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**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-58**  
**TEXT OF H.R. 7027, CHILD CARE IS ESSENTIAL**  
**ACT**

**[Showing the text of H.R. 7027, as introduced, with  
modifications.]**

1       The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out  
2 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
3 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for  
4 other purposes, namely:

5       TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
6                                   HUMAN SERVICES  
7       ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
8       PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND  
9                                   DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

10       For an additional amount for “Payments to States  
11 for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”,  
12 \$50,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
13 2021, for necessary expenses to carry out the Child Care  
14 Stabilization Fund grants program, as authorized by sec-  
15 tion 1 of this Act: *Provided*, That such funds shall be  
16 available without regard to the requirements in subpara-  
17 graphs (C) through (E) of section 658E(c)(3) or section  
18 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant

1 Act: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this  
2 heading in this Act may be made available to restore  
3 amounts, either directly or through reimbursement, for ob-  
4 ligations incurred prior to the date of enactment of this  
5 Act for the purposes provided herein: *Provided further*,  
6 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being  
7 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section  
8 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
9 Deficit Control Act of 1985 and shall be available only  
10 if the President subsequently so designates such amount  
11 and transmits such designation to the Congress.

12 CHILD CARE STABILIZATION FUND

13 SEC. 1. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) CCDBG TERMS.—The terms “eligible child  
15 care provider”, “Indian tribe”, “lead agency”, “trib-  
16 al organization”, “Secretary”, and “State” have the  
17 meanings given the terms in section 658P of the  
18 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of  
19 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n) except as otherwise pro-  
20 vided in this section.

21 (2) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—  
22 The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”  
23 means the public health emergency declared by the  
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services under sec-  
25 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
26 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to

1 COVID–19, including any renewal of the declara-  
2 tion.

3 (b) GRANTS.—From the amounts appropriated to  
4 carry out this section and under the authority of section  
5 6580 of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act  
6 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m) and this section, the Secretary  
7 shall award child care stabilization grants to the lead  
8 agency of each State (as defined in that section 6580),  
9 territory described in subsection (a)(1) of such section, In-  
10 dian tribe, and tribal organization from allotments and  
11 payments made under subsection (c)(2), not later than 30  
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 (c) SECRETARIAL RESERVATION AND ALLOT-  
14 MENTS.—

15 (1) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve  
16 not more than 1 percent of the funds appropriated  
17 to carry out this section for the Federal administra-  
18 tion of grants described in subsection (b).

19 (2) ALLOTMENTS.—The Secretary shall use the  
20 remainder of the funds appropriated to carry out  
21 this section to award allotments to States, as defined  
22 in section 6580 of the Child Care Development  
23 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m), and  
24 payments to territories, Indian tribes, and tribal or-  
25 ganizations in accordance with paragraphs (1) and

1 (2) of subsection (a), and subsection (b), of section  
2 6580 of the Child Care and Development Block  
3 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m).

4 (d) STATE RESERVATIONS AND SUBGRANTS.—

5 (1) RESERVATION.—A lead agency for a State  
6 that receives a child care stabilization grant pursu-  
7 ant to subsection (b) shall reserve not more than 10  
8 percent of such grant funds—

9 (A) to administer subgrants made to quali-  
10 fied child care providers under paragraph (2),  
11 including to carry out data systems building  
12 and other activities that enable the disburse-  
13 ment of payments of such subgrants;

14 (B) to provide technical assistance and  
15 support in applying for and accessing the  
16 subgrant opportunity under paragraph (2), to  
17 eligible child care providers (including to family  
18 child care providers, group home child care pro-  
19 viders, and other non-center-based child care  
20 providers and providers with limited administra-  
21 tive capacity), either directly or through re-  
22 source and referral agencies or staffed family  
23 child care networks;

24 (C) to publicize the availability of sub-  
25 grants under this section and conduct wide-

1 spread outreach to eligible child care providers,  
2 including family child care providers, group  
3 home child care providers, and other non-cen-  
4 ter-based child care providers and providers  
5 with limited administrative capacity, either di-  
6 rectly or through resource and referral agencies  
7 or staffed family child care networks, to ensure  
8 eligible child care providers are aware of the  
9 subgrants available under this section;

10 (D) to carry out the reporting require-  
11 ments described in subsection (f); and

12 (E) to carry out activities to improve the  
13 supply and quality of child care during and  
14 after the COVID–19 public health emergency,  
15 such as conducting community needs assess-  
16 ments, carrying out child care cost modeling,  
17 making improvements to child care facilities, in-  
18 creasing access to licensure or participation in  
19 the State’s tiered quality rating system, and  
20 carrying out other activities described in section  
21 658G(b) of the Child Care and Development  
22 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858e(b)),  
23 to the extent that the lead agency can carry out  
24 activities described in this subparagraph with-  
25 out preventing the lead agency from fully con-

1 ducting the activities described in subpara-  
2 graphs (A) through (D).

3 (2) SUBGRANTS TO QUALIFIED CHILD CARE  
4 PROVIDERS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency shall  
6 use the remainder of the grant funds awarded  
7 pursuant to subsection (b) to make subgrants  
8 to qualified child care providers described in  
9 subparagraph (B), to support the stability of  
10 the child care sector during and after the  
11 COVID–19 public health emergency. The lead  
12 agency shall provide the subgrant funds in ad-  
13 vance of provider expenditures for costs de-  
14 scribed in subsection (e), except as provided in  
15 subsection (e)(2).

16 (B) QUALIFIED CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—  
17 To be qualified to receive a subgrant under this  
18 paragraph, a provider shall be an eligible child  
19 care provider that—

20 (i) was providing child care services  
21 on or before March 1, 2020; and

22 (ii) on the date of submission of an  
23 application for the subgrant, was either—

24 (I) open and available to provide  
25 child care services; or

1 (II) closed due to the COVID–19  
2 public health emergency.

3 (C) SUBGRANT AMOUNT.—The lead agency  
4 shall make subgrants, from amounts awarded  
5 pursuant to subsection (b), to qualified child  
6 care providers, and the amount of such a  
7 subgrant to such a provider shall—

8 (i) be based on the provider’s stated  
9 average operating expenses during the pe-  
10 riod (of not longer than 6 months) before  
11 March 1, 2020, or before the provider’s  
12 last day of operation for a provider that  
13 operates seasonally, and at minimum cover  
14 such operating expenses for the intended  
15 length of the subgrant;

16 (ii) account for increased costs of pro-  
17 viding or preparing to provide child care as  
18 a result of the COVID–19 public health  
19 emergency, such as provider and employee  
20 compensation and existing benefits (exist-  
21 ing as of March 1, 2020) and the imple-  
22 mentation of new practices related to sani-  
23 tization, group size limits, and social  
24 distancing;

1 (iii) be adjusted for payments or reim-  
2 bursements made to an eligible child care  
3 provider to carry out the Child Care and  
4 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
5 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) or the Head Start  
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.); and

7 (iv) be adjusted for payments or reim-  
8 bursements made to an eligible child care  
9 provider through the Paycheck Protection  
10 Program set forth in section 7(a)(36) of  
11 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
12 636(a)(36)), as added by section 1102 of  
13 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
14 Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

15 (D) APPLICATION.—

16 (i) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
17 ceive a subgrant under this paragraph, a  
18 child care provider shall submit an applica-  
19 tion to a lead agency at such time and in  
20 such manner as the lead agency may re-  
21 quire. Such application shall include—

22 (I) a good-faith certification that  
23 the ongoing operations of the child  
24 care provider have been impacted as a



1 result of the COVID–19 public health  
2 emergency;

3 (II) for a provider described in  
4 subparagraph (B)(ii)(I), an assurance  
5 that, for the duration of the COVID–  
6 19 public health emergency—

7 (aa) the provider will give  
8 priority for available slots (in-  
9 cluding slots that are only tempo-  
10 rarily available) to—

11 (AA) children of essen-  
12 tial workers (such as health  
13 care sector employees, emer-  
14 gency responders, sanitation  
15 workers, farmworkers, child  
16 care employees, and other  
17 workers determined to be es-  
18 sential during the response  
19 to coronavirus by public offi-  
20 cials), children of workers  
21 whose places of employment  
22 require their attendance,  
23 children experiencing home-  
24 lessness, children with dis-  
25 abilities, children at risk of

1 child abuse or neglect, and  
2 children in foster care, in  
3 States, tribal communities,  
4 or localities where stay-at-  
5 home or related orders are  
6 in effect; or

7 (BB) children of work-  
8 ers whose places of employ-  
9 ment require their attend-  
10 ance, children experiencing  
11 homelessness, children with  
12 disabilities, children at risk  
13 of child abuse or neglect,  
14 children in foster care, and  
15 children whose parents are  
16 in school or a training pro-  
17 gram, in States, tribal com-  
18 munities, or localities where  
19 stay-at-home or related or-  
20 ders are not in effect;

21 (bb) the provider will imple-  
22 ment policies in line with guid-  
23 ance from the Centers for Dis-  
24 ease Control and Prevention and  
25 the corresponding State, tribal,

1 and local authorities, and in ac-  
2 cordance with State, tribal, and  
3 local orders, for child care pro-  
4 viders that remain open, includ-  
5 ing guidance on sanitization  
6 practices, group size limits, and  
7 social distancing;

8 (cc) for each employee, the  
9 provider will pay the full com-  
10 pensation described in subsection  
11 (e)(1)(C), including any benefits,  
12 that was provided to the em-  
13 ployee as of March 1, 2020 (re-  
14 ferred to in this clause as “full  
15 compensation”), and will not take  
16 any action that reduces the week-  
17 ly amount of the employee’s com-  
18 pensation below the weekly  
19 amount of full compensation, or  
20 that reduces the employee’s rate  
21 of compensation below the rate of  
22 full compensation; and

23 (dd) the provider will pro-  
24 vide relief from copayments and  
25 tuition payments for the families

1 enrolled in the provider’s pro-  
2 gram and prioritize such relief  
3 for families struggling to make  
4 either type of payments;

5 (III) for a provider described in  
6 subparagraph (B)(ii)(II), an assur-  
7 ance that—

8 (aa) for the duration of the  
9 provider’s closure due to the  
10 COVID–19 public health emer-  
11 gency, for each employee, the  
12 provider will pay full compensa-  
13 tion, and will not take any action  
14 that reduces the weekly amount  
15 of the employee’s compensation  
16 below the weekly amount of full  
17 compensation, or that reduces  
18 the employee’s rate of compensa-  
19 tion below the rate of full com-  
20 pensation;

21 (bb) children enrolled as of  
22 March 1, 2020, will maintain  
23 their slots, unless their families  
24 choose to disenroll the children;

1 (cc) for the duration of the  
2 provider's closure due to the  
3 COVID-19 public health emer-  
4 gency, the provider will provide  
5 relief from copayments and tui-  
6 tion payments for the families  
7 enrolled in the provider's pro-  
8 gram and prioritize such relief  
9 for families struggling to make  
10 either type of payments; and

11 (dd) the provider will re-  
12 sume operations when the pro-  
13 vider is able to safely implement  
14 policies in line with guidance  
15 from the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention and the  
17 corresponding State, tribal, and  
18 local authorities, and in accord-  
19 ance with State, tribal, and local  
20 orders;

21 (IV) information about the child  
22 care provider's—

23 (aa) program characteristics  
24 sufficient to allow the lead agen-  
25 cy to establish the child care pro-

1 vider's priority status, as de-  
2 scribed in subparagraph (F);  
3 (bb) program operational  
4 status on the date of submission  
5 of the application;  
6 (cc) type of program, includ-  
7 ing whether the program is a  
8 center-based child care, family  
9 child care, group home child care,  
10 or other non-center-based child  
11 care type program;  
12 (dd) total enrollment on the  
13 date of submission of the applica-  
14 tion and total capacity as allowed  
15 by the State and tribal authori-  
16 ties; and  
17 (ee) receipt of assistance,  
18 and amount of assistance,  
19 through a payment or reimburse-  
20 ment described in subparagraph  
21 (C)(iv), and the time period for  
22 which the assistance was made;  
23 (V) information necessary to de-  
24 termine the amount of the subgrant,  
25 such as information about the pro-

1 vider’s stated average operating ex-  
2 penses over the appropriate period,  
3 described in subparagraph (C)(i); and

4 (VI) such other limited informa-  
5 tion as the lead agency shall deter-  
6 mine to be necessary to make sub-  
7 grants to qualified child care pro-  
8 viders.

9 (ii) FREQUENCY.—The lead agency  
10 shall accept and process applications sub-  
11 mitted under this subparagraph on a roll-  
12 ing basis.

13 (iii) UPDATES.—The lead agency  
14 shall—

15 (I) at least once a month, verify  
16 by obtaining a self-attestation from  
17 each qualified child care provider that  
18 received such a subgrant from the  
19 agency, whether the provider is open  
20 and available to provide child care  
21 services or is closed due to the  
22 COVID–19 public health emergency;

23 (II) allow the qualified child care  
24 provider to update the information  
25 provided in a prior application; and

1 (III) adjust the qualified child  
2 care provider's subgrant award as  
3 necessary, based on changes to the  
4 application information, including  
5 changes to the provider's operational  
6 status.

7 (iv) EXISTING APPLICATIONS.—If a  
8 lead agency has established and imple-  
9 mented a grant program for child care pro-  
10 viders that is in effect on the date of en-  
11 actment of this Act, and an eligible child  
12 care provider has already submitted an ap-  
13 plication for such a grant to the lead agen-  
14 cy containing the information specified in  
15 clause (i), the lead agency shall treat that  
16 application as an application submitted  
17 under this subparagraph. If an eligible  
18 child care provider has already submitted  
19 such an application containing part of the  
20 information specified in clause (i), the pro-  
21 vider may submit to the lead agency an ab-  
22 breviated application that contains the re-  
23 maining information, and the lead agency  
24 shall treat the 2 applications as an applica-  
25 tion submitted under this subparagraph.



1 (E) MATERIALS.—

2 (i) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency  
3 shall provide the materials and other re-  
4 sources related to such subgrants, includ-  
5 ing a notification of subgrant opportunities  
6 and application materials, to qualified child  
7 care providers in the most commonly spo-  
8 ken languages in the State.

9 (ii) APPLICATION.—The application  
10 shall be accessible on the website of the  
11 lead agency within 30 days after the lead  
12 agency receives grant funds awarded pur-  
13 suant to subsection (b) and shall be acces-  
14 sible to all eligible child care providers, in-  
15 cluding family child care providers, group  
16 home child care providers, and other non-  
17 center-based child care providers and pro-  
18 viders with limited administrative capacity.

19 (F) PRIORITY.—In making subgrants  
20 under this section, the lead agency shall give  
21 priority to qualified child care providers that,  
22 prior to or on March 1, 2020—

23 (i) provided child care during non-  
24 traditional hours;

1 (ii) served dual language learners,  
2 children with disabilities, children experi-  
3 encing homelessness, children in foster  
4 care, children from low-income families, or  
5 infants and toddlers;

6 (iii) served a high proportion of chil-  
7 dren whose families received subsidies  
8 under the Child Care and Development  
9 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857  
10 et seq.) for the child care; or

11 (iv) operated in communities, includ-  
12 ing rural communities, with a low supply  
13 of child care.

14 (G) PROVIDERS RECEIVING OTHER ASSIST-  
15 ANCE.—The lead agency, in determining wheth-  
16 er a provider is a qualified child care provider,  
17 shall not take into consideration receipt of a  
18 payment or reimbursement described in sub-  
19 paragraph (C)(iii) or subparagraph (C)(iv).

20 (H) AWARDS.—The lead agency shall equi-  
21 tably make subgrants under this paragraph to  
22 center-based child care providers, family child  
23 care providers, group home child care providers,  
24 and other non-center-based child care providers,  
25 such that qualified child care providers are able

1 to access the subgrant opportunity under this  
2 paragraph regardless of the providers' setting,  
3 size, or administrative capacity.

4 (I) OBLIGATION.—The lead agency shall  
5 obligate at least 50 percent of funds available  
6 to carry out this section for subgrants described  
7 in this paragraph, by December 31, 2020.

8 (e) USES OF FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—A qualified child care pro-  
10 vider that receives funds through such a subgrant  
11 may use the funds for the costs of—

12 (A) payroll;

13 (B) employee benefits, including group  
14 health plan benefits during periods of paid sick,  
15 medical, or family leave, and insurance pre-  
16 miums;

17 (C) employee salaries or similar compensa-  
18 tion, including any income or other compensa-  
19 tion to a sole proprietor or independent con-  
20 tractor that is a wage, commission, income, net  
21 earnings from self-employment, or similar com-  
22 pensation;

23 (D) payment on any mortgage obligation;

24 (E) rent (including rent under a lease  
25 agreement);

1 (F) utilities;

2 (G) insurance;

3 (H) providing premium pay for child care  
4 providers and other employees who provide  
5 services during the COVID–19 public health  
6 emergency;

7 (I) sanitization and other costs associated  
8 with cleaning;

9 (J) personal protective equipment and  
10 other equipment necessary to carry out the  
11 functions of the child care provider;

12 (K) training and professional development  
13 related to health and safety practices, including  
14 the proper implementation of policies in line  
15 with guidance from the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention and the corresponding  
17 State, tribal, and local authorities, and in ac-  
18 cordance with State, tribal, and local orders;

19 (L) modifications to child care services as  
20 a result of the COVID–19 public health emer-  
21 gency, such as limiting group sizes, adjusting  
22 staff-to-child ratios, and implementing other  
23 heightened health and safety measures;

24 (M) mental health supports for children  
25 and employees; and

1 (N) other goods and services necessary to  
2 maintain or resume operation of the child care  
3 program, or to maintain the viability of the  
4 child care provider as a going concern during  
5 and after the COVID–19 public health emer-  
6 gency.

7 (2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The qualified child care  
8 provider may use the subgrant funds to reimburse  
9 the provider for sums obligated or expended before  
10 the date of enactment of this Act for the cost of a  
11 good or service described in paragraph (1) to re-  
12 spond to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

13 (f) REPORTING.—

14 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—A lead agency receiving  
15 a grant under this section shall, within 60 days after  
16 making the agency’s first subgrant under subsection  
17 (d)(2) to a qualified child care provider, submit a re-  
18 port to the Secretary that includes—

19 (A) data on qualified child care providers  
20 that applied for subgrants and qualified child  
21 care providers that received such subgrants, in-  
22 cluding—

23 (i) the number of such applicants and  
24 the number of such recipients;

1 (ii) the number and proportion of  
2 such applicants and recipients that re-  
3 ceived priority and the characteristic or  
4 characteristics of such applicants and re-  
5 cipients associated with the priority;

6 (iii) the number and proportion of  
7 such applicants and recipients that are—

8 (I) center-based child care pro-  
9 viders;

10 (II) family child care providers;

11 (III) group home child care pro-  
12 viders; or

13 (IV) other non-center-based child  
14 care providers; and

15 (iv) within each of the groups listed in  
16 clause (iii), the number of such applicants  
17 and recipients that are, on the date of sub-  
18 mission of the application—

19 (I) open and available to provide  
20 child care services; or

21 (II) closed due to the COVID-19  
22 public health emergency;

23 (B) the total capacity of child care pro-  
24 viders that are licensed, regulated, or registered

1 in the State on the date of the submission of  
2 the report;

3 (C) a description of—

4 (i) the efforts of the lead agency to  
5 publicize the availability of subgrants  
6 under this section and conduct widespread  
7 outreach to eligible child care providers  
8 about such subgrants, including efforts to  
9 make materials available in languages  
10 other than English;

11 (ii) the lead agency’s methodology for  
12 determining amounts of subgrants under  
13 subsection (d)(2);

14 (iii) the lead agency’s timeline for dis-  
15 bursing the subgrant funds; and

16 (iv) the lead agency’s plan for ensur-  
17 ing that qualified child care providers that  
18 receive funding through such a subgrant  
19 comply with assurances described in sub-  
20 section (d)(2)(D) and use funds in compli-  
21 ance with subsection (e); and

22 (D) such other limited information as the  
23 Secretary may require.

24 (2) QUARTERLY REPORT.—The lead agency  
25 shall, following the submission of such initial report,

1 submit to the Secretary a report that contains the  
2 information described in subparagraphs (A), (B),  
3 and (D) of paragraph (1) once a quarter until all  
4 funds allotted for activities authorized under this  
5 section are expended.

6 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days  
7 after a lead agency receiving a grant under this sec-  
8 tion has obligated all of the grant funds (including  
9 funds received under subsection (h)), the lead agen-  
10 cy shall submit a report to the Secretary, in such  
11 manner as the Secretary may require, that in-  
12 cludes—

13 (A) the total number of eligible child care  
14 providers who were providing child care services  
15 on or before March 1, 2020, in the State and  
16 the number of such providers that submitted an  
17 application under subsection (d)(2)(D);

18 (B) the number of qualified child care pro-  
19 viders in the State that received funds through  
20 the grant;

21 (C) the lead agency's methodology for de-  
22 termining amounts of subgrants under sub-  
23 section (d)(2);

24 (D) the average and range of the subgrant  
25 amounts by provider type (center-based child



1 care, family child care, group home child care,  
2 or other non-center-based child care provider);

3 (E) the percentages of the child care pro-  
4 viders that received such a subgrant, that, on or  
5 before March 1, 2020—

6 (i) provided child care during non-  
7 traditional hours;

8 (ii) served dual language learners,  
9 children with disabilities, children experi-  
10 encing homelessness, children in foster  
11 care, children from low-income families, or  
12 infants and toddlers;

13 (iii) served a high proportion of chil-  
14 dren whose families received subsidies  
15 under the Child Care and Development  
16 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857  
17 et seq.) for the child care; and

18 (iv) operated in communities, includ-  
19 ing rural communities, with a low supply  
20 of child care;

21 (F) the number of children served by the  
22 child care providers that received such a  
23 subgrant, for the duration of the subgrant;

24 (G) the percentages, of the child care pro-  
25 viders that received such a subgrant, that are—

- 1 (i) center-based child care providers;
- 2 (ii) family child care providers;
- 3 (iii) group home child care providers;

4 or

- 5 (iv) other non-center-based child care
- 6 providers;

7 (H) the percentages, of the child care pro-  
8 viders listed in subparagraph (G) that are, on  
9 the date of submission of the application—

- 10 (i) open and available to provide child
- 11 care services; or

- 12 (ii) closed due to the COVID–19 pub-  
13 lic health emergency;

14 (I) information about how child care pro-  
15 viders used the funds received under such a  
16 subgrant;

17 (J) information about how the lead agency  
18 used funds reserved under subsection (d)(1);  
19 and

20 (K) information about how the subgrants  
21 helped to stabilize the child care sector.

22 (4) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

23 (A) FINDINGS FROM INITIAL REPORTS.—

24 Not later than 60 days after receiving all re-  
25 ports required to be submitted under paragraph

1 (1), the Secretary shall provide a report to the  
2 Committee on Education and Labor of the  
3 House of Representatives, to the Committee on  
4 Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the  
5 Senate, and to the Committees on Appropria-  
6 tions of the House of Representatives and the  
7 Senate, summarizing the findings from the re-  
8 ports received under paragraph (1).

9 (B) FINDINGS FROM FINAL REPORTS.—  
10 Not later than 36 months after the date of en-  
11 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide  
12 a report to the Committee on Education and  
13 Labor of the House of Representatives, to the  
14 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and  
15 Pensions of the Senate, and to the Committees  
16 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-  
17 tives and the Senate, summarizing the findings  
18 from the reports received under paragraph (3).

19 (g) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made  
20 available to carry out this section shall be used to supple-  
21 ment and not supplant other Federal, State, and local  
22 public funds expended to provide child care services for  
23 eligible individuals, including funds provided under the  
24 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
25 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) and State child care programs.

1 (h) REALLOTMENT OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—

2 (1) UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—A State, Indian  
3 tribe, or tribal organization shall return to the Sec-  
4 retary any grant funds received under this section  
5 that the State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization  
6 does not obligate by September 30, 2021.

7 (2) REALLOTMENT.—The Secretary shall award  
8 new allotments and payments, in accordance with  
9 subsection (c)(2), to covered States, Indian tribes, or  
10 tribal organizations from funds that are returned  
11 under paragraph (1) within 60 days of receiving  
12 such funds. Funds made available through the new  
13 allotments and payments shall remain available to  
14 each covered State, Indian tribe, or tribal organiza-  
15 tion until September 30, 2022.

16 (3) COVERED STATE, INDIAN TRIBE, OR TRIBAL  
17 ORGANIZATION.—For purposes of paragraph (2), a  
18 covered State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization is  
19 a State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization that re-  
20 ceived an allotment or payment under this section  
21 and was not required to return grant funds under  
22 paragraph (1).

23 (i) EXCEPTIONS.—The Child Care and Development  
24 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.), exclud-  
25 ing requirements in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of sec-

1 tion 658E(c)(3), section 658G, and section 658J(c) of  
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 9858e(c)(3), 9858e, 9858h(c)), shall  
3 apply to child care services provided under this section to  
4 the extent the application of such Act does not conflict  
5 with the provisions of this section. Nothing in this Act  
6 shall be construed to require a State, Indian tribe, or trib-  
7 al organization to submit an application, other than the  
8 application described in section 658E or 658O(c) of the  
9 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
10 U.S.C. 9858e, 9858m(c)), to receive a grant under this  
11 Act.

12 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
14 appropriated to carry out this Act \$50,000,000,000  
15 for fiscal year 2020.

16 (2) APPLICATION.—In carrying out the Child  
17 Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990  
18 with funds other than the funds appropriated under  
19 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall calculate the  
20 amounts of appropriated funds described in sub-  
21 sections (a) and (b) of section 658O of such Act (42  
22 U.S.C. 9858m) by excluding funds appropriated  
23 under paragraph (1).

1        SEC. 2. Each amount appropriated or made available  
2 by this Act is in addition to any amounts otherwise appro-  
3 priated for the fiscal year involved.

4        SEC. 3. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act,  
5 the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appro-  
6 priations accounts shall be available under the authorities  
7 and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts  
8 for fiscal year 2020.

9        This Act may be cited as the “Child Care Is Essential  
10 Act”.

