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# H. R. 2508

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and to reinstate the grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. ASHFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “Healthy School Meals  
5 Flexibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SODIUM TARGET LEVELS; WHOLE GRAIN REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 9(f) of the Richard B. Russell National  
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)) is amended by add-  
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(5) SODIUM TARGET LEVELS.—Notwith-  
7 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary  
8 shall not implement any regulation under this Act,  
9 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et  
10 seq.), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010  
11 (Public Law 111–296), or any other law that would  
12 require a reduction in the quantity of sodium con-  
13 tained in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and  
14 snacks sold in schools below Target 1 (as described  
15 in section 220.8(f)(3) of title 7, Code of Federal  
16 Regulations (or successor regulations)).

17 “(6) WHOLE GRAIN REQUIREMENT.—Notwith-  
18 standing the final rule of the Secretary entitled ‘Nu-  
19 trition Standards in the National School Lunch and  
20 School Breakfast Programs’ (77 Fed. Reg. 4088  
21 (January 26, 2012)) or any other provision of law—

22 “(A) the Secretary shall only require that  
23 half of all grains in federally reimbursed meals,  
24 foods, and snacks sold in schools are whole  
25 grain-rich; and

1           “(B) school food authorities shall comply  
2           with the applicable grain component or stand-  
3           ard with respect to the school lunch or school  
4           breakfast program that was in effect prior to  
5           July 1, 2014.”.

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