
22 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification  
23 program, or approve a similar existing program, to  
24 certify the employees of lead small business develop-

1       ment centers to provide cyber planning assistance to  
2       small business concerns.

3               “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—

4       The Administrator shall ensure that the number of  
5       employees of each lead small business development  
6       center who are certified in providing cyber planning  
7       assistance under this subsection is not fewer than  
8       the lesser of—

9               “(A) 5; or

10              “(B) 10 percent of the total number of em-  
11              ployees of the lead small business development  
12              center.

13              “(4) CONSIDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DE-  
14              VELOPMENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.—In car-  
15              rying out this subsection, the Administrator, to the  
16              extent practicable, shall consider any cyber strategy  
17              methods included in the Small Business Develop-  
18              ment Center Cyber Strategy developed under section  
19              1841(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act  
20              for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130  
21              Stat. 2662).

22              “(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

23              “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-  
24              ability of appropriations and subparagraph (B),  
25              the Administrator shall reimburse a lead small

1 business development center for costs relating  
2 to the certification of an employee of the lead  
3 small business development center under the  
4 program established under paragraph (2).

5 “(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-  
6 imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-  
7 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-  
8 cal year.”.

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