

Small Business Cyber Training Act

The Small Business Cyber Training Act, introduced by Senator Rubio and Senator Jeanne Shaheen, creates a program to train the counselors at the Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) across the country in cyber strategy assistance by:

- Requiring the Administrator at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a cyber counseling program;
- Requiring the lesser of 5 employees or 10 percent of the total number of employees at lead SBDCs to become certified in cyber strategy counseling; and
- Requiring the SBA to reimburse SBDCs for the costs related to the certification program.

This bill is modeled after successful SBDC programs to certify counselors in trade/export counseling, and is in-line with legislation already signed into law which requires intellectual property counseling. This bill has garnered broad bipartisan support as a cost-effective measure to use existing conferences to train SBDC counselors on the important topic of cyber strategy.