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S. 2943

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require schools to provide fluid milk substitutes upon request of a student or the parent or guardian of such student, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Addressing Digestive
5 Distress in Stomachs of Our Youth Act” or the “ADD
6 SOY Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLUID MILK SUBSTITUTES.**

2 Section 9(a)(2)(B) of the Richard B. Russell Na-
3 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(2)(B)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in clause (i)—

6 (A) by striking “may” and inserting
7 “shall”;

8 (B) by striking “and meets” and inserting
9 “as determined by the most recent Dietary
10 Guidelines for Americans published under sec-
11 tion 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring
12 and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
13 5341) or that meets”; and

14 (C) by striking “for students who cannot
15 consume fluid milk because of a medical or
16 other special dietary need other than a dis-
17 ability described in subparagraph (A)(iii)”;

18 (2) in clause (ii)—

19 (A) by striking “may” and inserting
20 “shall”;

21 (B) by striking “the school notifies the
22 State agency” and all that follows through “if
23 the substitution is”;

24 (C) by striking “by written statement of a
25 medical authority or”;

1 (D) by inserting “student or a” after “by
2 a”; and

3 (E) by striking “that identifies the medical
4 or other special dietary need that restricts the
5 student’s diet”; and

6 (3) by striking clause (iii).

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