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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a program for the procurement of domestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables to provide healthier school meals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local School Foods
5 Expansion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICALLY**
2 **GROWN UNPROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETA-**
3 **BLES.**

4 Section 6(f) of the Richard B. Russell National
5 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(f)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
7 “PILOT PROJECT FOR PROCUREMENT OF” and in-
8 serting “PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMES-
9 TICALLY GROWN”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “conduct a pilot project”
12 and inserting “carry out a program (referred to
13 in this subsection as the ‘program’)”;

14 (B) by inserting “domestically grown” be-
15 fore “unprocessed”; and

16 (C) by striking “more than 8” and insert-
17 ing “less than 15”;

18 (3) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-
19 pears and inserting “program”;

20 (4) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding
21 subparagraph (A), by inserting “domestically
22 grown” before “unprocessed”;

23 (5) in paragraph (5)—

24 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
25 “RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING” and in-

1 serting “RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, AND
2 EVALUATION”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
5 the end;

6 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
7 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(iii) the challenges and opportunities
11 presented by the program in the State.”;

12 and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2
16 years after the date of enactment of this
17 subparagraph, the Secretary shall evaluate
18 the impact of the program, including with
19 respect to—

20 “(I) the quantity and cost of
21 each type of unprocessed fruit and
22 vegetable procured by each State
23 under the program;

24 “(II) the benefit of the procured
25 unprocessed fruits and vegetables to

1 school food service in each State, in-
2 cluding the benefit to meeting school
3 meal requirements; and

4 “(III) the economic impact of the
5 program on agricultural producers in
6 the State.

7 “(ii) REPORT.—Not later than 4
8 years after the date of enactment of this
9 subparagraph, the Secretary shall submit
10 to the Committee on Agriculture of the
11 House of Representatives and the Com-
12 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
13 estry of the Senate a report that describes
14 the results of the evaluation conducted
15 under clause (i) and an analysis of that
16 evaluation.”; and

17 (6) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(6) FUNDING.—

19 “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is ap-
20 propriated to carry out this subsection
21 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
22 through 2024.

23 “(B) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-
24 priated under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal
25 year, \$10,000,000 shall be reserved for States

1 selected under the program under paragraph
2 (1) to carry out the activities described in sub-
3 paragraph (C)(i).

4 “(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TECHNICAL
5 ASSISTANCE.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The funds re-
7 served under subparagraph (B) shall be
8 used—

9 “(I) for the administrative costs
10 of carrying out the program; and

11 “(II) to provide technical assist-
12 ance and outreach to vendors to be-
13 come certified to participate in the
14 program.

15 “(ii) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Of the
16 funds reserved under subparagraph (B),
17 each State selected under paragraph
18 (3)(A) shall receive not less than \$300,000
19 for each fiscal year during which the State
20 participates in the program.”.

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