

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4191

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to extend eligibility of new moms for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2026

Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. DURBIN) 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 “Extending WIC for
5 New Moms Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING WIC ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW MOMS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF POSTPARTUM PERIOD.—Section
8 17(b)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.

1 1786(b)(10)) is amended by striking “six months” and in-
 2 serting “24 months”.

3 (b) EXTENSION OF BREASTFEEDING PERIOD.—Sec-
 4 tion 17(d)(3)(A)(ii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
 5 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “1
 6 year” and inserting “24 months”.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
 8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
 9 shall submit to Congress a report that includes an evalua-
 10 tion of the effect of each of the amendments made by this
 11 section on—

12 (1) maternal and infant health outcomes, in-
 13 cluding racial and ethnic disparities with respect to
 14 such outcomes;

15 (2) breastfeeding rates among postpartum indi-
 16 viduals;

17 (3) qualitative evaluations of family experiences
 18 under the special supplemental nutrition program
 19 for women, infants, and children established by sec-
 20 tion 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
 21 U.S.C. 1786); and

22 (4) other relevant information, as determined
 23 by the Secretary.

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