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# H. R. 1740

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. LOBONDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) proper nutrition is a key to childhood health  
6 and equal educational opportunities;

7 (2) each day, more than 30,000,000 children  
8 participate in Federal school meal programs;

1           (3) more than 1/2 of those children receive free  
2 or reduced price meals due to low household income;

3           (4) in 1968, Congress established the summer  
4 food service program for children under section 13  
5 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) because the nutrition needs of  
7 low income children do not subside when the school  
8 year ends;

9           (5) in 2001, Congress introduced a pilot pro-  
10 gram allowing 13 States and Puerto Rico to stream-  
11 line administrative procedures;

12           (6) since 2001—

13           (A) the 13 original pilot States have in-  
14 creased their participation rates in the summer  
15 food service program by 43.3 percent; and

16           (B) non-participating States have de-  
17 creased their participation rates in the program  
18 by 14.6 percent;

19           (7) in 2004, recognizing the success of the pilot  
20 States, Congress made the pilot program permanent  
21 and authorized an additional 6 States to participate  
22 in the program;

23           (8) since 2004, participation in the summer  
24 food service program among the additional 6 States  
25 has increased by 3.4 percent;

1           (9) in 2006, Congress authorized another 7  
2 States to participate in the program; and

3           (10) increased efforts to meet the summer nu-  
4 tritional needs of all children in the United States  
5 should be employed.

6 **SEC. 2. SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.**

7           (a) PAYMENTS TO SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.—Section  
8 13(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(b)) is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (1)—

11                 (A) by striking subparagraph (A);

12                 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
13 through (D) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),  
14 respectively;

15                 (C) in subparagraph (A) (as redesignated  
16 by subparagraph (B)), by striking “(B)” and  
17 all that follows through “shall not exceed” and  
18 inserting the following:

19                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
20 graph (B) and in addition to amounts made  
21 available under paragraph (3), payments to  
22 service institutions shall be”;

23                 (D) in subparagraph (B) (as redesignated  
24 by subparagraph (B)), by striking “subpara-

1 graph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;  
2 and

3 (E) in subparagraph (C) (as redesignated  
4 by subparagraph (B)), by striking “(A), (B),  
5 and (C)” and inserting “(A) and (B)”; and

6 (2) in the second sentence of paragraph (3), by  
7 striking “full amount of State approved” and all  
8 that follows through “maximum allowable”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 18 of the  
10 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1769) is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (f); and

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (g) through (k)  
14 as subsections (f) through (j), respectively.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section take effect on January 1 of the first full cal-  
17 endar year following the date of enactment of this Act.

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