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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7720

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

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

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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 “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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