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# H. R. 7092

To establish a grant program to assist States to establish or expand universal prekindergarten in public schools and public charter schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2022

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “Universal Prekinde-  
5       garten and Early Childhood Education Act of 2022”.

6       **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY**  
7       **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

8       (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—From amounts ap-  
9       propriated under section 3, the Secretary of Education is  
10      authorized to award grants, on a competitive basis, to

1 States to pay the Federal share of establishing or expand-  
2 ing full-day prekindergarten programs.

3 (b) STATE APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under  
4 this Act, a State shall submit to the Secretary an applica-  
5 tion at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
6 information as the Secretary may require.

7 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant  
8 under this Act shall use such grant funds to establish or  
9 expand a prekindergarten program that, at a minimum—

10 (1) is located at a public school in the State;

11 (2) permits each 3- or 4-year-old child in the  
12 State to be voluntarily enrolled by the child's parent,  
13 regardless of income, in the program at a school in  
14 which the child may be enrolled for kindergarten;

15 (3) is a full-day program that runs the length  
16 of the regular school year;

17 (4) is taught by teachers who possess equivalent  
18 or similar qualifications to the qualifications of  
19 teachers of other grades in the school involved; and

20 (5) meets any other criteria that the Secretary  
21 may require.

22 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of a grant  
23 under this Act shall be not more than 80 percent of the  
24 costs of carrying out the activities described in subsection  
25 (c).

1 (e) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant funds re-  
2 ceived under this Act shall be used to supplement and not  
3 supplant other Federal early childhood education funds in  
4 the State.

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
7 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years  
8 2022 through 2027.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) FULL-DAY.—The term “full-day” used with  
12 respect to a program, means a program with a min-  
13 imum of a 6-hour schedule per day.

14 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of Education.

16 (3) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
17 ing given the term in section 8101 of the Elemen-  
18 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
19 U.S.C. 7801).

20 (4) PARENT.—The term “parent” has the  
21 meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Ele-  
22 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
23 U.S.C. 7801).

24 (5) PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The term “public  
25 school” has the meaning given the term “elementary

1 school” or “secondary school” in section 8101 of the  
2 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
3 (20 U.S.C. 7801), except that the term does not in-  
4 clude private schools.

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