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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to eliminate certain requirements under the summer food service program for children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McIVER (for herself and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Summer Meals Reach-
5 ing Every Area’s Child Hunger Act of 2026” or the “Sum-
6 mer Meals REACH Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**
2 **AMENDMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13 of the Richard B. Rus-
4 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting “,
8 except that meals may be noncongregate” be-
9 fore the period at the end;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 “(C) ELIGIBILITY.—All children shall be
13 eligible to participate in the program under this
14 section.”;

15 (C) in paragraph (3)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by strik-
17 ing “and”;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
19 the period at the end and inserting “;
20 and”; and

21 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(E) conduct food service monitoring on-
24 site or offsite.”;

25 (D) in paragraph (5), by striking “only
26 for” and all that follows through the period at

the end and inserting “for meals served to all children.”; and

(E) in paragraph (13)—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than the first summer that begins after the date of the enactment of the Summer Meals REACH Act of 2026, program meals under this section may be made available for noncongregate consumption.”;

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (F);

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) PRIORITY.—States shall—

“(i) identify areas with no congregate meal service that could benefit the most from the provision of noncongregate meals; and

“(ii) encourage participating service institutions in those areas to provide noncongregate meals as appropriate.”;

(iv) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (C); and

1 (v) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(D) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1
3 year after the date of the enactment of the
4 Summer Meals REACH Act of 2026, the Sec-
5 retary shall promulgate regulations (which shall
6 include interim final regulations) to carry out
7 the amendments made by such Act to this sec-
8 tion, including provisions to—

9 “(i) ensure the integrity of noncon-
10 gregate meals; and

11 “(ii) to incorporate best practices and
12 lessons learned from—

13 “(I) noncongregate demonstra-
14 tion projects under section 749(g) of
15 the Agriculture, Rural Development,
16 Food and Drug Administration, and
17 Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
18 2010 (Public Law 111–80; 123 Stat.
19 2132); and

20 “(II) the noncongregate meals
21 provided pursuant to this paragraph
22 prior to the date of the enactment of
23 the Summer Meals REACH Act of
24 2026.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “, except
2 that” and all that follows through “section”.

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue or re-
4 vise regulations in accordance with the amendments made
5 by this section, including paragraphs (2) and (3) of section
6 225.15(d) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 13(c) of the
8 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1761(c)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

11 (2) by striking “(c)(1) Payments” and inserting
12 the following:

13 “(c) PAYMENTS.—Payments”.

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