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H. R. 2714

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for the inclusion of additional expenses in dependent care FSAs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI (for herself, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. REED, Mr. HERN, and Mr. WENSTRUP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Working Families
5 Childcare Access Act of 2021” or the “WFCA Act of
6 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCLUDED IN DEPENDENT**
2 **CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129(e) of the Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or provision
6 of, those” and inserting “or provision of, qualified
7 adoption expenses (within the meaning of section
8 137(d)), qualified sports expenses, qualified tutoring
9 expenses, qualifying art expenses, or those”, and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraphs:

12 “(10) QUALIFIED SPORTS EXPENSES.—The
13 term ‘qualified sports expenses’ means expenses paid
14 or incurred for the participation or instruction of a
15 dependent in a program of physical exercise or phys-
16 ical activity.

17 “(11) QUALIFIED TUTORING EXPENSES.—The
18 term ‘qualified tutoring expenses’ means expenses
19 paid or incurred for the participation or instruction
20 of a dependent in virtual or in-person—

21 “(A) individual academic tutoring, or

22 “(B) small-group academic tutoring in a
23 group of four students or fewer.

24 “(12) QUALIFIED ART EXPENSES.—The term
25 ‘qualified art expenses’ means expenses paid or in-

1 curred for the participation or instruction of a de-
2 pendent in a program of music or art.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
5 December 31, 2021.

6 **SEC. 3. DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES ALLOWED FOR CHIL-**
7 **DREN AND DEPENDENTS UP TO AGE 15.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 129(e)(1) of the Internal
9 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 1, is
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “or provision of, qualified adop-
12 tion expenses” and inserting “or provision of, with
13 respect to a qualifying individual, qualified adoption
14 expenses”,

15 (2) by striking “The term” and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term”, and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(B) **SPECIAL RULE.**—For purposes of
20 subparagraph (A), the term ‘qualifying indi-
21 vidual’ has the meaning given in paragraph (1)
22 of section 21(b), except such paragraph shall be
23 applied by substituting ‘age 15’ for ‘age 13’.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2021.

4 **SEC. 4. CARRY FORWARD OF UNUSED BENEFITS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129(d) of the Internal
6 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new paragraph:

8 “(10) BENEFIT CARRY FORWARD RULES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A plan meets the re-
10 quirements of this paragraph if it provides for
11 the automatic carry forward from the close of
12 a plan year to the succeeding plan year of any
13 aggregate unused contributions totaling \$20 or
14 greater.

15 “(B) SMALL BALANCES.—For purposes of
16 subparagraph (A), if an eligible employee car-
17 ries a balance of less than \$20 at the end of a
18 plan year, such employee may elect to carry for-
19 ward such balance to the next plan year or, if
20 such employee makes no election, such balance
21 may be forfeited.

22 “(C) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME.—
23 No amount shall be included in gross income
24 under this chapter by reason of any carry for-
25 ward under this paragraph.

1 “(D) COORDINATION LIMITS.—The max-
2 imum amount which may be contributed to a
3 dependent care assistance flexible spending ar-
4 rangement for any year to which an unused
5 amount is carried under this paragraph shall
6 not be reduced by such unused amount.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 125(d)(2)
8 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(E) EXCEPTION FOR DEPENDENT CARE
11 ASSISTANCE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGE-
12 MENTS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a
13 dependent care assistance flexible spending ar-
14 rangement which conforms to the benefit carry
15 forward rules of section 129(d)(10).”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
18 December 31, 2021.

19 **SEC. 5. INCREASE OF BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENT CARE AS-**
20 **SISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129(a)(2)(A) of the Inter-
22 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$5,000
23 (\$2,500” and inserting “\$15,000 (\$7,500”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2021.

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