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SCORE for Small Business Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Apr 22, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 28, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4909	Related bill	May 26, 2016: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 502.
114 HR 4788	Related bill	Mar 17, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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(Sec. 2) Amends the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) program for FY2015-FY2018 for Small Business Administration (SBA) grants or cooperative agreements that do not exceed a total of \$10.5 million in each such fiscal year.

Requires a SCORE program volunteer, based on business experience and knowledge, to:

- provide at no cost to individuals who own, or aspire to own, small businesses personal counseling, mentoring, and coaching relating to the process of starting, expanding, managing, buying, and selling a business;
- facilitate low-cost education workshops for these individuals; and
- use appropriate tools, resources, and expertise of other organizations to carry out the SCORE program.

Directs the SBA to ensure that the SCORE program and each of its chapters develop and implement plans and goals to more effectively and efficiently provide services to individuals in rural areas, economically disadvantaged communities, and other traditionally underserved communities, including plans for electronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chapter expansion, partnerships, and development of new skills by SCORE program volunteers.

Bars the SBA and the SCORE Association from disclosing certain personal identifying information on any individual or small business receiving SCORE Association's assistance without the individual's or small business's consent, unless the SBA:

- is ordered to make such a disclosure by a court in any civil or criminal enforcement action initiated by a federal or state agency; or
- determines such a disclosure to be necessary to conduct a financial audit of the SCORE program, in which case the disclosure shall be limited to the information necessary for the audit.

Exempts from these privacy requirements SBA access to program activity data or SBA use of client information to conduct client surveys.

Prohibits the SBA, in carrying out the Entrepreneurship Education Program during each of FY2016-FY2018, from obligating: (1) more than \$5 million, and (2) less than \$2.5 million to carry out the Emerging Leaders Initiatives.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 21, 2016:** By Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 114-242.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Vitter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 110.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.