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# H. R. 6656

To require the Government Accountability Office to carry out a study relating to barriers in accessing the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 due to inflation and State eligibility standards.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. McDONALD RIVET (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## 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 “Child Care Access and  
5 Affordability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-**  
2 **ABILITY OFFICE.**

3 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Government Accountability Office  
5 carry out a study of each of States, and report the results  
6 of such study to the appropriate committees of the Con-  
7 gress, to identify—

8 (1) the barriers children and parents face in  
9 meeting State standards under such Act due to  
10 State median income eligibility limits,

11 (2) the extent of the wait list of applicants for  
12 child care services provided under the Child Care  
13 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
14 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) and State-level reforms that  
15 have reduced such wait lists,

16 (3) the rates of payments made under such Act  
17 to center-based child care providers, family child  
18 care providers, and other providers of child care  
19 services for compensation under such Act, and

20 (4) the impact of inflation on child care avail-  
21 ability and affordability under such Act, on expand-  
22 ing the number of families accessing such services,  
23 and improving payment rates for such services.

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