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H. R. 5012

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2010

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Weekends Without
5 Hunger Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUNGER.**

2 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
3 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 “(j) WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUN-
6 GER.—

7 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8 “(A) AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILD.—The term
9 ‘at-risk school child’ has the meaning given the
10 term in section 17(r)(1).

11 “(B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible
13 institution’ means a public or private non-
14 profit institution that is determined by the
15 Secretary to be able to meet safe food stor-
16 age, handling, and delivery standards es-
17 tablished by the Secretary.

18 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘eligible
19 institution’ includes—

20 “(I) an elementary or secondary
21 school or school food service authority;

22 “(II) a food bank or food pantry;

23 “(III) a homeless shelter; and

24 “(IV) such other type of emer-
25 gency feeding agency as is approved
26 by the Secretary.

1 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall
2 carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary
3 shall provide commodities to eligible institutions to
4 carry out projects to provide nutritious food to at-
5 risk school children on weekends and during ex-
6 tended school holidays during the school year.

7 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
9 ceive commodities under this subsection, an eli-
10 gible institution shall submit an application to
11 the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
12 and containing such information as the Sec-
13 retary may determine.

14 “(B) PLAN.—An application under sub-
15 paragraph (A) shall include the plan of the eli-
16 gible institution for the distribution of nutri-
17 tious foods to at-risk school children, includ-
18 ing—

19 “(i) methods of food service delivery
20 to at-risk school children;

21 “(ii) assurances that children receiv-
22 ing foods under the project will not be pub-
23 licly separated or overtly identified;

1 “(iii) lists of the types of food to be
2 provided under the project and provisions
3 to ensure food quality and safety;

4 “(iv) information on the number of
5 at-risk school children to be served and the
6 per-child cost of providing the children
7 with food; and

8 “(v) such other information as the
9 Secretary determines to be necessary to as-
10 sist the Secretary in evaluating projects
11 that receive commodities under this sub-
12 section.

13 “(4) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications under
14 this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to
15 eligible institutions that—

16 “(A) have on-going programs and experi-
17 ence serving populations with significant pro-
18 portions of at-risk school children;

19 “(B) have a good record of experience in
20 food delivery and food safety systems;

21 “(C) maintain high quality control, ac-
22 countability, and recordkeeping standards;

23 “(D) provide children with readily
24 consumable food of high nutrient content and
25 quality;

1 “(E) demonstrate cost efficiencies and the
2 potential for obtaining supplemental funding
3 from non-Federal sources to carry out projects;
4 and

5 “(F) demonstrate the ability to continue
6 projects for the full approved term of the pilot
7 project period.

8 “(5) GUIDELINES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
10 issue guidelines containing the criteria for
11 projects to receive commodities under this sec-
12 tion.

13 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The guidelines shall,
14 to the maximum extent practicable within the
15 funds available and applications submitted, take
16 into account—

17 “(i) geographical variations in project
18 locations to include qualifying projects in
19 rural, urban, and suburban areas with high
20 proportions of families with at-risk school
21 children;

22 “(ii) different types of projects that
23 offer nutritious foods on weekends and
24 during school holidays to at-risk school
25 children; and

1 “(iii) institutional capacity to collect,
2 maintain, and provide statistically valid in-
3 formation necessary for the Secretary—

4 “(I) to analyze and evaluate the
5 results of the pilot project; and

6 “(II) to make recommendations
7 to Congress.

8 “(6) EVALUATION.—

9 “(A) INTERIM EVALUATION.—Not later
10 than November 30, 2013, the Secretary shall
11 complete an interim evaluation of the pilot pro-
12 gram carried out under this subsection.

13 “(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than De-
14 cember 31, 2015, the Secretary shall submit to
15 Congress a final report that contains—

16 “(i) an evaluation of the pilot pro-
17 gram carried out under this subsection;
18 and

19 “(ii) any recommendations of the Sec-
20 retary for legislative action.

21 “(7) FUNDING.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal
23 years 2011 through 2015, the Secretary shall
24 use such sums as are necessary, but not less
25 than \$10,000,000 of funds appropriated under

1 section 3, to purchase commodities to carry out
2 this subsection.

3 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds
4 made available under subparagraph (A) shall
5 remain available—

6 “(i) until expended; or

7 “(ii) if the Secretary determines that
8 unspent funds cannot be fully used for ap-
9 proved pilot projects, until September 30,
10 2015.

11 “(C) FUNDING.—Not more than 3 percent
12 of the funds made available under subpara-
13 graph (A) may be used by the Secretary for ex-
14 penses associated with review of the operations
15 and evaluation of the projects carried out under
16 this subsection.”.

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