

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6006

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a vehicle summer meal delivery pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Ms. SALINAS (for herself and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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. VEHICLE SUMMER MEAL DELIVERY PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 13(a) of the Richard B. Russell National
6 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(a)) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

1 “(14) VEHICLE SUMMER MEAL DELIVERY
2 PILOT PROGRAM.—

3 “(A) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

4 In this paragraph, the term ‘eligible entity’
5 means a service institution.

6 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
7 shall establish a pilot program (referred to in
8 this paragraph as the ‘pilot program’), to be
9 carried out beginning with the first summer fol-
10 lowing the date of enactment of this paragraph,
11 to award grants to eligible entities to purchase
12 or retrofit vehicles to facilitate the distribution
13 of noncongregate meals made available pursu-
14 ant to this section.

15 “(C) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants
16 under the pilot program, the Secretary shall
17 give priority to eligible entities—

18 “(i) with high rates of students who
19 are eligible for free or reduced price
20 lunches under this Act; and

21 “(ii) that serve a high proportion of
22 students from socially disadvantaged back-
23 grounds.

24 “(D) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In award-
25 ing grants under the pilot program, the Sec-

retary shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that eligible entities receiving grants are located in diverse geographic areas.

“(E) GRANTS.—

“(i) TERM.—The term of a grant awarded under the pilot program shall be 1 year.

“(ii) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded under the pilot program shall not exceed \$100,000.

“(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—An eligible entity awarded a grant under the pilot program shall use not more than 10 percent of grant funds for administrative expenses.

“(iv) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a grant under the pilot program, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary a report describing the use of the grant funds, including—

“(I) the number of entities that benefitted from the grant; and

“(II) the number of children served as a result of the grant.

1 “(F) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; BEST PRAC-
2 TICES.—The Secretary shall provide technical
3 assistance to, and share best practices with, eli-
4 gible entities that receive grants under the pilot
5 program.

6 “(G) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years
7 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
8 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
9 on the administration of the pilot program, in-
10 cluding a summary of the reports received pur-
11 suant to subparagraph (D)(iii).

12 “(H) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
13 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
14 to the Secretary to carry out the pilot program
15 \$1,000,000 for each year of the 3-year period
16 beginning on the date of establishment of the
17 pilot program.”.

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