

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY Ms . Lee _____

Page 1, line 11, strike “Section” and insert the following:

1 (a) WITHHOLDING FUNDS.—Section

Page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

2 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; SLIDING
3 FEE SCALE.—

4 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 Section 658B of the Child Care and Development
6 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858) is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 658B AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
10 this subchapter such sums as necessary for fiscal years
11 2026 through 2031.”.

12 (2) SLIDING FEE SCALE.—Section 658E(c)(5)

13 of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act
14 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858C(5)) is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 “(c) SLIDING FEE SCALE.—

1 “(1) The State plan shall provide that the State
2 will establish and periodically revise, by rule, a slid-
3 ing fee scale described in paragraph (2) for cost
4 sharing (that is not a barrier to families receiving
5 assistance under this subchapter) by the families
6 that receive child care services for which assistance
7 is provided under this subchapter.

8 “(2) SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR COPAYMENTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
10 subparagraph (B)(i), the State plan shall pro-
11 vide an assurance that the State will for the pe-
12 riod covered by the plan use a sliding fee scale,
13 which shall gradually increase copayments as a
14 percentage of family income for families with
15 greater family incomes as described in subpara-
16 graph (B), to determine a copayment for a fam-
17 ily receiving assistance under this section (or,
18 for a family receiving part-time care, a reduced
19 copayment that is the proportionate amount of
20 the full copayment).

21 “(B) SLIDING FEE SCALE.—A full copay-
22 ment described in subparagraph (A) shall be
23 determined using a sliding fee scale that pro-
24 vides that, for a family with a family income—

1 “(i) of not more than 85 percent of
2 the State median income for a family of
3 the same size, the family shall not pay a
4 copayment, toward the cost of the child
5 care involved for all eligible children in the
6 family;

7 “(ii) of more than 85 percent but not
8 more than 100 percent of the State median
9 income for a family of the same size, the
10 copayment shall be more than but not
11 more than 2 percent of that family income,
12 toward such cost for all such children;

13 “(iii) of more than 100 percent but
14 not more than 125 percent of the State
15 median income for a family of the same
16 size, the copayment shall be more than but
17 not more than 4 percent of that family in-
18 come, toward such cost for all such chil-
19 dren;

20 “(iv) of more than 125 percent but
21 not more than 150 percent of the State
22 median income for a family of the same
23 size, the copayment shall be more than but
24 not more than 7 percent of that family in-

1 come, toward such cost for all such chil-
2 dren; and

3 “(v) of more than 150 percent of the
4 State median income for a family of the
5 same size, the copayment shall be 7 per-
6 cent of that family income, toward such
7 cost for all such children.”.

