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Child Care for Working Families Act

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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 21, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8004	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 HR 1364	Related bill	Feb 26, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2019)

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This bill provides funds and otherwise revises certain child care and early learning programs for low- to moderate-income families.

Specifically, the bill provides funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program and reestablishes it as a child care and development assistance program. It also allocates program funds for states to provide services and supports to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities.

Further, it revises the program to require each state to, among other things

- create a tiered and transparent system for measuring the quality of child care providers, which must include evidence-based standards and payment rates that are based on a certain cost estimation model;
- assure that copayments are based on a sliding scale and that no family receiving assistance pays more than 7% of their household income on child care; and
- use quality child care amounts for certain activities, such as improving the supply of child care providers who provide care to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities (e.g., professional development).

It also provides funds and establishes grants for states to create preschool programs for low- to moderate-income children between the ages of three and five years.

Finally, the Department of Health and Human Services must make grants to Head Start agencies to (1) provide children with access to full-school-year and full-school-day services, (2) provide access to additional service hours for migrant and seasonal agencies, or (3) enhance the quality of existing services.

Actions Timeline

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