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H. R. 4520

To require the Small Business Administration to provide assistance with apply to SBIR and STTR programs to certain small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Ms. MORRISON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the Small Business Administration to provide assistance with apply to SBIR and STTR programs to certain small business concerns, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SBIR/STTR Applica-
5 tion Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FAST PROGRAM.**

2 Section 34(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
3 657d(i)) is amended by striking “September 30, 2005”
4 and inserting “September 30, 2030”.

5 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO BROADEN PARTICI-**
6 **PATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(mm)(1) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)(1)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (J), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (2) in subparagraph (K), by striking the period
12 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(L) providing small business concerns
16 with assistance applying to the SBIR program
17 or STTR program of the Federal agency, in-
18 cluding providing such assistance to carry out
19 the policy directive required under paragraphs
20 (2)(F) or (5) of subsection (j) and subsection
21 (p)(2)(H) to increase the participation of States
22 with respect to which a low level of SBIR or
23 STTR awards have historically been awarded.”.

24 (b) ENHANCED MINORITY INSTITUTION PARTICIPA-
25 TION.—

1 (1) SBIR.—Section 9(j) of the Small Business
2 Act (15 U.S.C. 638(j)), is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new paragraph:

4 “(5) INCREASED OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS.—
5 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this paragraph, the Administration shall
7 modify the policy directives issued pursuant to this
8 subsection to require enhanced outreach efforts to
9 increase the participation of individuals conducting
10 research at minority institutions (as defined in sec-
11 tion 365 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
12 U.S.C. 1067k)) and Hispanic-serving institutions (as
13 defined in section 502(a) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
14 1101a(a))) in SBIR programs.”.

15 (2) STTR.—Section 9(p)(2) of the Small Busi-
16 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638(p)(2)) is amended—

17 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
18 “and” at the end;

19 (B) in subparagraph (G)(iii), by striking
20 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
21 and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:

24 “(H) procedures for outreach efforts to in-
25 crease the participation of individuals con-

1 ducting research at minority institutions (as de-
2 fined in section 365 of the Higher Education
3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067k)) and Hispanic-
4 serving institutions (as defined in section 16
5 502(a) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a))) in
6 STTR programs.”.

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