

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1681

To make certain improvements to child care services provided by the Secretary of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Military Child Care
5 Transparency and Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILD CARE SERVICES PRO-**
7 **VIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

8 (a) **EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FI-**
9 **NANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
10 **FORCES FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE.**—Section 589(b) of

1 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-
3 283; 10 U.S.C. 1791 note) is amended by striking “five
4 locations” and inserting “six locations”.

5 (b) WAIT TIMES FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES AT
6 MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

7 (1) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall publish and maintain on a
10 website of the Department of Defense, accessible by
11 members of the Armed Forces, waiting lists for child
12 care services at military child development centers.

13 (2) ESTIMATES.—On the website described in
14 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish a tool
15 that uses data collected by the Secretary to estimate
16 how long a member assigned to serve at a military
17 installation will likely wait before receiving child care
18 services at the military child development center of
19 such installation.

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