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H. R. 3768

To increase the availability, affordability, and quality of school-based child care programs for children aged 0 through 6 years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 1998

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. SNYDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the 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 “Education Childcare
5 Partnership Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Each day an estimated 13,000,000 children
2 spend some part of their day in child care.

3 (2) 54 percent of mothers with children between
4 the ages of 0 and 3 years are in the work force.
5 Labor force participation rises to 63 percent for
6 mothers with children under 6 years of age.

7 (3) Every day 3 out of 5 preschoolers go to
8 child care centers or homes while their parents work.

9 (4) The number of single-parent households and
10 2-parent households in which the single parent or
11 both parents work is increasing significantly.

12 (5) The availability of child care that is reliable,
13 convenient, and affordable helps parents to reach
14 and maintain self-sufficiency and is essential to
15 making the transition from welfare to work.

16 (6) Only an estimated 1 out of 10 eligible fami-
17 lies receive assistance in paying for child care from
18 Federal funds.

19 (7) Full-day child care can cost between \$4,000
20 and \$9,000 per year.

21 (8) In many instances, high quality child care
22 services cost little more than mediocre child care
23 services. An investment of only an additional 10 per-
24 cent has been found to have a significant impact on
25 the quality of child care services.

1 (9) Children placed in poor quality child care
2 settings have been found to have delayed language
3 and reading skills, as well as increased aggressive
4 behavior toward other children and adults.

5 (10) School based child care may utilize exist-
6 ing resources such as art supplies, sports equipment,
7 musical instruments, and playgrounds to provide
8 quality programs.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING LOCAL EDU-**
10 **CATION AGENCIES THAT CARRY OUT QUALI-**
11 **FIED SCHOOL-BASED CHILD CARE PRO-**
12 **GRAMS.**

13 It is the sense of the Congress that local education
14 agencies that carry out qualified school-based child care
15 programs should seek to become accredited child care cen-
16 ters and seek to hire credentialed child care professionals.

17 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO STATES FOR SCHOOL-BASED CHILD**
18 **CARE.**

19 Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 601–619) is amended by inserting after section
21 418 the following:

22 **“SEC. 418A. GRANTS TO STATES FOR SCHOOL-BASED CHILD**
23 **CARE.**

24 “(a) APPLICATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State desiring to receive
2 a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary, at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
4 retary shall by regulation require, an application
5 that—

6 “(A) includes an assurance that the State
7 will use any grant made to the State under this
8 section to provide funds to local education agen-
9 cies for the purpose of establishing qualified
10 school-based child care programs;

11 “(B) includes an assurance that a local
12 education agency that receives funds provided
13 to the State under this section will comply with
14 subsection (e)(1);

15 “(C) includes evidence that parents,
16 schools, employers, State and local government
17 agencies, and child care agencies, including re-
18 source and referral agencies, have collaborated
19 in the preparation of the application; or

20 “(D) includes a State plan that—

21 “(i) meets the requirements of section
22 658E(c)(2) of the Child Care and Develop-
23 ment Block Grant Act of 1990, with re-
24 spect to grant funds provided to the State
25 under this section; and

1 “(ii) is designed to be implemented
2 during a 2-year period; and

3 “(F) contains such additional information
4 as the Secretary shall by regulation require.

5 “(2) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve
6 an application that meets the requirements of para-
7 graph (1).

8 “(b) ENTITLEMENT.—A State whose application sub-
9 mitted under subsection (a) for a 2-year period is ap-
10 proved by the Secretary shall be entitled to receive from
11 the Secretary a grant for each year in the period, in an
12 amount determined under subsection (c), in lieu of any
13 other grant to which the State may be entitled under this
14 section.

15 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

16 “(1) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.—After making
17 the reservation described in subsection (d) of this
18 section, the total amount available for grants under
19 this section for a fiscal year shall be allotted among
20 the States with applications approved under sub-
21 section (a) of this section, in the manner provided
22 for in section 418(a)(2)(B).

23 “(2) REDISTRIBUTION.—Section 418(a)(2)(D)
24 shall apply to amounts allotted under paragraph (1)
25 of this subsection.

1 “(d) INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary shall reserve
2 not less than 1 percent, and not more than 2 percent, of
3 the aggregate amount appropriated to carry out this sec-
4 tion for each fiscal year for payments to Indian tribes and
5 tribal organizations.

6 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a grant
8 is made under this section shall provide the grant
9 funds to local education agencies, which shall use
10 the grant only—

11 “(A) to operate, directly or by contract or
12 agreement, qualified school-based child care
13 programs that serve children eligible for assist-
14 ance under the Child Care and Development
15 Block Grant Act of 1990, but do not necessarily
16 limit their enrollment to such children;

17 “(B) to hire and train persons to provide
18 child care services in school-based child care
19 programs;

20 “(C) to construct, expand, or rehabilitate
21 facilities for use as school-based child care pro-
22 grams; or

23 “(D) to cover costs of administering the
24 grant, except that not more than 1 percent of

1 the grant funds provided to any such agency
2 may be used to cover such costs.

3 “(2) COORDINATION WITH PROGRAMS UNDER
4 THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
5 ACT OF 1990.—A State to which a grant is made
6 under this section shall ensure that the grant funds
7 are expended in coordination with the programs es-
8 tablished by the State under the Child Care and De-
9 velopment Block Grant Act of 1990.

10 “(3) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—A State to
11 which a grant is made under this section shall use
12 the grant funds to supplement and not supplant
13 other Federal, State, and local funds provided for
14 programs that serve the health and developmental
15 needs of children.

16 “(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts pro-
17 vided to a State under this section shall be available
18 for use by the State without fiscal year limitation.

19 “(f) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the
20 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
21 there are appropriated for grants under this section
22 \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

23 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.—The term
25 ‘local education agency’ has the meaning given such

1 term in the Elementary and Secondary Education
2 Act of 1965.

3 “(2) QUALIFIED SCHOOL-BASED CHILD CARE
4 PROGRAM.—The term ‘qualified school-based child
5 care program’ means a program—

6 “(A) the principal use of which is to pro-
7 vide all-day care for children who have not at-
8 tained 7 years of age, and, at State option;

9 “(B) which is located either in a school
10 structure or on the grounds of a school;

11 “(C) which meets all applicable require-
12 ments of State and local laws and regulations,
13 including those relating to the licensing of fa-
14 cilities in which child care assistance is to be
15 provided as a child care facility; and

16 “(D) the costs of the child care programs
17 of which are determined on a sliding fee scale
18 (within the meaning of section 658P(12) of the
19 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act
20 of 1990).

21 “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of
22 the 50 States and the District of Columbia.”.

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