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S. 822

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Kerry (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Bingaman, and Mr. Johnson) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, non-profit child care businesses eligible for SBA 504 loans.

- 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 Lending
- 5 Pilot Act of 2003".
- 6 SEC. 2. CHILD CARE BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM.
- 7 (a) Loans Authorized.—Section 502 of the Small
- 8 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 696) is
- 9 amended—

1	(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—
2	(A) by striking "The Administration" and
3	inserting the following:
4	"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administration";
5	(B) by striking "and such loans" and in-
6	serting ". Such loans";
7	(C) by striking ": Provided, however, That
8	the foregoing powers shall be subject to the fol-
9	lowing restrictions and limitations:" and insert-
10	ing a period; and
11	(D) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(b) Restrictions and Limitations.—The author-
13	ity under subsection (a) shall be subject to the following
14	restrictions and limitations:"; and
15	(2) in paragraph (1)—
16	(A) by inserting after "Use of pro-
17	CEEDS.—" the following:
18	"(A) IN GENERAL.—"; and
19	(B) by adding at the end the following:
20	"(B) Loans to small, non-profit
21	CHILD CARE BUSINESSES.—The proceeds of
22	any loan described in subsection (a) may be
23	used by the borrower to assist, in addition to
24	other eligible small business concerns, small,

1	non-profit child care businesses, provided
2	that—
3	"(i) the loan will be used for a sound
4	business purpose that has been approved
5	by the Administration; and
6	"(ii) each such business receiving fi-
7	nancial assistance meets all of the same
8	eligibility requirements applicable to for-
9	profit businesses under this title, except
10	for status as a for-profit business.".
11	(b) Reports.—
12	(1) Small business administration.—
13	(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
14	months after the date of enactment of this Act
15	and every 6 months thereafter until September
16	30, 2006, the Administrator of the Small Busi-
17	ness Administration shall submit a report on
18	the implementation of the program under sub-
19	section (a) to—
20	(i) the Committee on Small Business
21	and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and
22	(ii) the Committee on Small Business
23	of the House of Representatives.
24	(B) Contents.—The report under sub-
25	paragraph (A) shall contain—

1	(i) the date on which the program is
2	implemented;
3	(ii) the date on which the rules are
4	issued pursuant to subsection (c); and
5	(iii) the number and dollar amount of
6	loans under the program applied for, ap-
7	proved, and disbursed during the previous
8	6 months.
9	(2) General accounting office.—
10	(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
11	31, 2006, the Comptroller General of the
12	United States shall submit a report on the child
13	care small business loans authorized by section
14	502(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Investment
15	Act of 1958, as added by this Act, to—
16	(i) the Committee on Small Business
17	and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and
18	(ii) the Committee on Small Business
19	of the House of Representatives.
20	(B) Contents.—The report under sub-
21	paragraph (A) shall contain information gath-
22	ered during the first 2 years of the loan pro-
23	gram, including—
24	(i) an evaluation of the timeliness of
25	the implementation of the loan program;

1	(ii) a description of the effectiveness
2	and ease with which Certified Development
3	Companies, lenders, and small businesses
4	have participated in the loan program;
5	(iii) a description and assessment of
6	how the loan program was marketed;
7	(iv) the number of child care small
8	businesses, categorized by status as a for-
9	profit or non-profit business and a new
10	business or an expanded business, that—
11	(I) applied for loans under the
12	program;
13	(II) were approved for loans
14	under the program; and
15	(III) received loan disbursements
16	under the program.
17	(v) of the businesses under clause
18	(iv)(III)—
19	(I) the number of such busi-
20	nesses in each State;
21	(II) the total amount loaned to
22	such businesses under the program;
23	and
24	(III) the average loan amount
25	and term.

- 1 (c) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Not later than 120
- 2 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
- 3 trator of the Small Business Administration shall issue
- 4 final rules to carry out the loan program authorized by
- 5 section 502(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Investment
- 6 Act of 1958, as added by this Act.
- 7 (d) Sunset Provision.—The amendments made by
- 8 this section shall remain in effect until September 30,
- 9 2006, and shall apply to all loans authorized by section
- 10 502(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Investment Act of
- 11 1958, as added by this Act, that are made during the pe-
- 12 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
- 13 ending on September 30, 2006.

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