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H. R. 8465

To authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Funding Early Child-
5 hood is the Right IDEA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) High-quality early intervention and pre-
9 school special education services can change a child’s

1 developmental trajectory and improve outcomes for
2 children, families, and communities.

3 (2) Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities
4 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) authorizes
5 a grant program to aid each State in implementing
6 a system of early intervention services for infants
7 and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

8 (3) Funding for such part C (20 U.S.C. 1431
9 et seq.) has eroded significantly in the last three
10 decades, from a high of \$3,902 per child in 1999 to
11 \$1,324 per child in 2023, adjusted for inflation.

12 (4) Section 619 of the Individuals with Disabil-
13 ities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419) authorizes
14 grants to States for preschool programs serving chil-
15 dren with disabilities ages three to five.

16 (5) Funding for such section 619 (20 U.S.C.
17 1419) has eroded significantly in the last three dec-
18 ades, from a high of \$1,883 per child in 1992, to
19 \$849 in 2023, adjusted for inflation.

20 (6) Infants, toddlers, and preschool children,
21 and their schools would benefit from additional
22 funding to restore per child amounts under part C
23 and section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities
24 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.; 1419) to en-

1 sure continued delivery of high quality early inter-
2 vention and preschool special education services.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEC-**
4 **TION 619 OF THE IDEA.**

5 Section 619(j) of the Individuals with Disabilities
6 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419(j)) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
10 tion—

11 “(1) \$503,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

12 “(2) \$683,500,000 for fiscal year 2028;

13 “(3) \$829,700,000 for fiscal year 2029;

14 “(4) \$1,008,900,000 for fiscal year 2030; and

15 “(5) \$1,220,000,000 for fiscal year 2031.”.

16 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PART C**
17 **OF THE IDEA.**

18 Section 644 of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
19 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1444) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 644. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 “For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are
22 authorized to be appropriated—

23 “(1) \$932,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

24 “(2) \$974,800,000 for fiscal year 2028;

25 “(3) \$1,227,400,000 for fiscal year 2029;

- 1 “(4) \$1,480,000,000 for fiscal year 2030; and
- 2 “(5) \$1,722,000,000 for fiscal year 2031.”.

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