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H. R. 1424

To amend the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 to extend additional reimbursement rates for certain child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Helping Schools Feed
5 Kids Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF REIMBURSEMENT RATES.**

7 (a) BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHESES.—Section 2(a)(3) of
8 the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1753 note)
9 is amended—

10 (1) by striking “only”; and

1 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
2 ing “and the school year beginning July 2023.”

3 (b) CACFP MEALS.—Section 3(a) of the Keep Kids
4 Fed Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1766 note) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), in the heading, by strik-
6 ing “FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) by striking “only”; and

9 (B) by striking the period at the end and
10 inserting “and the school year beginning July
11 2023.”

12 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT**
13 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in
15 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall, in ac-
16 cordance with subsection (b), research or implement the
17 recommendations contained in the Child Nutrition Report-
18 ing Burden Analysis Study (commissioned by the Food
19 and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture
20 pursuant to House Report 114–531).

21 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall—

22 (1) implement, on the publicly available website
23 of the Food and Nutrition Service, a user-friendly,
24 single location for all guidance and policy materials
25 provided to States and school food authorities by the

1 Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of
2 Agriculture;

3 (2) create and submit to Congress a plan to re-
4 structure or simplify the school meal eligibility proc-
5 ess, including—

6 (A) research on—

7 (i) the impact of using a unified
8 school meal application form; and

9 (ii) the use of census tract data on
10 poverty levels for verification of eligibility
11 under the Richard B. Russell National
12 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
13 and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of
14 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

15 (B) recommendations for legislative
16 changes needed to implement such plan;

17 (3) create and submit to Congress a plan that
18 includes recommendations for legislative changes
19 that would allow school food authorities that serve
20 fewer than 100 students and residential child care
21 institutions to receive food from the USDA Foods in
22 Schools program (or cash in lieu thereof) without
23 participating in the school lunch program under the
24 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
25 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

1 (4) consolidate duplicative information requests
2 across management evaluations and financial man-
3 agement reviews, while ensuring the purposes of
4 both such reviews are met.

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