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112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to include providing diapers and diapering supplies among the activities for which funds may be employed to improve the quality of and access to child care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DELAURO (for herself and _____) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Diaper Investment and
5 Aid to Promote Economic Recovery” or the “DIAPER
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds, pursuant to its authority under Arti-
3 cle I and the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution,
4 that—

5 (1) access to a reliable supply of clean diapers
6 is a medical necessity for the health and welfare of
7 infant and toddlers, their families, and child and
8 health care providers,

9 (2) a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility
10 requirement for infants and toddlers to participate
11 in early childhood educational programs,

12 (3) providing a sufficient supply of diapers can
13 cause economic hardship to needy families,

14 (4) absent access to child care, parents and
15 guardians of infants and toddlers cannot participate
16 in the workforce, thereby causing economic harm to
17 many families,

18 (5) providing diapering systems to needy in-
19 fants and toddlers through child care programs fur-
20 thers the national goals of improved health and sani-
21 tation for families and for staff in early childhood
22 education and child care programs, and

23 (6) making available clean diapers to needy in-
24 fants and toddlers who would otherwise be prevented
25 from participating in child care programs furthers
26 the national goal of safe and quality child care, and

1 ble of controlling their bladder or bowel movements.
2 ‘Diaper’ refers to a disposable diaper or, where the
3 administering agency elects to make available, a
4 washable cloth diaper and the requisite diaper laun-
5 dering and delivery services necessary to provide suf-
6 ficient clean diapers for the eligible population. ‘Dia-
7 pering supplies’ means items, including diapers, dia-
8 per wipes, and diaper cream, necessary for safe dia-
9 pering.’’.