

**Proposed Legislation on Child Care and Early Childhood Educated Issues
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Federal Legislation Changing Tax Code to Help Impact Child Care			
Bill Number/Title	Synopsis	Sponsor(s)	Current Status
H. R. 4571 Child Care Investment Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps parents locate/offset child care cost by expanding employer-provider child care credit, doubling amount that can be saved by families in Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP) for child care expenses; and improves DCAP. 	Representative Salud Carbajal (D-CA) and Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)	House Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 7360 Promoting Affordable Childcare for Everyone (PACE) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps parents better afford child care by improving the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) to make it refundable, index it to inflation, and increase the value of the credit, modernizing the credit to better suit the needs of working parents. Improves DCAP by increasing the amount of pre-tax dollars parents can set aside. 	Representative Claudia Tenney (R-NY) and Representative Brad Schneider (D-IL)	House Committee on Ways and Means
S. 4874 Child Care Availability and Affordability Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modernizes existing tax credits to offset the cost of child care for working families by making the CDCTC refundable and increases the maximum amount that parents can receive from \$1,050 for one child to \$2,500, and from \$2,100 for 2 or more children to \$4,000. Increases the max amount that can be saved by a family through DCAP to \$7,500, and increases the maximum credit amount and the max percentage of costs covered, allowing for employers to better support their employees in locating and affording child care. 	Senators Katie Britt (R-AL), and Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Senate Finance Committee
H.R. 8635 Affordable Child Care Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aims to address several affordability and access concerns by expanding and enhancing existing tax credits to better serve family's needs. 	Representative Marc Molinaro (R-NY) and Representative Sharice Davids (D-KS)	House Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 1421 Improving Child Care for Working Families Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases amount of pre-tax income families can set aside for DCAP from \$5,000 to \$10,500 to help offset child care cost. 	Representative Kim Schrier (D-WA) and Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	House Committee on Ways and Means

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Federal Legislation to Expand Child Care Access			
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S. 976 and H.R. 3639 After Hours Child Care Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps more working families to access care by amending CCDBG to establish and expand child care programs for parents who work nontraditional hours through a competitive grant pilot program. Supports on-site child care programs at workplaces. 	<p>S. 976 - Senator Todd Young (R-IN), Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH)</p> <p>H.R. 3639 - Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA), Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)</p>	<p>S. 976 – Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee</p> <p>H.R. 3639 – House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>
S. 268 and H.R. 9068 Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides competitive grants to states to support the education, training, or retention of the child care workforce in addition to building, renovating, and expanding child care facilities in areas experiencing shortages. Helps to increase child care supply. 	<p>S. 268 – Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK)</p> <p>H.R. 9068 - Representative Josh Harder (D-CA), Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)</p>	<p>S. 268 -Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</p> <p>H.R. 9068 – House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>
H.R. 6056 More Child Care and Jobs for Military Families Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports military families in accessing care by requiring the Department of Defense to report on at-home child care programs offered by each military department. 	<p>Representative Susie Lee (D-NV), and Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)</p>	<p>House Committee on Armed Services</p>
Federal Legislation to Address Workforce Shortages and Improve Wages			
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H.R. 7355 Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the early educator workforce by awarding grants to eligible partnerships (e.g. institutions of higher education, child care providers, or relevant workforce training programs) to establish, expand, or support career and technical education (CTE) and career pathway programs of study in early childhood education. 	<p>Representative Annie Kuster (D-NH), Representative Michael Lawler (R-NY), Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)</p>	<p>House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>
H.R. 1834 and S. 236 Early Educators Apprenticeship Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works to build the early educator pipeline and expand the workforce by establishing a three-year grant program through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for states to develop, administer, and evaluate a registered apprenticeships (RA) program that provides early educators with 	<p>H.R. 1834 - Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Representative Susan Wild (D-PA)</p>	<p>H.R. 1834 – House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>

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	knowledge and skills required to deliver high-quality early learning and care.	S. 236 - Senator Todd Young (R-IN), Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	S.236 – Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
S. 2938 and H.R. 656 Head Start for our Future Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make jobs in early childhood education eligible as community service under the Federal Work-Study Program. Intended to help to grow the early learning and care workforce 	<p>S. 2938 - Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)</p> <p>H.R. 656 - Representative Joaquin Castro (D-TX), Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI), Representative Abigail Spanberger (D-VA), Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)</p>	<p>S. 2938 – Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</p> <p>H.R. 656 – House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>
S. 2832 HEADWAY Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed to ease workforce shortages by permitting some Early Head Start classroom teachers to be in the process of earning their CDA credential while retaining the requirement that at least one teacher in every classroom is fully credentialed with at least a CDA. Requires mentorship within the program to facilitate and ensure continued progress toward earning the CDA. 	Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Senator Mike Braun (R-IN)	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
S. 3066 Creating Early Childhood Leaders Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the development of the early educator pipeline by amending Teacher Quality Partnership Grants in the Higher Education Act (HEA) to require effective school leadership programs under the grant to include training for school leaders on child development, social and emotional development, and effective instructional leadership skills for children from birth through 8 to effectively manage and support developmentally appropriate ECE programs 	Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT)	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
S. 4880 Child Care Workforce Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses challenges around workforce stability by establishing a competitive grant program to states, localities, and Tribal organizations who are interested in adopting/expanding pay supplement programs for 	Senator Katie Britt (R-AL), Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

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	child care workers to help increase supply and reduce workforce turnover.		
S. 2369 PREP Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Higher Education Act to address teacher and principal shortages, including early childhood educators, particularly in rural communities, and increase teacher diversity. Eligible partnerships focusing on early childhood educator preparation must include efforts to increase compensation for those who attain associate or baccalaureate degrees in early childhood education 	Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Federal Legislation Supporting the Child Care System			
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S. 673 and H.R. 2602 Small Business Child Care Investment Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports child care providers by amending the Small Business Investment Act to specify "nonprofit child care providers" are deemed to be a small business concern, allowing them to receive SBA loans. 	S. 673 - Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) H.R. 2602 - Representative Susie Lee (D-NV), Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN), Representative Susan Wild (D-PA), Representative Maria Salazaar (R-FL)	S.673 – Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship H.R. 2602 House Small Business Committee
H.R. 6067 Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports child care providers by adding another meal service to be reimbursed in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for children who are in care for more than eight (8) hours, changes the payment policy so that family child care programs in CACFP are reimbursed based, and simplifies eligibility reporting for for-profit child care centers. 	Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Representative Marc Molinaro (R-NY), Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Representative Michael Lawler (R-NY), Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX)	House Committee on Education and Workforce
S. 3424 and H.R. 5928 SEED Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the tax deduction for expenses of elementary/secondary teachers and early childhood teachers, so early educators do not have to spend their own money to pay for classroom supplies. 	S. 3424 - Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO), Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)	S. 3424 - Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

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		H.R. 5928 – Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Representative Tom Cole (R-OK), Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA)	H.R. 5928 - House Committee on Ways and Means
H.R. 5825 Care is Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aims to foster the connection between economic development and child care by requiring Economic Development Districts to show in their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies how they will increase access to care-based services, including child care 	Representative Nikema Williams (D-GA), Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC)	House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
H.R. 8540 Child Care for American Families Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports employers’ ability to maintain a stable, reliable workforce by increasing the amount of the employer-provided child care tax credit which allows businesses to invest in child care services for their employees — with an emphasis on small businesses and those located in low-income and rural areas. 	Representative David Kustoff (R-TN), Representative Brad Schneider (D-IL), Representative Claudia Tenney (R-NY), Representative Terri Sewell (R-AL)	House Committee on Ways and Means
S. 1867 and H.R. 3922 Expanding Child Care in Rural America Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the “Expanding Childcare in Rural America Initiative,” which directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) to authorize and prioritize projects that address the availability, quality, and cost of child care in agricultural and rural communities through several grants and loans programs. 	<p>S. 1867 - Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Senator Mike Braun (R-IN), Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)</p> <p>H.R. 3922 - Representative Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez (D-WA), Representative Tracey Mann (R-KS)</p>	<p>S. 1867- Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship</p> <p>H.R. 3922 - Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development</p>