

AMENDMENT

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At the end, add the following:

1 SEC. 3. REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.

2 Not later than 14 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
4 Services shall submit to the Committee on Education and
5 Workforce of the House of Representatives and to the
6 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a
7 report that contain information relating to the following:

8 (1) The tweet by Health and Human Services
9 (HHS) Deputy Secretary Jim O'Neill on December
10 30, 2025, freezing all Administration for Children
11 and Families (ACF) payments and reinstituting
12 "Defend the Spend" procedures.

13 (2) Drawdown of the Child Care and Develop-
14 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 funds via the Pay-
15 ment Management System (PMS) any time after
16 December 30, 2025, by any State, Territory, or
17 Tribal CCES grantee.

18 (3) HHS, ACF, and Executive Office of the
19 President social media posts alleging child care
20 fraud and resulting threats to, and harassment of,

1 individual child care providers after December 30,
2 2025.

3 (4) Warning letters, referrals to the Office of
4 the Inspector General, or other disciplinary actions
5 regarding alleged funding misuse by any grantee
6 who has received a payment funded in whole or in
7 part under Child Care and Development Block
8 Grant Act of 1990.

9 (5) Communication with grantees regarding the
10 submission of additional data in order to draw down
11 funds provided in whole or in part under the Child
12 Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and
13 the storage, use, and sharing of such data within
14 and outside of HHS after April 15, 2025.

15 (6) Payments to contractors or consultants re-
16 lated to “Defend the Spend” requirements, proce-
17 dures, or implementation which affect funds pro-
18 vided under the Child Care and Development Block
19 Grant Act of 1990,

20 (7) Legal opinions regarding the designation as
21 “proprietary”, nonpublic, or unavailable to congres-
22 sional requesters of such information related to con-
23 tracting, spending of legally authorized funding, re-
24 ferrals to the Office of the Inspector General, staff-
25 ing assignments, or procedures related to funding

1 authorized under the Child Care and Development
2 Block Grant Act of 1990.

3 (8) Contracts, staffing assignments, and in-
4 structions to contractors and any HHS staff (wheth-
5 er based in the District of Columbia or regionally)
6 regarding the “Defend the Spend” criteria and proc-
7 ess for State, Tribal, or Territorial entitlements
8 under the Child Care and Development Block Grant
9 Act of 1990.

10 (9) Contracts with States, Tribes, and terri-
11 tories governing any payment management system
12 operative in 2025 and 2026 and used to provide
13 grantee access to Child Care and Development Block
14 Grant Act of 1990 funds.

15 (10) Meetings, discussions, or other actions in-
16 volving the HHS Office of the General Counsel or
17 outside legal advisors regarding the use of a pay-
18 ment management system by grantees or efforts to
19 provide, delay, or prevent access to Child Care and
20 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 funding

