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S. 2141

To amend the Small Business Act to supplement the reporting requirements applicable to the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY 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 “SBIR Expansion and
5 Accountability Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT.**

7 (a) GOALS OF THE SBIR PROGRAM.—Section 9(a)
8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(a)) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following: “Additionally, it is the
10 sense of Congress that the goals of the Small Business

1 Innovation Research Program are to stimulate techno-
 2 logical innovation, meet Federal research and development
 3 needs, foster and encourage participation in innovation
 4 and entrepreneurship by women and socially or economi-
 5 cally disadvantaged individuals, and increase private-sec-
 6 tor commercialization of innovations derived from Federal
 7 research and development funding.”.

8 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 9(b) of
 9 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (7)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
 12 “and” at the end;

13 (B) in subparagraph (G), by adding “and”
 14 at the end; and

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

16 “(H) with respect to a Federal agency to
 17 which subsection (f)(1) or (n)(1) applies, wheth-
 18 er the Federal agency has satisfied the require-
 19 ment under each applicable subsection for the
 20 year covered by the report;”;

21 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
 22 end;

23 (3) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
 24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

1 “(10) with respect to a Federal agency to which
 2 subsection (f)(1) or (n)(1) applies and that the Ad-
 3 ministration determines has not satisfied the re-
 4 quirement under either applicable subsection, require
 5 the head of that Federal agency to submit to the
 6 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 7 of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business
 8 of the House of Representatives a report regarding
 9 why the Federal agency has not satisfied the re-
 10 quirement.”.

11 (c) ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE OFFICE OF
 12 INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION.—Section 9(mm) of the
 13 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(mm)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
 15 subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (3)” and
 16 inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”;

17 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and
 18 (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively; and

19 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(4) TRANSFER TO OFFICE OF INVESTMENT
 22 AND INNOVATION.—Of the amount that a Federal
 23 agency allocates for uses under paragraph (1), the
 24 agency shall transfer 5 percent of that amount to
 25 the Office of Investment and Innovation of the Ad-

1 ministration, which the Office shall use to carry out
2 the functions of the Office.”.

3 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA-**
4 **TION IN THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION**
5 **RESEARCH PROGRAM AND SMALL BUSINESS**
6 **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM.**

7 Section 40101(d)(2)(D) of title 49, United States
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(D) The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
10 631 et seq.), except that—

11 “(i) section 9 of such Act (15 U.S.C.
12 638) shall apply; and

13 “(ii) all reasonable opportunities to be
14 awarded contracts shall be provided to
15 small business concerns and small business
16 concerns owned and controlled by socially
17 and economically disadvantaged individ-
18 uals.”.

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