

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. FUDGE OF OHIO**

At the end of title IV, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 4208. FARM-TO-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of
3 Agriculture shall develop and carry out a grant program
4 to make grants to community-based and nonprofit organi-
5 zations to develop a Farm-to-Preschool program that fos-
6 ters the connection between preschools, Head Start pro-
7 grams, childcare or daycare centers, kindergarten readi-
8 ness programs in K–12 school districts, and in-home care
9 facilities, with small- or medium-sized agricultural pro-
10 ducers, for the purposes of—

11 (1) developing an industry-leading preschool nu-
12 trition education and meal program designed to help
13 prevent the onset of childhood obesity and develop
14 foundational healthy eating and lifestyle habits,

15 (2) creating nutritious and healthy made-from-
16 scratch meals and menus using recipes that include
17 mostly locally grown and produced organic foods,

18 (3) developing recipes and menus that will serve
19 as a tool for parent awareness, access to healthy

1 food, food preparation, and eating, and engagement
2 in nutrition education,

3 (4) developing experiential educational curricula
4 centered around farms, farmers' markets, and school
5 gardens for parents and children,

6 (5) replicating "Farm-to-Preschool" parent
7 awareness and engagement in nutrition education,
8 healthy eating and food preparation nationally,

9 (6) supporting local and regional agriculture
10 communities, and

11 (7) promoting the institutionalization of pre-
12 school wellness policies.

13 (b) AVAILABILITY AND USE OF GRANTS.—The Sec-
14 retary shall make grants under subsection (a)—

15 (1) to be used—

16 (A) to support the initial costs of imple-
17 menting a new, or expanding an existing,
18 Farm-to-Preschool program,

19 (B) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000
20 to support the training and access to resources
21 and information necessary to conduct a success-
22 ful Farm-to-Preschool program, or

23 (C) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to
24 support the cost of conducting research, identi-
25 fying resources, and developing partnerships to

1 design a successful and sustainable Farm-to-
2 Preschool program,

3 (2) to eligible entities that agree to provide, in
4 cash or in kind, not less than 20 percent of the cost
5 of the use for which the respective grants are made,
6 and

7 (3) to achieve to the maximum extent prac-
8 ticable geographical diversity and grantee participa-
9 tion in urban, rural and tribal communities.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the first
11 fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out
12 this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall report to
13 Congress on the progress made in carrying out programs
14 funded by grants under this section, including preschool
15 nutrition education curricula centered around farms,
16 farmers' markets, and school gardens, and the institu-
17 tionalization of preschool wellness policies.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2014
20 through 2018 in the aggregate \$10,000,000 to carry out
21 this section.

