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# S. 3292

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch 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.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2010

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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 “Weekends Without  
5       Hunger Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUNGER.**

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

5 “(j) WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUN-  
6 GER.—

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

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

11 “(B) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

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

18 “(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘eligible  
19 institution’ includes—

20 “(I) an elementary or secondary  
21 school or school food service authority;

22 “(II) a food bank or food pantry;

23 “(III) a homeless shelter; and

24 “(IV) such other type of emer-  
25 gency feeding agency as is approved  
26 by the Secretary.

1           “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall  
2       carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary  
3       shall provide commodities to eligible institutions to  
4       carry out projects to provide nutritious food to at-  
5       risk school children on weekends and during ex-  
6       tended school holidays during the school year.

7           “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—

8               “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-  
9       ceive commodities under this subsection, an eli-  
10      gible institution shall submit an application to  
11      the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
12      and containing such information as the Sec-  
13      retary may determine.

14           “(B) PLAN.—An application under sub-  
15      paragraph (A) shall include the plan of the eli-  
16      gible institution for the distribution of nutri-  
17      tious foods to at-risk school children, includ-  
18      ing—

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

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

1 “(iii) lists of the types of food to be  
2 provided under the project and provisions  
3 to ensure food quality and safety;

4 “(iv) information on the number of  
5 at-risk school children to be served and the  
6 per-child cost of providing the children  
7 with food; and

8 “(v) such other information as the  
9 Secretary determines to be necessary to as-  
10 sist the Secretary in evaluating projects  
11 that receive commodities under this sub-  
12 section.

13 “(4) PRIORITY.—In selecting applications under  
14 this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to  
15 eligible institutions that—

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

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

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

23 “(D) provide children with readily  
24 consumable food of high nutrient content and  
25 quality;

1           “(E) demonstrate cost efficiencies and the  
2           potential for obtaining supplemental funding  
3           from non-Federal sources to carry out projects;  
4           and

5           “(F) demonstrate the ability to continue  
6           projects for the full approved term of the pilot  
7           project period.

8           “(5) GUIDELINES.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
10          issue guidelines containing the criteria for  
11          projects to receive commodities under this sec-  
12          tion.

13          “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The guidelines shall,  
14          to the maximum extent practicable within the  
15          funds available and applications submitted, take  
16          into account—

17               “(i) geographical variations in project  
18               locations to include qualifying projects in  
19               rural, urban, and suburban areas with high  
20               proportions of families with at-risk school  
21               children;

22               “(ii) different types of projects that  
23               offer nutritious foods on weekends and  
24               during school holidays to at-risk school  
25               children; and

1 “(iii) institutional capacity to collect,  
2 maintain, and provide statistically valid in-  
3 formation necessary for the Secretary—

4 “(I) to analyze and evaluate the  
5 results of the pilot project; and

6 “(II) to make recommendations  
7 to Congress.

8 “(6) EVALUATION.—

9 “(A) INTERIM EVALUATION.—Not later  
10 than November 30, 2013, the Secretary shall  
11 complete an interim evaluation of the pilot pro-  
12 gram carried out under this subsection.

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

16 “(i) an evaluation of the pilot pro-  
17 gram carried out under this subsection;  
18 and

19 “(ii) any recommendations of the Sec-  
20 retary for legislative action.

21 “(7) FUNDING.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal  
23 years 2011 through 2015, the Secretary shall  
24 use such sums as are necessary, but not less  
25 than \$10,000,000 of funds appropriated under

1           section 3, to purchase commodities to carry out  
2           this subsection.

3           “(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds  
4           made available under subparagraph (A) shall  
5           remain available—

6                     “(i) until expended; or

7                     “(ii) if the Secretary determines that  
8           unspent funds cannot be fully used for ap-  
9           proved pilot projects, until September 30,  
10          2015.

11          “(C) FUNDING.—Not more than 3 percent  
12          of the funds made available under subpara-  
13          graph (A) may be used by the Secretary for ex-  
14          penses associated with review of the operations  
15          and evaluation of the projects carried out under  
16          this subsection.”.

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