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H. R. 5696

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2018

Ms. MOORE 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 “Combating Lead Poi-
5 soning Through Nutrition Education Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. NUTRITION OUTREACH PROGRAM TO RESPOND TO**
2 **EXPOSURE TO LEAD.**

3 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF NUTRITION EDUCATION
4 PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out
5 a nutrition education program to be called “Well Fed
6 Means Less Lead” (in this section referred to as
7 WFMLL) to support communitywide messaging and out-
8 reach on both the harmful impacts of lead exposure and
9 the important role nutrition plays in a diet protective
10 against lead exposure, especially for children.

11 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to eli-
12 gible entities that submit applications containing such
13 terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appro-
14 priate, to carry out WFMLL campaigns.

15 (c) PRIORITY.—For the purpose of making grants
16 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall give priority to
17 eligible entities that—

18 (1) are located in geographical areas in which
19 there is a large number of children with elevated
20 blood lead levels; and

21 (2) agree to provide WFMLL—

22 (A) using culturally competent approaches,
23 including print materials, to conduct outreach
24 to targeted populations;

1 (B) using campaigns that are developed
2 based on, and responsive to, community needs;
3 and

4 (C) that reaches a breadth of supplemen-
5 tal-nutrition-assistance-program-eligible house-
6 holds and low-income individuals (including
7 pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and parents
8 of school-age children at highest risk of elevated
9 blood lead levels) through multiple channels.

10 (d) LIMITATION.—In any fiscal year, no eligible enti-
11 ty may receive more than 15 percent of the amount appro-
12 priated to carry out this section in such fiscal year.

13 (e) ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS.—Grants made
14 under subsection (b) shall be used—

15 (1) to carry out communitywide education cam-
16 paigns using evidence-based materials that inform
17 supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-eligible
18 households and the greater community about lead
19 exposure, and may include multilingual print mate-
20 rials, street-level billboards, and advertising on radio
21 or social media;

22 (2) to support outreach and education activities
23 to inform individuals of foods that can mitigate the
24 impact of elevated blood lead levels in children;

1 (3) to target WFMLL outreach through coordi-
2 nation with community organizations and Depart-
3 ment of Agriculture nutrition programs serving
4 pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and school-age
5 children;

6 (4) to implement strategies that are focused on
7 increasing consumption of certain foods and nutri-
8 ents and that include creating culturally competent
9 materials, training community organizations working
10 with youth, offering community training, and con-
11 ducting door-to-door efforts during daylight hours;

12 (5) to promote and encourage participation in
13 Federal nutrition programs (including the supple-
14 mental nutrition assistance program, the child and
15 adult care food program, the summer food service
16 program, the national school lunch program, and the
17 special supplemental nutrition program for women,
18 infants, and children) as a means to improve nutri-
19 tion and to minimize lead absorption by using cul-
20 turally relevant, family-friendly, evidence-based edu-
21 cational materials reflective of existing materials;

22 (6) to engage with local businesses, govern-
23 mental entities, civic organizations, community
24 groups, and residents to mobilize community part-

1 nerships around healthy eating and lead poisoning
2 prevention; and

3 (7) to develop systems that refer and link low-
4 income individuals and supplemental-nutrition-as-
5 sistance-program-eligible households to foods that
6 provide nutrients essential to creating a diet protec-
7 tive against lead.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

9 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
10 ty” means an agency of a unit of general purpose
11 local government, a nonprofit entity serving children
12 at highest risk of lead poisoning, an emergency feed-
13 ing organization, a food bank or food pantry (as de-
14 fined in section 201A of Emergency Food Assistance
15 Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501)), a federally recognized
16 Tribe or Tribal organization, an urban Indian orga-
17 nization, a local education agency, or a federally
18 qualified health center.

19 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
23 this Act \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
24 2023.

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