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H. R. 5812

To conduct a pilot program in support of efforts to increase purchases of local fresh fruits and vegetables for schools and service institutions by giving several States the option of receiving a grant from the Secretary of Agriculture for that purpose instead of obtaining commodities under Department of Agriculture programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2010

Mr. WELCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To conduct a pilot program in support of efforts to increase purchases of local fresh fruits and vegetables for schools and service institutions by giving several States the option of receiving a grant from the Secretary of Agriculture for that purpose instead of obtaining commodities under Department of Agriculture programs.

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. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PURCHASE OF FRESH**
2 **FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOLS AND**
3 **SERVICE INSTITUTIONS IN VERMONT.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall conduct a pilot program under which a participating
6 State, in lieu of obtaining any or a portion of the State’s
7 commodities under section 10603(b) of the Farm Security
8 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c–4(b)),
9 receives a grant from the Food and Nutrition Service in
10 an amount equal to the value of the commodities for each
11 of fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The grant funds shall be
12 used solely to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for dis-
13 tribution to schools and service institutions in the State
14 participating in the food service programs under the Rich-
15 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1751 et seq.) and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
17 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

18 (b) SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING STATES.—The
19 pilot program is limited to three States. The Secretary
20 shall select the participating States from applications sub-
21 mitted by the States. Each participating State shall be
22 from a different Department of Agriculture region.

23 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) SCHOOL AND SERVICE INSTITUTION RE-
25 QUIREMENT.—Schools and service institutions in a
26 participating State shall keep records of purchases

1 of fresh fruits and vegetables made using the grant
2 funds and report such information to the State.

3 (2) STATE REQUIREMENT.—The participating
4 States shall report to the Secretary on the success
5 of the pilot program, including information on—

6 (A) the value of the grant funds versus
7 commodities previously received under section
8 10603 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
9 ment Act of 2002; and

10 (B) the variety of fresh fruits and vegeta-
11 bles purchased versus varieties previously re-
12 ceived under such section.

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