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# H. R. 5696

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2018

Ms. MOORE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Combating Lead Poi-  
5 soning Through Nutrition Education Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. NUTRITION OUTREACH PROGRAM TO RESPOND TO**  
2 **EXPOSURE TO LEAD.**

3 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF NUTRITION EDUCATION  
4 PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out  
5 a nutrition education program to be called “Well Fed  
6 Means Less Lead” (in this section referred to as  
7 WFMLL) to support communitywide messaging and out-  
8 reach on both the harmful impacts of lead exposure and  
9 the important role nutrition plays in a diet protective  
10 against lead exposure, especially for children.

11 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to eli-  
12 gible entities that submit applications containing such  
13 terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appro-  
14 priate, to carry out WFMLL campaigns.

15 (c) PRIORITY.—For the purpose of making grants  
16 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall give priority to  
17 eligible entities that—

18 (1) are located in geographical areas in which  
19 there is a large number of children with elevated  
20 blood lead levels; and

21 (2) agree to provide WFMLL—

22 (A) using culturally competent approaches,  
23 including print materials, to conduct outreach  
24 to targeted populations;

1 (B) using campaigns that are developed  
2 based on, and responsive to, community needs;  
3 and

4 (C) that reaches a breadth of supplemen-  
5 tal-nutrition-assistance-program-eligible house-  
6 holds and low-income individuals (including  
7 pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and parents  
8 of school-age children at highest risk of elevated  
9 blood lead levels) through multiple channels.

10 (d) LIMITATION.—In any fiscal year, no eligible enti-  
11 ty may receive more than 15 percent of the amount appro-  
12 priated to carry out this section in such fiscal year.

13 (e) ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS.—Grants made  
14 under subsection (b) shall be used—

15 (1) to carry out communitywide education cam-  
16 paigns using evidence-based materials that inform  
17 supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-eligible  
18 households and the greater community about lead  
19 exposure, and may include multilingual print mate-  
20 rials, street-level billboards, and advertising on radio  
21 or social media;

22 (2) to support outreach and education activities  
23 to inform individuals of foods that can mitigate the  
24 impact of elevated blood lead levels in children;

1           (3) to target WFMLL outreach through coordi-  
2           nation with community organizations and Depart-  
3           ment of Agriculture nutrition programs serving  
4           pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and school-age  
5           children;

6           (4) to implement strategies that are focused on  
7           increasing consumption of certain foods and nutri-  
8           ents and that include creating culturally competent  
9           materials, training community organizations working  
10          with youth, offering community training, and con-  
11          ducting door-to-door efforts during daylight hours;

12          (5) to promote and encourage participation in  
13          Federal nutrition programs (including the supple-  
14          mental nutrition assistance program, the child and  
15          adult care food program, the summer food service  
16          program, the national school lunch program, and the  
17          special supplemental nutrition program for women,  
18          infants, and children) as a means to improve nutri-  
19          tion and to minimize lead absorption by using cul-  
20          turally relevant, family-friendly, evidence-based edu-  
21          cational materials reflective of existing materials;

22          (6) to engage with local businesses, govern-  
23          mental entities, civic organizations, community  
24          groups, and residents to mobilize community part-

1       nerships around healthy eating and lead poisoning  
2       prevention; and

3               (7) to develop systems that refer and link low-  
4       income individuals and supplemental-nutrition-as-  
5       sistance-program-eligible households to foods that  
6       provide nutrients essential to creating a diet protec-  
7       tive against lead.

8       (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

9               (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
10       ty” means an agency of a unit of general purpose  
11       local government, a nonprofit entity serving children  
12       at highest risk of lead poisoning, an emergency feed-  
13       ing organization, a food bank or food pantry (as de-  
14       fined in section 201A of Emergency Food Assistance  
15       Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501)), a federally recognized  
16       Tribe or Tribal organization, an urban Indian orga-  
17       nization, a local education agency, or a federally  
18       qualified health center.

19               (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
20       the Secretary of Agriculture.

21       **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22       There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
23       this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through  
24       2023.

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