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To provide for the health, education, and welfare of children under 6 years of age.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BACA, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To provide for the health, education, and welfare of children under 6 years of age.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Early Childhood Development Act of 2000”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.

- Sec. 101. Definitions.
- Sec. 102. Allotments to States.
- Sec. 103. Grants to local collaboratives.
- Sec. 104. Supplement not supplant.
- Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE II—CHILD CARE FOR FAMILIES

- Sec. 201. Amendment to Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

#### TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAD START ACT

- Sec. 301. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 302. Effective date.

### 1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The Nation's highest priority should be to  
4 ensure that children begin school ready to learn.

5 (2) New scientific research shows that the elec-  
6 trical activity of brain cells actually changes the  
7 physical structure of the brain itself and that with-  
8 out a stimulating environment, a baby's brain will  
9 suffer. At birth, a baby's brain contains  
10 100,000,000,000 neurons, roughly as many nerve  
11 cells as there are stars in the Milky Way, but the  
12 wiring pattern between these neurons develops over  
13 time. Children who play very little or are rarely  
14 touched develop brains that are 20 to 30 percent  
15 smaller than normal for their age.

16 (3) This scientific research also conclusively  
17 demonstrates that enhancing children's physical, so-  
18 cial, emotional, and intellectual development will re-

1 sult in tremendous benefits for children, families,  
2 and the Nation.

3 (4) Since more than 50 percent of the mothers  
4 of children under the age of 3 now work outside of  
5 the home, society must change to provide new sup-  
6 ports so young children receive the attention and  
7 care that they need.

8 (5) There are 12,000,000 children under the  
9 age of 3 in the United States today and 1 in 4 lives  
10 in poverty.

11 (6) Compared with most other industrialized  
12 countries, the United States has a higher infant  
13 mortality rate, a higher proportion of low-birth  
14 weight babies, and a smaller proportion of babies  
15 immunized against childhood diseases.

16 (7) National and local studies have found a  
17 strong link between—

18 (A) lack of early intervention for children;

19 and

20 (B) increased violence and crime among  
21 youth.

22 (8) The United States will spend more than  
23 \$35,000,000,000 over the next 5 years on Federal  
24 programs for at-risk or delinquent youth and child  
25 welfare programs, which address crisis situations

1 that frequently could have been avoided or made  
2 much less severe through good early intervention for  
3 children.

4 (9) Many local communities across the country  
5 have developed successful early childhood efforts and  
6 with additional resources could expand and enhance  
7 opportunities for young children.

8 **TITLE I—ASSISTANCE FOR**  
9 **YOUNG CHILDREN**

10 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this subtitle:

12 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term  
13 “local educational agency” has the meaning given  
14 the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and  
15 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

16 (2) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”  
17 means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of  
18 Management and Budget, and revised annually in  
19 accordance with section 673(2) of the Community  
20 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) appli-  
21 cable to a family of the size involved.

22 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1           (4) STATE BOARD.—The term “State board”  
2 means a State Early Learning Coordinating Board  
3 established under section 102(c).

4           (5) YOUNG CHILD.—The term “young child”  
5 means an individual from birth through age 5.

6           (6) YOUNG CHILD ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.—  
7 The term “young child assistance activities” means  
8 the activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A)  
9 of section 103(b).

10 **SEC. 102. ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make allot-  
12 ments under subsection (b) to eligible States to pay for  
13 the Federal share of the cost of enabling the States to  
14 make grants to local collaboratives under section 103 for  
15 young child assistance activities.

16       (b) ALLOTMENT.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—From the funds appro-  
18 priated under section 105 for each fiscal year and  
19 not reserved under subsection (i), the Secretary shall  
20 allot to each eligible State an amount that bears the  
21 same relationship to such funds as the total number  
22 of young children in poverty in the State bears to  
23 the total number of young children in poverty in all  
24 eligible States.

1           (2) YOUNG CHILD IN POVERTY.—In this sub-  
2           section, the term “young child in poverty” means an  
3           individual who—

4                   (A) is a young child; and

5                   (B) is a member of a family with an in-  
6           come below the poverty line.

7           (c) STATE BOARDS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to be el-  
9           igible to obtain an allotment under this subtitle, the  
10          Governor of the State shall establish, or designate  
11          an entity to serve as, a State Early Learning Co-  
12          ordinating Board, which shall receive the allotment  
13          and make the grants described in section 103.

14          (2) ESTABLISHED BOARD.—A State board es-  
15          tablished under paragraph (1) shall consist of the  
16          Governor and members appointed by the Governor,  
17          including—

18                   (A) representatives of all State agencies  
19                   primarily providing services to young children  
20                   in the State;

21                   (B) representatives of business in the  
22                   State;

23                   (C) chief executive officers of political sub-  
24                   divisions in the State;

25                   (D) parents of young children in the State;

1           (E) officers of community organizations  
2           serving low-income individuals, as defined by  
3           the Secretary, in the State;

4           (F) representatives of State nonprofit or-  
5           ganizations that represent the interests of  
6           young children in poverty, as defined in sub-  
7           section (b)(2), in the State;

8           (G) representatives of organizations pro-  
9           viding services to young children and the par-  
10          ents of young children, such as organizations  
11          providing child care, carrying out Head Start  
12          programs under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
13          9831 et seq.), providing services through a fam-  
14          ily resource center, providing home visits, or  
15          providing health care services, in the State; and

16          (H) representatives of local educational  
17          agencies.

18          (3) DESIGNATED BOARD.—The Governor may  
19          designate an entity to serve as the State board  
20          under paragraph (1) if the entity includes the Gov-  
21          ernor and the members described in subparagraphs  
22          (A) through (G) of paragraph (2).

23          (4) DESIGNATED STATE AGENCY.—The Gov-  
24          ernor shall designate a State agency that has a rep-  
25          resentative on the State board to provide adminis-

1 trative oversight concerning the use of funds made  
2 available under this subtitle and ensure account-  
3 ability for the funds.

4 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an allot-  
5 ment under this subtitle, a State board shall annually sub-  
6 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such  
7 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
8 may require. At a minimum, the application shall  
9 contain—

10 (1) sufficient information about the entity es-  
11 tablished or designated under subsection (c) to serve  
12 as the State board to enable the Secretary to deter-  
13 mine whether the entity complies with the require-  
14 ments of such subsection;

15 (2) a comprehensive State plan for carrying out  
16 young child assistance activities;

17 (3) an assurance that the State board will pro-  
18 vide such information as the Secretary shall by regu-  
19 lation require on the amount of State and local pub-  
20 lic funds expended in the State to provide services  
21 for young children; and

22 (4) an assurance that the State board shall an-  
23 nually compile and submit to the Secretary informa-  
24 tion from the reports referred to in section

1 103(e)(2)(F)(iii) that describes the results referred  
2 to in section 103(e)(2)(F)(i).

3 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
5 cost described in subsection (a) shall be—

6 (A) 85 percent, in the case of a State for  
7 which the Federal medical assistance percent-  
8 age (as defined in section 1905(b) of the Social  
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b))) is not less  
10 than 50 percent, but is less than 60 percent;

11 (B) 87.5 percent, in the case of a State for  
12 which such percentage is not less than 60 per-  
13 cent, but is less than 70 percent; and

14 (C) 90 percent, in the case of any State  
15 not described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

16 (2) STATE SHARE.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The State shall con-  
18 tribute the remaining share (referred to in this  
19 paragraph as the “State share”) of the cost de-  
20 scribed in subsection (a).

21 (B) FORM.—The State share of the cost  
22 shall be in cash.

23 (C) SOURCES.—The State may provide for  
24 the State share of the cost from State or local

1 sources, or through donations from private enti-  
2 ties.

3 (f) STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use not more  
5 than 5 percent of the funds made available through  
6 an allotment made under this subtitle to pay for a  
7 portion, not to exceed 50 percent, of State adminis-  
8 trative costs related to carrying out this subtitle.

9 (2) WAIVER.—A State may apply to the Sec-  
10 retary for a waiver of paragraph (1). The Secretary  
11 may grant the waiver if the Secretary finds that un-  
12 usual circumstances prevent the State from com-  
13 plying with paragraph (1). A State that receives  
14 such a waiver may use not more than 7.5 percent of  
15 the funds made available through the allotment to  
16 pay for the State administrative costs.

17 (g) MONITORING.—The Secretary shall monitor the  
18 activities of States that receive allotments under this sub-  
19 title to ensure compliance with the requirements of this  
20 subtitle, including compliance with the State plans.

21 (h) ENFORCEMENT.—If the Secretary determines  
22 that a State that has received an allotment under this sub-  
23 title is not complying with a requirement of this subtitle,  
24 the Secretary may—

1           (1) provide technical assistance to the State to  
2 improve the ability of the State to comply with the  
3 requirement;

4           (2) reduce, by not less than 5 percent, an allot-  
5 ment made to the State under this section, for the  
6 second determination of noncompliance;

7           (3) reduce, by not less than 25 percent, an al-  
8 lotment made to the State under this section, for the  
9 third determination of noncompliance; or

10           (4) revoke the eligibility of the State to receive  
11 allotments under this section, for the fourth or sub-  
12 sequent determination of noncompliance.

13           (i) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—From the funds ap-  
14 propriated under section 105 for each fiscal year, the Sec-  
15 retary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of the funds  
16 to pay for the costs of providing technical assistance. The  
17 Secretary shall use the reserved funds to enter into con-  
18 tracts with eligible entities to provide technical assistance,  
19 to local collaboratives that receive grants under section  
20 103, relating to the functions of the local collaboratives  
21 under this subtitle.

22 **SEC. 103. GRANTS TO LOCAL COLLABORATIVES.**

23           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—A State board that receives an al-  
24 lotment under section 102 shall use the funds made avail-  
25 able through the allotment, and the State contribution

1 made under section 102(e)(2), to pay for the Federal and  
2 State shares of the cost of making grants, on a competitive  
3 basis, to local collaboratives to carry out young child as-  
4 sistance activities.

5 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A local collaborative that re-  
6 ceives a grant made under subsection (a)—

7 (1) shall use funds made available through the  
8 grant to provide, in a community, activities that con-  
9 sist of education and supportive services, such as—

10 (A) home visits for parents of young chil-  
11 dren;

12 (B) services provided through community-  
13 based family resource centers for such parents;  
14 and

15 (C) collaborative pre-school efforts that  
16 link parenting education for such parents to  
17 early childhood learning services for young chil-  
18 dren; and

19 (2) may use funds made available through the  
20 grant—

21 (A) to provide, in the community, activities  
22 that consist of—

23 (i) activities designed to strengthen  
24 the quality of child care for young children

1 and expand the supply of high quality child  
2 care services for young children;

3 (ii) health care services for young chil-  
4 dren, including increasing the level of im-  
5 munization for young children in the com-  
6 munity, providing preventive health care  
7 screening and education, and expanding  
8 health care services in schools, child care  
9 facilities, clinics in public housing (as de-  
10 fined in section 3(b) of the United States  
11 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
12 1437a(b))), and mobile dental and vision  
13 clinics;

14 (iii) services for children with disabil-  
15 ities who are young children; and

16 (iv) activities designed to assist  
17 schools in providing educational and other  
18 support services to young children, and  
19 parents of young children, in the commu-  
20 nity, to be carried out during extended  
21 hours when appropriate; and

22 (B) to pay for the salary and expenses of  
23 the administrator described in subsection (e)(4),  
24 in accordance with such regulations as the Sec-  
25 retary shall prescribe.

1 (c) MULTI-YEAR FUNDING.—In making grants  
2 under this section, a State board may make grants for  
3 grant periods of more than 1 year to local collaboratives  
4 with demonstrated success in carrying out young child as-  
5 sistance activities.

6 (d) LOCAL COLLABORATIVES.—To be eligible to re-  
7 ceive a grant under this section for a community, a local  
8 collaborative shall demonstrate that the collaborative—

9 (1) is able to provide, through a coordinated ef-  
10 fort, young child assistance activities to young chil-  
11 dren, and parents of young children, in the commu-  
12 nity; and

13 (2) includes—

14 (A) all public agencies primarily providing  
15 services to young children in the community;

16 (B) businesses in the community;

17 (C) representatives of the local government  
18 for the county or other political subdivision in  
19 which the community is located;

20 (D) parents of young children in the com-  
21 munity;

22 (E) officers of community organizations  
23 serving low-income individuals, as defined by  
24 the Secretary, in the community;

1 (F) community-based organizations pro-  
2 viding services to young children and the par-  
3 ents of young children, such as organizations  
4 providing child care, carrying out Head Start  
5 programs, or providing pre-kindergarten edu-  
6 cation, mental health, or family support serv-  
7 ices; and

8 (G) nonprofit organizations that serve the  
9 community and that are described in section  
10 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
11 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)  
12 of such Code.

13 (e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
14 under this section, a local collaborative shall submit an  
15 application to the State board at such time, in such man-  
16 ner, and containing such information as the State board  
17 may require. At a minimum, the application shall  
18 contain—

19 (1) sufficient information about the entity de-  
20 scribed in subsection (d)(2) to enable the State  
21 board to determine whether the entity complies with  
22 the requirements of such subsection; and

23 (2) a comprehensive plan for carrying out  
24 young child assistance activities in the community,  
25 including information indicating—

1 (A) the young child assistance activities  
2 available in the community, as of the date of  
3 submission of the plan, including information  
4 on efforts to coordinate the activities;

5 (B) the unmet needs of young children,  
6 and parents of young children, in the commu-  
7 nity for young child assistance activities;

8 (C) the manner in which funds made avail-  
9 able through the grant will be used—

10 (i) to meet the needs, including ex-  
11 panding and strengthening the activities  
12 described in subparagraph (A) and estab-  
13 lishing additional young child assistance  
14 activities; and

15 (ii) to improve results for young chil-  
16 dren in the community;

17 (D) how the local cooperative will use at  
18 least 60 percent of the funds made available  
19 through the grant to provide young child assist-  
20 ance activities to young children and parents  
21 described in subsection (f);

22 (E) the comprehensive methods that the  
23 collaborative will use to ensure that—

24 (i) each entity carrying out young  
25 child assistance activities through the col-

1 laborative will coordinate the activities with  
2 such activities carried out by other entities  
3 through the collaborative; and

4 (ii) the local collaborative will coordi-  
5 nate the activities of the local collaborative  
6 with—

7 (I) other services provided to  
8 young children, and the parents of  
9 young children, in the community;  
10 and

11 (II) the activities of other local  
12 collaboratives serving young children  
13 and families in the community, if any;  
14 and

15 (F) the manner in which the collaborative  
16 will, at such intervals as the State board may  
17 require, submit information to the State board  
18 to enable the State board to carry out moni-  
19 toring under section 102(g), including the man-  
20 ner in which the collaborative will—

21 (i) evaluate the results achieved by  
22 the collaborative for young children and  
23 parents of young children through activi-  
24 ties carried out through the grant;

1 (ii) evaluate how services can be more  
2 effectively delivered to young children and  
3 the parents of young children; and

4 (iii) prepare and submit to the State  
5 board annual reports describing the re-  
6 sults;

7 (3) an assurance that the local collaborative will  
8 comply with the requirements of subparagraphs (D),  
9 (E), and (F) of paragraph (2), and subsection (g);  
10 and

11 (4) an assurance that the local collaborative will  
12 hire an administrator to oversee the provision of the  
13 activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) of  
14 subsection (b).

15 (f) DISTRIBUTION.—In making grants under this sec-  
16 tion, the State board shall ensure that at least 60 percent  
17 of the funds made available through each grant are used  
18 to provide the young child assistance activities to young  
19 children (and parents of young children) who reside in  
20 school districts in which half or more of the students re-  
21 ceive free or reduced price lunches under the National  
22 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

23 (g) LOCAL SHARE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The local collaborative shall  
25 contribute a percentage (referred to in this sub-

1 section as the “local share”) of the cost of carrying  
2 out the young child assistance activities.

3 (2) PERCENTAGE.—The Secretary shall by reg-  
4 ulation specify the percentage referred to in para-  
5 graph (1).

6 (3) FORM.—The local share of the cost shall be  
7 in cash.

8 (4) SOURCE.—The local collaborative shall pro-  
9 vide for the local share of the cost through donations  
10 from private entities.

11 (5) WAIVER.—The State board shall waive the  
12 requirement of paragraph (1) for poor rural and  
13 urban areas, as defined by the Secretary.

14 (h) MONITORING.—The State board shall monitor  
15 the activities of local collaboratives that receive grants  
16 under this subtitle to ensure compliance with the require-  
17 ments of this subtitle.

18 **SEC. 104. SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.**

19 Funds appropriated under this subtitle shall be used  
20 to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and  
21 local public funds expended to provide services for young  
22 children.

23 **SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
25 this title \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$500,000,000

1 for fiscal year 2002, \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal  
2 years 2003 through 2005, and such sums as may be nec-  
3 essary for fiscal year 2006 and each subsequent fiscal  
4 year.

5           **TITLE II—CHILD CARE FOR**  
6                           **FAMILIES**

7   **SEC. 201. AMENDMENT TO CHILD CARE AND DEVELOP-**  
8                           **MENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 1990.**

9           The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act  
10 of 1990 is amended by inserting after section 658C (42  
11 U.S.C. 9858a) the following:

12   **“SEC. 658C-1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ZERO TO SIX PROGRAM.**

13           “(a) IN GENERAL.—

14                   “(1) ALLOTMENTS.—Subject to the amount ap-  
15 propriated under subsection (f), each State shall, for  
16 the purpose of providing child care assistance on be-  
17 half of children under 6 years of age, receive an al-  
18 lotment under this section for each fiscal year in ac-  
19 cordance with the formula described in section  
20 6580.

21                   “(2) INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary shall re-  
22 serve 2 percent of the amount appropriated to carry  
23 out this section for each fiscal year for grants to In-  
24 dian tribes and tribal organizations.

1           “(3) REMAINDER.—Any amount appropriated  
2           for a fiscal year under subsection (f), and remaining  
3           after the Secretary makes grants to eligible States  
4           from allotments made under paragraph (1) and  
5           makes the reservation described in paragraph (2),  
6           shall be used by the Secretary to make additional al-  
7           lotments to eligible States based on the formula re-  
8           ferred to in paragraph (1).

9           “(4) REALLOTMENT.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of the al-  
11           lotment made under paragraph (1) or (3) to a  
12           State that the Secretary determines is not re-  
13           quired by the State to carry out the activities  
14           described in subsection (b), in the period for  
15           which the allotment is made available, shall be  
16           reallotted by the Secretary to other States in  
17           proportion to the original allotments to the  
18           other States.

19           “(B) LIMITATIONS.—

20           “(i) REDUCTION.—The amount of any  
21           reallotment to which a State is entitled to  
22           under subparagraph (A) shall be reduced  
23           to the extent that the amount exceeds the  
24           amount that the Secretary estimates will

1           be used in the State to carry out the ac-  
2           tivities described in subsection (b).

3           “(ii) REALLOTMENTS OF REDUC-  
4           TIONS.—The amount of such reduction  
5           shall be similarly reallocated among States  
6           for which no reduction in an allotment or  
7           reallotment is required by this paragraph.

8           “(C) INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL ORGANI-  
9           ZATIONS.—Any portion of a grant made to an  
10          Indian tribe or tribal organization under para-  
11          graph (2) that the Secretary determines is not  
12          being used in a manner consistent with sub-  
13          section (b), in the period for which the grant is  
14          made available, shall be allotted by the Sec-  
15          retary to other Indian tribes or tribal organiza-  
16          tions in accordance with their respective needs.

17          “(5) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts received by a  
18          State under a grant made under this section shall be  
19          available for use by the State during the fiscal year  
20          for which the amounts are provided and for the fol-  
21          lowing 2 fiscal years.

22          “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

23          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received by a  
24          State under this section shall be used to provide  
25          child care assistance, on a sliding fee scale basis, on

1       behalf of eligible children (as determined under  
2       paragraph (2)) to enable the parents of such chil-  
3       dren to secure high quality care for such children.

4               “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive  
5       child care assistance from a State under this section,  
6       a child shall—

7                       “(A) be under 6 years of age;

8                       “(B) be residing with at least 1 parent  
9       who is employed or enrolled in a school or  
10       training program or otherwise requires child  
11       care as a preventive or protective service (as de-  
12       termined under rules established by the Sec-  
13       retary); and

14                      “(C) be a member of a family with a fam-  
15       ily income that is less than 85 percent of the  
16       State median income for a family of the size in-  
17       volved.

18               “(3) INFANT CARE SET-ASIDE.—A State shall  
19       set aside 10 percent of the amounts received by the  
20       State under a grant made under subsection (a) for  
21       a fiscal year for the establishment of a program to  
22       establish innovations in infant and toddler care, in-  
23       cluding models for—

24                      “(A) the development of family child care  
25       networks;

1           “(B) the training of child care providers  
2           for infant and toddler care; and

3           “(C) the support, renovation, and mod-  
4           ernization of facilities used for child care pro-  
5           grams serving infants.

6           “(4) POVERTY LINE.—As used in this sub-  
7           section, the term ‘poverty line’ means the income of-  
8           ficial poverty line (as defined by the Office of Man-  
9           agement and Budget, and revised annually in ac-  
10          cordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
11          Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) that  
12          is applicable to a family of the size involved.

13          “(c) LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE.—

14                 “(1) ADJUSTMENT OF RATES.—With respect to  
15                 the levels of assistance provided by States on behalf  
16                 of eligible children under this section, a State shall  
17                 be permitted to adjust rates above the market rates  
18                 to ensure that families have access to high quality  
19                 infant and toddler care.

20                 “(2) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—In admin-  
21                 istering this section, the Secretary shall encourage  
22                 States to provide additional assistance (not provided  
23                 from amounts appropriated under subsection (f)) on  
24                 behalf of children for improved infant and toddler  
25                 services.

1           “(3) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—In providing  
2 assistance to eligible children under this section, a  
3 State shall ensure that an eligible child that is a  
4 member of a family with a family income that is less  
5 than 100 percent of the poverty line receives 100  
6 percent of the amount of the maximum amount of  
7 assistance that a child may receive under this sec-  
8 tion.

9           “(d) APPLICATION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—

10           “(1) STATE PLAN.—The State, as part of the  
11 State plan submitted under section 658E(c), shall  
12 describe the activities that the State intends to carry  
13 out using amounts received under this section, in-  
14 cluding a description of the levels of assistance to be  
15 provided with the amounts.

16           “(2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts pro-  
17 vided to a State under this section shall be subject  
18 to the requirements and limitations of this sub-  
19 chapter applicable to other amounts provided to a  
20 State under this subchapter, except that section  
21 658E(c)(3), 658F, 658G, 658J, and 658O shall not  
22 apply.

23           “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
24 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall prepare

1 and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a  
2 report concerning—

3 “(1) the appropriate child to staff ratios for in-  
4 fants and toddlers in child care settings, including  
5 child care centers and family child care homes; and

6 “(2) other best practices for infant and toddler  
7 care.

8 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
9 grants under this section, there are authorized to be  
10 appropriated—

11 “(1) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;

12 “(2) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

13 “(3) \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
14 2003 through 2005; and

15 “(4) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal  
16 year 2006 and each subsequent fiscal year.”.

17 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**  
18 **THE HEAD START ACT**

19 **SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 Section 639(a) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 9834(a)) is amended by striking “such sums” and all that  
22 follows through the period at the end, and inserting the  
23 following: “, \$5,210,000,000 for fiscal year 2001,  
24 \$5,810,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$6,410,000,000 for

1 fiscal year 2003, and such sums as may be necessary for  
2 fiscal year 2004.”.

3 **SEC. 302. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4       This title and the amendments made by this title  
5 shall take effect on October 1, 2000.

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