

## HR 3985

Building Better Business Partnerships Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Feb 8, 2012

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 526.

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/3985>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Schilling, Robert T. [R-IL-17]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (9 total)

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| Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]          | D · CA        |      | Feb 8, 2012  |
| Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]       | R · OH        |      | Feb 28, 2012 |
| Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]         | R · MO        |      | Feb 28, 2012 |
| Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]      | R · SC        |      | Feb 28, 2012 |
| Rep. Walsh, Joe [R-IL-8]          | R · IL        |      | Feb 28, 2012 |
| Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-24]  | R · NY        |      | Mar 7, 2012  |
| Rep. West, Allen B. [R-FL-22]     | R · FL        |      | Mar 7, 2012  |
| Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]   | R · NC        |      | Apr 26, 2012 |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1] | D · RI        |      | May 16, 2012 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Small Business Committee | House   | Reported By | Dec 21, 2012 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Building Better Business Partnerships Act of 2012 - Amends the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a mentor-protege program for all small businesses. (Under current law, the SBA mentor-protege program is limited to small businesses participating in the section 8(a) guaranteed loan program.)

Prohibits a federal department or agency from carrying out a mentor-protege program for small businesses unless the head of such department or agency submits a program plan to the Administrator and the Administrator approves it. Requires the Administrator to approve or disapprove a plan based on whether the proposed program: (1) will assist proteges to compete for federal prime contracts and subcontracts, and (2) complies with program regulations as issued by the Administrator under this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 21, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 112-723.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 526.
- **Mar 21, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 21, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 16, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H816)
- **Feb 8, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.