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S. 790

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2007

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. 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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