

## Union Calendar No. 78

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1730

[Report No. 118-101]

To amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. PEREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

JUNE 5, 2023

Additional sponsors: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MANN, and Mr. THANEDAR

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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 “Supporting Small  
5 Business and Career and Technical Education Act of  
6 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-**  
8 **CATION.**

9 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Small Business  
10 Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the  
11 following new subsection:

12 “(gg) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The  
13 term ‘career and technical education’ has the meaning  
14 given the term in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career  
15 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).”.

16 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—  
17 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
18 648(c)(1)) is amended—

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

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

1           (3) in second subparagraph (U) (relating to  
2 training on domestic and international intellectual  
3 property protections)—

4           (A) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period  
5 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

6           (B) by redesignating such subparagraph as  
7 subparagraph (V); and

8           (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraphs:

10           “(W) assisting small businesses in hiring  
11 graduates from career and technical education  
12 programs or programs of study; and

13           “(X) assisting graduates of career and  
14 technical education programs or programs of  
15 study in starting up a small business concern.”.

16           (c) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—Section 29(b) of  
17 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

18           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the  
19 end;

20           (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at  
21 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

22           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraphs:

1           “(4) assistance for small business concerns to  
2           hire graduates from career and technical education  
3           programs or programs of study; and

4           “(5) assistance for graduates of career and  
5           technical education programs or programs of study  
6           to start up a small business concern.”.

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