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S. 643

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to modernize the farmers’ market nutrition program under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2023

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Ms. ERNST) 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 “Farm Fresh Food for
5 Families Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. WIC FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 17(m) of the Child Nutri-
8 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(m)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “coupon” each place it appears
2 and inserting “food instrument”;

3 (2) by striking “coupons” each place it appears
4 and inserting “food instruments”;

5 (3) by striking “(m)(1) Subject to” and insert-
6 ing the following:

7 “(m) FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to”;

9 (4) in paragraph (1), by striking “markets”
10 and all that follows through “roadside stands” and
11 inserting “markets, roadside stands (at the option of
12 a State), and community supported agriculture pro-
13 grams (at the option of a State)”;

14 (5) by striking paragraph (3);

15 (6) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
16 (10) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively,
17 and indenting the paragraphs, and the subpara-
18 graphs, clauses, and subclauses within those para-
19 graphs, in accordance with the margin of paragraph
20 (1) (as so amended);

21 (7) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
23 (A), by striking “(4) Each State” and inserting
24 the following:

25 “(4) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Each State”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 2 “funds—” in the matter preceding clause (i)
 3 and all that follows through the period at the
 4 end of clause (ii) and inserting “funds provided
 5 under the grant.”;

6 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “be—
 7 ” in the matter preceding clause (i) and all that
 8 follows through the period at the end of clause
 9 (ii) and inserting “be less than \$20 per year.”;

10 (D) in subparagraph (E)—

11 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “, farm-
 12 ers’ markets, and community supported
 13 agriculture programs” after “producers”;
 14 and

15 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “only to
 16 purchase” and inserting the following:
 17 “only—

18 “(I) for a scrip, as defined by the
 19 Secretary, to exchange for fresh nutri-
 20 tious unprepared foods for human
 21 consumption; or

22 “(II) to purchase”; and

23 (E) in subparagraph (F)—

24 (i) in clause (ii)—

1 (I) by striking “2 percent” and
 2 inserting “3 percent”; and

3 (II) by inserting “, including ef-
 4 forts to develop efficient and appro-
 5 priate electronic benefit systems,”
 6 after “technical assistance”; and

7 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “con-
 8 tribute” and all that follows through the
 9 period at the end and inserting “con-
 10 tribute.”;

11 (8) in paragraph (5)(B)(i) (as so redesignated),
 12 by striking “if a State provides the amount of
 13 matching funds required under paragraph (3), the”
 14 and inserting “a”;

15 (9) in paragraph (8)(A) (as so redesignated), by
 16 striking “2015” and inserting “2029”; and

17 (10) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

18 (A) by striking subparagraph (A);

19 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
 20 through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (E),
 21 respectively;

22 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (C)
 23 (as so redesignated) the following:

24 “(A) COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE
 25 PROGRAM.—The term ‘community

1 supported agriculture program’ means a pro-
 2 gram under which—

3 “(i) a farmer or group of farmers
 4 grows food for a group of shareholders or
 5 subscribers, who pledge to buy a portion of
 6 the 1 or more crops grown by the farmer
 7 or group for that season; and

8 “(ii) a State agency may purchase
 9 shares or subscribe to the community sup-
 10 ported agriculture program on behalf of in-
 11 dividual farmers’ market nutrition pro-
 12 gram participants.

13 “(B) FOOD INSTRUMENT.—The term ‘food
 14 instrument’ means a coupon, voucher, electronic
 15 benefit transfer card, electronic benefit access
 16 device or technology, or other negotiable finan-
 17 cial instrument that is used to obtain food ben-
 18 efits under this section.”; and

19 (D) in each of subparagraphs (C) through
 20 (E) (as so redesignated), by inserting after the
 21 subparagraph designation a heading, the text of
 22 which comprises the term defined in that sub-
 23 paragraph.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 Section 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42

3 U.S.C. 1786(m)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “paragraph (6)” each place it
5 appears and inserting “paragraph (5)”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated by sub-
7 section (a)(6))—

8 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
9 “paragraph (10)” and inserting “paragraph
10 (8)”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (C)(iv), by striking
12 “subparagraph (G)(i)” each place it appears
13 and inserting “subparagraph (F)(i)”;

14 (C) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II), by strik-
15 ing “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph
16 (4)”;

17 (D) in subparagraph (F)(iii), by striking
18 “paragraph (10)(B)(ii)” and inserting “para-
19 graph (8)(B)(ii)”.

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