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S. 791

To amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women’s business center program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 1999

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Women’s Business
5 Centers Sustainability Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 29 of the Small Business
3 Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a
7 private organization that has received financial as-
8 sistance under this section pursuant to a grant, con-
9 tract, or cooperative agreement, and that is in the
10 final year of a 5-year project or that has completed
11 a project financed under this section (or any prede-
12 cessor to this section), may apply for financial as-
13 sistance for an additional 5-year project under this
14 section.

15 “(2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Not-
16 withstanding any other provision of this section, as
17 a condition of receiving financial assistance author-
18 ized by this subsection, an organization described in
19 paragraph (1)—

20 “(A) shall meet such requirements as the
21 Administration shall establish to promote the
22 viability and success of the program under this
23 section, in addition to the requirements set
24 forth in this section; and

25 “(B) shall agree to obtain, after its appli-
26 cation has been approved and notice of award

1 has been issued, cash contributions from non-
2 Federal sources for each year of additional pro-
3 gram participation in an amount equal to 1
4 non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar.”.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
6 29(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(k)) is
7 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
10 appropriated \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years
11 2000 and 2001 to carry out the projects authorized
12 under this section, of which, in each fiscal year, not
13 more than 40 percent may be used to carry out
14 projects funded under subsection (l).”.

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