

S 2483

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

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Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		May 8, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 10, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 203	Related bill	<b>Oct 3, 2001:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

## Summary (as of Oct 9, 2002)

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2002 - Directs the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small businesses through participating Small Business Development Centers (Centers). Requires the Administrator to enter into arrangements with participating Centers to provide: (1) access to regulatory information and resources; (2) training and education activities; (3) confidential counseling to owners and operators of small businesses regarding compliance with Federal regulations; (4) technical assistance; and (5) partnerships with Federal compliance programs. Requires each participating Center to report quarterly to the Administrator and the SBA's Chief Counsel for Advocacy. Requires the Administrator, giving substantial weight to the recommendations of the majority of the Centers, to select the Center programs of two States from each of ten groups of States for participation in the pilot program. Provides grant limits. Requires an evaluation and report by the General Accounting Office. Authorizes appropriations. Terminates the pilot program four years after disbursement of the first grant.

Provides privacy requirements applicable to Centers, a consortium of Centers, or any Center contractor or agent with respect to regulatory compliance assistance provided to small businesses.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2002:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Kerry with an amendment. With written report No. 107-308. Additional views filed.
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- **Oct 9, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 696.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 8, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 8, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4074)
- **May 8, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.