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H. R. 3869

To provide for the expanded use of technology and information management systems in the administration of the school lunch and breakfast programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLER 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 “Pride in the Lunch
5 Line Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 (a) TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE-
8 MENT.—Section 7(e) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
9 (42 U.S.C. 1776) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Each State” and inserting “(1)
2 Each State”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(2) Each State plan shall at a minimum include a
6 description of how technology and information manage-
7 ment systems will be used to improve program integrity
8 by—

9 “(A) monitoring the nutrient content of meals
10 served;

11 “(B) training schools and school food authori-
12 ties how to utilize technology and information man-
13 agement systems for activities such as menu plan-
14 ning, collecting point of sale data, and processing
15 applications for free and reduced price meals;

16 “(C) using electronic data to establish bench-
17 marks to compare and monitor program integrity,
18 program participation, and financial data across
19 schools and school food authorities; and

20 “(D) employing methods to ensure that there
21 shall not be any overt identification of any such
22 child by special tokens or tickets, announced or pub-
23 lished lists of names, or by any other means.”.

24 (b) PRIORITY FOR REALLOCATED FUNDS.—Section
25 7(a)(5)(B)(ii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42

1 U.S.C. 1776(a)(5)(B)(ii)) is amended by inserting after
 2 “need for the amounts” the following: “and shall give pri-
 3 ority consideration to States that will use the funds for
 4 improvements in technology and information management
 5 systems described in the amendment required under sub-
 6 section (e)(2).”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7(b) of the
 8 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1776(b)) is
 9 amended by striking “and for staff development” and in-
 10 serting “for staff development; and technology and infor-
 11 mation management systems”.

12 **SEC. 3. START UP AND EXPANSION ASSISTANCE FOR**
 13 **SCHOOLS.**

14 Section 21(a) of the Richard B. Russell National
 15 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1796b–1(a)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “; and”
 17 and inserting a semicolon;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
 19 graph (3); and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(2) shall provide assistance, on a competitive
 23 basis, to State agencies for the purpose of aiding
 24 schools and school food authorities with at least 50
 25 percent of enrolled children certified to receive free

1 or reduced price meals, in meeting the cost of ac-
2 quiring or upgrading technology and information
3 management systems for use in food service pro-
4 grams carried out under this Act and section 4 of
5 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)
6 if the school or school food authority submits to the
7 State agency an infrastructure development plan
8 that addresses the cost savings and improvements in
9 program integrity and operations that would result
10 from the use of new or upgraded technology in—

11 “(A) methods to ensure that there shall
12 not be any overt identification of any such child
13 by special tokens or tickets, announced or pub-
14 lished list of names, or by any other means;

15 “(B) processing and verifying applications
16 for free and reduced price school meals;

17 “(C) integrating menu planning, produc-
18 tion, and serving data to monitor compliance
19 with section 9(f)(1); and

20 “(D) establishing compatibility with state-
21 wide reporting systems; and”.

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