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S. 1320

To reauthorize and improve the Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2019

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To reauthorize and improve the Department of Defense
Mentor-Protégé Program.

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 “Defense Small Busi-
5 ness Advancement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 (a) PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION.—Section 831 of
10 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note) is
2 amended by striking subsection (j).

3 (b) OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS OVER-
4 SIGHT.—Section 831 of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10
6 U.S.C. 2302 note) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (n) as sub-
8 section (o); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (m) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(n) ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE GOALS
12 AND PERIODIC REVIEWS.—The Office of Small Business
13 Programs of the Department of Defense shall establish
14 performance goals and conduct periodic reviews of ap-
15 proved agreements between mentors and protégés.”.

16 (c) REMOVAL OF PILOT PROGRAM REFERENCES.—
17 Section 831 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
18 Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2302
19 note) is amended—

20 (1) in the subsection heading for subsection (a),
21 by striking “PILOT”; and

22 (2) by striking “pilot” each place it appears.

23 (d) INDEPENDENT REPORT ON PROGRAM EFFEC-
24 TIVENESS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31,
2 2022, an independent third party selected by the
3 Department of Defense Office of Small Business
4 Programs shall submit to the congressional defense
5 committees a report evaluating the effectiveness of
6 the Mentor-Protégé Program established under sec-
7 tion 831 of the National Defense Authorization Act
8 for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10
9 U.S.C. 2302 note), including recommendations for
10 improving the program in terms of performance
11 metrics, forms of assistance, and overall program ef-
12 fectiveness.

13 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES
14 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “congres-
15 sional defense committees” has the meaning given
16 that term in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United
17 States Code.

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