

## HR 1702

Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 23, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (May 9, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1702>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Mar 23, 2017
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Mar 28, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2018
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2810	Related bill	<b>Dec 12, 2017:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-91.
115 HR 1774	Related bill	<b>Mar 29, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

## Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2017

This bill amends the Small Business Act with respect to the authority of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to use certain SBA programs, including the small business development center (SBDC) program, to provide grants, financial assistance, loans, export assistance, and subcontracting opportunities on federal contracts to specified small businesses, organizations, state governments, universities, companies, and other entities that assist smaller enterprises.

The SBA shall use such programs only to deliver entrepreneurial development services, entrepreneurial education, support for the development and maintenance of clusters, or business training. Such program requirements shall not apply to services provided to assist small businesses owned by an Indian tribe.

The SBA shall not prohibit SBDC grant recipients from marketing and advertising their services to individuals and small business concerns.

The SBA shall establish a Data Collection Working Group to determine the best way to capture data collection and create or revise existing systems dedicated to data collection.

The bill: (1) increases the portion of certain available funds the SBA may use to pay the expenses of the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board, the information sharing system, and the SBDC association for conducting an SBDC accreditation program; and (2) removes a limitation on the amount the SBA may use to pay the examination expenses of the SBDC accreditation program.

The SBA may not award grants (including contracts and cooperative agreements) under the SBDC program to entities other than those that received them before September 30, 2015, and seek to renew them after that date, with an exception for not-for-profit institutions of higher education.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 9, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **May 8, 2018:** Mr. Chabot moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 8, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3806-3808)
- **May 8, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1702.
- **May 8, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3806-3807)
- **May 8, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3806-3807)
- **May 8, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.