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# S. 1146

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and to reinstate the grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2015

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''Healthy School Meals Flexibility Act''.

**SEC. 2. SODIUM TARGET LEVELS; WHOLE GRAIN REQUIREMENT.**

Section 9(f) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) SODIUM TARGET LEVELS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not implement any regulation under this Act, the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–296), or any other law that would require a reduction in the quantity of sodium contained in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and snacks sold in schools below Target 1 (as described in section 220.8(f)(3) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)).

"(6) WHOLE GRAIN REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding the final rule of the Secretary entitled 'Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs' (77 Fed. Reg. 4088 (January 26, 2012)) or any other provision of law—

"(A) the Secretary shall only require that half of all grains in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and snacks sold in schools are whole grain-rich; and

"(B) school food authorities shall comply with the applicable grain component or standard with respect to the school lunch or school breakfast program that was in effect prior to July 1, 2014.".

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