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H. R. 9875

To require the Securities and Exchange Commission to collect information on certain private fund ownership of child care centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RILEY of New York (for himself, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CISNEROS, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, and Mr. VINDMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Protecting Childcare
5 from Private Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON CERTAIN PRI-**
2 **VATE FUND OWNERSHIP OF LEGAL ENTITIES**
3 **THAT PROVIDE CHILDCARE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Ex-
6 change Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services, shall require each covered
8 private fund to provide the Commission with information
9 on the ownership, purchase, and sale by such fund of legal
10 entities that provide childcare.

11 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 month
12 after the end of each fiscal year, the Commission shall
13 issue a report to Congress containing anonymized data
14 collected under subsection (a) for the previous fiscal year.

15 **SEC. 3. LIMITATIONS WITH RESPECT TO NEWLY ACQUIRED**
16 **LEGAL ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE CHILDCARE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the 4-year period begin-
18 ning on the date that a covered private fund first controls
19 a legal entity that provides childcare—

20 (1) the covered private fund may not sell any
21 interest in the legal entity; and

22 (2) the legal entity may not make any dividend
23 payment or capital distribution to, or undertake a
24 share buyback from, the covered private fund.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP OF**
2 **CHILDCARE PROVIDERS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services and the Securities and Exchange
6 Commission, carry out a study on the effect of private eq-
7 uity ownership of childcare providers in terms of quality
8 of care, availability of spots, tuition, employee wages, and
9 such other items as the Comptroller General determines
10 appropriate.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
13 issue a report to the Congress containing all findings and
14 determinations made in carrying out the applicable study
15 required under subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) CONTROLS.—With respect to a legal entity,
19 a person “controls” the legal entity if the person
20 owns, or otherwise has the power to vote, more than
21 50 percent of the equity voting securities of the legal
22 entity.

23 (2) COVERED PRIVATE FUND.—The term “cov-
24 ered private fund” means an issuer—

25 (A) that would be an investment company,
26 as defined in the Investment Company Act of

1 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.), but for para-
2 graph (1) or (7) of section 3(c) of that Act;

3 (B) with more than \$150,000,000 in assets
4 under management; and

5 (C) that, through legal entities controlled
6 by the issuer, provides childcare at more than
7 25 locations.

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