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# S. 1309

To provide for the health, education, and welfare of children under 6 years  
of age.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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## A BILL

To provide for the health, education, and welfare of children  
under 6 years of age.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Early Childhood Development Act of 1997”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Findings.

## TITLE I—ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Sec. 101. Definitions.
- Sec. 102. Allotments to States.
- Sec. 103. Grants to local collaboratives.
- Sec. 104. Supplement not supplant.
- Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

## TITLE II—CHILD CARE FOR FAMILIES

- Sec. 201. Amendment to Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

## TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAD START ACT

- Sec. 301. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 302. Allotment of funds.
- Sec. 303. Effective date.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings—

3 (1) The Nation's highest priority should be to  
 4 ensure that children begin school ready to learn.

5 (2) New scientific research shows that the elec-  
 6 trical activity of brain cells actually changes the  
 7 physical structure of the brain itself and that with-  
 8 out a stimulating environment, a baby's brain will  
 9 suffer. At birth, a baby's brain contains  
 10 100,000,000,000 neurons, roughly as many nerve  
 11 cells as there are stars in the Milky Way. But the  
 12 wiring pattern between these neurons develops over  
 13 time. Children who play very little or are rarely  
 14 touched develop brains that are 20 to 30 percent  
 15 smaller than normal for their age.

16 (3) This scientific evidence also conclusively  
 17 demonstrates that enhancing children's physical, so-

1 cial, emotional, and intellectual development will re-  
2 sult in tremendous benefits for children, families,  
3 and our Nation.

4 (4) Since more than 50 percent of the mothers  
5 of children under the age of 3 now work outside of  
6 the home, our society must change to provide new  
7 supports so young children receive the attention and  
8 care that they need.

9 (5) There are 12,000,000 children under the  
10 age of 3 in the United States today and 1 in 4 lives  
11 in poverty.

12 (6) Compared with most other industrialized  
13 countries, the United States has a higher infant  
14 mortality rate, a higher proportion of low-birth  
15 weight babies, and a smaller proportion of babies  
16 immunized against childhood diseases.

17 (7) National and local studies have found a  
18 strong link between increased violence and crime  
19 among youth when there is no early intervention.

20 (8) The United States will spend more than  
21 \$35,000,000,000 over the next 5 years on Federal  
22 programs for at-risk or delinquent youth and child  
23 welfare programs, which address crisis situations  
24 which frequently could be avoided or made much less  
25 severe with good early interventions.

1           (9) Many local communities across the country  
 2           have developed successful early childhood efforts and  
 3           with additional resources could expand and enhance  
 4           opportunities for young children.

5           **TITLE I—ASSISTANCE FOR**  
 6           **YOUNG CHILDREN**

7   **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

8           In this title:

9           (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term  
 10          “local educational agency” has the meaning given  
 11          the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and  
 12          Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

13          (2) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”  
 14          means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of  
 15          Management and Budget, and revised annually in  
 16          accordance with section 673(2) of the Community  
 17          Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) appli-  
 18          cable to a family of the size involved.

19          (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 20          the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

21          (4) STATE BOARD.—The term “State board”  
 22          means a State Early Learning Coordinating Board  
 23          established under section 102(c).

24          (5) YOUNG CHILD.—The term “young child”  
 25          means an individual from birth through age 5.

1 (6) YOUNG CHILD ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.—

2 The term “young child assistance activities” means  
3 the activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A)  
4 of section 103(b).

5 **SEC. 102. ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make allot-  
7 ments under subsection (b) to eligible States to pay for  
8 the Federal share of the cost of enabling the States to  
9 make grants to local collaboratives under section 103 for  
10 young child assistance activities.

11 (b) ALLOTMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—From the funds appro-  
13 priated under section 105 for each fiscal year and  
14 not reserved under subsection (i), the Secretary shall  
15 allot to each eligible State an amount that bears the  
16 same relationship to such funds as the total number  
17 of young children in poverty in the State bears to  
18 the total number of young children in poverty in all  
19 eligible States.

20 (2) YOUNG CHILD IN POVERTY.—In this sub-  
21 section, the term “young child in poverty” means an  
22 individual who—

23 (A) is a young child; and

24 (B) is a member of a family with an in-  
25 come below the poverty line.

1 (c) STATE BOARDS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to be el-  
3 igible to obtain an allotment under this title, the  
4 Governor of the State shall establish, or designate  
5 an entity to serve as, a State Early Learning Co-  
6 ordinating Board, which shall receive the allotment  
7 and make the grants described in section 103.

8 (2) ESTABLISHED BOARD.—A State board es-  
9 tablished under paragraph (1) shall consist of the  
10 Governor and members appointed by the Governor,  
11 including—

12 (A) representatives of all State agencies  
13 primarily providing services to young children  
14 in the State;

15 (B) representatives of business in the  
16 State;

17 (C) chief executive officers of political sub-  
18 divisions in the State;

19 (D) parents of young children in the State;

20 (E) officers of community organizations  
21 serving low-income individuals, as defined by  
22 the Secretary, in the State;

23 (F) representatives of State nonprofit or-  
24 ganizations that represent the interests of

1 young children in poverty, as defined in sub-  
2 section (b), in the State;

3 (G) representatives of organizations pro-  
4 viding services to young children and the par-  
5 ents of young children, such as organizations  
6 providing child care, carrying out Head Start  
7 programs under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 9831 et seq.), providing services through a fam-  
9 ily resource center, providing home visits, or  
10 providing health care services, in the State; and

11 (H) representatives of local educational  
12 agencies.

13 (3) DESIGNATED BOARD.—The Governor may  
14 designate an entity to serve as the State board  
15 under paragraph (1) if the entity includes the Gov-  
16 ernor and the members described in subparagraphs  
17 (A) through (G) of paragraph (2).

18 (4) DESIGNATED STATE AGENCY.—The Gov-  
19 ernor shall designate a State agency that has a rep-  
20 resentative on the State board to provide adminis-  
21 trative oversight concerning the use of funds made  
22 available under this title and ensure accountability  
23 for the funds.

24 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an allot-  
25 ment under this title, a State board shall annually submit

1 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-  
 2 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may  
 3 require. At a minimum, the application shall contain—

4 (1) sufficient information about the entity es-  
 5 tablished or designated under subsection (c) to serve  
 6 as the State board to enable the Secretary to deter-  
 7 mine whether the entity complies with the require-  
 8 ments of such subsection;

9 (2) a comprehensive State plan for carrying out  
 10 young child assistance activities;

11 (3) an assurance that the State board will pro-  
 12 vide such information as the Secretary shall by regu-  
 13 lation require on the amount of State and local pub-  
 14 lic funds expended in the State to provide services  
 15 for young children; and

16 (4) an assurance that the State board shall an-  
 17 nually compile and submit to the Secretary informa-  
 18 tion from the reports referred to in section  
 19 103(d)(2)(F)(iii) that describes the results referred  
 20 to in section 103(d)(2)(F)(i).

21 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
 23 cost described in subsection (a) shall be—

24 (A) 85 percent, in the case of a State for  
 25 which the Federal medical assistance percent-



age (as defined in section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b))) is not less than 50 percent but is less than 60 percent;

(B) 87.5 percent, in the case of a State for which such percentage is not less than 60 percent but is less than 70 percent; and

(C) 90 percent, in the case of any State not described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(2) STATE SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The State shall contribute the remaining share (referred to in this paragraph as the “State share”) of the cost described in subsection (a).

(B) FORM.—The State share of the cost shall be in cash.

(C) SOURCES.—The State may provide for the State share of the cost from State or local sources, or through donations from private entities.

(f) STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use not more than 5 percent of the funds made available through an allotment made under this title to pay for a portion, not to exceed 50 percent, of State administrative costs related to carrying out this title.

1           (2) WAIVER.—A State may apply to the Sec-  
2       retary for a waiver of paragraph (1). The Secretary  
3       may grant the waiver if the Secretary finds that un-  
4       usual circumstances prevent the State from comply-  
5       ing with paragraph (1). A State that receives such  
6       a waiver may use not more than 7.5 percent of the  
7       funds made available through the allotment to pay  
8       for the State administrative costs.

9       (g) MONITORING.—The Secretary shall monitor the  
10      activities of States that receive allotments under this title  
11      to ensure compliance with the requirements of this title,  
12      including compliance with the State plans.

13      (h) ENFORCEMENT.—If the Secretary determines  
14      that a State that has received an allotment under this title  
15      is not complying with a requirement of this title, the Sec-  
16      retary may—

17           (1) provide technical assistance to the State to  
18      improve the ability of the State to comply with the  
19      requirement;

20           (2) reduce, by not less than 5 percent, an allot-  
21      ment made to the State under this section, for the  
22      second determination of noncompliance;

23           (3) reduce, by not less than 25 percent, an al-  
24      lotment made to the State under this section, for the  
25      third determination of noncompliance; or

1 (4) revoke the eligibility of the State to receive  
2 allotments under this section, for the fourth or sub-  
3 sequent determination of noncompliance.

4 (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—From the funds ap-  
5 propriated under section 105 for each fiscal year, the Sec-  
6 retary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of the funds  
7 to pay for the costs of providing technical assistance. The  
8 Secretary shall use the reserved funds to enter into con-  
9 tracts with eligible entities to provide technical assistance,  
10 to local collaboratives that receive grants under section  
11 103, relating to the functions of the local collaboratives  
12 under this title.

13 **SEC. 103. GRANTS TO LOCAL COLLABORATIVES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State board that receives an al-  
15 lotment under section 102 shall use the funds made avail-  
16 able through the allotment, and the State contribution  
17 made under section 102(e)(2), to pay for the Federal and  
18 State shares of the cost of making grants, on a competitive  
19 basis, to local collaboratives to carry out young child as-  
20 sistance activities.

21 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A local collaborative that re-  
22 ceives a grant made under subsection (a)—

23 (1) shall use funds made available through the  
24 grant to provide, in a community, activities that con-  
25 sist of education and supportive services, such as—

1 (A) home visits for parents of young chil-  
2 dren;

3 (B) services provided through community-  
4 based family resource centers for such parents;  
5 and

6 (C) collaborative pre-school efforts that  
7 link parenting education for such parents to  
8 early childhood learning services for young chil-  
9 dren; and

10 (2) may use funds made available through the  
11 grant—

12 (A) to provide, in the community, activities  
13 that consist of—

14 (i) activities designed to strengthen  
15 the quality of child care for young children  
16 and expand the supply of high quality child  
17 care services for young children;

18 (ii) health care services for young chil-  
19 dren, including increasing the level of im-  
20 munization for young children in the com-  
21 munity, providing preventive health care  
22 screening and education, and expanding  
23 health care services in schools, child care  
24 facilities, clinics in public housing projects  
25 (as defined in section 3(b) of the United

1 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
2 1437a(b))), and mobile dental and vision  
3 clinics;

4 (iii) services for children with disabil-  
5 ities who are young children; and

6 (iv) activities designed to assist  
7 schools in providing educational and other  
8 support services to young children, and  
9 parents of young children, in the commu-  
10 nity, to be carried out during extended  
11 hours when appropriate; and

12 (B) to pay for the salary and expenses of  
13 the administrator described in subsection (e)(4),  
14 in accordance with such regulations as the Sec-  
15 retary shall prescribe.

16 (c) MULTI-YEAR FUNDING.—In making grants  
17 under this section, a State board may make grants for  
18 grant periods of more than 1 year to local collaboratives  
19 with demonstrated success in carrying out young child as-  
20 sistance activities.

21 (d) LOCAL COLLABORATIVES.—To be eligible to re-  
22 ceive a grant under this section for a community, a local  
23 collaborative shall demonstrate that the collaborative—

24 (1) is able to provide, through a coordinated ef-  
25 fort, young child assistance activities to young chil-

1       dren, and parents of young children, in the commu-  
2       nity; and

3           (2) includes—

4                (A) all public agencies primarily providing  
5       services to young children in the community;

6                (B) businesses in the community;

7                (C) representatives of the local government  
8       for the county or other political subdivision in  
9       which the community is located;

10               (D) parents of young children in the com-  
11       munity;

12               (E) officers of community organizations  
13       serving low-income individuals, as defined by  
14       the Secretary, in the community;

15               (F) community-based organizations provid-  
16       ing services to young children and the parents  
17       of young children, such as organizations provid-  
18       ing child care, carrying out Head Start pro-  
19       grams, or providing pre-kindergarten education,  
20       mental health, or family support services; and

21               (G) nonprofit organizations that serve the  
22       community and that are described in section  
23       501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
24       and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)  
25       of such Code.

1 (e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
 2 under this section, a local collaborative shall submit an  
 3 application to the State board at such time, in such man-  
 4 ner, and containing such information as the State board  
 5 may require. At a minimum, the application shall con-  
 6 tain—

7 (1) sufficient information about the entity de-  
 8 scribed in subsection (d)(2) to enable the State  
 9 board to determine whether the entity complies with  
 10 the requirements of such subsection; and

11 (2) a comprehensive plan for carrying out  
 12 young child assistance activities in the community,  
 13 including information indicating—

14 (A) the young child assistance activities  
 15 available in the community, as of the date of  
 16 submission of the plan, including information  
 17 on efforts to coordinate the activities;

18 (B) the unmet needs of young children,  
 19 and parents of young children, in the commu-  
 20 nity for young child assistance activities;

21 (C) the manner in which funds made avail-  
 22 able through the grant will be used—

23 (i) to meet the needs, including ex-  
 24 panding and strengthening the activities  
 25 described in subparagraph (A) and estab-

1            lishing additional young child assistance  
2            activities; and

3            (ii) to improve results for young chil-  
4            dren in the community;

5            (D) how the local cooperative will use at  
6            least 60 percent of the funds made available  
7            through the grant to provide young child assist-  
8            ance activities to young children and parents  
9            described in subsection (f);

10           (E) the comprehensive methods that the  
11           collaborative will use to ensure that—

12           (i) each entity carrying out young  
13           child assistance activities through the col-  
14           laborative will coordinate the activities with  
15           such activities carried out by other entities  
16           through the collaborative; and

17           (ii) the local collaborative will coordi-  
18           nate the activities of the local collaborative  
19           with—

20           (I) other services provided to  
21           young children, and the parents of  
22           young children, in the community;  
23           and

24           (II) the activities of other local  
25           collaboratives serving young children



1 and families in the community, if any;

2 and

3 (F) the manner in which the collaborative  
4 will, at such intervals as the State board may  
5 require, submit information to the State board  
6 to enable the State board to carry out monitor-  
7 ing under section 102(f), including the manner  
8 in which the collaborative will—

9 (i) evaluate the results achieved by  
10 the collaborative for young children and  
11 parents of young children through activi-  
12 ties carried out through the grant;

13 (ii) evaluate how services can be more  
14 effectively delivered to young children and  
15 the parents of young children; and

16 (iii) prepare and submit to the State  
17 board annual reports describing the re-  
18 sults;

19 (3) an assurance that the local collaborative will  
20 comply with the requirements of subparagraphs (D),  
21 (E), and (F) of paragraph (2), and subsection (g);  
22 and

23 (4) an assurance that the local collaborative will  
24 hire an administrator to oversee the provision of the

1 activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) of  
 2 subsection (b).

3 (f) DISTRIBUTION.—In making grants under this sec-  
 4 tion, the State board shall ensure that at least 60 percent  
 5 of the funds made available through each grant are used  
 6 to provide the young child assistance activities to young  
 7 children (and parents of young children) who reside in  
 8 school districts in which half or more of the students re-  
 9 ceive free or reduced price lunches under the National  
 10 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

11 (g) LOCAL SHARE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The local collaborative shall  
 13 contribute a percentage (referred to in this sub-  
 14 section as the “local share”) of the cost of carrying  
 15 out the young child assistance activities.

16 (2) PERCENTAGE.—The Secretary shall by reg-  
 17 ulation specify the percentage referred to in para-  
 18 graph (1).

19 (3) FORM.—The local share of the cost shall be  
 20 in cash.

21 (4) SOURCE.—The local collaborative shall pro-  
 22 vide for the local share of the cost through donations  
 23 from private entities.

1           (5) WAIVER.—The State board shall waive the  
2           requirement of paragraph (1) for poor rural and  
3           urban areas, as defined by the Secretary.

4           (h) MONITORING.—The State board shall monitor  
5           the activities of local collaboratives that receive grants  
6           under this title to ensure compliance with the require-  
7           ments of this title.

8   **SEC. 104. SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.**

9           Funds appropriated under this title shall be used to  
10          supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and  
11          local public funds expended to provide services for young  
12          children.

13   **SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14          There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
15          this title \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$500,000,000  
16          for fiscal year 2000, \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal  
17          years 2001 through 2003, and such sums as may be nec-  
18          essary for fiscal year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal  
19          year.

**TITLE II—CHILD CARE FOR  
FAMILIES**

**SEC. 201. AMENDMENT TO CHILD CARE AND DEVELOP-  
MENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 1990.**

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 is amended by inserting after section 658C (42 U.S.C. 9858b) the following:

**“SEC. 658C-1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ZERO TO SIX PROGRAM.**

**“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

**“(1) PAYMENTS.—**Subject to the amount appropriated under subsection (d), each State shall, for the purpose of providing child care assistance on behalf of children under 6 years of age, receive payments under this section in accordance with the formula described in section 658O.

**“(2) INDIAN TRIBES.—**The Secretary shall reserve 2 percent of the amount appropriated to carry out this section in each fiscal year for payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

**“(3) REMAINDER.—**Any amount appropriated for a fiscal year under subsection (d), and remaining after the Secretary awards grants under paragraph (1) and after the reservation under paragraph (2), shall be used by the Secretary to make additional

1 grants to States based on the formula under para-  
2 graph (1).

3 “(4) REALLOTMENT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of the al-  
5 lotment under paragraph (1) to a State that  
6 the Secretary determines is not required by the  
7 State to carry out the activities described in  
8 subsection (b), in the period for which the allot-  
9 ment is made available, shall be reallotted by  
10 the Secretary to other States in proportion to  
11 the original allotments to the other States.

12 “(B) LIMITATIONS.—

13 “(i) REDUCTION.—The amount of any  
14 reallotment to which a State is entitled to  
15 under subparagraph (A) shall be reduced  
16 to the extent that it exceeds the amount  
17 that the Secretary estimates will be used in  
18 the State to carry out the activities de-  
19 scribed in subsection (b).

20 “(ii) REALLOTMENTS.—The amount  
21 of such reduction shall be similarly reallot-  
22 ted among States for which no reduction in  
23 an allotment or reallotment is required by  
24 this paragraph.

1           “(C) INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL ORGANI-  
 2           ZATIONS.—Any portion of a grant made to an  
 3           Indian tribe or tribal organization under para-  
 4           graph (2) that the Secretary determines is not  
 5           being used in a manner consistent with sub-  
 6           section (b) in the period for which the grant or  
 7           contract is made available, shall be allotted by  
 8           the Secretary to other tribes or organizations in  
 9           accordance with their respective needs.

10          “(5) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts received by a  
 11          State under a grant under this section shall be avail-  
 12          able for use by the State during the fiscal year for  
 13          which the funds are provided and for the following  
 14          2 fiscal years.

15          “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

16          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received by a  
 17          State under this section shall be used to provide  
 18          child care assistance, on a sliding fee scale basis, on  
 19          behalf of eligible children (as determined under  
 20          paragraph (2)) to enable the parents of such chil-  
 21          dren to secure high quality care for such children.

22          “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive  
 23          child care assistance from a State under this section,  
 24          a child shall—

25                 “(A) be under 6 years of age;

1           “(B) be residing with at least one parent  
 2           who is employed or enrolled in a school or  
 3           training program or otherwise requires child  
 4           care as a preventive or protective service (as de-  
 5           termined under rules established by the Sec-  
 6           retary); and

7           “(C) have a family income that is less than  
 8           85 percent of the State median income for a  
 9           family of the size involved.

10          “(3) INFANT CARE SET-ASIDE.—A State shall  
 11          set-aside 10 percent of the amounts received by the  
 12          State under a grant under subsection (a)(1) for a  
 13          fiscal year for the establishment of a program to es-  
 14          tablish innovations in infant and toddler care, in-  
 15          cluding models for—

16               “(A) the development of family child care  
 17               networks;

18               “(B) the training of child care providers  
 19               for infant and toddler care; and

20               “(C) the support, renovation, and mod-  
 21               ernization of facilities used for child care pro-  
 22               grams serving infants.

23          “(4) POVERTY LINE.—As used in this sub-  
 24          section, the term “poverty line” means the income  
 25          official poverty line (as defined by the Office of Man-

1       agement and Budget, and revised annually in ac-  
 2       cordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
 3       Reconciliation Act of 1981) that is applicable to a  
 4       family of the size involved.

5       “(c) LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE.—

6               “(1) ADJUSTMENT OF RATES.—With respect to  
 7       the levels of assistance provided by States on behalf  
 8       of eligible children under this section, a State shall  
 9       be permitted to adjust rates above the market rates  
 10      to ensure that families have access to high quality  
 11      infant and toddler care.

12              “(2) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—In administer-  
 13      ing this section, the Secretary shall encourage States  
 14      to provide additional assistance on behalf of children  
 15      for enriched infant and toddler services.

16              “(3) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—In providing  
 17      assistance to eligible children under this section, a  
 18      State shall ensure that an eligible child with a family  
 19      income that is less than 100 percent of the poverty  
 20      line for a family of the size involved is eligible to re-  
 21      ceive 100 percent of the amount of the assistance for  
 22      which the child is eligible.

23              “(d) APPROPRIATION.—For grants under this sec-  
 24      tion, there are appropriated—

25                      “(1) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;



1 “(2) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;

2 “(3) \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
3 2001 through 2003; and

4 “(4) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year.

6 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
7 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall prepare  
8 and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a  
9 report concerning—

10 “(1) the appropriate child to staff ratios for in-  
11 fants and toddlers in child care settings, including  
12 child care centers and family child care homes; and

13 “(2) other best practices for infant and toddler  
14 care.

15 “(f) APPLICATION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—

16 “(1) STATE PLAN.—The State, as part of the  
17 State plan submitted under section 658E(c), shall  
18 describe the activities that the State intends to carry  
19 out using amounts received under this section, in-  
20 cluding a description of the levels of assistance to be  
21 provided.

22 “(2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts pro-  
23 vided to a State under this section shall be subject  
24 to the requirements and limitations of this sub-

1 chapter except that section 658E(c)(3), 658F, 658G,  
 2 658J, and 658O shall not apply.”.

### 3 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO** 4 **THE HEAD START ACT**

#### 5 **SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 Section 639(a) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
 7 9834(a)) is amended by inserting before the period at the  
 8 end the following: “, \$4,900,000,000 for fiscal year 1999,  
 9 \$5,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$6,100,000,000 for  
 10 fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for  
 11 fiscal year 2002”.

#### 12 **SEC. 302. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.**

13 Section 640(a)(6) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
 14 9835(a)(6)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “1997, and” and inserting  
 16 “1997,”; and

17 (2) by inserting after “1998,” the following: “6  
 18 percent for fiscal year 1999, 7 percent for fiscal year  
 19 2000, 8 percent for fiscal year 2001, and 10 percent  
 20 for fiscal year 2002,”.

#### 21 **SEC. 303. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 This title and the amendments made by this title  
 23 shall take effect on October 1, 1998.

