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# H. R. 1139

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Feeding Homeless  
5 Youth During COVID–19 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEALS AND SUPPLEMENTS REIMBURSEMENTS FOR**  
2 **INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE**  
3 **AGE OF 25.**

4 (a) PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILDREN.—  
5 Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, not-  
6 withstanding paragraph (1)(A) of section 17(r) of the  
7 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1766(r)), during the COVID–19 public health emergency  
9 declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), the Secretary shall reimburse insti-  
11 tutions that are emergency shelters under such section  
12 17(r) (42 U.S.C. 1766(r)) for meals and supplements  
13 served to individuals who, at the time of such service—

- 14 (1) have not attained the age of 25; and  
15 (2) are receiving assistance, including non-resi-  
16 dential assistance, from such emergency shelter.

17 (b) PARTICIPATION BY EMERGENCY SHELTERS.—  
18 Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, not-  
19 withstanding paragraph (5)(A) of section 17(t) of the  
20 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 1766(t)), during the COVID–19 public health emergency  
22 declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), the Secretary shall reimburse emer-  
24 gency shelters under such section 17(t) (42 U.S.C.  
25 1766(t)) for meals and supplements served to individuals

1 who, at the time of such service have not attained the age  
2 of 25.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) EMERGENCY SHELTER.—The term “emer-  
5 gency shelter” has the meaning given the term  
6 under section 17(t)(1) of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
7 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(t)(1)).

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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