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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Enhance Access To
5 SNAP Act of 2025” or the “EATS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NU-**
 2 **TRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD.—Section 3(m)(5)
 4 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
 5 2012(m)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(F) Individuals who are bona fide stu-
 8 dents enrolled at least half time in any recog-
 9 nized school, training program, or institution of
 10 higher education.”.

11 (b) CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.—Section 6 of
 12 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is
 13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (d)(2)(C), by striking “(except
 15 that any such person enrolled in an institution of
 16 higher education shall be ineligible to participate in
 17 the supplemental nutrition assistance program un-
 18 less he or she meets the requirements of subsection
 19 (e) of this section)”;

20 (2) by striking subsection (e); and

21 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (s)
 22 as subsections (e) through (r), respectively.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of
 25 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), in the second sen-
 2 tence, by striking “(g), and (r)” and inserting
 3 “(f), and (q)”; and

4 (B) in subsection (i)(1), in the first sen-
 5 tence, by striking “section 6(f)(2)(B) of this
 6 Act” and inserting “section 6(e)(2)(B)”.

7 (2) Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of
 8 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (d)(4)—

10 (i) in subparagraph
 11 (B)(ii)(I)(bb)(DD), by striking “subsection
 12 (o)” and inserting “subsection (n)”; and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (N), by striking
 14 “subsection (o)” each place it appears and
 15 inserting “subsection (n)”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (1)(B) of subsection (q)
 17 (as so redesignated), by striking “subsection
 18 (k)” and inserting “subsection (j)”.

19 (3) Section 7(i)(1) of the Food and Nutrition
 20 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(i)(1)) is amended by
 21 striking “section 6(o)(2)” and inserting “section
 22 6(n)(2)”.

23 (4) Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act
 24 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (e)—

1 (i) in paragraph (2)(B)(v)(II), by
 2 striking “section 6(f)” and inserting “sec-
 3 tion 6(e)”; and

4 (ii) in paragraph (22), by striking
 5 “section 6(i)” and inserting “section 6(h)”;
 6 and

7 (B) in subsection (n), by striking “section
 8 6(g)” and inserting “section 6(f)”.

9 (5) Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutrition
 10 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by strik-
 13 ing “section 6(o)” and inserting “section
 14 6(n)”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (E)—

16 (I) by striking “section 6(o)(3)”
 17 each place it appears and inserting
 18 “section 6(n)(3)”;

19 (II) by striking “section 6(o)(2)”
 20 each place it appears and inserting
 21 “section 6(n)(2)”;

22 (III) in clause (ii)—

23 (aa) in subclause (III), by
 24 striking “section 6(o)(4)” and in-
 25 serting “section 6(n)(4)”;

1 (bb) in subclause (IV), by
 2 striking “section 6(o)(6)” and in-
 3 serting “section 6(n)(6)”; and

4 (iii) in subparagraph
 5 (F)(ii)(III)(ee)(AA), by striking “section
 6 6(o)” and inserting “section 6(n)”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (5)(C)(iv)(I), by striking
 8 “section 6(o)(2)” and inserting “section
 9 6(n)(2)”.

10 (6) Section 17(m) of the Food and Nutrition
 11 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(m)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “(l) through (n)” each
 13 place it appears and inserting “(k) through
 14 (m)”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking “sec-
 16 tion 6(l)(2)” and inserting “section 6(k)(2)”.

17 (7) Section 103(a)(2)(D) of the Workforce In-
 18 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 19 3113(a)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “6(o) of the
 20 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
 21 2015(o))” and inserting “6(n) of the Food and Nu-
 22 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n))”.

23 (8) Section 121(b)(2)(B)(iv) of the Workforce
 24 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 25 3151(b)(2)(B)(iv)) is amended by striking “6(o) of

1 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
 2 2015(o))” and inserting “6(n) of the Food and Nu-
 3 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(n))”.

4 (9) Section 454 of the Social Security Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (4)(A)(i)(IV), by striking
 7 “6(l)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
 8 (7 U.S.C. 2015(l)(1))” and inserting “6(k)(1)
 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
 10 U.S.C. 2015(k)(1))”;

11 (B) in paragraph (6)(B)(i), by striking
 12 “subsection (l) or (m) of section 6 of the Food
 13 and Nutrition Act of 2008” and inserting “sub-
 14 section (k) or (l) of section 6 of the Food and
 15 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015)”;

16 (C) in paragraph (29)(A)—

17 (i) by striking “section 3(h) of the
 18 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
 19 2012(h))” each place it appears and in-
 20 serting “section 3 of the Food and Nutri-
 21 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)”;

22 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “section
 23 6(l)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
 24 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(l)(2))” and inserting

1 “section 6(k)(2) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
2 2015(k)(2))”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
5 take effect on January 2, 2026.

