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Child Care Is Essential Act

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Policy Area: Families

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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 2, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 3, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7027	Related bill	Jul 30, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
116 S 4112	Related bill	Jun 30, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jun 3, 2020)

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This bill establishes and provides \$50 billion in appropriations for the Child Care Stabilization Fund to award grants to child care providers during and after the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

The bill establishes the fund within the existing Department of Health and Human Services Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program, and the grants must be administered by the existing CCDBG lead agencies of states, tribes, or territories.

Child care providers that are currently open or temporarily closed due to COVID-19 are eligible to receive grant awards, which are based on the provider's operating costs before the COVID-19 public health emergency and adjusted to account for the increased costs of providing child care as a result of COVID-19.

Actions Timeline

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