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[Report No. 117-]

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

NOVEMBER --, 2021

Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 8, 2021]

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 “Care is an Economic*
5 *Development Strategy Act” or the “CEDS Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
7 **STRATEGIES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Public*
9 *Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.*
10 *3162(a)(3)(A)) is amended—*

11 *(1) by striking “and” before “balances re-*
12 *sources”; and*

13 *(2) by inserting “, and directly or indirectly in-*
14 *creases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-*
15 *based services, including child care, early childhood*
16 *education, disability and long-term care, and elder*
17 *care” after “sound management of development”.*

18 *(b) GUIDANCE.—*

19 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after*
20 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
21 *Commerce shall issue guidance on implementing the*
22 *amendments made by subsection (a), to include how*
23 *to increase access to the affordable, quality care-based*
24 *services described in section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Pub-*
25 *lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42*

1 *U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) in a comprehensive economic*
2 *development strategy developed under section 302 of*
3 *such Act.*

4 (2) *EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DE-*
5 *VELOPMENT STRATEGIES.—In issuing the guidance*
6 *under paragraph (1), with respect to a grant recipi-*
7 *ent whose comprehensive economic development strat-*
8 *egy has been approved under section 302 of the Public*
9 *Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42*
10 *U.S.C. 3162) before the date of enactment of this Act,*
11 *the Secretary shall ensure that such grant recipient is*
12 *only required to update such comprehensive economic*
13 *development strategy to comply with the amendments*
14 *made by this Act when a regularly scheduled update*
15 *to such comprehensive economic development strategy*
16 *is required.*

17 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION CARES**
18 **ACT FUNDING.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not more than 180 days after the*
20 *date of enactment of this Act, the inspector general of the*
21 *Department of Commerce shall submit to Congress a report*
22 *on the activities and outcomes of economic adjustment as-*
23 *sistance funding provided by the CARES Act (Public Law*
24 *116–136).*

- 1 **(b) CONTENTS.**—*The report required under subsection*
2 *(a) shall include—*
- 3 **(1)** *each recipient that received economic adjust-*
4 *ment assistance funding from such Act; and*
- 5 **(2)** *the corresponding project that received eco-*
6 *nomie adjustment assistance funding from the*
7 *CARES Act.*