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S. 3468

To amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act—

5 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Small Business Administration;

7 (2) the term “Commissioner” means the Com-
8 missioner of Internal Revenue; and

1 (3) the term “small business development cen-
2 ter” means a center described in section 21 of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648).

4 **SEC. 2. SBA AND IRS PARTNERSHIPS.**

5 Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of
6 enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation
7 with the Commissioner, shall develop partnership agree-
8 ments that—

9 (1) provide for the development of—

10 (A) basic training, including in-person or
11 modular training sessions, relating to Federal
12 income tax credits that benefit small businesses
13 and startups, especially credits for research and
14 experimentation; and

15 (B) informational materials relating to
16 such credits, including Internal Revenue Service
17 guidance documents;

18 (2) provide the basic training and informational
19 materials developed under paragraph (1)—

20 (A) through electronic resources, including
21 Internet-based webinars; and

22 (B) at physical locations, including small
23 business development centers; and

24 (3) make such materials available to—

1 (A) business development programs admin-
2 istered by the Small Business Administration,
3 including Women’s Business Centers, Veterans
4 Business Outreach Centers, and U.S. Export
5 Assistance Centers, and nonprofit research
6 partners such as SCORE; and

7 (B) business development entities that
8 partner with Small Business Administration
9 programs, including universities, nonprofits,
10 business incubators, and business accelerators.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

12 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the
14 Commissioner, shall submit to Congress a report describ-
15 ing how the Small Business Administration and the Inter-
16 nal Revenue Service will—

17 (1) provide outreach and educational materials
18 to small businesses, businesses of medium size, and
19 startups regarding section 41(h) of the Internal Rev-
20 enue Code of 1986, as amended by section 121 of
21 the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of
22 2015; and

23 (2) help and encourage tax advisors to educate
24 such businesses about the important amendments
25 made by such Act to section 41 of such Code.

1 **SEC. 4. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

2 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
3 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (S), by striking “and” at
5 the end;

6 (2) in subparagraph (T), by striking the period
7 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(U) in conjunction with the Internal Rev-
10 enue Service, providing informational materials,
11 education, and basic training—

12 “(i) to small businesses relating to
13 Federal income tax credits available under
14 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, includ-
15 ing—

16 “(I) credits available to busi-
17 nesses generally; and

18 “(II) credits available to small
19 businesses and startups specifically,
20 especially credits for research and ex-
21 perimentation; and

22 “(ii) which may be delivered—

23 “(I) in person; or

24 “(II) through an Internet
25 website.”.