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To provide funding for needed child and adult care so that essential workers can report to work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide funding for needed child and adult care so that essential workers can report to work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FAMILY CARE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
5 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount specified in
7 subsection (c) of section 2003 of the Social Security
8 Act for purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of such

1 section is deemed to be \$2,550,000,000 for fiscal
2 year 2020, of which \$850,000,000 shall be obligated
3 by States during calendar year 2020 in accordance
4 with subsection (b) of this section.

5 (2) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the
6 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-
7 priated, there are appropriated \$850,000,000 for fis-
8 cal year 2020 to carry out this section.

9 (b) RULES GOVERNING USE OF ADDITIONAL
10 FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds are used in accord-
12 ance with this subsection if—

13 (A) the funds are used for—

14 (i) child care services for a child of an
15 essential worker; or

16 (ii) daytime care services or other
17 adult protective services for an individual
18 who—

19 (I) is a dependent, or a member
20 of the household of, an essential work-
21 er; and

22 (II) requires the services;

23 (B) the funds are provided to reimburse an
24 essential worker for the cost of obtaining the
25 services (including child care services obtained

1 on or after the date the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services declared a public health
3 emergency pursuant to section 319 of the Pub-
4 lic Health Service Act on January 31, 2020, en-
5 titled “Determination that a Public Health
6 Emergency Exists Nationwide as the Result of
7 the 2019 Novel Coronavirus”), to a provider of
8 child care services, or to establish a temporary
9 child care facility operated by a State or local
10 government;

11 (C) eligibility for the funds or services, and
12 the amount of funds or services provided, is not
13 conditioned on a means test;

14 (D) the funds are used subject to the limi-
15 tations in section 2005 of the Social Security
16 Act, except that, for purposes of this subpara-
17 graph—

18 (i) paragraphs (3), (5), and (8) of sec-
19 tion 2005(a) of such Act shall not apply;
20 and

21 (ii)(I) the limitation in section
22 2005(a)(7) of such Act shall not apply
23 with respect to any standard which the
24 State involved determines would impede
25 the ability of the State to provide emer-

1 agency temporary care to a child, depend-
2 ent, or household member referred to in
3 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

4 (II) if the State determines that such
5 a standard would be so impeding, the
6 State shall report the determination to the
7 Secretary, separately from the annual re-
8 port to the Secretary by the State;

9 (E) the funds are used to supplement, not
10 supplant, State general revenue funds for child
11 care assistance; and

12 (F) the funds are not used for child care
13 costs that are—

14 (i) covered by funds provided under
15 the Child Care and Development Block
16 Grant Act of 1990 or section 418 of the
17 Social Security Act; or

18 (ii) reimbursable by the Federal
19 Emergency Management Agency.

20 (2) ESSENTIAL WORKER DEFINED.—In para-
21 graph (1), the term “essential worker” means—

22 (A) a health sector employee;

23 (B) an emergency response worker;

24 (C) a sanitation worker;

1 (D) a worker at a business which a State
2 or local government official has determined
3 must remain open to serve the public during the
4 emergency referred to in paragraph (1)(B); and

5 (E) any other worker who cannot telework,
6 and whom the State deems to be essential dur-
7 ing the emergency referred to in paragraph
8 (1)(B).

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