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H. R. 3129

To establish a program to encourage local educational agencies to work with the private sector to provide care to children who are less than the age of compulsory school attendance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 1998

Mrs. ROUKEMA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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 “Child Care Availability
5 Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 The Secretary of Education may provide a grant of
8 sufficient size for a period of not more than one year to

1 local educational agencies to establish a program to pro-
2 vide care to children who are less than the age of compul-
3 sory school attendance.

4 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**

5 To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, a
6 local educational agency shall submit an application to the
7 Secretary that—

8 (1) demonstrates a need for child care services
9 in the jurisdiction in which it operates;

10 (2) provides an assurance that not less than 50
11 percent of the funds necessary to operate a proposed
12 child care program shall be obtained from nonpublic
13 sources; and

14 (3) provides an assurance that funds received
15 under this Act shall not be used for the purchase,
16 construction, or renovation of any building or facil-
17 ity.

18 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For purposes of this Act—

20 (1) the term “local educational agency” has the
21 same meaning given such term in section 14101 of
22 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
23 1965; and

24 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
25 of Education.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act for each of the
4 fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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