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# H. R. 5064

To amend the Small Business Act to allow small business development centers to assist and advise small business concerns on relevant cyber security matters, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANNA (for himself, Mr. KILMER, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. MENG, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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## A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to allow small business development centers to assist and advise small business concerns on relevant cyber security matters, 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 “Improving Small Busi-  
5 ness Cyber Security Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**  
2 **TERS IN CYBER SECURITY AND PREPARED-**  
3 **NESS.**

4 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648)  
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and pro-  
7 viding access to business analysts who can refer  
8 small business concerns to available experts:” and  
9 inserting “providing access to business analysts who  
10 can refer small business concerns to available ex-  
11 perts; and, to the extent practicable, providing as-  
12 sistance in furtherance of the Small Business Devel-  
13 opment Center Cyber Strategy developed under sec-  
14 tion 5(b) of the Improving Small Business Cyber Se-  
15 curity Act of 2016:”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
19 “and” at the end;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
21 the period and inserting “; and”; and

22 (iii) by adding at the end of the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(G) access to cyber security specialists to  
25 counsel, assist, and inform small business concern  
26 clients, in furtherance of the Small Business Devel-

1        opment Center Cyber Strategy developed under sec-  
2        tion 5(b) of the Improving Small Business Cyber Se-  
3        curity Act of 2016.”.

4    **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL CYBER SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
5    **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

6        Section 21(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
7    648(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8                    “(8) CYBER SECURITY ASSISTANCE.—The De-  
9        partment of Homeland Security, and any other Fed-  
10        eral department or agency in coordination with the  
11        Department of Homeland Security, may provide as-  
12        sistance to small business development centers,  
13        through the dissemination of cyber security risk in-  
14        formation and other homeland security information,  
15        to help small business concerns in developing or en-  
16        hancing cyber security infrastructure, cyber threat  
17        awareness, and cyber training programs for employ-  
18        ees.”.

19    **SEC. 4. CYBER SECURITY OUTREACH FOR SMALL BUSINESS**  
20    **DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

21        Section 227 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
22    (6 U.S.C. 148) is amended—

23                    (1) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection  
24                    (m); and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(1) CYBER SECURITY OUTREACH.—

4                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide  
5           assistance to small business development centers,  
6           through the dissemination of cyber security risk in-  
7           formation and other homeland security information,  
8           to help small business concerns in developing or en-  
9           hancing cyber security infrastructure, cyber threat  
10          awareness, and cyber training programs for employ-  
11          ees.

12                   “(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
13          section, the terms ‘small business concern’ and  
14          ‘small business development center’ have the mean-  
15          ing given such terms, respectively, under section 3 of  
16          the Small Business Act.”.

17 **SEC. 5. GAO STUDY ON SMALL BUSINESS CYBER SUPPORT**  
18                   **SERVICES AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-**  
19                   **MENT CENTER CYBER STRATEGY.**

20          (a) REVIEW OF CURRENT CYBER SECURITY RE-  
21          SOURCES.—

22                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of  
23          the United States shall conduct a review of current  
24          cyber security resources at the Federal level aimed  
25          at assisting small business concerns with developing

1 or enhancing cyber security infrastructure, cyber  
2 threat awareness, or cyber training programs for  
3 employees.

4 (2) CONTENT.—The review required under  
5 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) An accounting and description of all  
7 Federal Government programs, projects, and  
8 activities that currently provide assistance to  
9 small business concerns in developing or en-  
10 hancing cyber security infrastructure, cyber  
11 threat awareness, or cyber training programs  
12 for employees.

13 (B) An assessment of how widely utilized  
14 the resources described under subparagraph (A)  
15 are by small business concerns and a review of  
16 whether or not such resources are duplicative of  
17 other programs and structured in a manner  
18 that makes them accessible to and supportive of  
19 small business concerns.

20 (3) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall  
21 issue a report to the Congress, the Small Business  
22 Administrator, the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
23 and any association recognized under section  
24 21(a)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act containing all

1 findings and determinations made in carrying out  
2 the review required under paragraph (1).

3 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
4 CYBER STRATEGY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
6 the issuance of the report under subsection (a)(3),  
7 the Small Business Administrator and the Secretary  
8 of Homeland Security shall work collaboratively to  
9 develop a Small Business Development Center Cyber  
10 Strategy.

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-  
12 egy under this subsection, the Small Business Ad-  
13 ministrator and the Secretary of Homeland Security  
14 shall consult with entities representing the concerns  
15 of small business development centers, including any  
16 association recognized under section 21(a)(3)(A) of  
17 the Small Business Act.

18 (3) CONTENT.—The strategy required under  
19 paragraph (1) shall include, at minimum, the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 (A) Plans for incorporating small business  
22 development centers (SBDCs) into existing  
23 cyber programs to enhance services and stream-  
24 line cyber assistance to small business concerns.

1 (B) To the extent practicable, methods for  
2 the provision of counsel and assistance to im-  
3 prove a small business concern's cyber security  
4 infrastructure, cyber threat awareness, and  
5 cyber training programs for employees, includ-  
6 ing—

7 (i) working to ensure individuals are  
8 aware of best practices in the areas of  
9 cyber security, cyber threat awareness, and  
10 cyber training;

11 (ii) working with individuals to de-  
12 velop cost-effective plans for implementing  
13 best practices in these areas;

14 (iii) entering into agreements, where  
15 practical, with Information Sharing and  
16 Analysis Centers or similar cyber informa-  
17 tion sharing entities to gain an awareness  
18 of actionable threat information that may  
19 be beneficial to small business concerns;  
20 and

21 (iv) providing referrals to area special-  
22 ists when necessary.

23 (C) An analysis of—

24 (i) how Federal Government pro-  
25 grams, projects, and activities identified by

1 the Comptroller General in the report  
2 issued under subsection (a)(1) can be le-  
3 veraged by SBDCs to improve access to  
4 high-quality cyber support for small busi-  
5 ness concerns;

6 (ii) additional resources SBDCs may  
7 need to effectively carry out their role; and

8 (iii) how SBDCs can leverage existing  
9 partnerships and develop new ones with  
10 Federal, State, and local government enti-  
11 ties as well as private entities to improve  
12 the quality of cyber support services to  
13 small business concerns.

14 (4) DELIVERY OF STRATEGY.—Not later than  
15 180 days after the issuance of the report under sub-  
16 section (a)(3), the Small Business Development Cen-  
17 ter Cyber Strategy shall be issued to the Committees  
18 on Homeland Security and Small Business of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committees on  
20 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and  
21 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.



1 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

2       No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
3 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made  
4 by this Act.

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