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1ST SESSION

S. 3147

To provide for continuing appropriations for Head Start programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. REED, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

To provide for continuing appropriations for Head Start programs.

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 “Keep Head Start
5 Funded Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR HEAD START.**

7 There are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2026,
8 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-

1 priated, for any period during which interim or full-year
2 appropriations for fiscal year 2026 are not in effect, such
3 sums as are necessary for carrying out without interrup-
4 tion, under the authority and conditions provided for in
5 division A of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and
6 Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119–4), all projects or
7 activities under the Head Start Act that were conducted
8 in fiscal year 2025, and for which appropriations were
9 made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropria-
10 tions and Extensions Act, 2025.

11 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

12 Appropriations and funds made available and author-
13 ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until
14 whichever of the following first occurs:

15 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
16 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-
17 pose for which amounts are made available in sec-
18 tion 2.

19 (2) The enactment into law of the regular or
20 continuing appropriations resolution or other Act for
21 the Department of Health and Human Services
22 without any appropriation for such purpose.

23 (3) September 30, 2026.

1 **SEC. 4. CHARGE TO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Expenditures made pursuant to this Act shall be
3 charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or author-
4 ization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropria-
5 tion, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into
6 law.

7 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act shall take effect as if enacted on September
9 30, 2025.

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