

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating the micro business outreach center assistance program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new  
2 article 9-B to read as follows:

### ARTICLE 9-B

#### MICRO BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

##### Section 216. Definitions.

##### 217. Micro business outreach centers.

##### 218. Micro business outreach center network.

##### 219. Reporting requirement.

9 § 216. Definitions. For the purposes of this article the following  
10 terms shall have the following meanings:

11 1. "Micro business" shall mean a sole proprietorship, partnership or  
12 family business that has fewer than five employees.

13 2. "Micro business outreach centers" shall mean a business outreach  
14 center that serves the business development needs of specific communi-  
15 ties.

16 3. "Micro business outreach center network" shall mean a network of  
17 business outreach centers that provides services throughout a region and  
18 helps develop and assist individual micro-enterprise/small business  
19 development organizations in the delivery of customized business  
20 services to entrepreneurs, as well as capacity-building services to  
21 organizations establishing and operating community and micro-enterprise  
22 development programs.

23 § 217. Micro business outreach centers. 1. There is hereby established  
24 within the department a micro business outreach center assistance  
25 program. The department is authorized, within amounts appropriated, to  
26 provide direct technical and financial assistance to the micro business

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 outreach center network, a not-for-profit corporation, for the following  
2 activities:

3 (a) to assist the micro business outreach center in setting up, or to  
4 assist the center in helping local sponsor organizations and/or new  
5 organizations to set up additional micro business outreach centers, in  
6 geographic areas of the state that are widely-separated from each other  
7 but are in need of, and would likely benefit from, the establishment of  
8 such center;

9 (b) to assist the micro business outreach center in providing aid for  
10 the operation and maintenance of the additional micro business outreach  
11 centers so created as well as for the operation and maintenance of its  
12 presently existing affiliated micro business outreach centers; and

13 (c) to assist the micro business outreach center to expand the  
14 center's coordination of networking and technical assistance activities  
15 among all micro business outreach centers.

16 2. The department shall provide monies, within available appropri-  
17 ations, in response to a community need for the micro business outreach  
18 centers network. The department shall establish criteria for selection  
19 and designation of such micro business outreach centers which shall  
20 include but not be limited to:

21 (a) communities that are geographically and/or socially isolated from  
22 the mainstream economy;

23 (b) a coordinated network of client information systems, regional  
24 linkages, and operational guidelines;

25 (c) a model that maximizes the efficient use of scarce existing  
26 economic development resources, addresses the recognized need for pre-  
27 loan and post loan technical assistance for growing small business;

28 (d) facilitating access to the complex infrastructure of economic  
29 development programs and small business services, connecting small busi-  
30 ness to needed information and capital technical assistance.

31 3. Assistance, services and data as will enable the department to  
32 properly carry out its functions, powers, and duties under this article  
33 shall be provided by the commissioner and to accomplish the same, the  
34 commissioner may request the assistance of other agencies and public  
35 corporations and districts.

36 § 218. Micro business outreach center network. 1. There is hereby  
37 established within the department a micro business outreach center  
38 network. The department is authorized within amounts appropriated to  
39 provide direct technical and financial assistance to the micro business  
40 outreach center network, a not-for-profit corporation, for the following  
41 activities:

42 (a) to assist the micro business outreach center network in setting  
43 up, or to assist the center in helping local sponsor organizations  
44 and/or new organizations to set up additional micro business outreach  
45 centers, in geographic areas of the state that are widely-separated from  
46 each other but are in need of, and would likely benefit from, the estab-  
47 lishment of such center;

48 (b) to assist the micro business outreach center network in providing  
49 aid for the operation and maintenance of the additional micro business  
50 outreach centers so created as well as for the operation and maintenance  
51 of its presently existing affiliated micro business outreach centers;  
52 and

53 (c) to assist the micro business outreach center network to expand the  
54 center's coordination of networking and technical assistance activities  
55 among all micro business outreach centers.

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6     (a) communities that are geographically and/or socially isolated from  
7     the mainstream economy;

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9     linkages, and operational guidelines;

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17    properly carry out its functions, powers, and duties under this article  
18    shall be provided by the commissioner and to accomplish the same, the  
19    commissioner may request the assistance of other agencies and public  
20    corporations and districts.

21    § 219. Reporting requirement. The department shall monitor the effec-  
22    tiveness of the direct technical and financial assistance it provides to  
23    the micro business outreach center network, incorporated, in order to  
24    determine and report to what extent the goals specified in this section  
25    have been achieved. The commissioner shall make and file an annual  
26    report to the governor, temporary president of the senate and speaker of  
27    the assembly within thirty days following the close of the state's  
28    fiscal year containing the results of such monitoring pursuant to this  
29    section. Such annual report shall contain recommendations for further  
30    legislation to implement the purposes of this article if in the judgment  
31    of the commissioner new legislation to further effectuate the purposes  
32    of this article is warranted.

33    § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
34    it shall have become a law.