

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 2997

To prohibit a COVID–19 vaccination requirement for eligibility in nutrition programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Florida 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. PROHIBITION OF COVID–19 VACCINATION RE-**
4 **QUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IN NUTRITION**
5 **PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF NUTRITION PROGRAM.—In this
7 section, the term “nutrition program” means—

8 (1) the special supplemental nutrition program
9 for women, infants, and children established under

1 section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
2 U.S.C. 1786);

3 (2) the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
4 gram established under the Food and Nutrition Act
5 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

6 (3) the school breakfast program established
7 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
8 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

9 (4) the school lunch program established under
10 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

12 (b) PROHIBITION.—In carrying out a nutrition pro-
13 gram, the Secretary of Agriculture—

14 (1) may not require a person to have received
15 a COVID–19 vaccination for eligibility to participate
16 in the nutrition program; and

17 (2) shall prohibit a State agency carrying out
18 the nutrition program from requiring a person to
19 have received a COVID–19 vaccination for eligibility
20 to participate in the nutrition program.

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