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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4656

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program establishing a child-care center for children of veterans receiving treatment and other individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD-CARE CENTER**

4                       **PILOT PROGRAM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
6       propriations for such purpose, the Secretary shall carry  
7       out a pilot program establishing a child-care center de-  
8       scribed in subsection (b).

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A child-care center described  
2 in this subsection is a child-care center that—

3 (1) is made available (to the extent space is  
4 available) to children of—

5 (A) veterans receiving treatment or other  
6 services at the facility in which the child-care  
7 center is located;

8 (B) employees of the Department of Vet-  
9 erans Affairs;

10 (C) employees of a contractor of the De-  
11 partment of Veterans Affairs;

12 (D) employees of veterans service organiza-  
13 tions; and

14 (E) members of the Armed Forces on ac-  
15 tive duty whose duty station—

16 (i) is in the same geographic area as  
17 the child-care center; and

18 (ii) does not have child-care services  
19 made available to the member by the Sec-  
20 retary of Defense; and

21 (2) is located at the Bay Pines Medical Center,  
22 Bay Pines, Florida.

23 (c) CURRENT STANDARDS.—Except as provided in  
24 subsection (b), section 7809 of title 38, United States

1 Code, shall apply to the child-care center established under  
2 subsection (a).

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
5 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of  
6 Representatives and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
7 of the Senate a report on the child-care center established  
8 under subsection (a), including—

9 (1) an assessment of the success of the center;

10 (2) whether the center improves the access of  
11 veterans to outpatient treatment;

12 (3) the number of children that—

13 (A) the center is capable of caring for each  
14 day; and

15 (B) the center cares for each day on aver-  
16 age; and

17 (4) any recommendations regarding whether to  
18 expand the pilot program to other locations.

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