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# S. 4366

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to encourage entrepreneurship training in after school programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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## 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 “21st Century Entre-  
5 preneurship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) entrepreneurship creates new jobs, grows  
9 the economy, increases productivity, and signifi-

1 cantly improves the quality of life of the people of  
2 the United States;

3 (2) entrepreneurship rates in the United States  
4 have declined substantially over the last several dec-  
5 ades;

6 (3) children from disadvantaged communities  
7 are less likely to become entrepreneurs and inven-  
8 tors, hampering economic growth and harming com-  
9 munities most in need;

10 (4) studies show that children with mentors in  
11 entrepreneurship and inventorship are more likely to  
12 pursue these fields in adulthood; and

13 (5) in order to promote growth in disadvan-  
14 taged communities, increase entrepreneurship rates,  
15 and improve the economy, volunteer mentors with  
16 the SCORE program should be encouraged to en-  
17 gage with children in community learning centers.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this Act—

20 (1) the term “community learning center” has  
21 the meaning given the term in section 4201(b) of  
22 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171(b));

1           (2) the term “inventorship” means the activity  
2 of creating, designing, or otherwise originating a  
3 new product or service; and

4           (3) the term “SCORE program” means the  
5 Service Corps of Retired Executives described in sec-  
6 tion 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)).

8 **SEC. 4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION FOR DISADVAN-**  
9 **TAGED YOUTH.**

10       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small  
11 Business Administration shall—

12           (1) develop a curriculum for volunteers with the  
13 SCORE program to teach female students, minority  
14 students, English learners, children with disabilities,  
15 and low-income students who are often underrep-  
16 resented in critical and enriching subjects about en-  
17 trepreneurship and inventorship through community  
18 learning centers;

19           (2) develop and implement a strategy to encour-  
20 age partnerships between the SCORE program and  
21 community learning centers to teach the curriculum  
22 developed under paragraph (1) to the students de-  
23 scribed in that paragraph through community learn-  
24 ing centers; and

1           (3) in developing the curriculum required under  
2 paragraph (1), collaborate with education specialists,  
3 entrepreneurship groups, business groups, and  
4 groups with experience serving underrepresented  
5 children.

6           (b) COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—In  
7 carrying out the partnerships under subsection (a)(2), vol-  
8 unteers with the SCORE program are encouraged to col-  
9 laborate with other entrepreneurial development programs  
10 of the Small Business Administration and other agencies,  
11 including—

12           (1) small business development centers de-  
13 scribed in section 21 of the Small Business Act (15  
14 U.S.C. 648);

15           (2) women’s business centers operating under  
16 section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
17 656);

18           (3) centers overseen by the Minority Business  
19 Development Agency of the Department of Com-  
20 merce; and

21           (4) the Growth Accelerator Fund Competition  
22 of the Administration carried out under section 24  
23 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act  
24 of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719).

1 (c) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the  
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended,  
3 in the first sentence, by inserting before the period at the  
4 end the following: “and to carry out entrepreneurship and  
5 inventorship programs under section 4(a) of the 21st Cen-  
6 tury Entrepreneurship Act”.

7 (d) COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS.—Part B of  
8 title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 4201(a)(2) (20 U.S.C.  
11 7171(a)(2)), by inserting “entrepreneurship and  
12 inventorship (as defined in section 3 of the 21st  
13 Century Entrepreneurship Act) programs,” after  
14 “apprenticeship programs,”; and

15 (2) in section 4205(a) (20 U.S.C. 7175(a))—

16 (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”  
17 at the end;

18 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-  
19 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(15) entrepreneurship and inventorship pro-  
22 grams described in section 4(a) of the 21st Century  
23 Entrepreneurship Act.”.

24 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
25 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter,

1 the Administrator of the Small Business Administration  
2 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-  
3 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small  
4 Business of the House of Representatives a report that—

5           (1) identifies each partnership between the  
6           SCORE program and a community learning center  
7           during the preceding 2-year period;

8           (2) estimates the number of students who were  
9           reached through the entrepreneurship curriculum de-  
10          veloped under subsection (a);

11          (3) identifies any barriers to reaching additional  
12          students; and

13          (4) identifies any plans for improving the cur-  
14          riculum or implementing the strategy developed  
15          under subsection (a).

16          (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
17          authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the  
18          Small Business Administration \$2,500,000 for each of fis-  
19          cal years 2021 through 2025 to carry out this Act and  
20          the amendments made by this Act.

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