

S 2717

UPLIFT Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Oct 28, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3554	Related bill	Mar 20, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Summary (as of Oct 28, 2019)

Ushering Progress by Leveraging Innovation and Future Technology Act of 2019 or the UPLIFT Act of 2019

This bill requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish the Innovation Centers Program for providing assistance to startups and new or growing small businesses.

Under the program, the SBA may enter into cooperative agreements to provide financial assistance to historically Black colleges and universities, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges. Such entities shall then undertake five-year projects operating as an innovation-focused small business accelerator or incubator. Projects must involve working with underserved groups, include the joint provision of programs and services by the entities and the SBA, and ensure participating small businesses have access to regulatory information that affects them.

Actions Timeline

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