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# S. 1593

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to extend eligibility of new moms for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2023

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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 “Extending WIC for  
5 New Moms Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING WIC ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW MOMS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF POSTPARTUM PERIOD.—Section  
8 17(b)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.

1 1786(b)(10)) is amended by striking “six months” and in-  
2 serting “24 months”.

3 (b) EXTENSION OF BREASTFEEDING PERIOD.—Sec-  
4 tion 17(d)(3)(A)(ii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “1  
6 year” and inserting “24 months”.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
9 shall submit to Congress a report that includes an evalua-  
10 tion of the effect of each of the amendments made by this  
11 section on—

12 (1) maternal and infant health outcomes, in-  
13 cluding racial and ethnic disparities with respect to  
14 such outcomes;

15 (2) breastfeeding rates among postpartum indi-  
16 viduals;

17 (3) qualitative evaluations of family experiences  
18 under the special supplemental nutrition program  
19 for women, infants, and children established by sec-  
20 tion 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
21 U.S.C. 1786); and

22 (4) other relevant information, as determined  
23 by the Secretary.

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