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To amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to publish or update a resource guide for small business concerns operating as child care providers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CURTIS) 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 “Convening Operations
5 Assistance for Childcare Heroes Act” or the “COACH
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHILD CARE RESOURCE GUIDE.**

2 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating section 49 as section 50;

5 and

6 (2) by inserting after section 48 the following
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 49. CHILD CARE RESOURCE GUIDE.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of enactment of the COACH Act, and not less fre-
11 quently than every 5 years thereafter, the Administrator
12 shall publish or update a resource guide, applicable to var-
13 ious business models as determined by the Administrator,
14 for small business concerns operating as child care pro-
15 viders.

16 “(b) GUIDANCE ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN
17 MATTERS.—The resource guide required under subsection
18 (a) shall include guidance for small business concerns op-
19 erating as child care providers related to—

20 “(1) operations (including marketing and man-
21 agement planning);

22 “(2) finances (including financial planning, fi-
23 nancing, payroll, and insurance);

24 “(3) compliance with relevant laws (including
25 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and this Act);

1 “(4) training and safety (including equipment
2 and materials);

3 “(5) quality (including eligibility for funding as
4 an eligible child care provider under the Child Care
5 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
6 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.)); and

7 “(6) any other matters the Administrator deter-
8 mines appropriate.

9 “(c) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Before publishing
10 or updating the resource guide required under subsection
11 (a), the Administrator shall consult with—

12 “(1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
13 ices;

14 “(2) representatives from lead agencies des-
15 ignated under section 658D(a) of the Child Care
16 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
17 U.S.C. 9858b(a));

18 “(3) representatives from local or regional child
19 care resource and referral organizations described in
20 section 658E(c)(3)(B)(iii)(I) of the Child Care and
21 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
22 9858c(c)(3)(B)(iii)(I)); and

23 “(4) any other relevant entities, as determined
24 by the Administrator.

1 “(d) PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION RE-
2 QUIRED.—

3 “(1) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator shall
4 publish the resource guide required under subsection
5 (a) on a publicly accessible website of the Adminis-
6 tration—

7 “(A) in English; and

8 “(B) in the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
9 guages in the United States, other than
10 English, which shall include Mandarin, Can-
11 tonese, Japanese, and Korean.

12 “(2) DISTRIBUTION.—

13 “(A) ADMINISTRATOR.—The Adminis-
14 trator shall distribute the resource guide re-
15 quired under subsection (a) to offices within the
16 Administration, including district offices, and to
17 persons and entities consulted under subsection
18 (c).

19 “(B) OTHER ENTITIES.—Women’s busi-
20 ness centers (as described in section 29), small
21 business development centers, chapters of the
22 Service Corps of Retired Executives (established
23 under section 8(b)(1)(B)), and Veteran Busi-
24 ness Outreach Centers (as described in section
25 32) shall distribute to small business concerns

1 operating as child care providers, sole propri-
2 etors operating as child care providers, and
3 child care providers that have limited adminis-
4 trative capacity, as determined by the Adminis-
5 trator—

6 “(i) the resource guide required under
7 subsection (a); and

8 “(ii) other available resources that the
9 Administrator determines to be relevant.”.

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