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Universal Child Care and Early Learning Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 12, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2886	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill provides funds to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for an affordable child care and early learning program. Children who are at least six weeks of age but not yet required to attend school may participate in the program regardless of family income, disability status, citizenship status, or employment of a family member.

Under the program, HHS must support sponsors (e.g., states, local governments, tribal organizations, and nonprofit community organizations) that provide child care and early learning services for families.

Families must pay a subsidized fee, based on their income, for the services. The fees are waived for children from families with incomes below 200% of the poverty line. The fees are capped at 7% of a family's income regardless of the family's income level.

Actions Timeline

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