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H. R. 5012

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Weekends Without
3 Hunger Act”.

4 SEC. 2. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUNGER.

5 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
6 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(j) WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUN-
9 GER.—

10 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 “(A) AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILD.—The term
12 ‘at-risk school child’ has the meaning given the
13 term in section 17(r)(1).

14 “(B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible
16 institution’ means a public or private non-
17 profit institution that is determined by the
18 Secretary to be able to meet safe food stor-
19 age, handling, and delivery standards es-
20 tablished by the Secretary.

21 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘eligible
22 institution’ includes—

23 “(I) an elementary or secondary
24 school or school food service authority;

25 “(II) a food bank or food pantry;

26 “(III) a homeless shelter; and

1 “(IV) such other type of emer-
2 gency feeding agency as is approved
3 by the Secretary.

4 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the avail-
5 ability of appropriations provided in advance in an
6 appropriations Act specifically for the purpose of
7 carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall es-
8 tablish a program under which the Secretary shall
9 provide commodities, on a competitive basis, to eligi-
10 ble institutions to provide nutritious food to at-risk
11 children on weekends and during extended school
12 holidays during the school year.

13 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
15 ceive commodities under this subsection, an eli-
16 gible institution shall submit an application to
17 the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
18 and containing such information as the Sec-
19 retary may determine.

20 “(B) PLAN.—An application under sub-
21 paragraph (A) shall include the plan of the eli-
22 gible institution for the distribution of nutri-
23 tious foods to at-risk school children, includ-
24 ing—

1 “(i) methods of food service delivery
2 to at-risk school children;

3 “(ii) assurances that children receiv-
4 ing foods under the project will not be pub-
5 licly separated or overtly identified;

6 “(iii) lists of the types of food to be
7 provided under the project and provisions
8 to ensure food quality and safety;

9 “(iv) information on the number of
10 at-risk school children to be served and the
11 per-child cost of providing the children
12 with food; and

13 “(v) such other information as the
14 Secretary determines to be necessary to as-
15 sist the Secretary in evaluating projects
16 that receive commodities under this sub-
17 section.

18 “(4) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications under
19 this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to
20 eligible institutions that—

21 “(A) have on-going programs and experi-
22 ence serving populations with significant pro-
23 portions of at-risk school children;

24 “(B) have a good record of experience in
25 food delivery and food safety systems;

1 “(C) maintain high quality control, ac-
2 countability, and recordkeeping standards;

3 “(D) provide children with readily
4 consumable food of high nutrient content and
5 quality;

6 “(E) demonstrate cost efficiencies and the
7 potential for obtaining supplemental funding
8 from non-Federal sources to carry out projects;
9 and

10 “(F) demonstrate the ability to continue
11 projects for the full approved term of the pilot
12 project period.

13 “(5) GUIDELINES.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
15 issue guidelines containing the criteria for
16 projects to receive commodities under this sec-
17 tion.

18 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The guidelines shall,
19 to the maximum extent practicable within the
20 funds available and applications submitted, take
21 into account—

22 “(i) geographical variations in project
23 locations to include qualifying projects in
24 rural, urban, and suburban areas with high

proportions of families with at-risk school children;

14 “(6) EVALUATION.—

19 “(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than De-
20 cember 31, 2015, the Secretary shall submit to
21 Congress a final report that contains—

1 “(ii) any recommendations of the Sec-
2 retary for legislative action.

3 “(7) FUNDING.—

4 “(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
5 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
6 to carry out this section such sums as are nec-
7 essary, to remain available until expended.

8 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Not more
9 than 3 percent of the funds made available
10 under subparagraph (A) may be used by the
11 Secretary for expenses associated with review of
12 the operations and evaluation of the projects
13 carried out under this subsection.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 8,
2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.