

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2402

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish statewide community eligibility for certain special assistance payments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. AGUILAR (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish statewide community eligibility for certain special assistance payments, 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 “No Hungry Kids in
5 Schools Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEWIDE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY.**

2 Section 11(a)(1)(F) of the Richard B. Russell Na-
3 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(xiv) STATEWIDE COMMUNITY ELIGI-
6 BILITY.—For each school year beginning
7 on or after July 1, 2025, the Secretary
8 shall establish an option for States to uti-
9 lize a statewide community eligibility pro-
10 gram, for purposes of which, in the case of
11 a State agency that agrees to provide fund-
12 ing from sources other than Federal funds
13 to ensure that local educational agencies in
14 the State receive the free reimbursement
15 rate for 100 percent of the meals served at
16 applicable schools, as defined by the Sec-
17 retary—

18 “(I) the multiplier described in
19 clause (vii) shall apply;

20 “(II) the threshold described in
21 clause (viii) shall be zero; and

22 “(III) the percentage of enrolled
23 students who were identified students
24 shall be calculated across all applica-

1 ble schools in the State regardless of
2 local educational agency.”.

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