

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2896

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow certain institutions to use geographic preference for procurement of certain foods, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2021

Ms. PINGREE (for herself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. HARDER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Kids Eat Local Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE AND IDENTIFICATION**  
2 **FOR SCHOOL FOOD.**

3 Paragraph (3) of section 9(j) of the Richard B. Rus-  
4 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(j)) is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(3) allow institutions receiving funds under  
7 this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
8 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), including the Department of  
9 Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program—

10 “(A) to use a geographic preference for the  
11 procurement of unprocessed agricultural prod-  
12 ucts, both locally grown and locally raised; or

13 “(B) to use locally grown, locally raised, or  
14 locally caught as a product specification.”.

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