

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1549

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in an increase in the income eligibility guidelines for free lunches and breakfasts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR**
4 **SCHOOL LUNCHES AND BREAKFASTS.**

5 Section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National
6 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by redesignating subpara-
8 graph (B) as subparagraph (E);

1 (2) by striking “(b)(1)(A) Not” and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(b) INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not”;

6 (3) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by striking the second sentence and in-
8 serting the following:

9 “(B) FREE LUNCHES.—The income guide-
10 lines for determining eligibility for free lunches
11 shall be the following percentage of the applica-
12 ble family size income levels contained in the
13 nonfarm income poverty guidelines prescribed
14 by the Office of Management and Budget, as
15 adjusted annually in accordance with subpara-
16 graph (E):

17 “(i) For the school year beginning
18 July 1, 2003, 130 percent.

19 “(ii) For the school year beginning
20 July 1, 2004, 140 percent.

21 “(iii) For the school year beginning
22 July 1, 2005, 150 percent.

23 “(iv) For the school year beginning
24 July 1, 2006, 160 percent.

1 “(v) For the school year beginning
2 July 1, 2007, 170 percent.

3 “(vi) For the school year beginning
4 July 1, 2008, and each subsequent school
5 year, 185 percent.”;

6 (B) in the third sentence—

7 (i) by striking “The” and inserting
8 the following:

9 “(C) REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES.—The”;

10 and

11 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (B)”
12 and inserting “subparagraph (E)”;

13 (C) in the fourth sentence, by striking
14 “The” and inserting the following:

15 “(D) FREQUENCY OF REVISIONS.—The”;

16 and

17 (4) in subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by
18 paragraph (1))—

19 (A) by striking “The” and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(E) AMOUNT OF REVISIONS.—The”; and

22 (B) by striking “subparagraph (A) of this
23 paragraph” and inserting “subparagraph (D)”.

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