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To amend the Child Care Access Means Parents In School Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Child Care Access Means Parents In School Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Child Care Access
5 Means Parents In Schools Reauthorization Act” or the
6 “CCAMPIS Reauthorization Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. CHILD CARE ACCESS MEANS PARENTS IN SCHOOL.**

8 Section 419N of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1070e) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 419N. CHILD CARE ACCESS MEANS PARENTS IN**
 2 **SCHOOL.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to fa-
 4 cilitate the success of eligible student parents in postsec-
 5 ondary education through the provision of subsidized child
 6 care services, including campus-based child care services.

7 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

8 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may award
 9 grants to eligible institutions to assist the eligible in-
 10 stitutions in providing child care services to eligible
 11 student parents.

12 “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
 13 AWARDS.—

14 “(A) MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant
 15 under this section shall be awarded in an
 16 amount that is not less than \$75,000 per year.

17 “(B) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant
 18 under this section shall be awarded in an
 19 amount that is not more than \$2,000,000 per
 20 year.

21 “(3) DURATION; RENEWAL; AND PAYMENTS.—

22 “(A) DURATION.—The Secretary shall
 23 award a grant under this section for a period
 24 of 5 years.

1 “(B) PAYMENTS.—Subject to subsection
2 (g)(2), the Secretary shall make annual grant
3 payments under this section.

4 “(C) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS.—The Sec-
5 retary may consider applications from an eligi-
6 ble institution that receives grant funds under
7 this section for additional funds in any subse-
8 quent fiscal year, if such institution dem-
9 onstrates the need for such additional funds,
10 subject to the maximum grant amount under
11 paragraph (2)(B) and the duration of the origi-
12 nal grant under subparagraph (A).

13 “(4) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—
14 In this section, the term ‘eligible institution’
15 means—

16 “(A) an institution of higher education, as
17 defined in section 101, with respect to which,
18 the total number of students eligible for a Fed-
19 eral Pell Grant enrolled at the institution of
20 higher education in the most recently completed
21 award year was equal to or greater than 150;
22 or

23 “(B) a consortia of institutions of higher
24 education, each as defined in section 101, and
25 with respect to which, the total number of stu-

dents eligible for a Federal Pell Grant enrolled at each institution of higher education in such consortia in the most recently completed award year was equal to or greater than 150.

“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution receiving a grant under this section shall use such grant funds to support accessible high-quality child care services for eligible student parents enrolled at such institution by carrying out 1 or more of the following activities:

“(A) Establishing a campus-based child care program primarily serving the needs of eligible student parents enrolled at the institution of higher education.

“(B) Providing subsidized child care using a sliding fee scale for eligible student parents.

“(C) Providing subsidized and accessible before and after school services for children of eligible student parents.

“(2) PERMITTED USES.—In addition to the required activities described in paragraph (1), an eligible institution receiving a grant under this section may use such grant fund to carry out 1 or more of the following activities:

1 “(A) Providing support services for eligible
2 student parents.

3 “(B) Enhancing the quality of campus-
4 based child care services, including through im-
5 provements to—

6 “(i) move to the next tier or level of
7 the State tiered and transparent system
8 for measuring the quality of child care pro-
9 viders;

10 “(ii) implement the training and pro-
11 fessional development required for child
12 care providers of the campus-based child
13 care services under section 658E(c)(2)(G)
14 of the Child Care and Development Block
15 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
16 9858c(c)(2)(G)) in the State in which the
17 institution is located; or

18 “(iii) implement quality improvements
19 toward achieving accreditation from an ac-
20 crediting agency or association recognized
21 by the Secretary pursuant to part H of
22 title IV.

23 “(3) PROHIBITION.—Funds under this section
24 shall not be used for construction, except for renova-

tion or repair to meet applicable State or local health or safety requirements.

“(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

“(A) prohibit an institution of higher education that receives grant funds under this section from serving the child care needs of the community served by such institution; or

“(B) permit the application of additional eligibility requirements for eligible student parents to participate in or receive child care services provided through a program using grant funds under this section beyond the requirements described in paragraph (5), including any additional requirements related to work, academic progress, or enrollment intensity.

“(5) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STUDENT PARENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and for the purpose of this section, the term ‘eligible student parent’ means a student—

“(A) who is the parent or guardian of 1 or more dependent child;

“(B) who is enrolled in an institution of higher education; and

“(C) who—

1 “(i) is eligible to receive a Federal
 2 Pell Grant for the award year for which
 3 the determination is made; or

4 “(ii) who meets the financial eligibility
 5 criteria for receiving a Federal Pell Grant
 6 under section 401 but is not eligible for a
 7 Federal Pell Grant because—

8 “(I) the student has not com-
 9 pleted the Free Application for Fed-
 10 eral Student Aid described in section
 11 483;

12 “(II) the student does not meet
 13 the eligibility requirements of section
 14 484; or

15 “(III) the student is enrolled in a
 16 graduate or first professional course
 17 of study.

18 “(6) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize
 19 the availability of grants under this section, in addi-
 20 tion to publication in the Federal Register, and shall
 21 inform appropriate educational, nonprofit, and child
 22 care organizations of such availability.

23 “(7) SPECIAL RULE.—Any assistance provided
 24 to eligible student parents from grants provided

1 under this section shall not be treated as other fi-
 2 nancial assistance for the purposes of section 471.

3 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible institution desiring
 4 a grant under this section shall submit an application to
 5 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
 6 panied by such information as the Secretary may require.
 7 Such application shall—

8 “(1) demonstrate that the institution is an eligi-
 9 ble institution described in subsection (b)(4);

10 “(2) specify the amount of funds requested;

11 “(3) demonstrate the need of eligible student
 12 parents at the institution for accessible and afford-
 13 able child care services by including in the applica-
 14 tion—

15 “(A) information regarding student demo-
 16 graphics;

17 “(B) an assessment of child care capacity
 18 on or near campus;

19 “(C) information regarding the existence of
 20 waiting lists for child care services on or near
 21 campus;

22 “(D) information regarding additional
 23 needs created by concentrations of poverty or
 24 by geographic isolation; and

25 “(E) other relevant data;

1 “(4) contain a description of the activities to be
2 assisted, including whether the grant funds will sup-
3 port an existing child care program or a new child
4 care program;

5 “(5) identify the resources, including technical
6 expertise and financial support, the institution will
7 draw upon to support the child care program and
8 the participation of eligible student parents in the
9 program (such as accessing social services funding,
10 using student activity fees to help pay the costs of
11 child care, using resources obtained by meeting the
12 needs of parents who are not eligible student par-
13 ents, and accessing foundation, corporate, or other
14 institutional support) and demonstrate that the use
15 of the resources will not result in increases in stu-
16 dent tuition and fees;

17 “(6) contain an assurance that the institution
18 will meet the child care needs of eligible student par-
19 ents through the provision of services, or through a
20 contract for the provision of services;

21 “(7) describe the extent to which the child care
22 program will coordinate with the institution’s early
23 childhood education curriculum, to the extent the
24 curriculum is available, to meet the needs of the stu-
25 dents in the early childhood education program at

1 the institution, and the needs of the parents and
2 children participating in the child care program as-
3 sisted under this section;

4 “(8) in the case of an institution seeking assist-
5 ance for a new child care program—

6 “(A) provide a timeline, covering the pe-
7 riod from receipt of the grant through the pro-
8 vision of the child care services, delineating the
9 specific steps the institution will take to achieve
10 the goal of providing eligible student parents
11 with child care services;

12 “(B) specify any measures the institution
13 will take to assist eligible student parents with
14 child care during the period before the institu-
15 tion provides child care services;

16 “(C) include a plan for identifying re-
17 sources needed for the child care services, in-
18 cluding space in which to provide child care
19 services, and technical assistance if necessary;
20 and

21 “(D) include plans to assure quality of
22 campus-based child care facilities;

23 “(9) in the case of an institution seeking assist-
24 ance for a campus-based child care program in exist-
25 ence on the date of the application—

1 “(A) provide information regarding the
2 number of eligible student parents served
3 through campus-based child care on such date;

4 “(B) provide information on the age
5 groups of children to be served;

6 “(C) specify any measures the institution
7 will take to assist eligible student parents who
8 are waitlisted for the campus-based child care
9 program;

10 “(D) provide information regarding the ap-
11 plication of subsidies or a sliding fee scale for
12 child care services;

13 “(E) specify what staff positions will be
14 supported by funding under this section, and
15 how those staff positions support the purpose
16 under subsection (a);

17 “(F) provide information on the total num-
18 ber of children served by the campus-based
19 child care program, and number of children of
20 students served; and

21 “(G) specify if funding will be used to en-
22 hance program quality as described in sub-
23 section (c)(2)(B);

1 “(10) in the case of an institution seeking as-
2 sistance that will contract for the provision of child
3 care services—

4 “(A) provide information on the age
5 groups of children to be served;

6 “(B) provide information regarding the ap-
7 plication of subsidies or a sliding fee scale for
8 child care services; and

9 “(C) provide information regarding param-
10 eters the institution will use in selecting child
11 care providers in contracting for the provision
12 of services, including—

13 “(i) assessment of program quality;
14 and

15 “(ii) geographic location;

16 “(11) contain an assurance that any child care
17 facility assisted under this section will meet the ap-
18 plicable State and local government licensing, certifi-
19 cation, approval, or registration requirements;

20 “(12) describe how information regarding the
21 availability of subsidized child care will be provided
22 to students;

23 “(13) contain an assurance that the institution
24 will assist student parents receiving child care serv-
25 ices provided under this section in enrolling in Fed-

1 eral, State, Tribal, or local means-tested benefits
2 programs for which they may be eligible, including—

3 “(A) the supplemental nutrition assistance
4 program established under the Food and Nutri-
5 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), a nu-
6 trition assistance program carried out under
7 section 19 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2028), or a
8 nutrition assistance program carried out by the
9 Secretary of Agriculture in the Northern Mar-
10 iana Islands;

11 “(B) the supplemental security income pro-
12 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

14 “(C) the program of block grants to States
15 for temporary assistance for needy families
16 under part A of title IV of the Social Security
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

18 “(D) the special supplemental nutrition
19 program for women, infants, and children es-
20 tablished by section 17 of the Child Nutrition
21 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

22 “(E) the Medicaid program under title
23 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396
24 et seq.);

1 “(F) Federal housing assistance programs,
2 including tenant-based assistance under section
3 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)), and public housing, as
5 defined in section 3(b)(1) of such Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(1));

7 “(G) Federal child care assistance pro-
8 grams, including assistance under the Child
9 Care and Development Block Grant Act of
10 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.);

11 “(H) the free and reduced price school
12 lunch program established under the Richard
13 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
14 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);

15 “(I) refundable credit for coverage under a
16 qualified health plan under section 36B of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

18 “(J) the earned income tax credit under
19 section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of
20 1986;

21 “(K) the child tax credit under section 24
22 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

23 “(L) any other means-tested Federal pro-
24 gram determined by the Secretary to be appro-
25 priate;

1 “(14) contain an abstract summarizing the con-
2 tents of such application and how the institution in-
3 tends to achieve the purpose under subsection (a);

4 “(15) contain a plan for any child care program
5 assisted under this section to, not later than 3 years
6 after the date the institution first receives assistance
7 under this section—

8 “(A) attain accreditation from an accred-
9 iting agency or association that provides accred-
10 itation to child care services; or

11 “(B) move to the top tier or level of the
12 State tiered and transparent system for meas-
13 uring the quality of child care providers that
14 meets a similar level of quality standards as ac-
15 creditation of an accrediting agency or associa-
16 tion that provides accreditation to child care
17 services; and

18 “(16) contain an assurance that the institution
19 will not impose additional eligibility requirements on
20 eligible student parents to participate in or receive
21 child care services provided under this section be-
22 yond the requirement of subsection (c)(5), including
23 any requirements related to work, academic
24 progress, or enrollment intensity.

1 “(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
2 provide technical assistance—

3 “(1) to eligible institutions to help such institu-
4 tions qualify for, apply for, and maintain a grant
5 under this section; and

6 “(2) to institutions receiving grants under this
7 section to help such institutions meet the reporting
8 requirements described in subsection (g).

9 “(f) PRIORITY.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall give
11 priority in awarding grants under this section to eli-
12 gible institutions that submit applications describing
13 programs that—

14 “(A) leverage local or institutional re-
15 sources, including in-kind contributions, to sup-
16 port the activities assisted under this section;

17 “(B) utilize a sliding fee scale for child
18 care services provided under this section in
19 order to support a high number of eligible stu-
20 dent parents pursuing postsecondary education
21 at the institution; and

22 “(C) provide additional resources or sup-
23 ports to students who are single parents.

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not es-
 2 tablish a priority in awarding grants under this sec-
 3 tion to eligible institutions that—

4 “(A) propose projects solely with off-cam-
 5 pus child care providers; or

6 “(B) that are designed to support 2 or
 7 more child care providers.

8 “(g) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; CONTINUING ELI-
 9 GIBILITY.—

10 “(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each eligi-
 11 ble institution receiving a grant under this section
 12 shall report to the Secretary annually information
 13 on—

14 “(A) the population of eligible student par-
 15 ents who received child care services under this
 16 section, including—

17 “(i) the number of such eligible stu-
 18 dent parents, disaggregated by full- and
 19 part-time status;

20 “(ii) information on such eligible stu-
 21 dent parents, including demographic infor-
 22 mation disaggregated by—

23 “(I) sex;

24 “(II) status as a single parent;

25 “(III) race and ethnicity;

1 “(IV) age groups of the depend-
2 ents of such single parents;

3 “(V) classification as a student
4 with a disability;

5 “(VI) recipients of educational
6 assistance under laws administered by
7 the Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs;

9 “(VII) status as a first-genera-
10 tion college student; and

11 “(VIII) levels of degree or cre-
12 dential pursued by such eligible stu-
13 dent parents; and

14 “(iii) the number of such eligible stu-
15 dent parents who—

16 “(I) remain enrolled at the insti-
17 tution during the academic year for
18 which they received such services;

19 “(II) remain enrolled at the insti-
20 tution during the subsequent aca-
21 demic year after which they first re-
22 ceived such services;

23 “(III) graduate from the institu-
24 tion during the academic year for
25 which they received such services;

1 “(IV) transfer to a different in-
 2 stitution during the academic year for
 3 which they received such services; or

4 “(V) withdrew from the institu-
 5 tion during the academic year for
 6 which they received such services;

7 “(B) the fee structure for eligible student
 8 parents to receive child care services under this
 9 section, including any sliding scale;

10 “(C) the percentage of the institution’s
 11 grant that was used directly to subsidize any
 12 fees charged for—

13 “(i) campus-based child care services
 14 for eligible student parents; and

15 “(ii) off-campus child care services for
 16 eligible student parents;

17 “(D) information on institutional or local
 18 resources, including in-kind contributions, lever-
 19 aged to help eligible student parents access
 20 child care services; and

21 “(E) the relevant quality information of
 22 the child care services supported by a grant
 23 under this section, including—

24 “(i) the name of the accrediting agen-
 25 cy or association that is providing accredi-

tation to such child care services, if applicable; and

“(ii) the tier or level of the State tiered and transparent system for measuring the quality of child care providers that is associated with such child care services, if applicable.

“(2) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall make continuation awards under this section to an institution of higher education only if the Secretary determines, on the basis of the reports submitted under paragraph (1), that the institution is making a good faith effort to ensure that eligible student parents at the institution have access to affordable, quality child care services.

“(3) REPORT.—

“(A) REPORT REQUIRED.—On an annual basis, the Secretary shall make publicly available a report that includes a summary of the information described in paragraph (1).

“(B) STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall work with relevant stakeholders to determine the manner in which the data described under paragraph (1) and summarized under subparagraph (A) is collected.

1 “(h) NONDISCRIMINATION.—No person in the United
2 States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color,
3 religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation,
4 gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth, a medical condition
5 related to pregnancy or childbirth, or sex stereotype), or
6 disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the
7 benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any pro-
8 gram funded, in whole or in part, with funds made avail-
9 able under this section or with amounts appropriated for
10 grants, contracts, or certificates administered with such
11 funds.

12 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 and each succeeding
15 fiscal year.”.

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