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H. R. 3502

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to prevent the child care cliff and increase parental choice for low-income families, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. HERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Increasing Parent
5 Choice and Preventing the Child Care Cliff Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING THE CHILD CARE CLIFF.**

7 Section 418 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 618) is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
9 section (e) and inserting after subsection (c) the following:

1 “(d) GRANT CONDITION.—As a condition of receiving
2 a grant under this subsection, a State shall have policies
3 and procedures in place to provide a graduated phase-out
4 of child care assistance for parents—

5 “(1) who are working or attending a job train-
6 ing or educational program; and

7 “(2) whose family income exceeds the income
8 limit established by the State for initial qualification
9 for child care assistance and does not exceed 85 per-
10 cent of the State median income for a family of the
11 same size.”.

12 **SEC. 3. INCREASING PARENT CHOICE FOR LOW-INCOME**
13 **FAMILIES.**

14 With respect to each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023,
15 the percentage set forth in section 418(b)(2) of the Social
16 Security Act is deemed to be 100 percent.

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