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# H. R. 2693

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for improved care for young children.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1990 to provide for improved care for young children.

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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) More than one-half of mothers of children  
6       under the age of 1 year are in the labor force.

7               (2) The first 3 years of life are particularly crit-  
8       ical to a child's learning.

1           (3) An Urban Institute study of child care  
2           found shortages of infant care in the majority of the  
3           cities examined.

4           (4) Most parents believe that there is an insuf-  
5           ficient supply of child care for infants in their com-  
6           munities.

7           (5) Fewer than 10 percent of vacancies in child  
8           care centers nationwide can be filled by infants and  
9           toddlers.

10          (6) A study of child care found that, in 12  
11          States, infant care cost 60 percent or more of a par-  
12          ent's paycheck if the parent was earning at or below  
13          the minimum wage.

14          (7) Poor quality child care has been shown to  
15          have a serious impact on a child's development.

16          (8) The Cost, Quality, and Child Outcomes  
17          study revealed that 40 percent of caregivers for in-  
18          fants and toddlers in child care centers provided  
19          such poor care that the children's health, safety, and  
20          development were in jeopardy.

21 **SEC. 2. REFERENCE.**

22          Wherever in this Act a section or other provision is  
23          amended, the amendment shall be considered to be made  
24          to that section or other provision of the Child Care and

1 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9801  
2 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 3. CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.**

4 (a) GOALS.—Section 658A(b) (42 U.S.C. 9801 note)  
5 is amended

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”;

7 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period and  
8 inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(6) to assist States in improving child care  
11 services for young children.”.

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
13 658B (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “There” and inserting “(a) IN  
15 GENERAL.—There”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(b) CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHIL-  
18 DREN.—In addition to amounts appropriated under sub-  
19 section (a), there is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
20 out child care activities for young children under this sub-  
21 chapter \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000  
22 through 2002.”.

23 (c) CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHIL-  
24 DREN.—The Child Care and Development Block Grant

1 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9801 et seq.) is amended by in-  
2 serting after section 658G the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 658H. CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHIL-**  
4 **DREN.**

5 “Child care activities for young children for which  
6 funds under this subchapter may be used include activities  
7 that are designed to accomplish the following:

8 “(1) Increase the availability of child care serv-  
9 ices for young children.

10 “(2) Provide support services for networks of  
11 family child care providers.

12 “(3) Provide or support programs that provide  
13 training, services, materials, equipment, or other  
14 support to caregivers, eligible child care providers,  
15 and family child care providers that provide child  
16 care to young children. Such support may include  
17 the purchase of equipment such as cribs and high  
18 chairs.

19 “(4) Provide funds to increase compensation of-  
20 fered and provide bonuses to caregivers, eligible  
21 child care providers, and family child care providers  
22 who provide child care to children under the age of  
23 3 years, especially those caregivers and providers  
24 who have formal education in early childhood devel-  
25 opment.

1           “(5) Provide and support networks between  
2       health care providers and caregivers, eligible child  
3       care providers, and family child care providers that  
4       provide child care to young children.

5           “(6) Provide child care services for young chil-  
6       dren who are enrolled in Head Start programs under  
7       the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).”.

8       (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 658P (42 U.S.C. 9858n)  
9   is amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
10 graph:

11           “(15) YOUNG CHILDREN.—The term ‘young  
12       children’ means children who are less than 3 years  
13       of age.”.

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