''(B) Each provider of child care services at an individual Federal child care center shall maintain 50 percent of the enrollment at the center of children described under subparagraph (A) as a goal for enrollment at the center.

''(C)(i) If enrollment at a center does not meet the percentage goal under subparagraph (B), the provider shall develop and implement a business plan with the sponsoring Federal agency to achieve the goal within a reasonable timeframe.

''(ii) The plan shall be approved by the Administrator of General Services based on—

''(I) compliance of the plan with standards established by the Administrator; and

''(II) the effect of the plan on achieving the aggregate Federal enrollment percentage goal.

''(2) The Administrator of General Services Administration may enter into public-private partnerships or contracts with nongovernmental entities to increase the capacity, quality, affordability, or range of child care and related services and may, on a demonstration basis, waive subsection (a)(3) and paragraph (1) of this subsection.''.

(b) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Section 616(b)(3) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b(b)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

''(3) If a Federal agency has a child care facility in a Federal space, or is a sponsoring agency for a child care facility in a Federal space, the agency or the General Services Administration may pay accreditation fees, including renewal fees, for that center to be accredited. Any Federal agency that provides or proposes to provide child care services for children referred to in subsection (a)(2), may reimburse any Federal employee or any person employed to provide the services for the costs of training programs, conferences, and meetings and related travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with those activities. Any per diem allowance made under this section shall not exceed the rate specified in regulations prescribed under section 5707 of title 5, United States Code.''.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 616(c) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''Federal'' before ''child care centers''; and

(2) by striking ''Federal workers'' and inserting ''Federal employees''.

(d) PROVISION OF CHILD CARE BY PRIVATE ENTITIES.—Section 616(d) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b(d)) is amended to read as follows:

''(d)(1) If a Federal agency has a child care facility in a Federal space, or is a sponsoring agency for a child care facility in a Federal space, the agency, the child care center board of directors, or the General Services Administration may enter into an agreement with 1 or more private entities under which the private entities would assist in defraying the general operating expenses of the child care providers including salaries and tuition assistance programs at the facility.

''(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a Federal agency does not have a child care program, or if the Administrator of General Services has identified a need for child care for Federal employees at a Federal agency providing child care services that do not meet the requirements of subsection (a), the agency or the Administrator may enter into an agreement with a non-Federal, licensed, and accredited child care facility, or a planned child care facility that will become licensed and accredited, for the provision of child care services for children of Federal employees.

''(B) Before entering into an agreement, the head of the Federal agency shall determine that child care services to be provided through the agreement are more cost effectively provided through the arrangement than through establishment of a Federal child care facility.

''(C) The Federal agency may provide any of the services described in subsection (b)(3) if, in exchange for the services, the facility reserves child care spaces for children referred to in subsection (a)(2), as agreed to by the parties. The cost of any such services provided by a Federal agency to a Federal child care facility on behalf of another Federal agency shall be reimbursed by the receiving agency.

''(3) This subsection does not apply to residential child care programs.''.

(e) PILOT PROJECTS.—Section 616 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f)(1) Upon approval of the agency head, a Federal agency may conduct a pilot project not otherwise authorized by law for no more than 2 years to test innovative approaches to providing alternative forms of quality child care assistance for Federal employees. A Federal agency head may extend a pilot project for an additional 2-year period. Before any pilot project may be implemented, a determination shall be made by the agency head that initiating the pilot project would be more cost-effective than establishing a new Federal child care facility. Costs of any pilot project shall be paid solely by the agency conducting the pilot project.

''(2) The Administrator of General Services shall serve as an information clearinghouse for pilot projects initiated by other Federal agencies to disseminate information concerning the pilot projects to the other Federal agencies.

''(3) Within 6 months after completion of the initial 2-year pilot project period, a Federal agency conducting a pilot project under this subsection shall provide for an evaluation of the impact of the project on the delivery of child care services to Federal employees, and shall submit the results of the evaluation to the Administrator of General Services. The Administrator shall share the results with other Federal agencies.''.

(f) BACKGROUND CHECK.—Section 616 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) Each Federal child care center located in a Federal space shall ensure that each employee of the center (including any employee whose employment began before the date of enactment of this subsection) shall undergo a criminal history background check consistent with section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13041).''.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—Section 616 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 490b) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) In this section:

''(1) The term 'Federal agency' has the meaning given the term 'Executive agency' in section 702 of the Federal Employees Child Care Act.

''(2) The terms 'Federal building' and 'Federal space' have the meanings given the term 'executive facility' in such section 702.

''(3) The term 'Federal child care center' means a child care center in an executive facility, as defined in such section 702.

''(4) The terms 'Federal contractor' and 'Federal employee' mean a contractor and an employee, respectively, of an Executive agency, as defined in such section 702.''.

This Act may be cited as the ''Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000''.

REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 1999 second quarter mass mailings is July 26, 1999. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states ''none.''

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The Public Records office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224–0322.

1999 MID YEAR REPORT

The mailing and filing date of the 1999 Mid Year Report required by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, is Saturday, July 31, 1999. All Principal Campaign Committees supporting Senate candidates must file their reports with the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510–7116. You may wish to advise your campaign committee personnel of this requirement.

The Public Records office will be open from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on the filing date for the purpose of receiving these filings. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Public Records on (202) 224–0322.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc on the Executive Calendar, Nos. 157, 158, 161, 162, and 163.

I finally ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related to the nominations appear in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

THE JUDICIARY

T. John Ward, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.