

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representative Espaillat

**Ensure Quality and Affordable Child Care**

1. At the end of Title III, add the following:

**SEC. 305. DEFICIT NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR ENSURING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE.**

In the House of Representatives, the chair of the Committee on the Budget may adjust the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this concurrent resolution for any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report thereon, related to lowering child care costs for families or raising wages for child care workers if such measure would not increase the deficit for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution supports lowering childcare costs for families and raising wages for child care workers through policies that could include fully funding the Child Care and Development Block Grant or reinstating the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program. These programs help ensure child care providers can continue to offer quality care at costs parents can afford. The American Rescue Plan implemented the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program, proving the success of the program by increasing child care workers' wages by 10%, while ensuring costs to family remained affordable, saving families on average \$1,250 per child, a nearly 10% savings. Without this program, already high child care costs will continue to rise on families, and child care workers will continue to earn discouragingly low wages.