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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act with respect to the  
women's business center program.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Women’s Business  
3 Centers Sustainability Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)  
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
9 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
11 following:

12 “(2) the term ‘private nonprofit organization’  
13 means an entity described in section 501(c) of the  
14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from  
15 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code;” and

16 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “nonprofit”  
17 after “private”.

18 **SEC. 3. INCREASED MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT AND RE-**  
19 **VIEW OF WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.**

20 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)  
21 is amended—

22 (1) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the  
23 following:

24 “(h) PROGRAM EXAMINATION.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administration shall—

1           “(A) develop and implement procedures to  
2 annually examine the programs and finances of  
3 each women’s business center established pur-  
4 suant to this section, pursuant to which each  
5 such center shall provide to the  
6 Administration—

7                   “(i) an itemized cost breakdown of ac-  
8 tual expenditures for costs incurred during  
9 the preceding year; and

10                   “(ii) documentation regarding the  
11 amount of matching assistance from non-  
12 Federal sources obtained and expended by  
13 the center during the preceding year in  
14 order to meet the requirements of sub-  
15 section (c) and, with respect to any in-kind  
16 contributions described in subsection (c)(2)  
17 that were used to satisfy the requirements  
18 of subsection (c), verification of the exist-  
19 ence and valuation of those contributions;  
20 and

21           “(B) analyze the results of each such ex-  
22 amination and, based on that analysis, make a  
23 determination regarding the viability of the pro-  
24 grams and finances of each women’s business  
25 center.

1           “(2) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.—In deter-  
2           mining whether to extend or renew a contract with  
3           a women’s business center, the Administration—

4                   “(A) shall consider the results of the most  
5                   recent examination of the center under para-  
6                   graph (1); and

7                   “(B) may withhold such extension or re-  
8                   newal, if the Administration determines that—

9                           “(i) the center has failed to provide  
10                           any information required to be provided  
11                           under clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph  
12                           (1)(A), or the information provided by the  
13                           center is inadequate; or

14                           “(ii) the center has failed to provide  
15                           any information required to be provided by  
16                           the center for purposes of the report of the  
                         Administration under subsection (j), or the