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To establish a task force on supplemental foods delivery in the special supplemental nutrition program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “COVID–19 WIC Safe-
5 ty and Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE ON SUPPLEMENTAL FOODS DELIVERY**

7 **IN THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**

8 **PROGRAM.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.—Not later
10 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-

1 tion, the Secretary shall establish a task force on supple-
2 mental foods delivery in the special supplemental nutrition
3 program (in this section referred to as the “Task Force”).

4 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be
6 composed of at least 1 member but not more than
7 3 members appointed by the Secretary from each of
8 the following:

9 (A) Retailers of supplemental foods.

10 (B) Representatives of State agencies.

11 (C) Representatives of Indian State agen-
12 cies.

13 (D) Representatives of local agencies.

14 (E) Technology companies with experience
15 maintaining the special supplemental nutrition
16 program information systems and technology,
17 including management information systems or
18 electronic benefit transfer services.

19 (F) Manufacturers of supplemental foods.

20 (G) Participants in the special supple-
21 mental nutrition program from diverse loca-
22 tions.

23 (H) Other organizations that have experi-
24 ence with and knowledge of the special supple-
25 mental nutrition program.

1 (2) LIMITATION ON MEMBERSHIP.—The Task
2 Force shall be composed of not more than 20 mem-
3 bers.

4 (c) DUTIES.—

5 (1) STUDY.—The Task Force shall study meas-
6 ures to streamline the redemption of supplemental
7 foods benefits that promote convenience, safety, and
8 equitable access to supplemental foods, including in-
9 fant formula, for participants in the special supple-
10 mental nutrition program, including—

11 (A) online and telephonic ordering and
12 curbside pickup of, and payment for, supple-
13 mental foods;

14 (B) online and telephonic purchasing of
15 supplemental foods;

16 (C) home delivery of supplemental foods;

17 (D) self checkout for purchases of supple-
18 mental foods; and

19 (E) other measures that limit or eliminate
20 consumer presence in a physical store.

21 (2) REPORT BY TASK FORCE.—Not later than
22 September 30, 2021, the Task Force shall submit to
23 the Secretary a report that includes—

24 (A) the results of the study required under
25 paragraph (1); and

1 (B) recommendations with respect to such
2 results.

3 (3) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
4 45 days after receiving the report required under
5 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

6 (A) submit to Congress a report that in-
7 cludes—

8 (i) a plan with respect to carrying out
9 the recommendations received by the Sec-
10 retary in such report under paragraph (2);
11 and

12 (ii) an assessment of whether legisla-
13 tive changes are necessary to carry out
14 such plan; and

15 (B) notify the Task Force of the submis-
16 sion of the report required under subparagraph
17 (A).

18 (4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make
19 publicly available on the website of the Department
20 of Agriculture—

21 (A) the report received by the Secretary
22 under paragraph (2); and

23 (B) the report submitted by the Secretary
24 under paragraph (3)(A).

1 (d) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
2 on the date the Secretary submits the report required
3 under paragraph (3)(A).

4 (e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACCA.—The Federal Ad-
5 visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to
6 the Task Force.

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) LOCAL AGENCY.—The term “local agency”
9 has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of
10 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
11 1786(b)).

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Agriculture.

14 (3) SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PRO-
15 GRAM.—The term “special supplemental nutrition
16 program” means the special supplemental nutrition
17 program under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
18 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

19 (4) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agency”
20 has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of
21 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
22 1786(b)).

23 (5) SUPPLEMENTAL FOODS.—The term “sup-
24 plemental foods” has the meaning given the term in

1 section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
2 U.S.C. 1786(b)).

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