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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to create
a local food credit program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. STARK,
Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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Act to create a local food credit program.

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 “Eat Local Foods Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LOCAL FOOD CREDIT PROGRAM.**

6 Section 6(c) of the Richard B. Russell National
7 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)) is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following:

9 “(3) LOCAL FOOD CREDIT PROGRAM.—

1 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Be-
2 ginning with the school year ending in 2013,
3 the Secretary shall establish and carry out a
4 program under which the Secretary, not later
5 than the beginning of each school year, shall
6 provide a grant to each participating State
7 agency to provide to each participating school
8 food authority under the jurisdiction of the
9 State agency, local food credits in an amount
10 equal to not more than 10 percent of the total
11 value of the commodity assistance (or cash pay-
12 ments in lieu thereof) that the authority would
13 be eligible to receive under paragraph (2) for
14 such school year, in lieu of such amount of
15 commodity assistance (or cash payments in lieu
16 thereof).

17 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING
18 SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES.—Each partici-
19 pating school food authority shall—

20 “(i) use the local food credit received
21 under this paragraph to purchase local
22 foods to be served under the school lunch
23 program in schools under the jurisdiction
24 of the authority;

1 “(ii) keep records of purchases made
2 with such assistance; and

3 “(iii) provide such records to the Sec-
4 retary in such manner and such form as
5 established by the Secretary.

6 “(C) AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS.—A
7 participating school food authority may use up
8 to 10 percent of the local food credit received
9 under this paragraph for a school year to pur-
10 chase local foods to be served under the school
11 lunch program during the following school year.

12 “(D) MINIMUM COMMODITY PURCHASES.—
13 The amount of a grant made under this para-
14 graph for a school year shall count towards the
15 Secretary’s commodity assistance or commodity
16 requirements under subsection (e) for such
17 school year.

18 “(E) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
19 paragraph:

20 “(i) LOCAL FOODS.—The term ‘local
21 foods’ means has the meaning given the
22 term ‘locally or regionally produced agri-
23 cultural food products’ in section
24 310B(g)(9)(A) of the Consolidated Farm

1 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
2 1932(g)(A)).

3 “(ii) LOCAL FOOD CREDIT.—The term
4 ‘local food credits’ means cash, letters of
5 credit, or another form of assistance, de-
6 termined by the Secretary.

7 “(iii) PARTICIPATING SCHOOL FOOD
8 AUTHORITY.—The term ‘participating
9 school food authority’ means a school food
10 authority that—

11 “(I) participates in the school
12 lunch program under this Act; and

13 “(II) elects to participate in the
14 local food credit program under this
15 paragraph.

16 “(iv) PARTICIPATING STATE AGEN-
17 CY.—The term ‘participating State agency’
18 means a State agency that—

19 “(I) participating in the school
20 lunch program under this Act; and

21 “(II) elects to participate in the
22 local food credit program under this
23 paragraph.”.

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