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H. R. 6056

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on at-home child care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. BACON, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “More Child Care and
5 Jobs for Military Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON AT-HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAMS OF**
2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; FEASIBILITY**
3 **STUDY.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 39 months after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on at-
8 home child care programs offered by each military depart-
9 ment. Such report shall include—

10 (1) an identification of the number of such at-
11 home child care programs that have opened, closed,
12 or relocated during the period beginning on the date
13 of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that
14 this three years after such date;

15 (2) a summary of difficulties, if any, experi-
16 enced by military spouses employed at such at-home
17 child care programs with respect to—

18 (A) obtaining necessary certifications or
19 licences; and

20 (B) opening, closing, or relocating such an
21 at-home child care program; and

22 (3) a summary of effects, if any, that the open-
23 ing, closing, or relocation of such an at-home child
24 care program has on the employment rate of mili-
25 tary spouses residing in geographic proximity to
26 such at-home child care program.

1 (b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall conduct a feasibility study on—

4 (A) standardizing the requirements of each
5 military department relating to licensing and
6 certification for at-home child care providers;

7 (B) removing barriers, if any, to the ex-
8 pansion of at-home child care programs de-
9 scribed in subsection (a); and

10 (C) supporting the employment of military
11 spouses in such at-home child care programs.

12 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of the submission of the report
14 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall
15 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
16 House of Representatives and the Senate a report
17 that includes the findings of such feasibility study.

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