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S. 3157

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve direct certification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL) 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 “School Meals for
5 Healthy Kids Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CODIFICATION OF EXISTING USE OF DATA FOR DI-**
7 **RECT CERTIFICATION.**

8 Section 9(b)(15) of the Richard B. Russell National
9 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(15)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

1 “(I) USE OF MEDICAID DATA.—Any State
2 agency that uses Medicaid program data to di-
3 rectly certify children for free or reduced price
4 lunches under this Act and free or reduced
5 price breakfasts under section 4 of the Child
6 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) for the
7 school year beginning on July 1, 2024, through
8 the demonstration projects carried out pursuant
9 to this Act may continue using Medicaid pro-
10 gram data for subsequent school years in ac-
11 cordance with the conditions in effect at the
12 start of the school year beginning on July 1,
13 2024.”.

14 **SEC. 3. CODIFICATION OF EXISTING METHODOLOGY FOR**
15 **COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION**
16 **SCHOOLS.**

17 Section 11(a)(1)(F) of the Richard B. Russell Na-
18 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)(F)) is
19 amended—

20 (1) in clause (i), by striking “or successor regu-
21 lations” and inserting “as in effect on the date of
22 enactment of the School Meals for Healthy Kids Act
23 of 2025”;

24 (2) by striking clause (vii) and inserting the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(vii) MULTIPLIER.—For each school
2 year, the multiplier shall be 1.6.”; and
3 (3) in clause (xi), by striking subclause (III).

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