

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
MICA OF FLORIDA, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO 2123, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. MICA OF FLORIDA**

**clause**

At the end of the bill, insert the following new sections:

1 **SECTION \_\_\_\_ . QUALITY STANDARDS; MONITORING OF**  
2 **HEAD START AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 641A of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 9836a) is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(g) In carrying out the provisions of section 641A,  
7 and in addition to the use of whatever other resources the  
8 Secretary deems appropriate, the Secretary shall—

9 “(1) contract with an intermediary organization  
10 which, in the determination of the Secretary, meets  
11 each of the following criteria—

12 “(A) focuses on improving the performance  
13 management and the use of technology for non-  
14 profit, educational, and social service organiza-  
15 tions;

16 “(B) has demonstrated experience in pro-  
17 viding a range of assistance, including but not  
18 limited to—



- 1                   “(i) assessing performance metrics;
- 2                   “(ii) the use of technology;
- 3                   “(iii) improving financial manage-
- 4                   ment; and
- 5                   “(iv) developing recommendations to
- 6                   improve performance and the use of tech-
- 7                   nology;
- 8                   “(C) has a proven methodology for sys-
- 9                   temic change in the not-for-profit sector, includ-
- 10                   ing governmental and nongovernmental entities;
- 11                   “(D) has demonstrated results in providing
- 12                   performance management support to small-,
- 13                   mid- and large-size not-for-profit organizations
- 14                   annually on a pro bono basis;
- 15                   “(E) has demonstrated the ability to iden-
- 16                   tify areas for program improvement related
- 17                   to—
- 18                   “(i) accomplishing the goals and ob-
- 19                   jectives as outlined in Head Start regula-
- 20                   tions, reporting criteria and measurement
- 21                   of program outcomes;
- 22                   “(ii) meeting reporting requirements
- 23                   “(iii) using technology in classrooms
- 24                   and enabling its use by administrators;



1           “(F) has demonstrated the ability to de-  
2           velop an implementation plan for recommended  
3           improvements by the organizations it assists;

4           “(G) has demonstrated the ability to assist  
5           with and provide on-site, hands-on guidance  
6           with the implementation of the recommenda-  
7           tions;

8           “(H) has demonstrated the ability to tailor  
9           the assessment and implementation process to  
10          the children and communities served (where ap-  
11          propriate); and

12          “(I) has demonstrated the ability to create  
13          an online community that allows Head Start  
14          administrators, teachers, service providers, par-  
15          ents, policy makers, and other stakeholders to  
16          communicate and provide support during and  
17          following the assessment and subsequent imple-  
18          mentation process;

19          “(2) utilize the intermediary organization se-  
20          lected in paragraph (1) not later than 90 days from  
21          the date of enactment of this Act to—

22                 “(A) assess the performance of the Sec-  
23                 retary in overseeing the Head Start Bureau and  
24                 ensuring the effective management of the Head



1 Start program in the areas of finance, oper-  
2 ations, human capital, and customer service;

3 “(B) evaluate the Department’s organiza-  
4 tional structure, policies, and procedures for  
5 managing Head Start grant recipients, make  
6 recommendations to improve national program  
7 quality and maximize the efficiency in the use  
8 of program dollars, and support implementation  
9 of the recommendations;

10 “(C) evaluate the Secretary’s administra-  
11 tive resource allocations to determine if invest-  
12 ment is properly targeted based on risk assess-  
13 ment to address the program’s most significant  
14 national and local challenges, and propose ad-  
15 justments as appropriate;

16 “(D) evaluate and identify best practice  
17 Head Start models and build process models to  
18 enable their replication;

19 “(E) develop early warning systems to  
20 identify Head Start programs that need inter-  
21 vention;

22 “(F) evaluate processes to assist Head  
23 Start programs that need intervention in imple-  
24 menting necessary program improvements;



1           “(G) evaluate the effectiveness of the cur-  
2           rent process for selecting Head Start organiza-  
3           tions and develop and implement improvements  
4           to ensure that performance metrics emerge as  
5           a key criteria for evaluating successful Head  
6           Start applicants, including the creation of eval-  
7           uation criteria that ensure the selection of qual-  
8           ity Head Start applicants;

9           “(H) evaluate how the Department targets  
10          resources to remedy ongoing problems or defi-  
11          ciencies in the program’s management or gov-  
12          ernance, and propose solutions as appropriate;  
13          and

14          “(I) conduct a detailed assessment of the  
15          Secretary’s ability to monitor grantees.”.

16 **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.**

17          Section 640(a)(2) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 9835) is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing new clause:

20                 “(v) not less than \$7,500,000 of the  
21                 amount in clause (iii) appropriated for fis-  
22                 cal years 2006 and 2007 shall be made  
23                 available to carry out activities described in  
24                 section 641A(g).”.