

## HR 7683

### ACCESS Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jul 20, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Jul 21, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Jul 20, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 20, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8326	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
116 S 4383	Related bill	<b>Jul 30, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Affordable Child Care for Economic Strategies and Success Act or the ACCESS Act**

This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to provide grants for public works and economic development projects that will directly or indirectly increase the accessibility of affordable, quality child care, including grants for planning, and training, research, and technical assistance related to such projects.

Commerce must issue regulations to establish criteria for whether a project directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality child care. Such criteria shall consider (1) the availability, validity, and accessibility of timely data, (2) the extent to which a project contributes to a family's financial security, and (3) the extent to which a project addresses child care needs in child care deserts or areas otherwise recognized as being in shortage. A child care desert is an area in which the number of children who are under age five is more than three times the number of slots provided by child care providers who are licensed or registered by the state involved, or a community that the state or tribal entity involved determines has a low supply of quality, affordable child care.

Commerce must also issue guidance on how to include the accessibility of affordable, quality child care in a comprehensive economic development strategy.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 21, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.