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To reauthorize the White House Conference on Small Business Authorization Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUM (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “White House Con-
5 ference on Small Business Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE CON-**
7 **FERENCE ON SMALL BUSINESS.**

8 Public Law 101–409 (the White House Conference
9 on Small Business Authorization Act; 15 U.S.C. 631 note)
10 is amended—

1 (1) in section 2(a)—

2 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
3 sserting “Subject to amounts collected under
4 section 10, the President”;

5 (B) by striking “not earlier than May 1,
6 1995, and not later than September 30, 1995”
7 and inserting “not earlier than December 31,
8 2018, and not later than December 1, 2019”;
9 and

10 (C) by striking “March 1, 1994” and in-
11 sserting “October 1, 2018”;

12 (2) in section 3—

13 (A) by striking “contribution of small busi-
14 ness” and inserting “contribution of small busi-
15 ness to the national economy”;

16 (B) by striking “to identify the problems”
17 and inserting “to identify and prioritize the
18 problems impacting”;

19 (C) by striking “particularly” and insert-
20 ing “including”;

21 (D) by striking “as may be appropriate for
22 maintaining and encouraging” and inserting
23 “that maintain, encourage, and expand”;

24 (E) by inserting “to evaluate the small
25 business assistance programs of the Small Busi-

1 ness Administration and other Federal agencies
2 and recommend potential improvements for
3 those programs;” after “Nation;”; and

4 (F) by striking “1986” and inserting
5 “1995”;

6 (3) in section 4—

7 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “\$10”
8 and inserting “\$200”;

9 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
10 follows:

11 “(b) PARTICIPANTS.—

12 “(1) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—An individual
13 may not participate in the National Conference un-
14 less such individual has been selected as a delegate
15 by a State conference and by a regional meeting of
16 delegates and is an owner, officer, or employee of a
17 small business.

18 “(2) DELEGATES.—Delegates to the National
19 Conference shall include—

20 “(A) one delegate appointed by each Gov-
21 ernor or chief executive official of a State;

22 “(B) one delegate appointed by each Mem-
23 ber of the Senate, each Member of the House
24 of Representatives, each Delegate to the House

1 of Representatives, and the Resident Commis-
2 sioner of Puerto Rico;

3 “(C) one hundred delegates appointed by
4 the President; and

5 “(D) the delegates elected by participants
6 at each State Conference.

7 “(3) ALTERNATES.—Each delegate shall have
8 an alternate, appointed or elected in the same man-
9 ner as the delegate.”;

10 (4) in section 5—

11 (A) by striking “Subsequent to the date of
12 enactment of this Act, but not later than 30
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
14 the” and inserting “The”;

15 (B) by striking “GS-18” each place such
16 term appears and inserting “GS-15”; and

17 (C) in subsection (h), by striking “Chair-
18 person” and inserting “Chief Counsel for Advo-
19 cacy of the Small Business Administration”;

20 (5) in section 6(a)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
22 the end;

23 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(4) shall establish an electronic communication
4 system for use by delegates and alternates for com-
5 munication before, during, and for at least 4 years
6 after the National Conference to allow State delega-
7 tions and issue area groups to collaboratively define
8 the problems faced by small businesses, refine sug-
9 gested solutions to those problems, prioritize and se-
10 lect final recommendations, and monitor later legis-
11 lative or regulatory action on the recommenda-
12 tions.”; and

13 (6) by striking section 9 and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

15 **“SEC. 9. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES.**

16 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator of the
17 Small Business Administration, after consultation with
18 the General Counsel of the Small Business Administra-
19 tion, may sponsor activities or cosponsor activities with an
20 eligible entity, including recognition events, for small busi-
21 nesses.

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term
23 ‘eligible entity’ means any for-profit or not-for-profit enti-
24 ty, any State, or local government official, or any State,
25 or local government entity.

1 “(c) PROHIBITION ON ENDORSEMENTS.—The Ad-
2 ministrator shall ensure that any eligible entities that co-
3 sponsor activities receive appropriate recognition for such
4 cosponsorship, and that such recognition is not considered
5 to be an endorsement by the Small Business Administra-
6 tion of any product or service of such eligible entity.

7 **“SEC. 10. FUNDING NATIONAL CONFERENCE.**

8 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The ac-
9 tivities authorized by this Act shall be funded, to the ex-
10 tent and in the amount provided in advance in appropria-
11 tions Acts, exclusively by amounts (if any) collected under
12 subsection (b). No other amounts are authorized to be ap-
13 propriated to carry out this Act.

14 “(b) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), for purposes of carrying out this Act, the
17 Commission, the Administrator of the Small Busi-
18 ness Administration, and the Administrator of the
19 General Service Administration may—

20 “(A) solicit ownership, accept, and hold
21 gifts, devises, and bequests of cash, property
22 (including tangible, intangible, real and per-
23 sonal), or subsistence from non-Federal sources;
24 and

1 “(B) enter into an agreement with any or-
2 ganization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
4 from taxation under section 501(a) of such
5 Code to solicit the donations described under
6 subparagraph (A).

7 “(2) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—No gift, devise,
8 or bequest shall be solicited or accepted under the
9 authority of this subsection if such solicitation or ac-
10 ceptance would, in the determination of the Inspec-
11 tor General of the Small Business Administration
12 create a conflict of interest.

13 “(c) FUNDS REMAINING AT TERMINATION.—On the
14 date of termination of the National Conference, any unob-
15 ligated amounts collected under this section shall be de-
16 posited in the general fund of the Treasury.

17 **“SEC. 11. STATE DEFINED.**

18 “For purposes of this Act, the term ‘State’ includes
19 the several States, the District of Columbia, the Common-
20 wealth of Puerto Rico, and any other territory or posses-
21 sion of the United States.”.

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