

**Calendar No. 164**118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 936**

To amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

MARCH 22, 2023

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

JULY 25, 2023

Reported by Mr. CARDIN, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Small  
3 Business and Career and Technical Education Act of  
4 2023”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-**  
6 **CATION.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Small Business  
8 Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

10 “(gg) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The  
11 term ‘career and technical education’ has the meaning  
12 given the term in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career  
13 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).”.

14 (b) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—  
15 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
16 648(c)(3)) is amended—

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

19 (2) in clause (v) of the first subparagraph (U)  
20 (relating to succession planning), by striking the pe-  
21 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

22 (3) by redesignating the second subparagraph  
23 (U) (relating to training on domestic and inter-  
24 national intellectual property protections) as sub-  
25 paragraph (V);

1 (4) in subparagraph (V)(ii)(II), as so redesignated,  
2 nated, by striking the period at the end and inserting  
3 a semicolon; and

4 (5) by adding at the end the following:

5 ~~“(W) assisting small business concerns in~~  
6 ~~hiring graduates from career and technical edu-~~  
7 ~~cation programs or programs of study; and~~

8 ~~“(X) assisting graduates of career and~~  
9 ~~technical education programs or programs of~~  
10 ~~study in starting up a small business concern.”.~~

11 *“(W) assisting small business concerns in hiring*  
12 *graduates from career and technical education pro-*  
13 *grams or programs of study; and*

14 *“(X) assisting graduates of career and technical*  
15 *education programs or programs of study in starting*  
16 *up a small business concern.”.*

17 (c) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—Section 29(b) of  
18 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the  
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at  
22 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

1           “(4) assistance for small business concerns to  
2           hire graduates from career and technical education  
3           programs or programs of study; and

4           “(5) assistance for graduates of career and  
5           technical education programs or programs of study  
6           to start up a small business concern.”.



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