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H. R. 9993

To increase child care supply availability and affordability and invest in home based child care, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2026

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin 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 “Rise Up for Child Care
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHILD CARE ENTITLEMENT.**

7 (a) REPLACEMENT OF REQUIREMENT THAT POR-
8 TION OF FUNDS BE USED FOR CERTAIN POPULATIONS,
9 WITH CHILD CARE GUARANTEE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 418(b)(2) of the So-
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 618(b)(2)) is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 “(2) CHILD CARE GUARANTEE FOR CERTAIN
5 POPULATIONS.—As a condition of receiving funds
6 under this section, a State shall guarantee the provi-
7 sion of child care services to—

8 “(A) each recipient of assistance under the
9 State program funded under this part or under
10 a State program funded with qualified State ex-
11 penditures (as defined in section
12 409(a)(7)(B)(i)); and

13 “(B) each individual who is a former re-
14 cipient of assistance under such a program, for
15 any portion of the 24-month period beginning
16 with the date the individual left the program in-
17 volved.”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
19 418(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 618(c)) is amended
20 by inserting “except to the extent that such a re-
21 quirement or limitation would interfere with the pro-
22 vision of child care services required by subsection
23 (b)(2)” before the period.

24 (b) ELIMINATION OF STATE CAPS.—Section 418(a)
25 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 618(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (D)
3 and redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
4 paragraph (B); and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesign-
6 nated), by striking “the lesser of the State’s al-
7 lotment under subparagraph (B) or”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “(2)(C)” and
9 inserting “(2)(B)”.

10 (c) OPEN-ENDED ENTITLEMENT.—Section 418(a) of
11 such Act (42 U.S.C. 618(a)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Subject to
13 the amount appropriated under paragraph (3),
14 each” and inserting “Each”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking
16 “\$3,550,000,000” and all that follows and inserting
17 “such sums as are necessary to carry out this sec-
18 tion for each fiscal year.”.

19 (d) HOME-BASED CHILD CARE INVESTMENTS.—

20 (1) SEPARATE MATCHING RATE FOR EXPENDI-
21 TURES TO SUPPLEMENT WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR
22 HOME-BASED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.—Section
23 418(a)(2)(B) of such Act, as so redesignated by sub-
24 section (b)(1)(A) of this section, is amended by in-
25 serting “, except that, with respect to the excess ex-

penditures that are made to carry out a State plan to supplement the wages and benefits of persons working for a child care provider in a home-based child care setting, that percentage shall be 75 percent” before the period.

(2) STUDY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this paragraph referred to as the “Secretary”) shall direct the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the Administration for Children and Families to study the effects of the amendment made by paragraph (1), and conduct research and maintain a research portfolio with respect to the effects.

(B) PERSONNEL INVOLVED.—In employing and retaining career civil servants for the conduct and maintenance of the research portfolio, the Secretary shall give priority to persons with any of the following characteristics:

(i) Prior work experience at the Department of Health and Human Services.

(ii) Prior experience working on or evaluating discretionary grant programs.

1 (iii) Prior experience administering
2 Federal grants, child care programs, or
3 means-tested public assistance programs.

4 (C) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—During each
5 Congress, the Secretary shall submit a report to
6 the Congress on the results of the study re-
7 quired by subparagraph (A).

8 (D) FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the
9 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
10 appropriated \$20,000,000 for each fiscal year
11 to carry out this paragraph.

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