

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1781

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to prohibit the donation of competitive foods of minimal nutritional value in schools participating in Federal meal service programs before the end of the last lunch period of the schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. HINCHEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the 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 “Better Nutrition for
5 School Children Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to close the loophole that allows competitive
2 foods of minimum nutritional value that cannot be
3 sold during meals in schools participating in the
4 school breakfast and lunch programs to instead be
5 given away to students during or before breakfast or
6 lunch;

7 (2) to protect 1 of the major purposes of the
8 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et
9 seq.) and the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1751 et seq.), which is to promote better nutrition
11 among school children participating in the school
12 breakfast and lunch programs; and

13 (3) to promote better nutritional habits among
14 school children and improve the health of school chil-
15 dren participating in the school breakfast and lunch
16 programs.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON DONATION OF COMPETITIVE**
18 **FOODS OF MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL VALUE.**

19 Section 10 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
20 U.S.C. 1779) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “(b) The” and inserting the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(b) DONATION OF COMPETITIVE FOODS OF MINI-
24 MAL NUTRITIONAL VALUE.—

25 “(1) SALES.—The”; and

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

2 “(2) DONATIONS.—The regulations shall pro-
3 hibit the donation of competitive foods of minimal
4 nutritional value in a school participating in a meal
5 service program authorized under this Act or the
6 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
7 before the end of the last lunch period of the
8 school.”.

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