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To allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Small Business Child
5 Care Investment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS LOANS FOR NONPROFIT CHILD**
2 **CARE PROVIDERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the Small Busi-
4 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(10) NONPROFIT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.—

7 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
8 term ‘covered nonprofit child care provider’
9 means an organization—

10 “(i) that—

11 “(I) is in compliance with licens-
12 ing requirements for child care pro-
13 viders of the State in which the orga-
14 nization is located;

15 “(II) is described in section
16 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
17 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax
18 under section 501(a) of such Code;

19 “(III) is primarily engaged in
20 providing child care for children from
21 birth to compulsory school age; and

22 “(IV) is in compliance with the
23 size standards established under this
24 subsection for business concerns in
25 the applicable industry;

1 “(ii) for which each employee and reg-
2 ular volunteer complies with the criminal
3 background check requirements under sec-
4 tion 658H(b) of the Child Care and Devel-
5 opment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
6 U.S.C. 9858f(b));

7 “(iii) that may—

8 “(I) provide care for school-age
9 children outside of school hours or
10 outside of the school year; or

11 “(II) offer preschool or pre-
12 kindergarten educational programs;
13 and

14 “(iv) subject to any exemption under
15 Federal law applicable to the organization,
16 that certifies to the Administrator that the
17 organization will not discriminate in any
18 business practice, including providing serv-
19 ices to the public, on the basis of race,
20 color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, mar-
21 ital status, age, disability, or national ori-
22 gin.

23 “(B) ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN LOAN
24 PROGRAMS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
2 any other provision of this subsection, a
3 covered nonprofit child care provider shall
4 be deemed to be a small business concern
5 for purposes of loans under section 7(a) of
6 this Act or financing under title V of the
7 Small Business Investment Act of 1958
8 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.).

9 “(ii) LOAN GUARANTEE.—A covered
10 nonprofit child care center provider—

11 “(I) shall obtain a guarantee of
12 timely payment of the loan or financ-
13 ing from another person or entity to
14 be eligible for a loan or financing of
15 more than \$500,000 under the au-
16 thority under clause (i); and

17 “(II) shall not be required to ob-
18 tain a guarantee of timely payment of
19 the loan or financing to be eligible for
20 a loan or financing that is not more
21 than \$500,000 under the authority
22 under clause (i).

23 “(C) LIMITATION ON BASIS FOR INELIGI-
24 BILITY.—The Administrator may not determine
25 that a covered nonprofit child care center pro-

1 vider is not eligible for a loan or financing de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (B)(i) on the basis that
3 the proceeds of the loan or financing will be
4 used for a religious activity protected under the
5 First Amendment to the Constitution of the
6 United States, as interpreted by the courts of
7 the United States.”.

8 (b) REPORTING.—

9 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
10 “covered nonprofit child care provider” has the
11 meaning given the term in paragraph (10) of section
12 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)),
13 as added by subsection (a).

14 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1 year
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
16 thereafter, the Administrator of the Small Business
17 Administration shall submit to Congress a report
18 that contains—

19 (A) for the year covered by the report—

20 (i) the number of loans made under
21 section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15
22 U.S.C. 636(a)) and the number of
23 financings provided under title V of the
24 Small Business Investment Act of 1958

1 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) to covered non-
2 profit child care providers; and

3 (ii) the amount of such loans made
4 and the amount of such financings pro-
5 vided to covered nonprofit child care pro-
6 viders; and

7 (B) any other information determined rel-
8 evant by the Administrator.

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