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H. R. 6707

To amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to authorize a national toll-free hotline and website, to develop and disseminate child care consumer education information for parents and to help parents access child care in their community, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 27, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “Child Care and Re-
5 sources Education Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purposes of this Act are—

3 (1) to develop and disseminate child care con-
4 sumer education information for parents; and

5 (2) to assist parents in finding safe, affordable,
6 and quality child care in their community.

7 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

9 (1) Nearly 11,000,000 children under age 5 are
10 in some type of child care setting every week.

11 (2) Numerous reports have found that child
12 care is hard to find in many communities through-
13 out the United States.

14 (3) A 2010 study by the National Institute of
15 Child Health and Human Development found chil-
16 dren who received high-quality care in the first few
17 years of life scored higher on measures of academic
18 and cognitive achievement when the children were 15
19 years old, and were less likely to misbehave, than
20 children enrolled in low-quality care in those years.

21 (4) More than 1,000,000 families a year receive
22 assistance in finding child care through a national
23 child care hotline and website, with nearly half the
24 calls to the hotline coming from military families
25 who are faced with deployment and need to find
26 child care in their new community.

1 (5) The national child care hotline had
2 57,000,000 page views by parents looking for child
3 care in their community as well as parents looking
4 for information about selecting a child care provider.

5 (6) Over 200,000 publications were mailed to
6 parents last year, in both English and Spanish, by
7 the operator of the national hotline and website, to
8 provide consumer education to parents looking for
9 child care.

10 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT.**

11 Section 658O(a) of the Child Care and Development
12 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m) is amended
13 by adding at the end the following:

14 “(3) NATIONAL TOLL-FREE HOTLINE AND
15 WEBSITE.—The Secretary shall reserve not less than
16 \$1,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this
17 subchapter for each fiscal year for the operation of
18 a national toll-free hotline and website, to develop
19 and disseminate child care consumer education in-
20 formation for parents and to help parents access
21 safe, affordable, and quality child care in their com-
22 munity.”.

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