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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. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. MCCLELLAN, and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 child care serv-
6 ices, 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.—

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

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

20 “(C) RATABLE INCREASES AND DE-
21 CREASES.—The amount specified in subpara-
22 graph (A) shall be ratably increased or de-
23 creased to the extent that funds available under
24 subsection (i) exceed or are less than (respec-
25 tively) the amount required to provide the
26 amount specified in subparagraph (A).

1 “(3) DURATION AND PAYMENTS.—

2 “(A) DURATION.—The Secretary shall
3 award a grant under this section for a period
4 of 5 years.

5 “(B) PAYMENTS.—Subject to subpara-
6 graphs (C) and (D), the Secretary shall make
7 annual grant payments under this section.

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

17 “(D) CONTINUATION AWARDS.—The Sec-
18 retary shall make continuation awards under
19 this section to an institution of higher education
20 only if the Secretary determines, on the basis of
21 the reports submitted under subsection (g)(1),
22 that the institution is making a good faith ef-
23 fort to ensure that eligible student parents at
24 the institution have access to affordable, quality
25 child care services.

1 “(4) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

2 In this section, the term ‘eligible institution’
3 means—

4 “(A) an institution of higher education, as
5 defined in section 101, with respect to which,
6 the total number of students eligible for a Fed-
7 eral Pell Grant enrolled at the institution of
8 higher education in the most recently completed
9 award year was equal to or greater than 150;
10 or

11 “(B) a consortium of institutions of higher
12 education described in subparagraph (A).

13 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution re-
15 ceiving a grant under this section shall use such
16 grant funds to support access to child care services
17 for eligible student parents enrolled at such institu-
18 tion by carrying out 1 or more of the following ac-
19 tivities:

20 “(A) Establishing or supporting a campus-
21 based child care program.

22 “(B) Providing subsidized child care using
23 a sliding fee scale.

24 “(C) Providing subsidized and accessible
25 before and after school services.

1 “(2) PERMITTED USES.—In addition to the re-
2 quired activities described in paragraph (1), an eligi-
3 ble institution receiving a grant under this section
4 may use such grant funds to carry out 1 or more
5 of the following activities:

6 “(A) Providing support services for eligible
7 student parents.

8 “(B) Enhancing the quality of the campus-
9 based child care program supported under this
10 section, including to meet at least one of the
11 purposes described in subparagraphs (A)
12 through (C) of subsection (d)(15).

13 “(3) PROHIBITIONS.—

14 “(A) USE OF FUNDS PROHIBITION.—
15 Funds under this section shall not be used for
16 construction, except for renovation or repair to
17 meet applicable State or local health or safety
18 requirements.

19 “(B) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL ELIGI-
20 BILITY REQUIREMENTS.—No eligible institution
21 receiving a grant under this section may require
22 a student parent to meet requirements (such as
23 requirements related to work, academic
24 progress, or enrollment intensity) to be eligible

1 for child care services under this section other
2 than the requirements listed in paragraph (5).

3 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
4 this section shall be construed to prohibit an institu-
5 tion of higher education that receives grant funds
6 under this section from serving the child care needs
7 of the community served by such institution.

8 “(5) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STUDENT PAR-
9 ENT.—For the purpose of this section, the term ‘eli-
10 gible student parent’ means a student who—

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

13 “(B) is enrolled at an eligible institution;
14 and

15 “(C) for the award year for which the de-
16 termination is made—

17 “(i) is eligible to receive a Federal
18 Pell Grant; or

19 “(ii) meets the financial eligibility cri-
20 teria for receiving a Federal Pell Grant
21 under section 401, but is not eligible for a
22 Federal Pell Grant for such award year be-
23 cause—

24 “(I) the student has not com-
25 pleted the Free Application for Fed-

1 eral Student Aid described in section
2 483;

3 “(II) the student does not meet
4 the eligibility requirements of section
5 484; or

6 “(III) the student is enrolled in a
7 graduate or first professional course
8 of study.

9 “(6) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize
10 the availability of grants under this section, in addi-
11 tion to publication in the Federal Register, and shall
12 inform appropriate educational, nonprofit, and child
13 care organizations of such availability.

14 “(7) SPECIAL RULE.—Any assistance provided
15 to eligible student parents from grants provided
16 under this section shall not be treated as other fi-
17 nancial assistance for the purposes of section
18 471(3).

19 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible institution desiring
20 a grant under this section shall submit an application to
21 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
22 panied by such information as the Secretary may require.
23 Such application shall—

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

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

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

6 “(A) information regarding student demo-
7 graphics;

8 “(B) an assessment of child care capacity
9 on or near campus;

10 “(C) information regarding the existence of
11 waiting lists for child care services on or near
12 campus;

13 “(D) information regarding additional
14 needs created by concentrations of poverty or
15 by geographic isolation; and

16 “(E) other relevant data;

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

21 “(5) identify the resources, including technical
22 expertise and financial support, the institution will
23 draw upon to support the child care program and
24 the participation of eligible student parents in the
25 program (such as accessing social services funding,

1 using student activity fees to help pay the costs of
2 child care, using resources obtained by meeting the
3 needs of parents who are not eligible student par-
4 ents, and accessing foundation, corporate, or other
5 institutional support) and demonstrate that the use
6 of the resources will not result in increases in stu-
7 dent tuition and fees;

8 “(6) contain an assurance that the institution
9 will meet the child care needs of eligible student par-
10 ents through the provision of services, or through a
11 contract for the provision of services;

12 “(7) describe the extent to which the child care
13 program will coordinate with the institution’s early
14 childhood education curriculum, to the extent the
15 curriculum is available, to meet the needs of the stu-
16 dents in the early childhood education program at
17 the institution, and the needs of the parents and
18 children participating in the child care program as-
19 sisted under this section;

20 “(8) in the case of an institution seeking assist-
21 ance to establish a campus-based child care pro-
22 gram—

23 “(A) provide a timeline, covering the pe-
24 riod from receipt of the grant through the pro-
25 vision of the child care services, delineating the

1 specific steps the institution will take to achieve
2 the goal of providing eligible student parents
3 with child care services;

4 “(B) specify any measures the institution
5 will take to assist eligible student parents with
6 child care during the period before the institu-
7 tion provides child care services;

8 “(C) include a plan for identifying re-
9 sources needed for the child care services, in-
10 cluding space in which to provide child care
11 services, and technical assistance if necessary;
12 and

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

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

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

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

23 “(C) specify any measures the institution
24 will take to assist eligible student parents who

1 are waitlisted for the campus-based child care
2 program;

3 “(D) provide information regarding the ap-
4 plication of subsidies or a sliding fee scale for
5 child care services;

6 “(E) specify what staff positions will be
7 supported by funding under this section, and
8 how those staff positions support the purpose
9 under subsection (a);

10 “(F) provide information on the total num-
11 ber of children served by the campus-based
12 child care program, and number of children of
13 students served; and

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

17 “(10) in the case of an institution seeking as-
18 sistance that will contract for the provision of child
19 care services—

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

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

1 “(C) provide information regarding param-
2 eters the institution will use in selecting child
3 care providers in contracting for the provision
4 of services, including—

5 “(i) assessment of program quality;
6 and

7 “(ii) geographic location;

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

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

15 “(13) contain an assurance that the institution
16 will assist student parents receiving child care serv-
17 ices provided under this section in enrolling in Fed-
18 eral, State, Tribal, or local means-tested benefits
19 programs for which they may be eligible, including—

20 “(A) the supplemental nutrition assistance
21 program established under the Food and Nutri-
22 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), a nu-
23 trition assistance program carried out under
24 section 19 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2028), or a
25 nutrition assistance program carried out by the

1 Secretary of Agriculture in the Northern Mar-
2 iana Islands;

3 “(B) the supplemental security income pro-
4 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

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

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

14 “(E) the Medicaid program under title
15 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396
16 et seq.);

17 “(F) Federal housing assistance programs,
18 including tenant-based assistance under section
19 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
20 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)), and public housing, as
21 defined in section 3(b)(1) of such Act (42
22 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(1));

23 “(G) Federal child care assistance pro-
24 grams, including assistance under the Child

1 Care and Development Block Grant Act of
2 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.);

3 “(H) the free and reduced price school
4 lunch program established under the Richard
5 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);

7 “(I) refundable credit for coverage under a
8 qualified health plan under section 36B of the
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

10 “(J) the earned income tax credit under
11 section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of
12 1986;

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

15 “(L) any other means-tested Federal pro-
16 gram determined by the Secretary to be appro-
17 priate;

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

21 “(15) contain a plan for any child care program
22 assisted under this section to, not later than 3 years
23 after the date the institution first receives assistance
24 under this section—

1 “(A) meet the Head Start performance
2 standards described in section 641A(a)(1)(B) of
3 the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836a(a)(1)(B))
4 or other equivalent evidence-based standards
5 approved by the Secretary;

6 “(B) be in the top tier of the quality rating
7 improvement system for such facilities used by
8 the State in which the facility is located; or

9 “(C) be accredited by a national early
10 childhood accrediting body with demonstrated
11 valid and reliable program quality standards;
12 and

13 “(16) contain an assurance that the institution
14 will comply with the prohibitions described in sub-
15 section (c)(3).

16 “(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
17 provide technical assistance—

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

21 “(2) to institutions receiving grants under this
22 section to help such institutions meet the reporting
23 requirements described in subsection (g).

24 “(f) PRIORITY.—

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

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

8 “(B) utilize a sliding fee scale for child
9 care services provided under this section in
10 order to support a high number of eligible stu-
11 dent parents pursuing postsecondary education
12 at the institution; and

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

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

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

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

22 “(g) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; CONTINUING ELI-
23 GIBILITY.—

24 “(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each eligi-
25 ble institution receiving a grant under this section

1 shall report to the Secretary annually information
2 on—

3 “(A) the population of eligible student par-
4 ents who received child care services under this
5 section, including—

6 “(i) the number of such eligible stu-
7 dent parents, disaggregated by full- and
8 part-time status;

9 “(ii) information on such eligible stu-
10 dent parents, including demographic infor-
11 mation disaggregated by—

12 “(I) sex;

13 “(II) status as a single parent;

14 “(III) race and ethnicity;

15 “(IV) age groups of the depend-
16 ents of such student parents;

17 “(V) classification as a student
18 with a disability;

19 “(VI) recipients of educational
20 assistance under laws administered by
21 the Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
22 retary of Veterans Affairs;

23 “(VII) status as a first-genera-
24 tion college student; and

1 “(VIII) levels of degree or cre-
2 dential pursued by such eligible stu-
3 dent parents; and

4 “(iii) the number of such eligible stu-
5 dent parents who—

6 “(I) remain enrolled at the insti-
7 tution during the academic year for
8 which they received such services;

9 “(II) remain enrolled at the insti-
10 tution during the subsequent aca-
11 demic year after which they first re-
12 ceived such services;

13 “(III) graduate from the institu-
14 tion during the academic year for
15 which they received such services;

16 “(IV) transfer to a different in-
17 stitution during the academic year for
18 which they received such services; or

19 “(V) withdrew from the institu-
20 tion during the academic year for
21 which they received such services;

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

1 “(C) the percentage of the institution’s
2 grant that was used directly to subsidize any
3 fees charged for—

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

6 “(ii) off-campus child care services for
7 eligible student parents;

8 “(D) information on institutional or local
9 resources, including in-kind contributions, lever-
10 aged to help eligible student parents access
11 child care services; and

12 “(E) the relevant quality information of
13 the child care services supported by a grant
14 under this section, including—

15 “(i) the name of the accrediting agen-
16 cy or association that is providing accredi-
17 tation to such child care services, if appli-
18 cable; and

19 “(ii) the tier or level of the State
20 tiered and transparent system for meas-
21 uring the quality of child care providers
22 that is associated with such child care
23 services, if applicable.

24 “(2) REPORT.—

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

5 “(B) STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION.—The
6 Secretary shall work with relevant stakeholders
7 to determine the manner in which the data de-
8 scribed under paragraph (1) and summarized
9 under subparagraph (A) is collected.

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

21 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
23 \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through
24 2031.”.

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