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H. R. 2967

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a grant program to appoint nutrition coordinators to oversee local school nutrition policies in local educational agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a grant program to appoint nutrition coordinators to oversee local school nutrition policies in local educational agencies, and for other purposes.

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 “Nutrition Coordinators
5 for Local Healthy Youth Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NUTRITION COORDINATORS.**

7 Section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
8 U.S.C. 1788) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection
2 (m); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(1) GRANT PROGRAM FOR NUTRITION COORDINA-
6 TORS.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—

8 The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of
9 Education, shall establish a program to make grants
10 to local educational agencies to appoint nutrition co-
11 ordinators to carry out the activities described in
12 paragraph (4).

13 “(2) APPLICATION.—To be selected to receive a
14 grant under paragraph (1), a local educational agen-
15 cy, in consultation with the State agency that ad-
16 ministers school lunch programs in the geographic
17 area served by such local educational agency, shall
18 submit an application at such time, in such manner,
19 and containing such information as the Secretary
20 may require.

21 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—A local educational
22 agency that receives a grant under this subsection
23 shall use such funds to appoint a nutrition coordi-
24 nator to, with respect to the geographic area served
25 by such agency—

1 “(A) ensure compliance with local school
2 wellness policies under section 9A of the Rich-
3 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1758b);

5 “(B) coordinate nutrition education pro-
6 grams with school food service directors for
7 such local educational agency;

8 “(C) conduct trainings and facilitate infor-
9 mation sharing of best practices that—

10 “(i) encourage students to participate
11 in healthy eating and active living;

12 “(ii) are consistent with the Dietary
13 Guidelines for Americans published under
14 section 301 of the National Nutrition Mon-
15 itoring and Related Research Act of 1990
16 (7 U.S.C. 5341); and

17 “(iii) are consistent with the Physical
18 Activity Guidelines for Americans pub-
19 lished by the Office of Disease Prevention
20 and Health Promotion of the Department
21 of Health and Human Services;

22 “(D) work with programs that promote
23 and motivate students to participate in school
24 wellness activities;

1 “(E) coordinate and collaborate with other
2 nutrition education programs, including—

3 “(i) programs under the Supplemental
4 Nutrition Assistance Program under the
5 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
6 2011 et seq.);

7 “(ii) cooperative extension services (as
8 such term is defined in section 1404 of the
9 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7
10 U.S.C. 3103));

11 “(iii) nutrition education programs
12 carried out by community-based organiza-
13 tions; and

14 “(iv) other team network nutrition
15 programs;

16 “(F) provide community outreach to pro-
17 mote nutrient-rich foods and farm-to-school ac-
18 tivities;

19 “(G) promote regular physical activity in
20 students before, during, and after school;

21 “(H) ensure students receive effective and
22 consistent messages regarding healthy eating
23 and active living; and

24 “(I) to promote nutrition education and
25 team network nutrition programs in the State

1 in which such local educational agency is lo-
2 cated, coordinate and collaborate with—

3 “(i) the team nutrition network coor-
4 dinator for the State; and

5 “(ii) community partners.

6 “(4) NUTRITION COORDINATOR REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—A nutrition coordinator may not be ap-
8 pointed under this subsection unless the Coordinator
9 has a background in nutrition education, dietetics,
10 or nutrition program management.

11 “(5) NUTRITION COORDINATOR REPORTS.—Not
12 later than 1 year after the date on which a nutrition
13 coordinator is appointed under this subsection, the
14 nutrition coordinator shall submit to the Secretary a
15 report that includes—

16 “(A) a plan to implement activities under
17 this section; and

18 “(B) a review of, and plan for, coordina-
19 tion and collaboration with nutrition education
20 programs described in paragraph (4)(E).

21 “(6) EVALUATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Not
22 later than January 1, 2019, the Secretary shall sub-
23 mit a report to Congress that includes—

1 “(A) the results of an evaluation of the
2 grant program established under this sub-
3 section;

4 “(B) a review of the implementation of this
5 subsection;

6 “(C) an assessment of local educational
7 agencies with respect to activities conducted to
8 ensure students receive nutrition education con-
9 sistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-
10 cans published under section 301 of the Na-
11 tional Nutrition Monitoring and Related Re-
12 search Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341);

13 “(D) best practices for encouraging stu-
14 dents to participate in healthy eating and active
15 living;

16 “(E) an assessment of local school wellness
17 policies under section 9A of the Richard B.
18 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1758b); and

20 “(F) an assessment of school personnel
21 and their level of interaction and satisfaction
22 with nutrition coordinators.”.

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