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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 to extend additional reimbursement rates for certain child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SPANBERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Helping Schools Feed  
5 Kids Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF REIMBURSEMENT RATES.**

2 (a) BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHESES.—Section 2(a)(3) of  
3 the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1753 note)  
4 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “only”; and

6 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
7 ing “and the school year beginning July 2023.”

8 (b) CACFP MEALS.—Section 3(a) of the Keep Kids  
9 Fed Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1766 note) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), in the heading, by strik-  
11 ing “FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by striking “only”; and

14 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
15 inserting “and the school year beginning July  
16 2023.”

17 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT**  
18 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in  
20 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall, in ac-  
21 cordance with subsection (b), research or implement the  
22 recommendations contained in the Child Nutrition Report-  
23 ing Burden Analysis Study (commissioned by the Food  
24 and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture  
25 pursuant to House Report 114–531).

26 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall—

1           (1) implement, on the publicly available website  
2 of the Food and Nutrition Service, a user-friendly,  
3 single location for all guidance and policy materials  
4 provided to States and school food authorities by the  
5 Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of  
6 Agriculture;

7           (2) create and submit to Congress a plan to re-  
8 structure or simplify the school meal eligibility proc-  
9 ess, including—

10                   (A) research on—

11                           (i) the impact of using a unified  
12 school meal application form; and

13                           (ii) the use of census tract data on  
14 poverty levels for verification of eligibility  
15 under the Richard B. Russell National  
16 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)  
17 and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of  
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

19                   (B) recommendations for legislative  
20 changes needed to implement such plan;

21           (3) create and submit to Congress a plan that  
22 includes recommendations for legislative changes  
23 that would allow school food authorities that serve  
24 fewer than 100 students and residential child care  
25 institutions to receive food from the USDA Foods in

1 Schools program (or cash in lieu thereof) without  
2 participating in the school lunch program under the  
3 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

5 (4) consolidate duplicative information requests  
6 across management evaluations and financial man-  
7 agement reviews, while ensuring the purposes of  
8 both such reviews are met.