

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4336

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the dependent care credit and to provide a minimum dependent care credit for stay-at-home parents.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2000

Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 for Amer-  
5 ica’s Families Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT.**

7 (a) INCREASE IN CREDIT.—Paragraph (2) of section  
8 21(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining ap-  
9 plicable percentage) is amended to read as follows:

1           “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE DEFINED.—For  
2 purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘applicable per-  
3 centage’ means 50 percent reduced (but not below  
4 20 percent) by the number of percentage points  
5 which bears the same ratio to 30 percentage points  
6 as the excess of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross in-  
7 come over \$10,000 bears to \$50,000.”

8           (b) MINIMUM CREDIT ALLOWED FOR STAY-AT-HOME  
9 PARENTS.—Subsection (e) of section 21 of such Code (re-  
10 lating to special rules) is amended by adding at the end  
11 the following new paragraph:

12           “(11) MINIMUM CREDIT ALLOWED FOR STAY-  
13 AT-HOME PARENTS.—Notwithstanding subsection  
14 (d), in the case of any taxpayer with one or more  
15 qualifying individuals described in subsection  
16 (b)(1)(A) under the age of 1 at any time during the  
17 taxable year, such taxpayer shall be deemed to have  
18 employment-related expenses with respect to such  
19 qualifying individuals in an amount equal to the  
20 greater of—

21           “(A) the amount of employment-related ex-  
22 penses incurred for such qualifying individuals  
23 for the taxable year (determined under this sec-  
24 tion without regard to this paragraph), or

1                   “(B) \$100 for each month in such taxable  
2                   year during which such qualifying individual is  
3                   under the age of 1.”

4           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-  
6 ber 31, 2000.

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