

S 1086

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014

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Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2013
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 27, 2014
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 13, 2014
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Nov 17, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 25, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 624	Related bill	Mar 20, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 15, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 - (Sec. 3) Reauthorizes the child care and development block grant (CCDBG) program under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (CCDBG Act) through FY2020 at specified levels.

(Sec. 4) Allows governors to designate a collaborative agency or establish a joint interagency office to serve as the lead agency responsible for administering the CCDBG program.

Requires the lead agency, at the option of an Indian tribe or organization in the state, to collaborate and coordinate with that tribe or tribal organization in the development of the state child care and development plan in a timely manner.

(Sec. 5) Increases from two to three years the period that must be covered by a state child care and development plan.

Revises and expands plan requirements, including, among others, those regarding state licensing, consumer and provider education information, training and professional development, child-to-provider ratios, health and safety, child abuse reporting, protection for working parents, priority for low-income populations, coordination with other programs, and the needs of children in child care services during the period before, during, and after a state of emergency, including a statewide child care disaster plan meeting specified criteria. Prescribes early learning and developmental guidelines.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, to report annually about whether each state uses funds allocated to it for the fiscal year involved in accordance with the specified priority for services.

Authorizes a state to use funds to establish or support a system of local or regional child care resource and referral organizations.

Requires the state plan to demonstrate that the state has developed and conducted (within the two years preceding submission of the application containing the state plan) a statistically valid and reliable survey of the market rates for child care services in the state or an alternative methodology, such as a cost estimation model.

(Sec. 6) Revises requirements for activities to improve the quality of child care.

Requires that states spend the following percentages of their program funding to improve the quality of child care: (1) at least 7% in the first two fiscal years after the enactment of this Act, (2) at least 8% in the third and fourth fiscal years, and (3) at least 9% in the fifth and each succeeding full fiscal year after enactment. Requires states to spend, in addition, at least 3% of such funds received by the second full fiscal year after enactment, and received for each succeeding full fiscal year, to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers.

Requires states receiving funds under the CCDBG Act to: (1) support training and professional development of the child care workforce, (2) improve development or use of early learning and developmental guidelines, (3) develop or enhance a tiered quality rating system for child care providers and services, and (4) improve the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers through specified activities.

(Sec. 7) Requires any state receiving CCDBG funds to have in effect: (1) policies and procedures to require and conduct criminal background checks, with a 10-year look-back period, for current and prospective staff members of child care

providers; and (2) licensing, regulation, and registration requirements that prohibit the employment of certain ineligible individuals as child care staff members.

Requires a state to ensure that such policies and procedures are published on the websites of state and local lead agencies.

Makes ineligible for employment by a child care provider receiving assistance under this Act any individual who: (1) refuses to consent to a criminal background check, (2) knowingly makes a materially false statement in connection with such a background check, (3) is registered or is required to be registered on a state sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry, or (4) has been convicted of one or more specified felonies.

Prescribes requirements for the process of background checks, including fees a state may charge.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: (1) provide technical assistance to states (which may be on a reimbursable basis) by qualified experts on practices grounded in scientifically valid research to carry out the CCDBG Act; (2) disseminate, for voluntary informational purposes, information on practices that scientifically valid research indicates are most successful in improving the quality of programs that receive CCDBG assistance; and (3) after consultation with the heads of any other federal agencies involved, issue guidance and disseminate information on best practices regarding use of funding combined by the states.

Authorizes the Secretary to waive, upon state request, for up to three years any provision under the CCDBG program, or sanctions imposed upon a state for noncompliance with requirements, if the Secretary makes certain findings, including that the waiver will, by itself, contribute to or enhance the states's ability to carry out CCDBG purposes.

Declares that nothing shall be construed as granting the Secretary authority to permit states to alter the eligibility requirements for eligible children, including work requirements, job training, or educational program participation, that apply to the parents of eligible children.

Requires states receiving CCDBG funds to collect monthly information on whether children receiving CCDBG assistance are homeless.

Requires a state to report annually to the Secretary aggregate data on the number of child fatalities occurring among children while in the care and facility of child care providers receiving CCDBG assistance, listed by the type of child care provider and indicating whether the providers are licensed or license-exempt.

Directs the Secretary to operate, directly or through the use of grants or contracts, a national toll-free hotline and website.

Prohibits any quarterly state CCDBG reports to the Secretary from containing personally identifiable information.

(Sec. 9) Revises the amount the Secretary is required to reserve from annual appropriations for CCDBG payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Requires a reservation of 2% of such appropriations (currently, between 1% and 2%), but allows for a greater reservation in certain circumstances.

Directs the Secretary to reserve up to \$1.5 million of the amount appropriated for the CCDBG program each fiscal year for the operation of the national toll-free hotline and website.

Requires the Secretary also to reserve up to 1/2 of 1% of CCDBG program appropriations each to: (1) support technical

assistance and dissemination of information on practices most successful in improving the quality of programs receiving CCDBG assistance; and (2) conduct research and demonstration activities, as well as periodic external, independent evaluations of the impact of the CCDBG program on increasing access to, and improving the safety and quality of, child care services.

Directs the Secretary, in consultation with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to develop minimum child care standards applicable to any of them receiving CCDBG assistance.

Requires the Secretary to waive the prohibition against tribal use of CCDBG funds for construction or renovation of child care facilities if it would decrease the level of child care services, in any case where: (1) the decrease is temporary, and (2) the level of child care services will increase or improve after the construction or renovation is completed.

(Sec. 10) Defines "child with a disability" as one under age 13 who has a disability and is eligible for early intervention services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Caps the family assets of an "eligible child" at \$1 million.

(Sec. 11) Declares that nothing in the CCDBG Act shall be construed in a manner to: (1) favor or promote the use of grants and contracts for the receipt of child care services under the CCDBG Act over the use of child care certificates; or (2) disfavor or discourage the use of such certificates for the purchase of child care services, including those services provided by private or nonprofit entities, such as faith-based providers.

(Sec. 12) Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to study the number of families eligible to receive assistance under the CCDBG Act, identified by the type of assistance requested, who have applied for it and been placed on a waiting list.

(Sec. 13) Directs the Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, to conduct an interdepartmental review of all early learning and care programs for children under age six.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 19, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 19, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-186.
- **Nov 18, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6012-6013)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate bill by Yea-Nay Vote. 88 - 1. Record Vote Number: 276.(consideration: CR S6013)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate bill by Yea-Nay Vote. 88 - 1. Record Vote Number: 276. (consideration: CR S6013)
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Cloture on the motion to agree to the House amendment to Senate bill invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 1. Record Vote Number: 275. (consideration: S5963; text: CR S5963)
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5993-5994)
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Motion by Senator Reid to refer to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions the House message to accompany the bill (S. 1086) with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment (SA 3925) fell when cloture invoked on the motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate bill in Senate. (consideration: CR S5964)
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate bill made in Senate. (consideration: CR S5772)
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Cloture motion on the motion to agree to the House amendment to Senate bill presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S5772; text: CR S5772)
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Motion by Senator Reid to concur in the House amendment to the Senate bill with an amendment (SA 3923) made in Senate. (consideration: CR S5772; text: CR S5772)
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Motion by Senator Reid to refer to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions the House message to accompany the bill (S. 1086) with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment (SA 3925) made in Senate. (consideration: CR S5772; text: CR S5772)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Mr. Kline moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7465-7481)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1086.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7465-7473)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7465-7473)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S1602-1610, S1611-1612, S1613-1627)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S1617)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 2. Record Vote Number: 77.(text: CR S1617-1627)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 2. Record Vote Number: 77. (text: CR S1617-1627)
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 13, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1531)
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1531-1532, S1539-1569, S1569-1570; text of measure as reported in Senate CR S1539-1545)
- **Mar 11, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1487)
- **Mar 10, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1371)
- **Mar 6, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1329-1330)
- **Mar 5, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1285-1288)
- **Mar 5, 2014:** Cloture motion withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (consideration: CR S1305)
- **Mar 4, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1257)

- Feb 27, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1187, S1210-1212, S1225-1226)
- **Feb 27, 2014:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S1225; text: CR S1225)
 - **Feb 26, 2014:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S1169)
 - **Feb 25, 2014:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Harkin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 113-138.
 - **Feb 25, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 309.
 - **Sep 18, 2013:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
 - **Jun 3, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
 - **Jun 3, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3908-3909)
 - **Jun 3, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.