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# H. R. 3890

To provide for the participation in Head Start programs and Early Head Start programs, by children affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi 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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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. CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE**  
4       **KATRINA.**

5       (a) Definitions.—For the purposes of this section, the  
6       following definitions apply:

7               (1) CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE  
8       KATRINA.—The term “children affected by Hurri-  
9       cane Katrina” means a child who is not older than  
10       5 and who resides or who resided on August 22,

1       2005, in an area in which the President has declared  
2       that a major disaster exists.

3           (2) IMPACTED HEAD START AGENCIES.—The  
4       term “impacted Head Start Agencies” means a  
5       Head Start agency receiving a significant number of  
6       children from an area in which a major disaster has  
7       been declared.

8           (3) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term “major disaster”  
9       means a major disaster declared by the President  
10      in accordance with section 401 of the Robert  
11      T. Stafford Disaster Relief Emergency Assistance  
12      Act (42 U.S.C. 4170), related to Hurricane Katrina.

13      (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE, AND RESOURCES.—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance,  
14      guidance, and resources through the Region 4 and  
15      Region 6 offices of the Administration for Children and  
16      Families (and may provide technical assistance, guidance,  
17      and resources, through other regional offices of the Administration,  
18      at the request of such offices, that administer affected Head Start agencies) to Head Start agencies  
19      in areas in which a major disaster has been declared, and  
20      to affected Head Start agencies, to assist the agencies involved in providing Head Start services to children  
21      affected by Hurricane Katrina.

1       (c) WAIVER.—For such period up to March 31, 2006,  
2 and to such extent as the Secretary considers appropriate,  
3 the Secretary of Health and Human Services—

4           (1) may waive section 640(b) of the Head Start  
5 Act, and

6           (2) shall waive requirements of documentation  
7 for children affected by Hurricane Katrina who par-  
8 ticipate in Head Start programs, and Early Head  
9 Start programs, funded under the Head Start Act.

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