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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for amounts paid or incurred by child care providers to advance innovation and access for developmentally disabled individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CORREA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the

Committee on |||||

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for amounts paid or incurred by child care providers to advance innovation and access for developmentally disabled individuals.

*1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa2 tives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bright Beginnings

5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD CARE**
 INNOVATION AND

2 **ACCESS CREDIT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
4 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue
 Code of

5 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
 following new 6 section:

7 “**SEC. 45BB. CHILD CARE INNOVATION AND ACCESS CRED-**

8 **IT.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 38, in 10 the
 case of an eligible child care provider, the child care
11 innovation and access credit determined under this section
12 for any taxable year is an amount equal to so much of
13 the eligible expenditures of the taxpayer for such taxable 14
 year as does not exceed \$10,000.

15 “(b) **ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.**—For
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16 poses of this section, the term ‘eligible child
 care provider’

17 means a center-based provider of child care
 services that—

18 “(1) provides such services—

19 “(A) for compensation,

20 “(B) for fewer than 24 hours per day, and

21 “(C) to individuals who have not attained 22
the age of 14, and

23 “(2) is legally operating under State law and
24 complies with applicable State and local require-
25 ments for the provision of such services.

1 “(c) ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES.—For purposes of
2 this section—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible expendi4 tures’
means, with respect to any eligible child care
5 provider, any amounts paid or incurred by such pro-
6 vider to advance innovation and access for individ7
uals with developmental disabilities receiving child 8
care services from such provider.

9 “(2) INNOVATION.—The term ‘innovation’
10 means the intentional design and implementation of
11 flexible and responsive environments, tools, and
12 practices that—

13 “(A) reflect the full diversity of human de14
velopment, sensory processing, and learning
15 styles, and

16 “(B) remove systemic barriers facing indi-
17 viduals.

18 “(3) ACCESS.—The term ‘access’ means the
set 19 of physical, sensory, communicative,
social, and
20 structural conditions that enable an individual to en21 gage
and participate in an environment in ways that 22 align with their
modes of interaction.

23 “(4) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.—The term
24 ‘developmental disability’ means—

1 “(A) any diagnosed cognitive, physical,
2 communicative, social, emotional, or
adaptive

3 developmental delay, and

4 “(B) any diagnosed condition likely to re-
5 sult in a developmental delay described in sub-
paragraph (A).

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7 “(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

8 “(1) CONTROLLED GROUPS.— 9 “(A) IN
GENERAL.—All members of the

10 same controlled group of corporations (within
11 the meaning of section 52(a)) and all persons
12 under common control (within the meaning of
13 section 52(b)) shall be treated as 1 person for 14
purposes of this section.

15 “(B) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The Secretary
16 shall apportion the dollar limitation under
sub17 section (a) among the members of any
group 18 described in subparagraph (A) in
such manner 19 as the Secretary shall by
regulations prescribe.

20 “(2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduc-
21 tion or credit shall be allowed under this chapter
for
22 any amount taken into account in determining the
23 credit under this section.

1 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
2 such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary
3 or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
section.

4 “(f) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to 5 any
amount paid or incurred after December 31, 2031.”.

6 (b) CREDIT MADE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS

7 CREDIT.—Section 38(b) of such Code is amended by
striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (40), by
striking the 9 period at the end of paragraph (41) and
inserting “, plus”,

10 and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

11 “(42) in the case of an eligible child care pro12 vider (as
defined in section 45BB(b)), the child care
13 innovation and access credit determined under sec14 tion
45BB(a).”.

15 (c) ELECTIVE PAYMENT OF CREDIT.—Section
16 6417(b) of such Code is amended by redesignating
para17 graphs (10) through (12) as paragraphs (11)
through
18 (13), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (9) the 19
following new paragraph:

20 “(10) The child care innovation and access 21 credit
determined under section 45BB(a).”.

22 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
24 of such Code is amended by adding after the item
relating
25 to section 45AA the following new item:

“Sec. 45BB. Child care innovation and access credit.”.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after
3 December 31, 2026.