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To establish a grant program for States to support individuals participating in semiconductor-related workforce programs, and for other purposes.

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Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a grant program for States to support individuals participating in semiconductor-related workforce programs, and for other purposes.

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 “CHIPS Child Care
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appro-
2 priated under subsection (i)(1) that is not reserved
3 under subsection (i)(2), the Secretary of Labor shall
4 award grants, on a competitive basis, to States to—

5 (A) provide monthly stipends to eligible
6 child care providers on behalf of individuals to
7 assist the individuals in covering the costs of
8 child care—

9 (i) while participating in semicon-
10 ductor-related workforce programs;

11 (ii) in the case of an individual who is
12 participating in, or has completed within
13 the preceding 5-year period, an apprentice-
14 ship program, while engaging in a con-
15 struction project related to semiconductor
16 manufacturing; or

17 (iii) while participating in pre-appren-
18 ticeship programs with a demonstrated his-
19 tory of successfully placing individuals in
20 jobs or apprenticeships connected to con-
21 struction projects related to semiconductor
22 manufacturing; or

23 (B) assist eligible child care providers in
24 regions receiving significant private and public
25 investment related to semiconductor manufac-

1 turing to acquire, construct, renovate, or im-
2 prove child care facilities, including to adapt,
3 reconfigure, or expand such facilities.

4 (2) GRANT PERIODS.—A grant awarded under
5 this section shall be awarded—

6 (A) for a period of two years; and

7 (B) in equal amounts for each year of such
8 period.

9 (3) GRANT PRIORITY.—In awarding grants
10 under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that
11 States that are awarded the grants—

12 (A) are geographically diverse; and

13 (B) are receiving significant private and
14 public investment related to semiconductor
15 manufacturing.

16 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
17 this Act, a State shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
18 tion, in such form, at such time, and containing such in-
19 formation as the Secretary may require, which shall in-
20 clude the following:

21 (1) If the State intends to provide monthly sti-
22 pends as described in subsection (a)(1)(A)—

23 (A) information regarding how the State
24 intends to distribute monthly stipends in ac-
25 cordance with subsection (c); and

(B) in the case of any individual who is selected to benefit from a stipend under subsection (c) and participating in a semiconductor-related workforce program that will end after the end of the grant period, any plan the State may have to provide child care support for such an individual for the period of such program during which the individual will not be benefitting from such stipends.

(2) A plan to use a portion of the grant funds to report back to the Secretary on the impact of using the grant funds to assist eligible child care providers as described in subsection (a)(1)(B).

(c) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a grant under this Act shall—

(A) give priority in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (3); and

(B) if the State uses such grants to provide monthly stipends as described in paragraph (A) of subsection (a)(1)—

(i) select individuals to benefit from a monthly stipend who—

(I) have one or more dependent children; and

1 (II) meet the requirements of
2 clause (i) or (ii) of such paragraph;
3 and
4 (ii) distribute such stipends to eligible
5 child care providers directly on behalf of
6 the individuals described under clause (i).

7 (2) MONTHLY STIPEND AMOUNTS.—A monthly
8 stipend described in paragraph (1)(A) shall not be
9 less than \$500 per dependent child.

10 (3) PRIORITY.—A State shall prioritize—
11 (A) in selecting individuals to benefit from
12 a monthly stipend as described in subsection
13 (a)(1)(A)—

14 (i) first generation college students;
15 (ii) graduates of historically Black col-
16 leges and universities;
17 (iii) residents of rural communities;
18 and
19 (iv) veterans; and

20 (B) in selecting eligible child care providers
21 to assist as described in subsection (a)(1)(B)—
22 (i) eligible child care providers pri-
23 marily serving low-income populations;
24 (ii) eligible child care providers pri-
25 marily serving children who have not at-

1 tained the age of 5 years with a significant
2 percentage of infants and toddlers enrolled;

3 (iii) eligible child care providers
4 that—

5 (I) are currently unable to serve
6 young children, had to significantly
7 reduce capacity, or are unable to serve
8 more children, due to factors such as
9 the inadequate condition, quality, or
10 availability of facilities; or

11 (II) are seeking to build capacity
12 and expand the number of children
13 served;

14 (iv) eligible child care providers that
15 operate under nontraditional hours; and

16 (v) eligible child care providers located
17 in rural or underserved communities.

18 (4) LABOR STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN
19 GRANTS.—

20 (A) All laborers and mechanics employed
21 by contractors or subcontractors in the per-
22 formance of construction, renovation, improve-
23 ment, repair, alteration, adaptation, reconfig-
24 uration, or expansion of child care facilities
25 funded in whole or in part under this section

1 shall be paid wages at rates not less than those
2 prevailing on projects of a character similar in
3 the locality as determined by the Secretary of
4 Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of
5 chapter 31 of part A of subtitle II of title 40,
6 United States Code (commonly referred to as
7 the “Davis-Bacon Act”).

8 (B) The Secretary shall require that each
9 entity, including grantees and subgrantees, that
10 applies for a grant for constructing, renovating,
11 or improving child care facilities, including
12 adapting, reconfiguring, or expanding such fa-
13 cilities, which is funded in whole or in part
14 under this section, shall include in its applica-
15 tion written assurance that all laborers and me-
16 chanics employed by contractors or subcontract-
17 tors in the performance of construction, alter-
18 nation or repair, as part of such project, shall
19 be paid wages in accordance with paragraph
20 (1). The Secretary shall not approve any such
21 funding without first obtaining adequate assur-
22 ance that required labor standards will be main-
23 tained with respect to any such construction
24 work.

1 (C) The Secretary of Labor shall have,
 2 with respect to the labor standards specified in
 3 paragraph (1), the authority and functions set
 4 forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of
 5 1950 (15 Fed. Reg. 3176; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
 6 section 276c of title 40, United States Code.

7 (d) REPORTS BY STATES.—

8 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
 9 after the end of the grant period of the grant award-
 10 ed to a State under this Act, the State shall submit
 11 to the Secretary a report that includes information
 12 on, as applicable—

13 (A) if the State uses such grants to pro-
 14 vide monthly stipends as described in subsection
 15 (a)(1)(A)—

16 (i) the individuals that benefitted
 17 from monthly stipends, including with re-
 18 spect to each such individual—

19 (I) the total number of months
 20 such stipends were provided to an eli-
 21 gible child care provider on behalf of
 22 the individual;

23 (II) the total amount provided by
 24 such stipends; and

1 (III) in the case of an individual
2 enrolled in a semiconductor-related
3 workforce program, the wage rate,
4 benefits, stipends, or other compensa-
5 tion provided to such individual—
6 (aa) while enrolled in such
7 program; and
8 (bb) after exiting the pro-
9 gram and beginning work in the
10 industry of such program;
11 (ii) for each semiconductor-related
12 workforce program for which the State
13 provided stipends to eligible child care pro-
14 viders on behalf of such individuals—
15 (I) the retention and completion
16 rates for the individuals described in
17 clause (i); and
18 (II) the retention and completion
19 rates for the individuals not described
20 in clause (i); and
21 (iii) the method the State used to dis-
22 tribute the stipends to eligible child care
23 providers;
24 (B) if the State used such grants to assist
25 eligible child care providers as described in sub-

1 section (a)(1)(B), the effects of the grant in as-
2 sisting eligible child care providers to construct,
3 renovate, or improve child care facilities, and
4 any effects on access to and quality of child
5 care; and

6 (C) such other information as the Sec-
7 retary may require.

8 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—For each of the 3
9 years after the date that a State submits the report
10 under paragraph (1), the State shall submit to the
11 Secretary a report on the retention and completion
12 rates described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of such para-
13 graph for the preceding year.

14 (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-
15 mitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be
16 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender, except
17 that such disaggregation shall not be required in the
18 case in which the number of apprentices in a sub-
19 group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable in-
20 formation or the results would reveal personally
21 identifiable information about an apprentice.

22 (e) REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—

23 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the Secretary receives the last report under

1 subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
2 gress a report that summarizes—

3 (A) the effect monthly stipends described
4 in subsection (a)(1)(A) had—

5 (i) on the semiconductor-related work-
6 force program retention and completion
7 rates of individuals who received monthly
8 stipends; and

9 (ii) the wage rates and benefits re-
10 ceived by such individuals after exiting a
11 semiconductor-related workforce program;

12 (B) the methods the States used to dis-
13 tribute such monthly stipends to eligible child
14 care providers;

15 (C) any unanticipated effect or con-
16 sequence on—

17 (i) individuals receiving the monthly
18 stipend;

19 (ii) the sponsors of the semiconductor-
20 related workforce programs; and

21 (iii) the local areas in which the indi-
22 viduals who received a monthly stipend
23 participated in such programs; and

1 (D) the effect of assistance provided to eli-
2 gible child care providers as described in sub-
3 section (a)(1)(B).

4 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—For each of the 3
5 years after the date that the Secretary submits the
6 report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sub-
7 mit to Congress a report that summarizes the infor-
8 mation in the reports received from the States under
9 subsection (d)(2) for the preceding year.

10 (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-
11 mitted under paragraph (1)(A) shall be
12 disaggregated in accordance with the disaggregation
13 requirements of subsection (d)(2).

14 (f) STIPEND AMOUNTS EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL
15 TAXATION.—Stipend amounts awarded under this Act
16 may not be included in the gross income of the individual
17 who benefitted from such stipend for purposes of the In-
18 ternal Revenue Code of 1986.

19 (g) DISREGARD STIPEND AMOUNTS IN OTHER FED-
20 ERAL PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
21 of law, a stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-
22 vider under this Act shall not be taken into account in
23 determining the need or eligibility of the individual who
24 benefitted from such stipend for benefits or assistance, or
25 the amount of such benefits or assistance, under any Fed-

1 eral, State, or local program financed in whole or in part
2 with Federal funds.

3 (h) SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT.—Any
4 monthly stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-
5 vider on behalf of an individual under this Act shall sup-
6 plement and not supplant the wages such individual earns
7 while participating in a semiconductor-related workforce
8 program.

9 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
11 appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for
12 each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

13 (2) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve
14 1.5 percent of the funds appropriated under para-
15 graph (1) for each fiscal year to carry out the study
16 and report required by subsection (e).

17 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18 (1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term
19 “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship
20 program registered under the Act of August 16,
21 1937 (commonly known as the “National Appren-
22 ticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C.
23 50 et seq.), including any requirement, standard, or
24 rule promulgated under such Act.

1 (2) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The
2 term “eligible child care provider” has the meaning
3 given the term in section 658P of the Child Care
4 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
5 U.S.C. 9858n).

6 (3) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNI-
7 VERSITY.—The term “historically Black college and
8 university” has the meaning given such term in sec-
9 tion 631(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
10 (20 U.S.C. 1132(a)(5)).

11 (4) SEMICONDUCTOR.—The term “semicon-
12 ductor” has the meaning given such term in section
13 9901 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
14 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15
15 U.S.C. 4651).

16 (5) SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING.—The
17 term “semiconductor manufacturing” has the mean-
18 ing given such term in section 9902 of the William
19 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
20 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4652).

21 (6) SEMICONDUCTOR-RELATED WORKFORCE
22 PROGRAM.—The term “semiconductor-related work-
23 force program” means an apprenticeship, career
24 upskilling, remote education, training, or workforce
25 development program offered by an institute of high-

1 er education (as defined in section 102 of the High-
2 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), non-
3 profit entity (as defined in section 9901 of the Wil-
4 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651)),
6 or local government in partnership with an entity
7 that has received financial assistance through title
8 XCIX of division H of such Act (15 U.S.C. 4651 et
9 seq.) or a similar State program.

10 (7) STATE BOARD.—The term “State board”
11 means a State workforce development board estab-
12 lished under section 101 of the Worker Innovation
13 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101).

14 (8) WIOA TERMS.—The terms “local area” and
15 “State” have the meaning given such terms in sec-
16 tion 3 of the Worker Innovation and Opportunity
17 Act (29 U.S.C. 3103).

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