

AMENDMENT NO. 12 Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prevent the Administration from eliminating the Head Start program and to restore employees of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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To provide for the consideration of a definition of anti-semitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal anti-discrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE**

3 **THE HEAD START PROGRAM.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-
5 eral funds may be appropriated or transferred to, or used
6 by, the Secretary of Health and Human Services to facili-
7 tate the elimination of the Head Start program (including
8 the Early Head Start program) under the Head Start Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).

1 **SEC. ____ . RESTORING EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall take all necessary steps to restore
6 the number of full-time equivalent employees employed at
7 the Office of Head Start, including regional offices, of the
8 Administration for Children and Families of the Depart-
9 ment of Health and Human Services to the number of
10 such employees that were employed at such Office of Head
11 Start on January 20, 2025.

12 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.—The Secretary of
13 Health and Human Services shall ensure that each em-
14 ployee of the Office of Head Start, including regional of-
15 fices, that was placed on administrative leave not earlier
16 than January 20, 2025 and not later than the date of en-
17 actment of this Act shall be fully restored to that employ-
18 ee's position in the Office of Head Start, so that the em-
19 ployee may carry out the employee's full job responsibil-
20 ities on behalf of the people of the United States.