

## 2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Marker Bills

### **The Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act of 2015 (H.R. 3886)**

*Introduced November 3, 2015*

**Sponsors:** Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) [Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY) is a co-sponsor]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by allowing an additional healthy meal or snack for children in care for a full day, maximizing technology and innovation to reduce parent, provider and sponsor paperwork, streamlining program operations by reducing for-profit child care center eligibility determinations from monthly to biannually, and authorizing a U.S. Department of Agriculture review and new guidelines to assure a fair and reasonable compliance and appeals process.

### **Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act of 2015 (S. 1833)**

*Introduced July 22, 2015*

**Sponsors:** Senator Robert Casey (D-PA) [Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) is a co-sponsor]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by improving the area eligibility test, allowing the option of a third meal service (typically a snack or supper), increasing CACFP reimbursements, enhancing administrative reimbursements for CACFP sponsors, providing two year implementation, nutrition, and wellness funds for state CACFP agencies and sponsors, continuing funding for USDA's CACFP nutrition and wellness education study, creating a "Provision 2" option for child care centers, providing a carry-over option for sponsors of centers and afterschool programs, streamlining program requirements, reducing paperwork, and maximizing technology to improve program access.

### **The Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2015 (S. 1539/H.R. 2715)**

*Introduced June 10, 2015 in the Senate and in the House*

**Sponsors:** Senator Patty Murray (D-WA); Representative Susan Davis (D-CA)

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program providing eligible households with summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards that give children access to food during the summer months to: (1) reduce or eliminate children's food insecurity and hunger, and (2) improve their nutritional status.

### **Wise Investment in Our Children (WIC) Act (H.R. 2660)**

*Introduced June 4, 2015*

**Sponsors:** Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Linda Sánchez (D-CA) [Representatives Charles Rangel (D-NY), José Serrano (D-NY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) are co-sponsors]

**What it does:** Amends the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to age six to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

### **Salad Bars in Schools Expansion Act of 2015 (H.R. 2627)**

*Introduced June 3, 2015*

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**Sponsor:** Representative Tim Ryan (D-NY)

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow the government to provide training, technical assistance and placement of salad bars in elementary, middle and high schools across the country.

### **Safe Chicken and Meat for Children Act of 2015 (H.R. 2152)**

*Introduced April 30, 2015*

**Sponsor:** Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) [Representatives Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Charles Rangel (D-NY), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Sean Maloney (D-NY) are cosponsors]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit poultry or meat that is processed or produced in China from being used in the Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program.

### **Weekends Without Hunger Act (H.R. 1676)**

*Introduced March 26, 2015 in the House*

**Sponsor:** Dina Titus (D-NV) [Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) is a cosponsor]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year.

### **The Summer Meals Act of 2015 (S. 613 / H.R. 1728)**

*Introduced February 27, 2015 in the Senate; March 26, 2015 in the House*

**Sponsors:** Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Representatives Don Young (R-AK) and Rick Larsen (D-WA) [Representatives Sean Maloney (D-NY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) are co-sponsors]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to enhance efforts to expand the reach of the Summer Food Program to low-income children and significantly simplify the administration of the program for sponsors.

### **Farm to School Act of 2015 (S. 569/H.R. 1061)**

*Introduced February 25, 2015*

**Sponsors:** Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Thad Cochran (R-MS); Representatives Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and Marcia Fudge (D-OH) [Representative Christopher Gibson (R-NY) is a cosponsor]

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to increase support for the USDA Farm to School Grant Program by expanding the scope of eligible entities to include preschools, summer food service program sites, and after school programs; increasing mandatory funding from \$5 million to \$15 million; and improving access among tribal schools to farm-fresh and traditional foods.

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### **School Food Modernization Act (S. 540/H.R. 3316)**

*Introduced February 24, 2015 in the Senate; July 29, 2015 in the House*

**Sponsor:** Senator Susan Collins (R-ME); Representative Lou Barletta (R-PA)

**What it does:** Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to issue loan guarantees and competitive matching grants to Local Education Agency and School Food Authority's to finance the construction, remodeling, or expansion of infrastructure or the purchase of durable equipment that will facilitate their provision of healthy meals through the school lunch program. Competitive matching grants also available to experienced third-party organizations to provide training & technical assistance to assist in meeting nutrition standards and/or improving efficiency and efficacy of programs.