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S. 4768

To require an evaluation of the Nutrition Services Incentive Program of the Department of Agriculture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nutrition Services Im-
5 provement Plan Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY OF NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 of the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate the

1 Nutrition Services Incentive Program of the Department
2 of Agriculture under section 311 of the Older Americans
3 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a) (referred to in this section
4 as the “Program”).

5 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study under this section shall
6 include an assessment of the ability of the Program—

7 (1) to engage and support local farms in sup-
8 plying food products for nutrition services under the
9 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et
10 seq.); and

11 (2) to support produce prescription programs
12 and medically tailored meals for older individuals (as
13 defined in section 102 of that Act (42 U.S.C.
14 3002)).

15 (c) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In conducting
16 the study under this section, the Comptroller General of
17 the United States shall take into consideration—

18 (1) the impact of the Program on local farms
19 participating in the Program;

20 (2) the demand for the Program from local
21 farms; and

22 (3) effects on the health of older individuals (as
23 so defined) as a result of the provision of fresh
24 produce under the Program.