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S. 5022

To allow recipients of certain loans made or guaranteed by the Small Business Administration to use the loan proceeds to provide childcare services to employees, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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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 “Childcare Development
5 of Employee Solutions for Early Rearing in Towns with
6 Shortages Act” or the “Childcare DESERTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHILDCARE SERVICES AS ALLOWABLE EXPENSE**
 2 **UNDER BUSINESS LOAN AND 504/CDC LOAN**
 3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) BUSINESS LOANS.—Section 7(a) of the Small
 5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) is amended by adding
 6 at the end the following:

7 “(38) CHILDCARE SERVICES.—The Administra-
 8 tion may guarantee loans under this subsection to a
 9 small business concern for which the proceeds are
 10 used to provide childcare services to members of the
 11 immediate family of employees of the small business
 12 concern.”.

13 (b) 504/CDC LOANS.—Section 502(1) of the Small
 14 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 696(1)) is
 15 amended—

16 (1) by striking “borrower to” and inserting the
 17 following: “borrower—

18 “(A) to”;

19 (2) in subparagraph (A), as so designated, by
 20 striking “and for a” and inserting the following: “;
 21 and

22 “(B) for—

23 “(i) a”; and

24 (3) in subparagraph (B), as so designated—

25 (A) in clause (i), by striking the period at
 26 the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(ii) providing childcare services to
3 members of the immediate family of em-
4 ployees of the small business concern.”.

5 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
7 the Small Business Administration, in partnership with
8 the Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children
9 and Families, shall issue regulations to implement the
10 amendments made by this Act.

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