

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7155

To amend the title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalties for theft or bribery concerning programs receiving Federal funds and to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require audits under the summer food service program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2026

Ms. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Fraud in Federal
5 Programs Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR THEFT OR BRIBERY CONCERNING**
2 **PROGRAMS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 Section 666 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “fined under
6 this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or
7 both” and inserting “fined a covered amount, im-
8 prisoned not more than 20 years, or both”; and

9 (2) in subsection (d)—

10 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
13 paragraph (6); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
15 following:

16 “(5) the term ‘covered amount’ means the
17 greater of—

18 “(A) \$250,000; and

19 “(B) with respect to a person subject to
20 this section, the amount of value of the prop-
21 erty or things of value determined with respect
22 to such person under paragraphs (1)(A)(i),
23 (1)(B), and (2) of subsection (a), multiplied by
24 2; and”.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIRED AUDITS UNDER THE SUMMER FOOD**
2 **SERVICE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) AUDITS.—Section 13(m) of the Richard B. Rus-
4 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(m)) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following: “Each such
6 service institution shall annually have such accounts and
7 records audited by a third-party auditor that shall submit
8 the results of each such audit directly to the Secretary.
9 For purposes of the preceding sentence, a third-party
10 auditor may not include a service institution or sponsor
11 organization.”

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