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To increase child care options for working families and support child care providers.

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Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BUSH, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MANNING, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROSS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. STANSBURY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 Stabiliza-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS.**

7 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are to
8 make child care services more accessible for families and
9 to support the stability and quality of child care providers
10 by—

11 (1) promoting the stability of the child care sec-
12 tor by providing a source of stable funding to eligible
13 child care providers to help offset their operating ex-
14 penses;

15 (2) supporting sustained and increased wages
16 for early childhood educators or other staff of eligi-
17 ble child care providers, in order to stabilize and
18 grow the child care workforce without increasing
19 costs for families;

20 (3) expanding the supply and capacity of eligi-
21 ble child care providers to ensure working families
22 have a range of high-quality, affordable child care

1 options, in a variety of settings, that meet their
2 unique needs; and

3 (4) supporting access to child care services for
4 communities facing a particular shortage of child
5 care options, including child care services for infants
6 and toddlers, child care services during nontradi-
7 tional or extended hours, child care services in rural
8 communities, and inclusive child care services for
9 children with disabilities.

10 (b) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
11 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of
12 Health and Human Services, out of any money in the
13 Treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the child
14 care stabilization program established in section 2202
15 (other than subsection (d)(2)(E) of that section) of the
16 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (42 U.S.C. 9858 note)
17 \$16,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for
18 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-
20 ANCE.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services
21 may reserve not more than 1 percent of the funding appro-
22 priated under subsection (b) for the costs of providing
23 technical assistance, and for the administrative costs, to
24 carry out that section 2202.

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