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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program to include benefit transfer during school closures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2025

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Stop Child Hunger
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS**
2 **TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

3 Section 13A of the Richard B. Russell National
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1762) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
7 by inserting “and school closure period, as ap-
8 plicable,” after “for each summer”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by inserting “and school closure
11 periods, as applicable,” after “summer
12 months”; and

13 (ii) by striking the period at the end
14 and inserting “or during a school closure
15 period.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
19 graph (A), by inserting “for summer
20 months or a school closure period, as appli-
21 cable” after “pursuant to subsection (a)”;

22 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),
23 by striking “be—” and inserting “be, for
24 calendar year 2025 and each year there-
25 after, in an amount that is not less than
26 the value of breakfast, lunch, and a snack

1 at the free rate for each day of such sum-
2 mer months or school closure period; and”;
3 and

4 (iii) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) of
5 subparagraph (A); and

6 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “ or
7 a school closure period, as applicable” after
8 “summer months”;

9 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(A)—

10 (A) by inserting “ or a school closure pe-
11 riod, as applicable” after “with respect to sum-
12 mer”; and

13 (B) by inserting “or the instructional year
14 in which the school closure period begins, as ap-
15 plicable,” before “or during”;

16 (4) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

20 (B) by striking “an amount equal to 50
21 percent of” and inserting “, for”;

22 (C) by striking the period at the end and
23 inserting “, an amount calculated in accordance
24 with paragraph (2).”; and

25 (D) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) CALCULATION.—The amount to be paid by
2 the Secretary to each State agency and covered In-
3 dian Tribal organization for the administrative ex-
4 penses described in paragraph (1) shall be equal
5 to—

6 “(A) for fiscal year 2026, 100 percent of
7 such expenses;

8 “(B) for fiscal year 2027, 90 percent of
9 such expenses;

10 “(C) for fiscal year 2028, 80 percent of
11 such expenses;

12 “(D) for fiscal year 2029, 70 percent of
13 such expenses;

14 “(E) for fiscal year 2030, 60 percent of
15 such expenses; and

16 “(F) for fiscal year 2031 and each fiscal
17 year thereafter, 50 percent of such expenses.”;

18 (5) in subsection (h)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
21 graph (A), by inserting “or school closure
22 period, as applicable” after “summer”;

23 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (I) by striking “or during” and
25 inserting “, during”; and

1 (II) by inserting “, or during the
2 calendar year in which such school
3 closure period began” after “oper-
4 ational period”; and

5 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (I) in clause (i)—

7 (aa) by striking “and” at
8 the end and inserting “or”; and

9 (bb) by striking “(i) en-
10 rolled” and inserting “or during
11 the calendar year in which such
12 school closure period began, en-
13 rolled”; and

14 (II) by striking clause (ii);

15 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
16 paragraph (6); and

17 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
18 following:

19 “(4) FREE RATE.—The term ‘free rate’ has the
20 meaning given the term in section 1101(j)(4) of the
21 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C.
22 2011 note).

23 “(5) SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD.—The term
24 ‘school closure period’ means a period in which an
25 elementary school or secondary school is closed, op-

1 erating remotely, or operating in a hybrid manner
2 for 5 or more consecutive weekdays during a cal-
3 endar year.”; and

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

5 “(i) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
7 out a program to make grants to States to support
8 the development of data systems or upgrades to ex-
9 isting data systems that are necessary to implement
10 this section.

11 “(2) FUNDING.—Subject to the availability of
12 appropriations provided in advance in an appropria-
13 tions Act specifically for the purpose of carrying out
14 this section, and in addition to such appropriations,
15 on October 1, 2025, out of any funds in the Treas-
16 ury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the
17 Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out
18 this subsection \$50,000,000, to remain available
19 until expended.”.

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