

Highlights of S.3307: IMPROVING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & INTEGRITY

Establishing Professional Standards for School Food Service

This provision provides additional training for all local food service personnel and establishes
qualification standards for the people who operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast
Programs at the local and state levels.

Helping Schools Protect Their Food Service Budgets

 The bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide guidance on allowable charges to school food service accounts, which will prevent inappropriate school expenses that are not related to the school meal programs from draining resources.

Simplifying Program Rules and Reducing Paperwork for Day Care Sponsors and Providers

 Several changes will allow Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsors greater flexibility with their administrative funds, eliminate the need for sponsors and day care centers to resubmit duplicative paperwork each year, and eliminate wasteful monitoring practices that do not effectively identify fraud. When the provision simplifying area eligibility determinations is fully phased in, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that roughly an additional 2,500 day care homes will receive the higher tier 1 reimbursement rate.

Allowing WIC to Share Educational Materials with Other Programs

 This section permits the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to share existing informational and educational materials with CACFP providers to reduce administrative burdens on CACFP and harmonize the programs' educational message to families with young children.

Modernizing WIC by Implementing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)

• This change will increase efficiency and reduce participant stigma by transitioning from paper coupons to EBT, as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has successfully done.

Improving the Accuracy of School Meal Eligibility Certifications

• This provision requires schools with high error rates in determining children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals to review their work for accuracy before notifying families of their status.

Improving Food Safety Requirements for School Meals Programs

 Under current law, school food authorities are required to implement school food safety programs covering the preparation and service of each lunch to children. The bill strengthens food safety protections in the school meals program by extending existing HACCP requirements to cover activities like breakfast in the classroom.

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Guiding Principles:

- Expand program access to reduce childhood hunger
- Improve nutritional quality to promote health and address childhood obesity
- Simplify program management and improve program integrity