

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5141

To authorize funding for section 619 and part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN) 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 “Funding Early Child-
5 hood is the Right IDEA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) High-quality early intervention and pre-
9 school special education services can change a child’s

1 developmental trajectory and improve outcomes for
2 children, families, and communities.

3 (2) Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities
4 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) authorizes
5 a grant program to aid each State in implementing
6 a system of early intervention services for infants
7 and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

8 (3) Funding for such part C (20 U.S.C. 1431
9 et seq.) has eroded significantly in the last two dec-
10 ades, from a high of \$1,768 per child in 1999 to
11 \$645 per child in 2017, adjusted for inflation.

12 (4) Section 619 of the Individuals with Disabil-
13 ities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419) authorizes
14 grants to States for preschool programs serving chil-
15 dren with disabilities ages three to five.

16 (5) Funding for such section 619 (20 U.S.C.
17 1419) has eroded significantly in the last 25 years,
18 from a high of \$1,484 per child in 1992, to \$529
19 in 2017, adjusted for inflation.

20 (6) Infants, toddlers, and preschool children,
21 and their schools would benefit from additional
22 funding to restore per child amounts under part C
23 and section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities
24 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.; 1419) to en-

- 1 “(4) \$1,480,000,000 for fiscal year 2027; and
- 2 “(5) \$ 1,731,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

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