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H. R. 2392

To amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1999

Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. KELLY, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Small Business Inno-
5 vation Research Program Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the small business innovation research pro-
2 gram established under the Small Business Innova-
3 tion Development Act of 1982 and reauthorized by
4 the Small Business Research and Development En-
5 hancement Act of 1992 (in this section referred to
6 as the “SBIR program”) is highly successful in in-
7 volving small businesses in federally funded research
8 and development;

9 (2) the SBIR program made the cost-effective
10 and unique research and development capabilities
11 possessed by the small businesses of this Nation
12 available to Federal agencies and departments;

13 (3) the innovative goods and services developed
14 by small businesses that participated in the SBIR
15 program have produced innovations of critical impor-
16 tance in a wide variety of high-technology fields, in-
17 cluding biology, medicine, education, and defense;

18 (4) the SBIR program is a catalyst in the pro-
19 motion of research and development, the commer-
20 cialization of innovative technology, the development
21 of new products and services, and the continued ex-
22 cellence of this Nation’s high-technology industries;
23 and

24 (5) the continuation of the SBIR program will
25 provide expanded opportunities for one of the Na-

1 tion’s vital resources, its small businesses, will foster
2 invention, research, and technology, will create jobs,
3 and will increase this Nation’s competitiveness in
4 international markets.

5 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF SBIR PROGRAM.**

6 Section 9(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 638(m)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(m) **TERMINATION.**—The authorization to carry out
9 the Small Business Innovation Research Program estab-
10 lished under this section shall terminate on September 30,
11 2007.”.

12 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

13 Section 9(b)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 638(b)(7)) is amended by striking “and the Committee on
15 Small Business of the House of Representatives” and in-
16 serting “, and to the Committee on Science and the Com-
17 mittee on Small Business of the House of Representa-
18 tives,”.

19 **SEC. 5. THIRD PHASE ASSISTANCE.**

20 Section 9(e)(4)(C)(i) of the Small Business Act (15
21 U.S.C. 638(e)(4)(C)(i)) is amended by striking “; and”
22 and inserting “; or”.

23 **SEC. 6. RIGHTS TO DATA.**

24 Section 9(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
25 638(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS.—Not later
2 than 90 days after the enactment of the Small Busi-
3 ness Innovation Research Program Reauthorization
4 Act of 1999, the Administrator shall modify the pol-
5 icy directives issued pursuant to this subsection to
6 clarify that the rights provided for under subpara-
7 graph (2)(A) of this subsection apply to all Federal
8 funding awards falling under the definitions of ‘first
9 phase’, ‘second phase’, or ‘third phase’, as specified
10 in subsection (e)(4).”.

11 **SEC. 7. REPORT ON PROGRAMS FOR ANNUAL PERFORM-**
12 **ANCE PLAN.**

13 Section 9(o)(8) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 638(o)(8)) is amended by striking “STTR program” and
15 inserting “SBIR and STTR programs”.

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