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H. R. 1390

To establish a child care provider scholarship program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To establish a child care provider scholarship program.

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 Worker
5 Incentive Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CHILD CARE PROVIDER SCHOLARSHIP**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Section 658G
9 of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of
10 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858e) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
12 “A State”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) CHILD CARE PROVIDER SCHOLARSHIP PRO-
3 GRAM.—

4 “(1) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—In order to
5 be eligible for funds under section 658J(a)(2), a
6 State shall include in its plan under section 658E a
7 child care provider scholarship program plan, meet-
8 ing the requirements of this subsection, designed to
9 further the goals of child care provider recruitment,
10 training, credentialing, and retention.

11 “(2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP
12 APPLICANTS.—The State plan shall provide that, in
13 order for an individual to be eligible for a scholar-
14 ship grant under this subsection, the following re-
15 quirements shall be met:

16 “(A) DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO
17 CHILD CARE CAREER.—The individual—

18 “(i) shall be a child care worker who
19 is (or is employed by) a licensed or reg-
20 istered child care provider, or has a com-
21 mitment for employment from a licensed or
22 registered child care provider; and

23 “(ii) shall agree in writing to continue
24 to be employed in the field of child care for

1 at least one year after receiving the train-
2 ing for which assistance is provided.

3 “(B) COST SHARING BY APPLICANT.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual (ei-
5 ther as provided in clause (ii) or otherwise)
6 shall provide for payment, in cash or in
7 kind, of a share of the cost of the edu-
8 cation or training.

9 “(ii) APPLICATION FOR PELL
10 GRANTS.—In the case of an application for
11 a scholarship intended for use in an edu-
12 cational institution participating in the
13 Pell Grant program under title IV of the
14 Higher Education Act, the individual shall
15 apply for a grant under such program for
16 which the individual is eligible.

17 “(C) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—In the
18 case of an individual employed by (or who has
19 a commitment for employment from) a licensed
20 or registered child care provider the individual’s
21 employer shall—

22 “(i) pay a share of the cost of the
23 education or training; and

24 “(ii) agree to provide increased finan-
25 cial incentives to the individual, such as a

1 salary increase or bonus, when the indi-
2 vidual completes the education or training.

3 “(3) QUALIFYING EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-
4 TIONS.—The State plan shall specify the types of
5 educational and training programs for which schol-
6 arships granted under the State program may be
7 used, which shall be limited to (but may include any
8 or all) programs that—

9 “(A) are administered by institutions of
10 higher education that are eligible to participate
11 in student financial assistance programs under
12 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965;
13 and

14 “(B) lead to a State or national credential
15 in child care or early childhood or early child-
16 hood special education, or to an associate or
17 bachelor’s degree in child development or early
18 childhood education.

19 “(4) ANNUAL MAXIMUM SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
20 AMOUNT.—The maximum amount of a scholarship
21 awarded to an eligible individual under this section
22 may not exceed \$1,500 per year.

23 “(5) SUPPLEMENTATION OF OTHER FUND-
24 ING.—The State plan shall contain assurances that
25 Federal funds provided to the State under this sub-

1 section will not be used to supplant Federal or non-
2 Federal funds for existing services and activities
3 that promote the purposes of this subsection.”.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 658B of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act
6 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended

7 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
8 “There”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b) CHILD CARE PROVIDER SCHOLARSHIP PRO-
11 GRAM.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry
12 out section 658G(b) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years
13 2002 through 2006.”.

14 (c) ALLOTMENT.—Section 658O of the Child Care
15 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
16 9858m) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “this sub-
19 chapter” and inserting “each subsection of sec-
20 tion 658B”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “section
22 658B” and inserting “section 658B(a)”;

23 (2) in subsection (b)(1) in the matter preceding
24 subparagraph (A), by inserting “each subsection of”
25 before “section 658B”; and

1 (3) in subsection (e)(1) by striking “the allot-
2 ment under subsection (b)” and inserting “an allot-
3 ment under subsection (b)”.

4 (d) PAYMENTS.—Section 658J(a) of the Child Care
5 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
6 9858h) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Subject”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) A State described in paragraph (1) whose plan
10 under section 658E provides for a child care scholarship
11 program under section 658G(b) shall be entitled to pay-
12 ment under this section in an amount equal to the lesser
13 of its allotment under section 658O or 80 percent of ex-
14 penditures by the State for such program.”.

15 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 658K(a)(2) of the
16 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
17 U.S.C. 9858i) is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (2) in subparagraph (E) by adding “and” at
21 the end; and

22 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(F) the child care scholarship program,
25 including—

1 “(i) the number of child care workers
2 receiving scholarship grants;

3 “(ii) the amount of each scholarship
4 grant;

5 “(iii) the number of course credits or
6 credentials completed by individuals receiv-
7 ing scholarships;

8 “(iv) the number and percentage of
9 child care workers receiving scholarship
10 grants in the previous year who fulfilled
11 their 1-year commitment; and

12 “(v) such other data as the Secretary
13 may require.”.

14 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

15 The amendments made by this Act shall not apply
16 with respect to fiscal years beginning before the date of
17 the enactment of this Act.

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