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To establish a competitive program to make grants to States to provide child care to individuals receiving services at American Job Centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KIND, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To establish a competitive program to make grants to States to provide child care to individuals receiving services at American Job Centers.

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 “American Job Centers
5 Family Accessibility Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-

1 tablish a competitive program (hereinafter referred to as
2 the “program”) to make grants to States with an estab-
3 lished one-stop delivery system under subsection (a) of
4 section 121 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
5 Act (29 U.S.C. 3151) to provide access to childcare for
6 individuals that receive services from such one-stop deliv-
7 ery systems.

8 (b) SELECTION.—

9 (1) NUMBER OF GRANTEES.—The Secretary
10 shall award grants under the program to not fewer
11 than 6 States.

12 (2) WORKFORCE AREA SPECIFICATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall re-
14 quire each applicant State to specify a work-
15 force area in the State in which the applicant
16 intends to implement the project funded by the
17 grant under this section.

18 (B) RURAL WORKFORCE AREAS.—An ap-
19 plicant State with multiple local workforce
20 boards shall designate a rural workforce area as
21 the project site.

22 (3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall require
23 applicant States to submit an application con-
24 taining—

25 (A) a description of—

1 (i) the project, including how the
2 State intends to carry out the project and
3 use funds granted under this section;

4 (ii) the designated workforce area de-
5 scribed in subsection (b);

6 (iii) a plan for third-party evaluation
7 of the project; and

8 (iv) the cost estimate of the project;
9 and

10 (B) a letter from each workforce board
11 with jurisdiction in the designated workforce
12 area described in subsection (b) certifying that
13 such board acknowledges that such board will
14 receive funds to implement the described
15 project.

16 (4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
17 section, the Secretary shall give priority to States
18 that—

19 (A) have more rural areas; and

20 (B) provide access to childcare for individ-
21 uals that receive services from such one-stop de-
22 livery systems.

23 (5) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In carrying out
24 the program, the Secretary shall, select not more
25 than one State from each of the six Regions of the

1 Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of
2 DOL.

3 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall include as
4 a condition of receipt of the grant a requirement that the
5 State shall—

6 (1) reserve not fewer than 5 percent of funds
7 received under the grant to fund a third-party eval-
8 uation; and

9 (2) all other grant funds awarded to the State
10 under the program shall be used to provide access
11 to child care for individuals using the service of such
12 a one-stop delivery system.

13 (d) REPORT.—

14 (1) GRANTEE REPORTS.—The Secretary shall
15 include as a condition of receipt of the grant a re-
16 quirement that the State shall submit annual reports
17 containing—

18 (A) information on how the grant funds
19 have been used to achieve the purpose of this
20 Act;

21 (B) with respect to each grant, a descrip-
22 tion of progress made toward achievement of
23 the goals described in the application of such
24 grantee; and

1 (C) a description of metrics relevant to the
2 project, including—

3 (i) number of unique residents who
4 utilized child care services funded under
5 this section in a given time period; and

6 (ii) number of children served using
7 funds under this section in a given time
8 period.

9 (2) CONGRESSIONAL REPORT.—Not later than
10 5 years after the date on which the first grant is
11 awarded under this Act, the Secretary shall submit
12 to Congress an evaluation of all grants issued under
13 this Act, including—

14 (A) the goals of each grantee;

15 (B) challenges and outcomes associated
16 with each grant; and

17 (C) recommendations with respect to fu-
18 ture programs to achieve the purpose of this
19 Act.

20 (e) STATE DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “State”
21 means any State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
22 and any territory or possession of the United States.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
3 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

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