

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7720

To amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require States to account for fraudulent payments made under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Mr. MESSMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Child Care Payment
5 Integrity and Fraud Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FRAUDULENT PAYMENTS.**

7 Section 658J(b) of the Child Care and Development
8 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858h(b)) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “(including
2 fraudulent payments)” after “overpayments”, and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) REPORT.—The State shall submit to the
5 Secretary an annual report that identifies the dollar
6 and percentage amount of improper payments made
7 by the State, disaggregated as specified by the Sec-
8 retary by standardized payment categories (includ-
9 ing suspected and verified fraudulent payments, non-
10 fraudulent overpayments, underpayments, and tech-
11 nically improper payments (e.g., system error pay-
12 ments)).”.

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