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# S. 2512

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2025

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

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 “Enhance Access To  
5 SNAP Act of 2025” or the “EATS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**  
 2 **TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD.—Section 3(m)(5)  
 4 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
 5 2012(m)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing:

7 “(F) Individuals who are bona fide stu-  
 8 dents enrolled at least half time in any recog-  
 9 nized school, training program, or institution of  
 10 higher education.”.

11 (b) CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.—Section 6 of  
 12 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is  
 13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (d)(2)(C), by striking “(except  
 15 that any such person enrolled in an institution of  
 16 higher education shall be ineligible to participate in  
 17 the supplemental nutrition assistance program un-  
 18 less he or she meets the requirements of subsection  
 19 (e) of this section)”;

20 (2) by striking subsection (e); and

21 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (s)  
 22 as subsections (e) through (r), respectively.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
 25 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), in the second sen-  
 2 tence, by striking “(g), and (r)” and inserting  
 3 “(f), and (q)”; and

4 (B) in subsection (i)(1), in the first sen-  
 5 tence, by striking “section 6(f)(2)(B) of this  
 6 Act” and inserting “section 6(e)(2)(B)”.

7 (2) Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
 8 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (d)(4)—

10 (i) in subparagraph  
 11 (B)(ii)(I)(bb)(DD), by striking “subsection  
 12 (o)” and inserting “subsection (n)”; and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (N), by striking  
 14 “subsection (o)” each place it appears and  
 15 inserting “subsection (n)”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (1)(B) of subsection (q)  
 17 (as so redesignated), by striking “subsection  
 18 (k)” and inserting “subsection (j)”.

19 (3) Section 7(i)(1) of the Food and Nutrition  
 20 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(i)(1)) is amended by  
 21 striking “section 6(o)(2)” and inserting “section  
 22 6(n)(2)”.

23 (4) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act  
 24 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (e)—

1 (i) in paragraph (2)(B)(v)(II), by  
 2 striking “section 6(f)” and inserting “sec-  
 3 tion 6(e)”; and

4 (ii) in paragraph (22), by striking  
 5 “section 6(i)” and inserting “section 6(h)”;  
 6 and

7 (B) in subsection (n), by striking “section  
 8 6(g)” and inserting “section 6(f)”.

9 (5) Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutrition  
 10 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by strik-  
 13 ing “section 6(o)” and inserting “section  
 14 6(n)”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (E)—

16 (I) by striking “section 6(o)(3)”  
 17 each place it appears and inserting  
 18 “section 6(n)(3)”;

19 (II) by striking “section 6(o)(2)”  
 20 each place it appears and inserting  
 21 “section 6(n)(2)”; and

22 (III) in clause (ii)—

23 (aa) in subclause (III), by  
 24 striking “section 6(o)(4)” and in-  
 25 serting “section 6(n)(4)”; and

1 (bb) in subclause (IV), by  
 2 striking “section 6(o)(6)” and in-  
 3 serting “section 6(n)(6)”; and

4 (iii) in subparagraph  
 5 (F)(ii)(III)(ee)(AA), by striking “section  
 6 6(o)” and inserting “section 6(n)”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (5)(C)(iv)(I), by striking  
 8 “section 6(o)(2)” and inserting “section  
 9 6(n)(2)”.

10 (6) Section 17(m) of the Food and Nutrition  
 11 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(m)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “(l) through (n)” each  
 13 place it appears and inserting “(k) through  
 14 (m)”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking “sec-  
 16 tion 6(l)(2)” and inserting “section 6(k)(2)”.

17 (7) Section 103(a)(2)(D) of the Workforce In-  
 18 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
 19 3113(a)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “6(o) of the  
 20 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
 21 2015(o))” and inserting “6(n) of the Food and Nu-  
 22 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n))”.

23 (8) Section 121(b)(2)(B)(iv) of the Workforce  
 24 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
 25 3151(b)(2)(B)(iv)) is amended by striking “6(o) of

1 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
 2 2015(o))” and inserting “6(n) of the Food and Nu-  
 3 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n))”.

4 (9) Section 454 of the Social Security Act (42  
 5 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (4)(A)(i)(IV), by striking  
 7 “6(l)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
 8 (7 U.S.C. 2015(l)(1))” and inserting “6(k)(1)  
 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
 10 U.S.C. 2015(k)(1))”;

11 (B) in paragraph (6)(B)(i), by striking  
 12 “subsection (l) or (m) of section 6 of the Food  
 13 and Nutrition Act of 2008” and inserting “sub-  
 14 section (k) or (l) of section 6 of the Food and  
 15 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015)”;

16 (C) in paragraph (29)(A)—

17 (i) by striking “section 3(h) of the  
 18 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
 19 2012(h))” each place it appears and in-  
 20 serting “section 3 of the Food and Nutri-  
 21 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”;

22 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “section  
 23 6(l)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
 24 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(l)(2))” and inserting

1 “section 6(k)(2) of that Act (7 U.S.C.  
2 2015(k)(2))”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
5 take effect on January 2, 2026.

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