

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5012

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## AN ACT

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act 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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Weekends Without  
3 Hunger Act”.

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

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

8 “(j) WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUN-  
9 GER.—

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

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

14 “(B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

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

21 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘eligible  
22 institution’ includes—

23 “(I) an elementary or secondary  
24 school or school food service authority;

25 “(II) a food bank or food pantry;

26 “(III) a homeless shelter; and

1                   “(IV) such other type of emer-  
2                   gency feeding agency as is approved  
3                   by the Secretary.

4                   “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the avail-  
5                   ability of appropriations provided in advance in an  
6                   appropriations Act specifically for the purpose of  
7                   carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall es-  
8                   tablish a program under which the Secretary shall  
9                   provide commodities, on a competitive basis, to eligi-  
10                  ble institutions to provide nutritious food to at-risk  
11                  children on weekends and during extended school  
12                  holidays during the school year.

13                  “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—

14                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-  
15                  ceive commodities under this subsection, an eli-  
16                  gible institution shall submit an application to  
17                  the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
18                  and containing such information as the Sec-  
19                  retary may determine.

20                  “(B) PLAN.—An application under sub-  
21                  paragraph (A) shall include the plan of the eli-  
22                  gible institution for the distribution of nutri-  
23                  tious foods to at-risk school children, includ-  
24                  ing—

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

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

6                   “(iii) lists of the types of food to be  
7                   provided under the project and provisions  
8                   to ensure food quality and safety;

9                   “(iv) information on the number of  
10                  at-risk school children to be served and the  
11                  per-child cost of providing the children  
12                  with food; and

13                  “(v) such other information as the  
14                  Secretary determines to be necessary to as-  
15                  sist the Secretary in evaluating projects  
16                  that receive commodities under this sub-  
17                  section.

18                  “(4) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications under  
19                  this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to  
20                  eligible institutions that—

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

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

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

3           “(D) provide children with readily  
4           consumable food of high nutrient content and  
5           quality;

6           “(E) demonstrate cost efficiencies and the  
7           potential for obtaining supplemental funding  
8           from non-Federal sources to carry out projects;  
9           and

10          “(F) demonstrate the ability to continue  
11          projects for the full approved term of the pilot  
12          project period.

13          “(5) GUIDELINES.—

14                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
15                 issue guidelines containing the criteria for  
16                 projects to receive commodities under this sec-  
17                 tion.

18                 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The guidelines shall,  
19                 to the maximum extent practicable within the  
20                 funds available and applications submitted, take  
21                 into account—

22                         “(i) geographical variations in project  
23                         locations to include qualifying projects in  
24                         rural, urban, and suburban areas with high

1 proportions of families with at-risk school  
2 children;

3 “(ii) different types of projects that  
4 offer nutritious foods on weekends and  
5 during school holidays to at-risk school  
6 children; and

7 “(iii) institutional capacity to collect,  
8 maintain, and provide statistically valid in-  
9 formation necessary for the Secretary—

10 “(I) to analyze and evaluate the  
11 results of the pilot project; and

12 “(II) to make recommendations  
13 to Congress.

14 “(6) EVALUATION.—

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

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

22 “(i) an evaluation of the pilot pro-  
23 gram carried out under this subsection;  
24 and

1                   “(ii) any recommendations of the Sec-  
2                   retary for legislative action.

3                   “(7) FUNDING.—

4                   “(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
5                   TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
6                   to carry out this section such sums as are nec-  
7                   essary, to remain available until expended.

8                   “(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Not more  
9                   than 3 percent of the funds made available  
10                  under subparagraph (A) may be used by the  
11                  Secretary for expenses associated with review of  
12                  the operations and evaluation of the projects  
13                  carried out under this subsection.”.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*

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