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H. R. 3092

To conduct a pilot program in support of efforts to increase the amount of purchases of local fresh fruits and vegetables for schools and service institutions by giving certain States the option of receiving a grant from the Secretary of Agriculture for that purpose instead of obtaining commodities under Department of Agriculture programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

Mr. WELCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Local School Foods
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PURCHASE OF FRESH FRUITS**
5 **AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOLS AND SERV-**
6 **ICE INSTITUTIONS.**

7 Section 10603 of the Farm Security and Rural In-
8 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c–4) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or to pro-
10 vide grants under the pilot program described in
11 subsection (c)” after “crops”;

12 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
13 section (d); and

14 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(c) PILOT PROGRAM FOR PURCHASE OF FRESH
17 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOLS AND SERVICE
18 INSTITUTIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount specified in
20 subsection (a), the Secretary of Agriculture shall use
21 not more than \$1,000,000 to conduct a pilot pro-
22 gram under which the Secretary will give not more
23 than three participating States the option of receiv-
24 ing a grant in an amount equal to the value of the
25 commodities that the participating State would oth-

1 erwise receive under this section for each of fiscal
2 years 2012 and 2013.

3 “(2) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A participating
4 State receiving a grant under this subsection may
5 use the grant funds solely to purchase fresh fruits
6 and vegetables for distribution to schools and service
7 institutions in the State participating in the food
8 service programs under the Richard B. Russell Na-
9 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
10 and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
11 1771 et seq.).

12 “(3) SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING STATES.—
13 The Secretary shall select participating States from
14 applications submitted by the States. Each partici-
15 pating State shall be from a different Department of
16 Agriculture region.

17 “(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(A) SCHOOL AND SERVICE INSTITUTION
19 REQUIREMENT.—Schools and service institu-
20 tions in a participating State shall keep records
21 of purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables
22 made using the grant funds and report such
23 records to the State.

24 “(B) STATE REQUIREMENT.—Each par-
25 ticipating State shall submit to the Secretary a

1 report on the success of the pilot program in
2 the State, including information on—

3 “(i) the amount and value of each
4 type of fresh fruit and vegetable purchased
5 by the State; and

6 “(ii) the benefit provided by such pur-
7 chases in conducting the school food serv-
8 ice in the State, including meeting school
9 meal requirements.”.

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