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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require participation in the summer EBT program as a condition of participating in the school lunch program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2026

Mr. CARSON (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. BROWN, and Ms. TITUS) 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. SUMMER EBT PARTICIPATION.**

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

7 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “electing to participate in
2 such program” and inserting “described in
3 paragraph (2)”;

4 (B) by striking “beginning with summer
5 2024 and annually”;

6 (C) by striking “thereafter”; and

7 (D) by striking “The Secretary shall” and
8 inserting the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
11 subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

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

13 “(2) STATES AND COVERED INDIAN TRIBAL OR-
14 GANIZATIONS.—

15 “(A) SUMMERS 2024–26.—With respect to
16 summers 2024, 2025, and 2026, States and
17 covered Indian Tribal organizations described in
18 this paragraph are States and covered Indian
19 Tribal organizations electing to participate in
20 the program established under paragraph (1).

21 “(B) SUMMER 2027 AND BEYOND.—With
22 respect to summer 2027 and each summer
23 thereafter, States and covered Indian Tribal or-
24 ganizations described in this paragraph are—

1 “(i) States participating in the school
2 lunch program under this Act; and

3 “(ii) covered Indian Tribal organiza-
4 tions—

5 “(I) participating in the school
6 lunch program under this Act; or

7 “(II) electing to participate in
8 the program established under para-
9 graph (1).”.

10 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Section 13A(c)(1)
11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1762(c)(1)) is amended, in the matter preceding
13 subparagraph (A), by striking “elect to”.

14 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 13A(g) of the Rich-
16 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
17 U.S.C. 1762(g)) is amended—

18 (A) by striking “Beginning in 2024” and
19 inserting the following:

20 “(1) SUMMERS 2024–26.—With respect to the
21 years 2024, 2025, and 2026”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) SUMMER 2027 AND BEYOND.—Beginning
24 in 2027, each State required to participate in the

1 program under this section shall comply with the re-
2 quirements under section 13(n)(3).”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
4 13(n) of the Richard B. Russell National School
5 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(n)(2)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) in the heading for such paragraph,
8 by striking “AND BEYOND” and inserting
9 “THROUGH SUMMER 2026”; and

10 (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-
11 graph (A), by striking “Beginning in
12 2024” and inserting “With respect to the
13 years 2024, 2025, and 2026”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) SUMMER 2027 AND BEYOND.—Beginning
16 in 2027, each State desiring to participate in the
17 program under this section or required to participate
18 in the summer EBT program under section 13A
19 shall—

20 “(A) with respect to the program under
21 this section, notify the Secretary by January 1
22 of each year of its intent to administer such
23 program; and

24 “(B) with respect to the program under
25 this section and the summer EBT program

1 under section 13A, submit for approval by Feb-
2 ruary 15 a management and administration
3 plan for the applicable program for the fiscal
4 year, which shall include, as applicable, the in-
5 formation described in subparagraphs (A)
6 through (F) of paragraph (2).”.

7 (d) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 13A of
8 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1762(g)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
11 section (i); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(h) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.—Beginning
15 with summer 2027, a State that participates in the school
16 lunch program under this Act shall participate in the pro-
17 gram under this section.”.

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