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To amend the Head Start Act to extend the duration of grants under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FUDGE (for herself and Mr. STIVERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Head Start Act to extend the duration of grants under such Act, and for other purposes.

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. EXTENDED DURATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
5 9801 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 657C (42 U.S.C.
7 9852c) as section 657D; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 657B (42 U.S.C.
9 9852b) the following:

1 **“SEC. 657C. EXTENDED DURATION.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
3 to Head Start (including Early Head Start) agencies
4 funded under this subchapter to enable such agencies—

5 “(1) to provide access to a full school year and
6 a full school day of services;

7 “(2) in the case of a migrant and seasonal
8 Head Start agency, to provide access to additional
9 service hours to ensure continuous Head Start serv-
10 ices as determined by the Secretary; or

11 “(3) in the case of a Head Start agency (in-
12 cluding an Early Head Start agency) that already
13 meets the full-day, full-year services needs within its
14 community, to enhance the quality of Head Start
15 services (including Early Head Start services) pro-
16 vided to children served by such agency.

17 “(b) APPLICATION.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
19 grant under this section, a Head Start agency shall
20 submit an application at such time and in such man-
21 ner as the Secretary may require. Such application
22 shall include—

23 “(A) evidence of—

24 “(i) the number and percentage of
25 slots—

1 “(I) in the agency’s Head Start
2 center-based programs (that are not
3 Early Head Start programs)—

4 “(aa) that are currently
5 funded (as of the date of submis-
6 sion of the application); and

7 “(bb) in which services are
8 provided for at least the equiva-
9 lent of 1,020 hours per year; and

10 “(II) in the agency’s Early Head
11 Start center-based programs—

12 “(aa) that are currently
13 funded (as of that date); and

14 “(bb) in which services are
15 provided for at least the equiva-
16 lent of 1,380 hours per year; and

17 “(ii) the number and percentage of
18 slots, in the agency’s Head Start family
19 child care programs—

20 “(I) that are currently funded
21 (as of that date); and

22 “(II) in which services are pro-
23 vided for at least the equivalent of
24 1,380 hours per year;

1 “(B) a description of an approach, using
2 the current community-wide strategic planning
3 and needs assessment described in section
4 640(g)(1)(C) and current program schedule
5 (current as of the date of submission of the ap-
6 plication), that transitions all of the agency’s
7 Head Start programs to a full school day, full
8 school year program schedule; and

9 “(C) a budget justification that estimates
10 the supplemental funding necessary to provide
11 for incremental ongoing operating costs for the
12 extended hours of service under such a program
13 schedule for the current enrollment in the agen-
14 cy’s Head Start programs.

15 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

16 “(A) MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD
17 START.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A migrant and
19 seasonal Head Start agency may apply for
20 a grant described in subsection (a) without
21 meeting the requirements specified in para-
22 graph (1) to ensure continuous Head Start
23 services are provided to children enrolled in
24 a migrant and seasonal Head Start pro-
25 gram. To be eligible to receive the grant,

1 the agency shall submit an application at
2 such time and in such manner as the Sec-
3 retary may require.

4 “(ii) PRIORITY.—In making grants to
5 applicants described in clause (i), the Sec-
6 retary shall give priority to a migrant and
7 seasonal Head Start agency operating for
8 fewer than 8 months per year.

9 “(B) FULL-DAY, FULL-YEAR HEAD START
10 AGENCIES.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A Head Start
12 agency (including an Early Head Start
13 agency) that certifies to the Secretary that
14 it is meeting the full-day, full-year need
15 within its community may apply for a
16 grant to enhance the quality of services
17 provided to children enrolled in its Head
18 Start program (including its Early Head
19 Start program) in accordance with sub-
20 section (c)(2).

21 “(ii) APPLICATION.—A Head Start
22 (including Early Head Start) agency that
23 meets the requirements of clause (i) shall
24 submit an application, which shall in-
25 clude—

1 “(I) the proposed uses of funds
2 in accordance with subsection (c)(2);
3 and

4 “(II) how such uses of funds re-
5 late to the community-wide strategic
6 planning and needs assessment de-
7 scribed under section 640(g)(1)(c).

8 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 “(1) EXTENDED DURATION.—A Head Start
10 agency that meets the requirements of paragraph
11 (1) or (2) of subsection (a) receiving a grant under
12 this section shall use the grant funds to cover the
13 costs associated with extending those hours of serv-
14 ice for the current enrollment, such as additional
15 costs for—

16 “(A) ongoing purchases of classroom sup-
17 plies;

18 “(B) staff providing services during the ex-
19 tended hours; and

20 “(C) professional development to staff
21 transitioning to providing services during the
22 extended hours.

23 “(2) ENHANCING PROGRAM QUALITY.—A Head
24 Start (including Early Head Start) agency that
25 meets the requirements of subsection (a)(3) shall use

1 funds for the activities authorized under section
2 640(a)(5)(B).

3 “(3) EXCEPTION.—The Head Start agency
4 shall not use the grant funds to expand the number
5 of children served in the Head Start programs (in-
6 cluding Early Head Start programs) of the agency.

7 “(d) RESERVATIONS.—

8 “(1) ACTIVITIES.—From the total amount ap-
9 propriated to carry out this section, the Secretary
10 shall for making grants for the activities described
11 in subsection (c)(1), reserve—

12 “(A) \$490,000,000 of the funds appro-
13 priated for fiscal year 2020;

14 “(B) \$780,000,000 of the funds appro-
15 priated for fiscal year 2021; and

16 “(C) \$1,070,000,000 of the funds appro-
17 priated for fiscal year 2022.

18 “(2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall prioritize
19 Head Start agencies (including Early Head Start
20 agencies) that are applying to use funds to carry out
21 the activities described in subsection (a)(1).

22 “(3) MIGRANT OR SEASONAL HEAD START PRO-
23 GRAMS.—From the amount appropriated to carry
24 out this section for a fiscal year and reserved under

1 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall reserve 4.5 per-
2 cent for migrant or seasonal Head Start programs.

3 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end
4 of a fiscal year for which funding is appropriated under
5 this subsection (f), the Secretary shall provide to the Com-
6 mittee on Education and Labor of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and the Committee on Health, Education,
8 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that in-
9 cludes—

10 “(1) a description of the extent to which funds
11 appropriated under such subsection—

12 “(A) were used to expand access to full
13 school year and full school day services;

14 “(B) were used to expand access to addi-
15 tional service hours for migrant and seasonal
16 Head Start agencies; and

17 “(C) were used to enhance the quality of
18 Head Start services at Head Start agencies
19 that already met full-day, full-year service needs
20 within the community; and

21 “(2) the number of Head Start agencies that
22 provide full school day and full school year services
23 that, during such fiscal year, had a waitlist of child
24 applicants; and

1 “(3) the number of Head Start agencies that
2 are seeking to provide full school day and full school
3 year services that, during such fiscal year, had a
4 waitlist of child applicants.

5 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
7 tion—

8 “(1) \$4,490,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

9 “(2) \$780,000,000 for fiscal year 2021; and

10 “(3) \$1,070,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

11 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) FULL SCHOOL DAY; FULL SCHOOL
13 YEAR.—The terms ‘full school day’ and ‘full school
14 year’ mean such a day and year, respectively, within
15 the meaning of the Head Start Program Perform-
16 ance standards issued under section 641A(a).

17 “(2) MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START
18 AGENCY.—The term ‘migrant and seasonal Head
19 Start agency’ means an agency that is funded under
20 this subchapter to provide a migrant and seasonal
21 Head Start program.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 640 of the
23 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “appro-
2 priated under this subchapter” each place it appears
3 and inserting “appropriated under section 639”; and

4 (2) in subsection (g)(3)(A)—

5 (A) by striking “amount appropriated”
6 each place it appears and inserting “amount
7 appropriated under section 639”;

8 (B) by striking “services provided under
9 this subchapter” and inserting “services pro-
10 vided under this subchapter (other than section
11 657C)”; and

12 (C) by striking “agency under this sub-
13 chapter” and inserting “agency under this sub-
14 chapter (other than section 657C)”.

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