

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2366

AN ACT

To reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “SBA Veterans’ Programs Act of 2007”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—OFFICE OF VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 101. Office of Veterans Business Development.

TITLE II—VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

Sec. 201. Veterans Assistance and Services program.

TITLE III—EXPANDING VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH
CENTERS

Sec. 301. Increasing the number of outreach centers.

Sec. 302. Independent study on gaps in availability of outreach centers.

6 **TITLE I—OFFICE OF VETERANS**
7 **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

8 **SEC. 101. OFFICE OF VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.**

9 Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
10 657b) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
12 section (e); and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(c) PARTICIPATION IN TAP WORKSHOPS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Adminis-
17 trator shall increase veteran outreach by ensuring
18 that Veteran Business Outreach Centers regularly
19 participate, on a nationwide basis, in the workshops

1 of the Transition Assistance Program of the Depart-
2 ment of Labor.

3 “(2) PRESENTATIONS.—In carrying out para-
4 graph (1), a Center may provide grants to eligible
5 entities located in Transition Assistance Program lo-
6 cations to make presentations on the opportunities
7 available from the Administration for recently sepa-
8 rating veterans. Each such presentation must in-
9 clude, at a minimum, the entrepreneurial and busi-
10 ness training resources available from the Adminis-
11 tration.

12 “(3) REPORTS.—The Associate Administrator
13 shall submit to Congress progress reports on the im-
14 plementation of this subsection.

15 “(d) WOMEN VETERANS BUSINESS TRAINING RE-
16 SOURCE PROGRAM.—The Associate Administrator shall
17 establish a Women Veterans Business Training Resource
18 Program. The program shall—

19 “(1) compile information on resources available
20 to women veterans for business training, including
21 resources for—

22 “(A) vocational and technical education;

23 “(B) general business skills, such as mar-
24 keting and accounting; and

1 “(C) business assistance programs targeted
2 to women veterans; and

3 “(2) disseminate the information through Vet-
4 eran Business Outreach Centers and women’s busi-
5 ness centers.”.

6 **TITLE II—VETERANS**
7 **ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES**

8 **SEC. 201. VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

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

12 “(n) VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES PRO-
13 GRAM.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A Small Business Develop-
15 ment Center may apply for an additional grant to
16 carry out a veterans assistance and services pro-
17 gram.

18 “(2) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—Under a pro-
19 gram under paragraph (1), the Center shall—

20 “(A) create a marketing campaign to pro-
21 mote awareness and education of the services of
22 the Center that are available to veterans, and to
23 target the campaign toward veterans, disabled
24 veterans, military units, Federal agencies, and
25 veterans organizations;

1 “(B) use technology-assisted online coun-
2 seling and distance learning technology to over-
3 come the impediments to entrepreneurship
4 faced by veterans and members of the Armed
5 Forces; and

6 “(C) increase coordination among organi-
7 zations that assist veterans, including by estab-
8 lishing virtual integration of service providers
9 and offerings for a one-stop point of contact for
10 veterans who are entrepreneurs or small busi-
11 ness owners.

12 “(3) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Each grant under
13 this subsection shall be for at least \$75,000.

14 “(4) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—A grant under this
15 subsection may not exceed \$250,000.

16 “(5) FUNDING.—Subject to amounts approved
17 in advance in appropriations Acts, the Administra-
18 tion may make grants or enter into cooperative
19 agreements to carry out the provisions of this sub-
20 section.”.

1 **TITLE III—EXPANDING VET-**
2 **ERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH**
3 **CENTERS**

4 **SEC. 301. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH CEN-**
5 **TERS.**

6 The Administrator of the Small Business Administra-
7 tion shall use the authority in section 8(b)(17) of the
8 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)) to ensure that the
9 number of Veterans Business Outreach Centers through-
10 out the United States increases—

11 (1) by at least 2, for each of fiscal years 2008
12 and 2009; and

13 (2) by the number that the Administrator con-
14 siders appropriate, based on existing need, for each
15 fiscal year thereafter.

16 **SEC. 302. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON GAPS IN AVAILABILITY**
17 **OF OUTREACH CENTERS.**

18 The Administrator of the Small Business Administra-
19 tion shall sponsor an independent study on gaps in the
20 availability of Veterans Business Outreach Centers across
21 the United States. The purpose of the study shall be to
22 identify the gaps that do exist so as to inform decisions
23 on funding and on the allocation and coordination of re-
24 sources. Not later than 6 months after the date of the

- 1 enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to
- 2 Congress a report on the results of the study.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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