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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Beatty introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Opportunity for Minority Depository Institutions Act” or the “Expanding Opportunity for MDIs Act”.

March 4, 2021 (1:38 p.m.)
SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL AGENT MENTOR-
PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—Section 308 of the Financial In-
stitutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of
1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note) is amended by adding at the
end the following new subsection:

“(d) Financial Agent Mentor-Protégé Pro-
gram.—

“(1) In General.—The Secretary of the
Treasury shall establish a program to be known as
the ‘Financial Agent Mentor-Protégé Program’ (in
this subsection referred to as the ‘Program’) under
which a financial agent designated by the Secretary
or a large financial institution may serve as a men-
tor, under guidance or regulations prescribed by the
Secretary, to a small financial institution to allow
such small financial institution—

“(A) to be prepared to perform as a finan-
cial agent; or

“(B) to improve capacity to provide serv-
ices to the customers of the small financial in-
stitution.

“(2) Outreach.—The Secretary shall hold
outreach events to promote the participation of fi-
nancial agents, large financial institutions, and small
financial institutions in the Program at least once a year.

“(3) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary shall issue guidance or regulations to establish a process under which a financial agent, large financial institution, or small financial institution may be excluded from participation in the Program.

“(4) REPORT.—The Office of Minority and Women Inclusion of the Department of the Treasury shall include in the report submitted to Congress under section 342(e) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act information pertaining to the Program, including—

“(A) the number of financial agents, large financial institutions, and small financial institutions participating in such Program; and

“(B) the number of outreach events described in paragraph (2) held during the year covered by such report.

“(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) FINANCIAL AGENT.—The term ‘financial agent’ means any national banking association designated by the Secretary of the Treasury to be employed as a financial agent of the Government.
“(B) LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—

The term ‘large financial institution’ means any entity regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration that has total consolidated assets greater than or equal to $50,000,000,000.

“(C) SMALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—

The term ‘small financial institution’ means—

“(i) any entity regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration that has total consolidated assets lesser than or equal to $2,000,000,000; or

“(ii) a minority depository institution.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.