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# H. R. 4480

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2023

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. ALFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## 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 “Successful Entrepre-  
5 neurship for Reservists and Veterans Act” or the “SERV  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR VETERANS INTER-**  
2 **AGENCY TASK FORCE.**

3 Section 32(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
4 657b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) REPORT.—Along with the budget justifica-  
6 tion documents for the Small Business Administra-  
7 tion submitted to Congress in connection with the  
8 budget for a fiscal year submitted under 1105 of  
9 title 31, United States Code, the Administrator shall  
10 submit a report—

11 “(A) discussing the appointments made to  
12 and activities of the task force; and

13 “(B) identifying and outlining a plan for  
14 outreach and promotion of the programs and  
15 services for veterans, including Veteran Busi-  
16 ness Outreach Centers, Boots to Business,  
17 Boots to Business Reboot, Service-Disabled En-  
18 trepreneurship Development Training Program,  
19 Veteran Institute for Procurement, Women Vet-  
20 eran Entrepreneurship Training Program, and  
21 Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepre-  
22 neurship.”.

23 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON ACCESS TO CREDIT.**

24 (a) REPORT ON ACCESS TO CREDIT.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
26 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-

1 troller General of the United States shall submit a  
2 report on the ability of small business concerns  
3 owned and controlled by covered individuals to ac-  
4 cess credit to—

5 (A) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
6 and the Committee on Small Business and En-  
7 trepreneurship of the Senate; and

8 (B) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
9 and the Committee on Small Business of the  
10 House of Representatives.

11 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
12 paragraph (1) shall include, to the extent prac-  
13 ticable, an analysis of—

14 (A) the sources of credit used by small  
15 business concerns owned and controlled by cov-  
16 ered individuals and the average percentage of  
17 the credit obtained from each source by such  
18 concerns;

19 (B) the default rate for small business con-  
20 cerns owned and controlled by covered individ-  
21 uals, disaggregated by each source of credit de-  
22 scribed in subparagraph (A), as compared to  
23 the default rate for the source of credit for  
24 small business concerns generally;

1 (C) the Federal lending programs available  
2 to provide credit to small business concerns  
3 owned and controlled by covered individuals;

4 (D) gaps, if any, in the availability of cred-  
5 it for small business concerns owned and con-  
6 trolled by covered individuals that are not being  
7 filled by the Federal Government or private  
8 sources;

9 (E) obstacles faced by covered individuals  
10 in trying to access credit;

11 (F) the extent to which deployment and  
12 other military responsibilities affect the credit  
13 history of veterans and Reservists; and

14 (G) the extent to which covered individuals  
15 are aware of Federal programs targeted to-  
16 wards helping covered individuals access credit.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered  
19 individual” means—

20 (A) a veteran;

21 (B) a service-disabled veteran;

22 (C) a Reservist;

23 (D) the spouse of an individual described  
24 in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); or

1                   (E) the spouse of a member of the Armed  
2                   Forces.

3                   (2) RESERVIST.—The term “Reservist” means  
4                   a member of a reserve component of the Armed  
5                   Forces, as described in section 10101 of title 10,  
6                   United States Code.

7                   (3) SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.—The  
8                   terms “service-disabled veteran”, “small business  
9                   concern”, and “veteran” have the meanings given  
10                  those terms, respectively, under section 3 of the  
11                  Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

12 **SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

13                  No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-  
14                  priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made  
15                  by this Act. Such Act and amendments shall be carried  
16                  out using amounts otherwise appropriated to the Adminis-  
17                  trator of the Small Business Administration.

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