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# H. R. 3492

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make a permanent program for the procurement of unprocessed fruits and vegetables to provide healthier school meals, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2019

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

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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 “Local School Foods  
5 Expansion Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. HELPING SCHOOLS SERVE HEALTHIER MEALS.**

7 Section 6(f) of the Richard B. Russell National  
8 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(f)) is amended—

1           (1) in the heading, by striking “PILOT  
2 PROJECT FOR PROCUREMENT OF UNPROCESSED  
3 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES” and inserting “PRO-  
4 GRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICALLY  
5 GROWN UNPROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES”;

6           (2) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-  
7 pears and inserting “program”;

8           (3) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
9 lows:

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
11 out a program to facilitate the procurement of do-  
12 mestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables  
13 in not fewer than 15 States receiving funds under  
14 this Act.”;

15           (4) in paragraph (2), by inserting “domestically  
16 grown” before “unprocessed”;

17           (5) in paragraph (5)—

18           (A) in the heading, by striking “AND RE-  
19 PORTING REQUIREMENTS” and inserting “, RE-  
20 PORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND EVALUATIONS”;

21           (B) in subparagraph (B)—

22           (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at  
23 the end;

24           (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-  
25 riod and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(iii) the challenges and opportunities  
4 presented by the program, as assessed by  
5 the State.”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(C) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2  
9 years after the date of the enactment of  
10 this subparagraph, the Secretary shall  
11 evaluate the impact of the program, includ-  
12 ing information on—

13 “(I) the quantity and cost of  
14 each type of unprocessed fruit and  
15 vegetable procured by each State  
16 under the program;

17 “(II) the benefit of such procure-  
18 ment in conducting school food service  
19 in each State, including meeting  
20 school meal requirements; and

21 “(III) the economic impact the  
22 program has had on agricultural pro-  
23 ducers in each State.

24 “(ii) REPORT.—Not later than 4  
25 years after the date of enactment of this

1           subparagraph, the Secretary shall submit  
2           to the Committee on Agriculture of the  
3           House Representatives and the Committee  
4           on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of  
5           the Senate a report that includes the re-  
6           sults and an analysis of the evaluation re-  
7           quired under clause (i).”; and

8           (6) by adding at the end the following new  
9           paragraph:

10           “(6) FUNDING.—

11           “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is ap-  
12           propriated to carry out this section  
13           \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
14           through 2024.

15           “(B) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-  
16           priated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal  
17           year, \$10,000,000 shall be reserved for States  
18           selected pursuant to paragraph (1) to carry out  
19           State program administration and provide tech-  
20           nical assistance and outreach to vendors to be-  
21           come certified to participate in the program  
22           under this section.

23           “(C) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Of the  
24           funds reserved under subparagraph (B), each  
25           State selected pursuant to paragraph (1) shall

1 receive not less than \$300,000 for each fiscal  
2 year during which such State participates in the  
3 program under this section.”.

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