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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an interagency agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service to support a Nutrition Corps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27 (legislative day, MAY 26), 2010

Mr. HARKIN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service for Healthier
5 Kids Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE NUTRI-** 7 **TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—

9 (1) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts ap-
2 propriated under subsection (c), the Secretary
3 of Agriculture may enter into an interagency
4 agreement, in accordance with section
5 192A(g)(10) of the National and Community
6 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651b(g)(10)),
7 with the Corporation for National and Commu-
8 nity Service to support a Nutrition Corps to
9 carry out the national service programs de-
10 scribed in subsection (b) by providing services
11 that—

12 (i) increase access to, and participa-
13 tion in, the nutrition assistance programs
14 administered by the Secretary of Agri-
15 culture;

16 (ii) improve the quality of the nutri-
17 tion assistance programs; and

18 (iii) support local agriculture and
19 farm-to-school initiatives undertaken by
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (B) NUTRITION CORPS ASSISTANCE.—
22 From the amounts appropriated under sub-
23 section (c), the Secretary of Agriculture, in en-
24 tering into the interagency agreement under

subparagraph (A), may provide to the Corporation for National and Community Service—

(i) funds to be transferred to the National Service Trust established under section 145 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601) to provide in-service or post-service benefits to; or

(ii) funds to otherwise support, participants serving in the Nutrition Corps who are enrolled in a national service program authorized under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) or the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

(2) CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.—The Corporation, in entering into the interagency agreement under paragraph (1), shall approve, in accordance with section 192A(g)(10) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651b(g)(10)), positions for the national service programs carried out by the Nutrition Corps as approved national service positions.

(b) NUTRITION CORPS.—

1 (1) NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.—The na-
2 tional service programs carried out by the Nutrition
3 Corps shall—

4 (A) address unmet health needs within
5 communities by providing services that—

6 (i) increase access to, and participa-
7 tion in, the nutrition assistance programs
8 administered by the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture;

10 (ii) improve the quality of the nutri-
11 tion assistance programs; and

12 (iii) support local agriculture and
13 farm-to-school initiatives undertaken by
14 the Secretary of Agriculture; and

15 (B) comply with the nonduplication and
16 nondisplacement requirements of section 177 of
17 the National and Community Service Act (42
18 U.S.C. 12637).

19 (2) SERVICES AUTHORIZED TO BE PROVIDED.—
20 The services provided by the national service pro-
21 grams under paragraph (1) may include—

22 (A) helping expand in-classroom breakfast
23 under the school breakfast program established
24 by section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966

1 (42 U.S.C. 1773) by assisting with set up and
2 clean up;

3 (B) expanding access to the summer food
4 service program for children established under
5 section 13 of the Richard B. Russell National
6 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) by assist-
7 ing with activities for children, transporting and
8 preparing food, and conducting outreach to re-
9 cruit sponsors and participants;

10 (C) helping educate and train program
11 providers for the nutrition assistance programs,
12 which may include assisting home providers
13 under the child and adult care food program es-
14 tablished under section 17 of the Richard B.
15 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1766) in promoting healthy food choices and
17 physical activity among children;

18 (D) helping clinics participating in the spe-
19 cial supplemental nutrition program for women,
20 infants, and children established by section 17
21 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
22 1786) with services requested by such clinics;

23 (E) conducting community needs assess-
24 ments in support of efforts to reduce obesity,

1 promote healthy eating, and end childhood hun-
2 ger;

3 (F) helping promote local agriculture and
4 farm-to-school initiatives undertaken by the
5 Secretary of Agriculture; and

6 (G) coordinating and convening community
7 stakeholders to cross-promote nutrition pro-
8 grams and lead related planning processes.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
11 essary to carry out this section for fiscal year 2011 and
12 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015.

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