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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Protecting Our Chil-
5 dren Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR EMPLOYERS OF EMPLOYEES WHO**
2 **CARE FOR OR INTERACT WITH UNSUPER-**
3 **ISED CHILDREN.**

4 (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 7 of the Employee Poly-
5 graph Protection Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2006) is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYERS OF EM-
8 PLOYEES WHO CARE FOR OR INTERACT WITH UNSUPER-
9 VISED CHILDREN.—

10 “(1) EXEMPTION.—Subject to paragraph (2)
11 and subsection (c) of section 8, this Act shall not
12 prohibit the use of a polygraph test by any employer
13 if the test is administered to a prospective em-
14 ployee—

15 “(A) whose activities would involve the
16 care or supervision of children or regular access
17 to children who are cared for or supervised by
18 another employee;

19 “(B) whose job description indicates a high
20 probability that the prospective employee will
21 interact with unsupervised children on a fre-
22 quent basis; or

23 “(C) where the employer reasonably be-
24 lieves there is a high probability of unsupervised
25 interaction between the prospective employee
26 and a child on a more than incidental basis.

1 “(2) CONDITIONS.—In addition to the require-
2 ments imposed by section 8(c), the exemption pro-
3 vided under paragraph (1) shall not apply unless the
4 following conditions are met:

5 “(A) The prospective employee is provided
6 with reasonable written notice of the date, time,
7 and location of the polygraph test and of such
8 examinee’s right to obtain and consult with
9 legal counsel or an employee representative be-
10 fore each phase of the test.

11 “(B) Following the polygraph test, before
12 any adverse employment action is taken, the
13 employer shall—

14 “(i) further interview the examinee on
15 the basis of the results of the test; and

16 “(ii) provide the examinee with—

17 “(I) a written copy of any opin-
18 ion or conclusion rendered as a result
19 of the test; and

20 “(II) a copy of the questions
21 asked during the test along with the
22 corresponding charted responses.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(c) of
24 such Act (29 U.S.C. 2007(c)) is amended in the matter

- 1 preceding paragraph (1), by striking “and (f)” and insert-
- 2 ing “(f) and (g)”.

