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S. 3856

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require States to provide recipient-level data to the Secretary of Agriculture upon request.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) 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 “SNAP Data Trans-
5 parency and Oversight Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE SNAP RECIPI-**
2 **ENT DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.**
3 **CULTURE.**

4 Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
5 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(y) **PROVISION OF RECIPIENT DATA TO THE SEC-**
8 **RETARY.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As a condition of participa-
10 tion in the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
11 gram, each State agency shall, on request of the
12 Secretary, provide to the Secretary recipient-level
13 data, case file information, or any other program
14 data necessary for the administration, oversight, in-
15 tegrity, or enforcement of the program.

16 “(2) **PROCESS.**—Data requested under para-
17 graph (1) shall be transmitted in such form, man-
18 ner, frequency, and within such time frame, as the
19 Secretary may require, including through secure
20 electronic data transfer systems designated by the
21 Secretary.

22 “(3) **TIMING.**—A State agency shall provide
23 data requested under paragraph (1) not later than
24 30 days after the date of the request, unless the
25 Secretary establishes a shorter timeline for urgent
26 program integrity, audit, or investigative purposes.

1 “(4) NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Secretary may
2 withhold or suspend funds to a State under section
3 16 if a State fails to comply with a request for data
4 under this subsection.

5 “(5) DATA SAFEGUARDS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
7 ensure that all data received under this sub-
8 section is subject to applicable Federal laws and
9 safeguards governing the privacy and security
10 of program records, including section 552a of
11 title 5, United States Code (commonly known
12 as the ‘Privacy Act of 1974’).

13 “(B) ALLOWED DISCLOSURE.—Data re-
14 ceived under this subsection may be disclosed
15 by the Secretary to any Federal or State law
16 enforcement and investigative agency for pur-
17 poses of administering or enforcing this Act,
18 regulations issued under this Act, or any other
19 Federal or State law.

20 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
21 this subsection limits any existing authority of the
22 Secretary to access State data or records for pro-
23 gram oversight, enforcement, audit, or evaluation
24 purposes.”.

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