

Union Calendar No. 358

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5778

[Report No. 119–412]

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve outreach and education on employee ownership, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Mrs. MCIVER (for herself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CISNEROS, and Ms. GOODLANDER

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Improving SBA En-
5 gagement on Employee Ownership Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATION.**

7 Section 7(a)(35) of the Small Business Act (15
8 U.S.C. 636(35)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(C) WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER EN-
11 GAGEMENTS.—The Administrator (or a des-
12 ignee thereof) shall attend any working groups,
13 meetings, fora, and any other engagements on
14 cooperatives or employee ownership of business
15 concerns that are hosted by any other Federal
16 agency or office—

17 “(i) to which the Administrator (or
18 designee thereof) is invited; or

19 “(ii) with which the Administrator (or
20 a designee thereof) has had a previous en-
21 gagement or relationship.”.

22 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT**
23 **COMPANY PROGRAM OUTREACH.**

24 Section 862(c) of the John S. McCain National De-
25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law

1 115–232; 15 U.S.C. 648 note) is amended by inserting
2 “, and to the investors and limited partners of such com-
3 panies,” before “to increase”.

4 **SEC. 4. OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE.**

5 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business
7 Administration shall carry out the requirements of section
8 862(e) of the John S. McCain National Defense Author-
9 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232;
10 15 U.S.C. 648 note) through the Small Business Em-
11 ployee Ownership and Cooperatives Promotion Program of
12 the Administration.

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