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Caring for Children Act of 2003

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]

Party: Republican • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Apr 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Caring for Children Act of 2003 - Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (CCDBGGA) to reauthorize appropriations and revise its provisions. Includes among CCDBGGA goals early learning, school preparedness, and parental and involvement in the education of young children in child care settings.

Revises CCDBGGA provisions for: (1) State plans, with respect to lead agencies, consumer and child care provider education information, use of block grant funds for child care resource and referral systems, direct services, and payment rates; (2) activities to improve the quality of child care, to include early learning and school preparedness standards; (3) optional priority use of additional funds; (4) reports and audits; (5) national activities; and (6) a child's eligibility based on a State-determined income level, with priority based on State-defined need.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to reserve specified amounts for: (1) annual grants to improve child care quality and access; and (2) a toll-free hotline.

Declares that nothing in CCDBGGA shall be construed to require a State to impose State child care licensing requirements on any type of early child care provider.

Directs the following Federal officials to issue regulations concerning matters relating to occupant emergency plans, evacuations, and relocation sites for their respective child care facilities: (1) the Administrator of General Services, for executive facilities; (2) specified officers of the House and Senate, and the Librarian of Congress, for legislative facilities; and (3) the Director of the Office of the U.S. Courts, for judicial facilities.

Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish a demonstration program of competitive grants to States to help them provide funds to encourage the establishment and operation of small business employer-operated child care programs. Requires a State to give priority for such assistance to applicants that desire to form a consortium to provide child care in a geographic area within the State where such care is not generally available or accessible. Requires such a consortium to include at least one small business, and allows it to include other small businesses, nonprofit agencies or organizations, local governments, or other appropriate entities.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2003:** Star Print ordered on Senate Report 108-37.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Gregg. With written report No. 108-37. Additional views filed.
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- **Apr 10, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 72.
- **Apr 2, 2003:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions ordered to be reported an original measure.