

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1320

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

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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

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## 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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