

# Union Calendar No. 189

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5547

**[Report No. 117-259, Part I]**

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

MARCH 8, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

MARCH 8, 2022

Committee on Financial Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 8, 2021]

# **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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Care is an Economic*  
5 *Development Strategy Act” or the “CEDS Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
7 **STRATEGIES.**

8        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Public*  
9 *Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.*  
10 *3162(a)(3)(A)) is amended—*

11            *(1) by striking “and” before “balances re-*  
12 *sources”; and*

13            *(2) by inserting “, and directly or indirectly in-*  
14 *creases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-*  
15 *based services, including child care, early childhood*  
16 *education, disability and long-term care, and elder*  
17 *care” after “sound management of development”.*

18        *(b) GUIDANCE.—*

19            *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after*  
20 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
21 *Commerce shall issue guidance on implementing the*  
22 *amendments made by subsection (a), to include how*  
23 *to increase access to the affordable, quality care-based*  
24 *services described in section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Pub-*  
25 *lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42*

1 *U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) in a comprehensive economic*  
2 *development strategy developed under section 302 of*  
3 *such Act.*

4 (2) *EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DE-*  
5 *VELOPMENT STRATEGIES.—In issuing the guidance*  
6 *under paragraph (1), with respect to a grant recipi-*  
7 *ent whose comprehensive economic development strat-*  
8 *egy has been approved under section 302 of the Public*  
9 *Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42*  
10 *U.S.C. 3162) before the date of enactment of this Act,*  
11 *the Secretary shall ensure that such grant recipient is*  
12 *only required to update such comprehensive economic*  
13 *development strategy to comply with the amendments*  
14 *made by this Act when a regularly scheduled update*  
15 *to such comprehensive economic development strategy*  
16 *is required.*

17 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION CARES**  
18 **ACT FUNDING.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not more than 180 days after the*  
20 *date of enactment of this Act, the inspector general of the*  
21 *Department of Commerce shall submit to Congress a report*  
22 *on the activities and outcomes of economic adjustment as-*  
23 *sistance funding provided by the CARES Act (Public Law*  
24 *116–136).*

1       (b) *CONTENTS.*—*The report required under subsection*  
2 *(a) shall include—*  
3           (1) *each recipient that received economic adjust-*  
4 *ment assistance funding from such Act; and*  
5           (2) *the corresponding project that received eco-*  
6 *nomics adjustment assistance funding from the*  
7 *CARES Act.*

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