

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 10015

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Ms. FOXX) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Cutting Red Tape on
5 Child Care Providers Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Access to minimally processed fruits, vege-
2 tables, nuts and seeds is crucial for the development
3 and well-being of children.

4 (2) Licensed child care providers often face re-
5 strictions on food preparation that limit their ability
6 to serve fresh fruits and vegetables.

7 (3) Home and family based child care options,
8 (estimated to serve about $\frac{1}{4}$ of families), have seen
9 steady declines over the past decade. While this de-
10 creases child care choices for all families, it dis-
11 proportionately impacts low-income and rural fami-
12 lies and those requiring daycare at non-traditional
13 times because of shift work.

14 (4) Complicated and burdensome regulations
15 are more challenging for home-based providers and
16 are likely a part of the reason these centers are de-
17 clining.

18 (5) Current regulations can make it easier to
19 open a pre-packaged, often ultra-processed, snack
20 than it is to, for example, peel a banana. This un-
21 dermines the ability of child care providers to pro-
22 vide basic nutrition to our kids.

23 (6) Simplifying regulations to encourage simple
24 food preparation of minimally processed agricultural

1 products can improve nutritional outcomes for chil-
2 dren.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act, the term “simple food prep-
5 aration” means the basic preparation of fruits and vegeta-
6 bles, including washing, peeling, cutting, and serving raw
7 or minimally processed produce.

8 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF BARRIERS UNDER THE CHILD**
9 **CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**
10 **ACT OF 1990.**

11 Section 658E(c)(2)(F) of the Child Care and Devel-
12 opment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(2)(F))
13 is amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(iii) PROHIBITION OF BARRIERS.—
15 The State shall not create any barriers on
16 the simple preparation of fresh fruits and
17 vegetables for facilities, licensed or licensed
18 exempt.”.

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