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S. 4417

To amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service-Disabled Vet-
5 eran Opportunities in Small Business Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT AWARDS TO**
2 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
3 **CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VET-**
4 **ERANS.**

5 Section 36 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 657f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(j) TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT AWARDS
8 TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CON-
9 TROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, in con-
11 sultation with the Office of Veterans Business Devel-
12 opment, shall provide to covered employees at each
13 Federal agency that has not met the goal established
14 under section 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) training on how to in-
15 crease the number of contracts awarded to small
16 business concerns owned and controlled by service-
17 disabled veterans.

18 “(2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
20 Administrator, in consultation with the Office of
21 Veterans Business Development, shall issue guidance
22 and best practices on increasing the number of con-
23 tracts awarded to small businesses owned and con-
24 trolled by service-disabled veterans for Federal agen-
25 cies to which the goal established under section
26 15(g)(1)(A)(ii) applies.

1 “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this subsection, and annually
3 thereafter, the Administration shall submit to Con-
4 gress a report detailing, for the fiscal year covered
5 by the report—

6 “(A) a list of each Federal agency that
7 failed to meet the goal established under section
8 15(g)(1)(A)(ii);

9 “(B) the number of trainings provided to
10 each Federal agency described in paragraph
11 (1); and

12 “(C) an overview of the content included in
13 the training sessions described in subparagraph
14 (B).”.

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