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To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 with respect to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program and the sustainability of such program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “GusNIP Expansion
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE GUS**
2 **SCHUMACHER NUTRITION INCENTIVE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) FOOD INSECURITY NUTRITION INCENTIVE
5 GRANTS.—Section 4405(b) of the Food, Conservation,
6 and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517(b)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by amending subpara-
8 graph (C) to read as follows:

9 “(C) FEDERAL SHARE.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
11 vided in clause (ii) and subparagraph
12 (D)(iii), the Federal share of the cost of
13 carrying out an activity under this sub-
14 section shall not exceed 50 percent of the
15 total cost of the activity.

16 “(ii) WAIVER FOR PERSISTENT POV-
17 ERTY AREAS.—The Secretary may waive
18 the application of clause (i) in the case of
19 an activity carried out—

20 “(I) in a county that, during the
21 preceding 30-year period has had a
22 population of which greater than or
23 equal to 20 percent of such population
24 are living in poverty (as measured by
25 the most recent decennial censuses
26 and most recent Small Area Income

1 and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau
2 of the Census); or

3 “(II) in a census tract with pov-
4 erty rate of at least 20 percent during
5 the preceding 30-year period as meas-
6 ured by the most recent 5-year data
7 series available from The American
8 Community Survey of the Bureau of
9 the Census.”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO SCALE
12 STATEWIDE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of
14 scaling existing incentive programs under para-
15 graphs (1) and (2), the Secretary shall establish
16 cooperative agreements between—

17 “(i) eligible entities and Food and
18 Nutrition Service or the National Institute
19 of Food and Agriculture (or both); and

20 “(ii) either—

21 “(I) a State SNAP agency; or

22 “(II) a non-profit or local govern-
23 ment in partnership with a State
24 SNAP agency.

1 “(B) CRITERIA.—Each agreement entered
2 into pursuant to this paragraph—

3 “(i) shall—

4 “(I) be for a duration of at least
5 4 years;

6 “(II) include a requirement that
7 any project carried out pursuant to
8 the agreement be subject to the cri-
9 teria and priorities under paragraphs
10 (1) and (2); and

11 “(III) require that before the end
12 of the agreement, at least 90 percent
13 of the funds received pursuant to the
14 agreement are spent on redeemed in-
15 centives at the eligible retailer; and

16 “(ii) may only be entered in to with
17 an entity that previously received a grant
18 under this subsection.

19 “(C) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall
20 prioritize cooperative agreements—

21 “(i) in the same manner as projects
22 under paragraph (2); and

23 “(ii) that work in a variety of retail
24 settings, including independent retailers
25 and farmers markets.”.

1 (b) PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM.—Section
2 4405(c) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517(c)) is amended—

4 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish—

8 “(A) a pilot grant program under which
9 the Secretary shall award grants to eligible en-
10 tities to conduct projects that demonstrate and
11 evaluate the impact of the projects on—

12 “(i) the improvement of dietary health
13 through increased consumption of fruits
14 and vegetables;

15 “(ii) the reduction of individual and
16 household food insecurity; and

17 “(iii) the reduction in healthcare use
18 and associated costs; and

19 “(B) a grant program described in sub-
20 paragraph (A) that has a demonstrated ability
21 to expand clinical research on the value of deliv-
22 ering the program through clinical practice.”;

23 (2) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the
24 following:

25 “(C) CRITERIA.—

1 “(i) SEEDING INFRASTRUCTURE
2 GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish
3 criteria for awarding grants under para-
4 graph (1)(A) that—

5 “(I) study previously unknown
6 facts about the program design;

7 “(II) establish or validate best
8 practices; or

9 “(III) establish infrastructure
10 that aids community health centers
11 and independent produce retail out-
12 lets.

13 “(ii) EXPANSION GRANTS.—The Sec-
14 retary shall establish criteria for awarding
15 grants under paragraph (1)(B) that
16 have—

17 “(I) a minimum intervention co-
18 hort of 300 patients;

19 “(II) a matched group or have
20 demonstrated the ability to scale when
21 delivered through clinical practice;
22 and

23 “(III) an intervention duration of
24 12 months or longer.”; and

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

1 “(6) RANGE OF AWARDS.—The amount of a
2 grant awarded—

3 “(A) under subsection (c)(1)(A) shall be
4 not less than \$100,000 and not more than
5 \$400,000; and

6 “(B) under subsection (c)(1)(B) shall be
7 not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than
8 \$2,500,000.

9 “(7) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
10 date of the enactment of the GusNIP Expansion Act
11 of 2026, the Secretary, in consultation with the
12 Comptroller General of the United States, the Sec-
13 retary of Health and Human Services, the Adminis-
14 trator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
15 Services, and any other relevant agency head shall
16 conduct a study and issue recommendations on how
17 to transition payment for the produce prescription
18 program to health insurance programs not later
19 than 10 years after the date of the enactment of the
20 GusNIP Expansion Act of 2026.

21 “(8) REVIEW PANEL.—Not later than 1 year
22 after the date of enactment of the GusNIP Expans-
23 ion Act of 2026, the Secretary shall establish a re-
24 view panel to review grant applications under this
25 subsection.”.

1 (c) FUNDING.—Section 4405(f) of the Food, Con-
2 servation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517(f)) is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2023” and
5 inserting “2031”;

6 (2) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking
8 “and” at the end;

9 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and
10 each fiscal year thereafter.” and inserting “;
11 and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(H) \$57,500,000 for fiscal years 2027
14 through 2031; and

15 “(I) \$56,000,000 for fiscal year 2032 and
16 each fiscal year thereafter.”; and

17 (3) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
19 (A), by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”;

20 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking the
21 semicolon and inserting: “—

22 “(i) 50 percent of such funds shall be
23 used for pilot grants described in sub-
24 section (c)(1)(A); and

1 “(ii) 50 percent of such funds shall be
2 used for grant programs described in sub-
3 section (c)(1)(B);”;

4 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

5 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(iii) \$12,000,000 for each of the fis-
12 cal years 2027 through 2031; and”; and

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

14 “(D) the Secretary shall use 80 percent of
15 remaining funds for cooperative agreements
16 under subsection (b) of this section.”.

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