

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1839

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE, 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. EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATION**
2 **AND BENCHMARK REPORTS.**

3 (a) **EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTA-**
4 **TION.**—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
5 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(B)”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(ii) The Administrator shall ensure that
9 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, car-
10 ries out a plan to increase the proportion of mentors
11 who are from socially or economically disadvantaged
12 backgrounds and, on an annual basis, reports to the
13 Administrator on the implementation of this sub-
14 paragraph.”.

15 (b) **BENCHMARK REPORTS.**—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
16 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
17 amended, is further amended by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(iii) The Administrator shall ensure that
20 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
21 lishes benchmarks for use in evaluating the perform-
22 ance of its activities and of its volunteers. The
23 benchmarks shall include benchmarks relating to the
24 demographic characteristics and the geographic
25 characteristics of persons assisted by SCORE,
26 benchmarks related to the hours spent mentoring by

1 volunteers, and benchmarks relating to the perform-
2 ance of the persons assisted by SCORE. SCORE
3 shall report, on an annual basis, to the Adminis-
4 trator the extent to which the benchmarks estab-
5 lished under this clause are being attained.”.

6 **SEC. 2. MENTORING AND NETWORKING.**

7 Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
8 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as amended, is further amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(iv) The Administrator shall ensure that
11 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
12 lishes a mentoring program for small business con-
13 cerns that provides one-on-one advice to small busi-
14 ness concerns from qualified counselors. For pur-
15 poses of this clause, qualified counselors are coun-
16 selors with at least 10 years experience in the indus-
17 try sector or area of responsibility of the small busi-
18 ness concern seeking advice.

19 “(v) The Administrator shall carry out a net-
20 working program through SCORE, established
21 under this subparagraph, that provides small busi-
22 ness concerns with the opportunity to make business
23 contacts in their industry or geographic region.”.

1 **SEC. 3. NAME OF PROGRAM CHANGED TO SCORE.**

2 (a) NAME CHANGE.—The Small Business Act is
3 amended as follows:

4 (1) In section 8(b)(1)(B) (15 U.S.C.
5 637(b)(1)(B)), by striking “Executives (SCORE)”
6 and inserting “Executives (in this Act referred to as
7 ‘SCORE’)”.

8 (2) In section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.
9 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “the Service
10 Corps of Retired Executives” and inserting
11 “SCORE”.

12 (3) In section 20 (15 U.S.C. 631 note)—

13 (A) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by striking
14 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
15 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

16 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(E), by striking
17 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
18 gram” and inserting “SCORE”.

19 (4) In section 33(b)(2) (15 U.S.C. 657c(b)(2)),
20 by striking “Service Corps of Retired Executives”
21 and inserting “SCORE”.

22 (b) ELIMINATION OF ACE.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
23 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
24 amended, is further amended by striking “and an Active
25 Corps of Executive (ACE)”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
3 note) is amended by inserting the following new subsection
4 after subsection (e):

5 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
6 SCORE.—There is authorized to be appropriated
7 \$7,000,000 for SCORE under section 8(b)(1) for each of
8 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
2009.

Attest:

Clerk.

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