

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1242

To establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY 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 Public-Private  
5        Partnership Act of 2003”.

## 6 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT

7 PROGRAM.

8        The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
9 establish a program to make grants to—  
10            (1) businesses and consortia—

## 9 SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GRANTS.

10 To be eligible to receive a grant under section 2, a  
11 business, nonprofit business organization, or consortium  
12 shall submit to the Secretary an application in accordance  
13 with section 4.

#### 14 SEC. 4. APPLICATION.

15        The application required by section 3 shall be sub-  
16 mitted by a business, nonprofit business organization, or  
17 consortium at such time, in such form, and containing  
18 such information as the Secretary may require by rule,  
19 except that such application shall contain—

4 (3) an assurance that such applicant will em-  
5 ploy strategies to ensure that child care services pro-  
6 vided by such applicant, or provided with the tech-  
7 nical information and assistance made available by  
8 such applicant, are provided at affordable rates, and  
9 on an equitable basis, to low- and moderate-income  
10 employees;

11 (4) an assurance that such applicant—

17 (B) in the case of a nonprofit business or-  
18 ganization, will employ procedures to ensure  
19 that technical information and assistance pro-  
20 vided under this Act by such business organiza-  
21 tion will be provided only to businesses that  
22 provide child care services in compliance with  
23 all State and local licensing requirements appli-  
24 cable to child care providers in such State; and

## 8 SEC. 5. SELECTION OF GRANTEES.

9 For purposes of selecting applicants to receive grants  
10 under this Act, the Secretary shall give priority to busi-  
11 nesses that have fewer than 100 full-time employees. To  
12 the extent practicable, the Secretary shall—

16 (2) give priority to applicants for grants under  
17 section 2(1).

## 18 SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

19 As used in this Act:

20 (1) BUSINESS.—The term “business” means a  
21 person engaged in commerce whose primary activity  
22 is not providing child care services.

4 (B) subsidized at least in part by the busi-  
5 ness that employs such parent.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

## 12 SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

13        There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
14 this Act \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003  
15 through 2005.

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