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To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the provision of training and information to certain personnel relating to food allergy identification and response, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Strengthening Protec-
5 tions for Children with Food Allergies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOOD ALLERGY TRAINING COMPLETION REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 7(g)(2)(B) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
4 (42 U.S.C. 1776(g)(2)(B)) is amended—

5 (1) in clause (iii), by amending subclause (II)
6 to read as follows:

7 “(II) food allergies, including in-
8 formation on best practices—

9 “(aa) to prevent, recognize,
10 and respond to food-related aller-
11 gic reactions, including through
12 the administration of epinephrine
13 in FDA-approved delivery sys-
14 tems in the case of a severe aller-
15 gic reaction such as anaphylaxis;

16 “(bb) for communicating
17 food allergen information in
18 school menus, food products, and
19 recipes;

20 “(cc) to avoid cross-contact;
21 and

22 “(dd) regarding appropriate
23 food substitutions for children
24 with food allergies;” and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(iv) METHODS FOR INCLUSION.—

2 The training required under this subpara-
3 graph shall be provided, as the Secretary
4 determines to be necessary, in—

5 “(I) relevant languages other
6 than English, for individuals with lim-
7 ited English proficiency; and

8 “(II) relevant alternative for-
9 mats, for individuals with disabilities
10 (as defined in section 3 of the Ameri-
11 cans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
12 U.S.C. 12102)).

13 “(v) AVAILABILITY TO OTHER PER-
14 SONNEL.—The Secretary shall make the
15 training provided under this subparagraph
16 available to personnel under child nutrition
17 programs not covered under this sub-
18 section, including personnel under—

19 “(I) the special milk program
20 under section 3;

21 “(II) the summer food service
22 program for children under section 13
23 of the Richard B. Russell National
24 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761);
25 and

1 “(III) the child and adult care
 2 food program under section 17 of that
 3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1766).

4 “(vi) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 5 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appro-
 6 priated to the Secretary to carry out this
 7 subparagraph \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal
 8 years 2027 through 2031.”.

9 **SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT WIC-ELIGIBLE INDIVID-**
 10 **UALS IMPACTED BY FOOD ALLERGIES.**

11 Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
 12 U.S.C. 1786) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsections (l) through (s)
 14 as subsections (m) through (t), respectively;

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(l) ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT WIC–ELIGIBLE INDIV-
 18 VIDUALS IMPACTED BY FOOD ALLERGIES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with sub-
 20 section (e), the Secretary shall—

21 “(A) submit to the Secretary of Health
 22 and Human Services for comment proposed nu-
 23 trition education materials for use under sub-
 24 section (e), which shall—

1 “(i) incorporate evidence-based find-
2 ings from the United States Dietary
3 Guidelines for Americans relating to food
4 allergies and potentially allergenic foods;
5 and

6 “(ii) include nutrition education mate-
7 rials for—

8 “(I) individuals with food aller-
9 gies during pregnancy and in the
10 postpartum period;

11 “(II) infants impacted by pre-
12 natal food allergy exposure; and

13 “(III) children with food aller-
14 gies; and

15 “(B) after submitting the materials in ac-
16 cordance with subparagraph (A), publish and
17 disseminate the materials for use under sub-
18 section (e).

19 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The nutrition edu-
21 cation materials under paragraph (1) shall be
22 provided, as the Secretary determines to be nec-
23 essary, in—

1 “(i) relevant languages other than
2 English for individuals with limited
3 English proficiency; and

4 “(ii) relevant alternative formats for
5 individuals with disabilities (as defined in
6 section 3 of the Americans With Disabil-
7 ities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)).

8 “(B) OUTREACH.—In carrying out this
9 paragraph, the Secretary shall conduct outreach
10 to individuals who are, or may be—

11 “(i) eligible to participate in—

12 “(I) the program under this sec-
13 tion; or

14 “(II) a training program of a
15 State agency under subsection (e)(2);
16 and

17 “(ii) impacted by food allergies.

18 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
20 retary to carry out this subsection \$1,000,000 for
21 fiscal year 2027.”;

22 (3) in subsection (q) (as redesignated by para-
23 graph (1))—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
2 section (o)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection
3 (p)(1)(A)”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “sub-
5 section (o)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection
6 (p)(1)(A)”; and

7 (4) in paragraph (5) of subsection (t) (as redes-
8 ignated by paragraph (1)), by striking “subsection
9 (r)” and inserting “subsection (s)”.

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