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H. R. 4797

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students enrolled in institutions of higher education from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2025

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WHITESIDES, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AMO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, and Ms. BARRAGÁN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Enhance Access To
 5 SNAP Act of 2025” or the “EATS Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011
 8 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) in section 3(m)(5) by adding at end the fol-
 10 lowing:

11 “(F) Individuals who are bona fide students en-
 12 rolled at least half time in any recognized school,
 13 training program, or institution of higher edu-
 14 cation.”, and

15 (2) in section 6—

1 (A) in subsection (d)(2)(C) by striking
2 “(except that any such person enrolled in an in-
3 stitution of higher education shall be ineligible
4 to participate in the supplemental nutrition as-
5 sistance program unless he or she meets the re-
6 quirements of subsection (e) of this section)”,
7 and

8 (B) by striking subsection (e).

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2026.

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