

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE XIII—UNIVERSAL SCHOOL**  
2 **MEALS PROGRAM**

3 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the  
5 “Universal School Meals Program Act of 2026”.

6 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Unless otherwise provided,  
7 this title, and the amendments made by this title, shall  
8 take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this title.

9 **SEC. 1302. FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.**

10 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4(a) of the Child Nutri-  
11 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(a)) is amended, in the  
12 first sentence—

13 (1) by striking “is hereby” and inserting “are”;

14 and

15 (2) by inserting “to provide free breakfast to all  
16 children enrolled at those schools” before “in accord-  
17 ance”.

1 (b) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of  
2 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking  
6 subclause (II) and inserting the following:

7 “(II) the national average pay-  
8 ment for free breakfasts, as specified  
9 in subparagraph (B).”;

10 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-  
11 serting the following:

12 “(B) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The national aver-  
14 age payment for each free breakfast shall  
15 be \$3.28, adjusted annually for inflation in  
16 accordance with clause (ii) and rounded in  
17 accordance with clause (iii).

18 “(ii) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

19 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The annual  
20 inflation adjustment under clause (i)  
21 shall reflect changes in the cost of op-  
22 erating the free breakfast program  
23 under this section, as indicated by the  
24 change in the Consumer Price Index

1 for food away from home for all urban  
2 consumers.

3 “(II) BASIS.—Each inflation an-  
4 nual adjustment under clause (i) shall  
5 reflect the changes in the Consumer  
6 Price Index for food away from home  
7 for the most recent 12-month period  
8 for which that data is available.

9 “(iii) ROUNDING.—On July 1, 2026,  
10 and annually thereafter, the national aver-  
11 age payment rate for free breakfast shall  
12 be—

13 “(I) adjusted to the nearest  
14 lower-cent increment; and

15 “(II) based on the unrounded  
16 amounts for the preceding 12-month  
17 period.”;

18 (C) by striking subparagraphs (C) and  
19 (E); and

20 (D) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as  
21 subparagraph (C);

22 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

23 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
24 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

1           (4) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by  
2           striking “paragraph (3) or (4)” and inserting “para-  
3           graph (2)”.

4           (c) STATE DISBURSEMENT TO SCHOOLS.—Section 4  
5           of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) is  
6           amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the fol-  
7           lowing:

8           “(c) STATE DISBURSEMENT TO SCHOOLS.—Funds  
9           apportioned and paid to any State for the purpose of this  
10          section shall be disbursed by the State educational agency  
11          to schools selected by the State educational agency to as-  
12          sist those schools in operating a breakfast program.”.

13          (d) NO COLLECTION OF DEBT.—

14                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
15                 provision of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
16                 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) or any other provision of law,  
17                 effective beginning on the date of enactment of this  
18                 Act, as a condition of participation in the breakfast  
19                 program under section 4 of that Act (42 U.S.C.  
20                 1773), a school—

21                         (A) shall not collect any debt owed to the  
22                         school for unpaid meal charges; and

23                         (B) shall continue to accrue debt for un-  
24                         paid meal charges—

1 (i) for the purpose of receiving reim-  
2 bursement under section 1303(l); and

3 (ii) until the effective date specified in  
4 section 1301(b).

5 (2) CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Child  
7 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) is  
8 amended by striking subsection (d) and insert-  
9 ing the following:

10 “(d) NO COLLECTION OF DEBT.—A school partici-  
11 pating in the free breakfast program under this section  
12 shall not collect any debt owed to the school for unpaid  
13 meal charges.”.

14 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
15 23(a) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
16 U.S.C. 1793(a)) is amended by striking “school  
17 in severe need, as described in section 4(d)(1)”  
18 and inserting the following: “school—

19 “(1) that has a free breakfast program under  
20 section 4 or seeks to initiate a free breakfast pro-  
21 gram under that section; and

22 “(2) of which not less than 40 percent of the  
23 students are economically disadvantaged students  
24 (as identified under a measure described in section

1 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)).”.

3 (e) NUTRITIONAL AND OTHER PROGRAM REQUIRE-  
4 MENTS.—Section 4(e) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1773(e)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), in the second sentence,  
7 by striking “free or” and all that follows through  
8 the period at the end and inserting “free to all chil-  
9 dren enrolled at a school participating in the school  
10 breakfast program.”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), in the second sentence, by  
12 striking “the full charge to the student for a break-  
13 fast meeting the requirements of this section or”.

14 (f) PROHIBITION ON BREAKFAST SHAMING, MEAL  
15 DENIAL.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the  
17 date of enactment of this Act, a school or school  
18 food authority—

19 (A) shall not—

20 (i) physically segregate for the pur-  
21 pose of debt shaming or otherwise dis-  
22 criminate against any child participating in  
23 the breakfast program under section 4 of  
24 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
25 U.S.C. 1773); or

1                   (ii) overtly identify a child described  
2                   in clause (i) by a special token or ticket,  
3                   an announced or published list of names,  
4                   or any other means; and

5                   (B) shall provide the program meal to any  
6                   child eligible under the program.

7                   (2) CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966.—Section 4  
8                   of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)  
9                   is amended by adding at the end the following:

10                  “(f) PROHIBITION ON BREAKFAST SHAMING.—A  
11                  school or school food authority shall not—

12                   “(1) physically segregate for the purpose of  
13                   debt shaming or otherwise discriminate against any  
14                   child participating in the free breakfast program  
15                   under this section; or

16                   “(2) overtly identify a child described in para-  
17                   graph (1) by a special token or ticket, an announced  
18                   or published list of names, or any other means.”.

19                   (g) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OVERSEAS DEPEND-  
20                   ENTS’ SCHOOLS.—Section 20(b) of the Child Nutrition  
21                   Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1789(b)) is amended by striking  
22                   “and shall determine” and all that follows through “under  
23                   this section.”.

24                   (h) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Child Nutri-  
25                   tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “or reduced price” each place it  
2 appears;

3           (2) by striking “and reduced price” each place  
4 it appears; and

5           (3) by striking “a reduced price” each place it  
6 appears.

7 **SEC. 1303. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.**

8           (a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of  
9 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 1753(b)) is amended—

11           (1) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
12 following:

13           “(2) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

14           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The national average  
15 payment for each free lunch shall be \$5.42, ad-  
16 justed annually for inflation in accordance with  
17 subparagraph (C) and rounded in accordance  
18 with subparagraph (D).

19           “(B) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR LOCAL  
20 FOOD.—

21           “(i) DEFINITION OF LOCALLY-  
22 SOURCED FARM PRODUCT.—In this sub-  
23 paragraph, the term ‘locally-sourced farm  
24 product’ means a farm product that—

25           “(I) is marketed to consumers—

1 “(aa) directly; or

2 “(bb) through intermediated  
3 channels (such as food hubs and  
4 cooperatives); and

5 “(II) with respect to the school  
6 food authority purchasing the farm  
7 product, is produced and distrib-  
8 uted—

9 “(aa) in the State in which  
10 the school food authority is lo-  
11 cated; or

12 “(bb) not more than 250  
13 miles from the location of the  
14 school food authority.

15 “(ii) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT ELIGI-  
16 BILITY.—During a school year, a school  
17 food authority shall receive an additional  
18 payment described in clause (iii) if the  
19 State certifies that the school food author-  
20 ity served meals (including breakfasts,  
21 lunches, suppers, and supplements) during  
22 the last school year of which not less than  
23 25 percent were made with locally-sourced  
24 farm products.

25 “(iii) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—

1                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—The addi-  
2                   tional payment amount under this  
3                   subparagraph shall be—

4                               “(aa) \$0.30 for each free  
5                               lunch and supper;

6                               “(bb) \$0.21 for each free  
7                               breakfast; and

8                               “(cc) \$0.08 for each free  
9                               supplement.

10                   “(II) ADJUSTMENTS.—Each ad-  
11                   ditional payment amount under sub-  
12                   clause (I) shall be adjusted annually  
13                   in accordance with subparagraph (C)  
14                   and rounded in accordance with sub-  
15                   paragraph (D).

16                               “(iv) DISBURSEMENT.—The State  
17                               agency shall disburse funds made available  
18                               under this clause to school food authorities  
19                               eligible to receive additional reimburse-  
20                               ment.

21                   “(C) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

22                               “(i) IN GENERAL.—The annual infla-  
23                               tion adjustment under subparagraphs (A)  
24                               and (B)(iii) shall reflect changes in the  
25                               cost of operating the free lunch program

1 under this Act, as indicated by the change  
2 in the Consumer Price Index for food away  
3 from home for all urban consumers.

4 “(ii) BASIS.—Each annual inflation  
5 adjustment under subparagraphs (A) and  
6 (B)(iii) shall reflect the changes in the  
7 Consumer Price Index for food away from  
8 home for the most recent 12-month period  
9 for which that data is available.

10 “(D) ROUNDING.—On July 1, 2026, and  
11 annually thereafter, the national average pay-  
12 ment rate for free lunch and the additional pay-  
13 ment amount for free breakfast, lunch, supper,  
14 and supplement under subparagraph (B) shall  
15 be—

16 “(i) adjusted to the nearest lower-cent  
17 increment; and

18 “(ii) based on the unrounded amounts  
19 for the preceding 12-month period.”; and

20 (2) by striking paragraph (3).

21 (b) NUTRITIONAL AND OTHER PROGRAM REQUIRE-  
22 MENTS.—

23 (1) ELIMINATION OF FREE LUNCH ELIGIBILITY  
24 REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Rich-  
2 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 1758) is amended by striking subsection  
4 (b) and inserting the following:

5 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—All children enrolled in a school  
6 that participates in the school lunch program under this  
7 Act shall be eligible to receive free lunch under this Act.”.

8 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (i) Section 9 of the Richard B. Rus-  
10 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1758) is amended—

12 (I) in subsection (c), in the third  
13 sentence, by striking “or at a reduced  
14 cost”; and

15 (II) in subsection (e), by striking  
16 “, reduced price,”.

17 (ii) Section 28 of the Richard B. Rus-  
18 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 1769i) is amended—

20 (I) by striking subsection (b);  
21 and

22 (II) by redesignating subsection  
23 (c) as subsection (b).

1 (iii) Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child  
2 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
3 1786(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

4 (I) by striking clause (i); and  
5 (II) by redesignating clauses (ii)  
6 and (iii) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-  
7 tively.

8 (iv) Section 1902(a) of the Social Se-  
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amend-  
10 ed by striking paragraph (7) and inserting  
11 the following:

12 “(7) provide safeguards which restrict the use  
13 or disclosure of information concerning applicants  
14 and recipients to purposes directly connected with  
15 the administration of the plan;”.

16 (v) Section 1154(a)(2)(A)(i) of title  
17 10, United States Code, is amended by  
18 striking “in accordance with section  
19 9(b)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National  
20 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1))”.

21 (vi) Section 4301 of the Food, Con-  
22 servation, and Energy Act of 2008 (42  
23 U.S.C. 1758a) is repealed.

24 (2) NO COLLECTION OF DEBT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of the Richard B. Russell Na-  
3 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
4 seq.) or any other provision of law, effective be-  
5 ginning on the date of enactment of this Act,  
6 as a condition of participation in the school  
7 lunch program under that Act, a school—

8 (i) shall not collect any debt owed to  
9 the school for unpaid meal charges; and

10 (ii) shall continue to accrue debt for  
11 unpaid meal charges—

12 (I) for the purpose of receiving  
13 reimbursement under subsection (l);  
14 and

15 (II) until the effective date speci-  
16 fied in section 1301(b).

17 (B) NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT.—Sec-  
18 tion 9 of the Richard B. Russell National  
19 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758) is amended  
20 by striking subsection (d) and inserting the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(d) NO COLLECTION OF DEBT.—A school partici-  
23 pating in the school lunch program under this Act shall  
24 not collect any debt owed to the school for unpaid meal  
25 charges.”.

1 (c) SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Richard B.  
3 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1759a) is repealed.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (A) Section 6 of the Richard B. Russell  
7 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755) is  
8 amended—

9 (i) in subsection (a)(2), by striking  
10 “sections 11 and 13” and inserting “sec-  
11 tion 13”; and

12 (ii) in subsection (e)(1), in the matter  
13 preceding subparagraph (A), by striking  
14 “section 4, this section, and section 11”  
15 and inserting “this section and section 4”.

16 (B) Section 7(d) of the Richard B. Russell  
17 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 1756(d)) is amended by striking “or 11”.

19 (C) Section 8(g) of the Richard B. Russell  
20 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 1757(g)) is amended by striking “and under  
22 section 11 of this Act”.

23 (D) Section 12(f) of the Richard B. Rus-  
24 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
25 1760(f)) is amended by striking “11,”.

1 (E) Section 7(a) of the Child Nutrition Act  
2 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1766(a)) is amended—

3 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
4 “4, 11, and 17” and inserting “4 and 17”;  
5 and

6 (ii) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking  
7 “sections 4 and 11” and inserting “section  
8 4”.

9 (F) Section 1101(j)(3) of the Families  
10 First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C. 2011  
11 note; Public Law 116–127) is amended—

12 (i) by striking “or served under sec-  
13 tion 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell  
14 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 1760(d), 1759(a)(1))” and inserting “of  
16 the Richard B. Russell National School  
17 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d))”; and

18 (ii) by striking “or reduced price”.

19 (d) PRICE FOR A PAID LUNCH.—Section 12 of the  
20 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 1760) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (l)(4)—

23 (A) by striking subparagraph (D); and

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
2 through (M) as subparagraphs (D) through  
3 (L), respectively;

4 (2) by striking subsection (p); and

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (q) and (r) as  
6 subsections (p) and (q), respectively.

7 (e) SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHIL-  
8 DREN.—Section 13 of the Richard B. Russell National  
9 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)(i)—

12 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “have  
13 been determined eligible for free or re-  
14 duced price school meals under this Act  
15 and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
16 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)” and inserting “are  
17 economically disadvantaged students (as  
18 identified under a measure described in  
19 section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and  
20 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
21 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

22 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking “are  
23 eligible for free or reduced price school  
24 meals under this Act and the Child Nutri-  
25 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)”

1 and inserting “are economically disadvan-  
2 tagged students (as identified under a meas-  
3 ure described in section 1113(a)(5) of the  
4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
5 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

6 (iii) in subclause (III)(bb), by striking  
7 “meet the income standards for free or re-  
8 duced price school meals under this Act  
9 and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
10 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)” and inserting “are  
11 economically disadvantaged students (as  
12 identified under a measure described in  
13 section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and  
14 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
15 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

16 (iv) in subclause (IV), by striking  
17 “are eligible for free or reduced price  
18 school meals under this Act and the Child  
19 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et  
20 seq.)” and inserting “are economically dis-  
21 advantaged students (as identified under a  
22 measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of  
23 the Elementary and Secondary Education  
24 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”; and

1 (v) in subclause (V), by striking “are  
2 eligible for free or reduced price school  
3 meals under this Act and the Child Nutri-  
4 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)”  
5 and inserting “are economically disadvan-  
6 taged students (as identified under a meas-  
7 ure described in section 1113(a)(5) of the  
8 Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

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

12 “(C) WAIVER.—If the Secretary deter-  
13 mines that a program requirement under this  
14 section limits the access of children to meals  
15 served under this section, the Secretary may  
16 waive that program requirement.

17 “(D) ELIGIBILITY.—All children shall be  
18 eligible to participate in the program under this  
19 section.”;

20 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “only  
21 for” and all that follows through the period at  
22 the end and inserting “for meals served to all  
23 children.”; and

24 (D) in paragraph (13)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by strik-  
2 ing “eligible for a free or reduced price  
3 lunch under this Act or a free or reduced  
4 price breakfast under section 4 of the  
5 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.  
6 1773)” and inserting “an economically dis-  
7 advantaged student (as identified under a  
8 measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of  
9 the Elementary and Secondary Education  
10 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by strik-  
12 ing “eligible for free or reduced price lunch  
13 under this Act or free or reduced price  
14 breakfast under section 4 of the Child Nu-  
15 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)” and  
16 inserting “economically disadvantaged stu-  
17 dents (as identified under a measure de-  
18 scribed in section 1113(a)(5) of the Ele-  
19 mentary and Secondary Education Act of  
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “may only  
22 serve” and all that follows through “migrant chil-  
23 dren”;

24 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
25 following:

1 “(c) PAYMENTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Payments shall be made to  
3 service institutions for meals served—

4 “(A) during the months of May through  
5 September;

6 “(B) during school vacation at any time  
7 during an academic school year;

8 “(C) during a teacher in-service day; and

9 “(D) on days that school is closed due to  
10 a natural disaster, building repair, court order,  
11 or similar cause, as determined by the Sec-  
12 retary.

13 “(2) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—A service in-  
14 stitution shall receive payments under this section  
15 for not more than 3 meals and 1 supplement per  
16 child per day.”; and

17 (4) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “, except  
18 that” and all that follows through “section”.

19 (f) SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FOR  
20 CHILDREN PROGRAM.—Section 13A of the Richard B.  
21 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1762) is  
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—

24 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the  
25 end;

1 (B) in clause (ii)—

2 (i) by striking “and each year there-  
3 after”; and

4 (ii) by striking “and” at the end; and

5 (C) by inserting at the end the following:

6 “(ii) for calendar year 2026, in an  
7 amount equal to \$60, which may be pro-  
8 portionately higher consistent with the ad-  
9 justments established under section 12(f)  
10 for each eligible child in the eligible house-  
11 hold per month during the summer oper-  
12 ational period; and

13 “(iii) for calendar year 2027 and each  
14 year thereafter, in an amount equal to the  
15 unrounded benefit amount from the prior  
16 year, adjusted to the nearest lower dollar  
17 increment to reflect changes to the cost of  
18 the diet described in section 3(u) of the  
19 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
20 2012(u)) for the 12-month period ending  
21 on November 30 of the preceding calendar  
22 year and rounded to the nearest lower dol-  
23 lar increment; and”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “di-  
2 rectly certified” and all that follows through  
3 “this section” and inserting “an economically  
4 disadvantaged student (as identified under a  
5 measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of the  
6 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
7 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

8 (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

9 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
10 through (E) as subparagraphs (B) through (D),  
11 respectively;

12 (3) in subsection (f)—

13 (A) in paragraph (3), in the matter pre-  
14 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “proc-  
15 esses—” and all that follows through “to reli-  
16 ably” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “proc-  
17 esses to reliably”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (4), in the matter pre-  
19 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “by—”  
20 and all that follows through “establishing” in  
21 subparagraph (B) and inserting “by estab-  
22 lishing”; and

23 (4) in subsection (h), by striking paragraph (2)  
24 and inserting the following:

1           “(2) ELIGIBLE CHILD.—The term ‘eligible  
2 child’ means any child residing in a State or on land  
3 under the jurisdiction of a covered Indian Tribal or-  
4 ganization that participates in the program estab-  
5 lished under this section.”.

6           (g) CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.—Sec-  
7 tion 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking subpara-  
10 graph (B) and inserting the following:

11                   “(B) any other private organization pro-  
12 viding nonresidential child care or day care out-  
13 side school hours for school children;”;

14           (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
15 following:

16           “(c) FREE MEALS.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
17 vision of law—

18                   “(1) all meals and supplements served under  
19 the program authorized under this section shall be  
20 provided for free to participants of the program; and

21                   “(2) an institution that serves those meals and  
22 supplements shall be reimbursed—

23                           “(A) in the case of breakfast, at the rate  
24 established for free breakfast under section

1 4(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Child Nutrition Act of  
2 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(B)(i));

3 “(B) in the case of lunch, at the rate es-  
4 tablished for free lunch under section  
5 4(b)(2)(A); and

6 “(C) in the case of a supplemental meal,  
7 \$1.28, adjusted for inflation in accordance with  
8 section 4(b)(2)(C).”;

9 (3) in subsection (f)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking subpara-  
11 graph (B) and inserting the following:

12 “(B) LIMITATION TO REIMBURSEMENTS.—  
13 An institution may claim reimbursement under  
14 this paragraph for not more than 3 meals and  
15 1 supplement per day per child.”;

16 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

17 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
18 paragraph (3);

19 (4) in subsection (o)—

20 (A) by striking paragraph (4); and

21 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and  
22 (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and  
23 (5) in subsection (r)—

24 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
25 “PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILDREN”

1 and inserting “AFTERSCHOOL MEAL AND  
2 SNACK PROGRAM”;

3 (B) by striking “at-risk school” each place  
4 it appears and inserting “eligible”;

5 (C) in paragraph (1)—

6 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
7 ing “AT-RISK SCHOOL” and inserting “ELI-  
8 GIBLE”; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
10 “operated” and all that follows through  
11 the period at the end and inserting a pe-  
12 riod; and

13 (D) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “only  
14 for” and all that follows through the period at  
15 the end and inserting the following: “for—

16 “(i) not more than 1 meal and 1 sup-  
17 plement per child per day served on a reg-  
18 ular school day; and

19 “(ii) not more than 3 meals and 1  
20 supplement per child per day served on  
21 any day other than a regular school day.”.

22 (h) MEALS AND SUPPLEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN  
23 AFTERSCHOOL CARE.—Section 17A of the Richard B.  
24 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766a) is  
25 amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**MEAL**  
2 **SUPPLEMENTS**” and inserting “**MEALS AND SUP-**  
3 **PLEMENTS**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “meal sup-  
5 plements” and inserting “free meals and supple-  
6 ments”;

7 (3) in subsection (b), by inserting “meals and”  
8 before “supplements”; and

9 (4) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
10 following:

11 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

13 “(A) MEALS.—A free meal provided under  
14 this section to a child shall be reimbursed at a  
15 rate of \$5.42, adjusted annually for inflation in  
16 accordance with paragraph (3)(A) and rounded  
17 in accordance with paragraph (3)(B).

18 “(B) SUPPLEMENTS.—A free supplement  
19 provided under this section to a child shall be  
20 reimbursed at the rate at which free supple-  
21 ments are reimbursed under section  
22 17(c)(2)(C).

23 “(2) LIMITATION TO REIMBURSEMENTS.—An  
24 institution may claim reimbursement under this sec-

1           tion for not more than 1 meal and 1 supplement per  
2           day per child served on a regular school day.

3                   “(3) INFLATION; ROUNDING.—

4                           “(A) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

5                                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The annual infla-  
6                                   tion adjustment under paragraph (1)(A)  
7                                   shall reflect changes in the cost of oper-  
8                                   ating the program under this section, as  
9                                   indicated by the change in the Consumer  
10                                  Price Index for food away from home for  
11                                  all urban consumers.

12                                   “(ii) BASIS.—Each inflation annual  
13                                  adjustment under paragraph (1)(A) shall  
14                                  reflect the changes in the Consumer Price  
15                                  Index for food away from home for the  
16                                  most recent 12-month period for which  
17                                  that data is available.

18                                  “(B) ROUNDING.—On July 1, 2026, and  
19                                  annually thereafter, the reimbursement rate for  
20                                  a free meal under this section shall be—

21                                   “(i) adjusted to the nearest lower-cent  
22                                   increment; and

23                                   “(ii) based on the unrounded amounts  
24                                   for the preceding 12-month period.”.

1 (i) PILOT PROJECTS.—Section 18 of the Richard B.  
2 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (g)(5), by striking subpara-  
5 graph (B) and inserting the following:

6 “(B) serve a high proportion of economi-  
7 cally disadvantaged students (as identified  
8 under a measure described in section  
9 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
11 6313(a)(5));”;

12 (2) in subsection (h)(1)(A)(ii), by striking “eli-  
13 gible for free or reduced price meals under this Act”  
14 and inserting “economically disadvantaged students  
15 (as identified under a measure described in section  
16 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”;

18 (3) by striking subsection (j); and

19 (4) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
20 section (j).

21 (j) FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM.—Sec-  
22 tion 19(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School  
23 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769a(d)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
2 (A), by striking “paragraph (2) of this sub-  
3 section and”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (A), in the matter  
5 preceding clause (i), by striking “school—” and  
6 all that follows through “submits” in clause (ii)  
7 and inserting “school that submits”;

8 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
9 “schools” and all that follows through “Act”  
10 and inserting “high-need schools (as defined in  
11 section 2211(b) of the Elementary and Sec-  
12 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
13 6631(b)))”; and

14 (D) in subparagraph (D)—

15 (i) by striking clause (i); and

16 (ii) by redesignating clauses (ii)  
17 through (iv) as clauses (i) through (iii), re-  
18 spectively; and

19 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-  
20 serting the following:

21 “(2) OUTREACH TO HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS.—  
22 Prior to making decisions regarding school participa-  
23 tion in the program, a State agency shall inform  
24 high-need schools (as defined in section 2211(b) of  
25 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

1       1965 (20 U.S.C. 6631(b))), including Tribal schools,  
2       of the eligibility of the schools for the program.”.

3       (k) TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND FOOD  
4 SERVICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE.—Section 21(a)(1)(B)  
5 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 1769b–1(a)(1)(B)) is amended in the matter pre-  
7 ceding clause (i) by striking “certified to receive free or  
8 reduced price meals” and inserting “who are economically  
9 disadvantaged students (as identified under a measure de-  
10 scribed in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Sec-  
11 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)))”.

12       (l) REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL MEAL DELIN-  
13 QUENT DEBT PROGRAM.—

14             (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15                 (A) DELINQUENT DEBT.—The term “de-  
16 linquent debt” means the debt owed by a par-  
17 ent or guardian of a child to a school—

18                     (i) as of the effective date specified in  
19 section 1301(b); and

20                     (ii) for meals served by the school  
21 under—

22                         (I) the school breakfast program  
23 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
24 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773);

1 (II) the school lunch program es-  
2 tablished under the Richard B. Rus-  
3 sell National School Lunch Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); or

5 (III) both of the programs de-  
6 scribed in subclauses (I) and (II).

7 (B) PROGRAM.—The term “program”  
8 means the program established under para-  
9 graph (2)(A).

10 (C) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
11 means the Secretary of Agriculture.

12 (2) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.—

13 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60  
14 days after the effective date specified in section  
15 1301(b), the Secretary shall establish a pro-  
16 gram under which the Secretary shall reimburse  
17 each school participating in a program de-  
18 scribed in subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph  
19 (1)(A)(ii) for all delinquent debt.

20 (B) FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—To  
21 carry out the program, the Secretary shall de-  
22 sign and distribute a form to State agencies to  
23 collect data on all delinquent debt in applicable  
24 schools in the State, grouped by school food au-  
25 thority.

1 (C) COMPLETION DATE.—The Secretary  
2 shall provide all reimbursements under the pro-  
3 gram not later than 180 days after the effective  
4 date specified in section 1301(b).

5 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
6 effective date specified in section 1301(b), the  
7 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-  
8 mit to Congress and make publicly available a report  
9 that describes the successes and challenges of the  
10 program.

11 (m) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Richard B.  
12 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
13 seq.) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “or reduced price” each place it  
15 appears;

16 (2) by striking “or a reduced price” each place  
17 it appears;

18 (3) by striking “and reduced price” each place  
19 it appears; and

20 (4) by striking “a reduced price” each place it  
21 appears.

1 **SEC. 1304. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
2 **DATA; MEASURE OF POVERTY.**

3 Section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary  
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the num-  
7 ber of children eligible for a free or reduced price  
8 lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School  
9 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)” and inserting  
10 “the number of children from low-income back-  
11 grounds, identified under subparagraph (D)”;

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(D) IDENTIFICATION OF CHILDREN FROM  
14 LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A local edu-  
16 cational agency or State agency, for the  
17 purpose of identifying children from low-in-  
18 come backgrounds enrolled in a school  
19 served by a local educational agency,  
20 may—

21 “(I) maintain a record, with re-  
22 spect to each student for whom the  
23 local educational agency provides a  
24 free public education that contains the  
25 information collected from the survey  
26 described in clause (iii);

1                   “(II) distribute and collect a stu-  
2                   dent survey based on the template de-  
3                   veloped under clause (iii) to identify  
4                   children from low-income back-  
5                   grounds; and

6                   “(III) utilize direct certification  
7                   data described in clause (iv)(I) to  
8                   identify children from low-income  
9                   backgrounds.

10                  “(ii) PRIVACY.—

11                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—All individual  
12                   data collected under this subpara-  
13                   graph shall be protected by the local  
14                   educational agency or State agency in  
15                   a manner consistent with all applica-  
16                   ble local, State, and Federal privacy  
17                   laws.

18                   “(II) REPORTING DATA.—Only  
19                   aggregated data, which may include  
20                   data disaggregated at the school, local  
21                   educational agency, or State level,  
22                   shall be reported to the Secretary at  
23                   such time and in such manner as the  
24                   Secretary may reasonably require.

1           “(iii) SURVEY.—Not later than 180  
2           days after the date of enactment of the  
3           Universal School Meals Program Act of  
4           2026, the Secretary, in consultation with  
5           the Secretary of Agriculture, shall develop  
6           a template survey—

7                   “(I) to identify children from  
8                   low-income backgrounds that contains  
9                   only the information necessary to  
10                  identify a child as a child from a low-  
11                  income background by using the cri-  
12                  teria of eligibility for a free or reduced  
13                  priced lunch under the Richard B.  
14                  Russell National School Lunch Act, as  
15                  such criteria were in effect on Sep-  
16                  tember 30, 2022; and

17                   “(II) that shall be designed to be  
18                   easily accessible and in a user-friendly  
19                   manner.

20                  “(iv) TRANSITION AUTHORITY FROM  
21                  FRPL TO ESEA MEASURES.—The Sec-  
22                  retary, in coordination with the Secretary  
23                  of Agriculture, shall have the authority to  
24                  take such steps as are necessary to provide

1 for the orderly transition to, and imple-  
2 mentation of—

3 “(I) activities that are necessary  
4 for the continuity of direct certifi-  
5 cation carried out by local educational  
6 agencies and State agencies specified  
7 in paragraphs (4), (5), and (15) sec-  
8 tion 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell  
9 National School Lunch Act, as in ef-  
10 fect on September 30, 2022, for the  
11 purposes of identifying any child eligi-  
12 ble for free or reduced priced lunch  
13 under such Act, as in effect on such  
14 date, as a child from a low-income  
15 background;

16 “(II) procedures for verification  
17 of information collected under this  
18 subparagraph, which may include pro-  
19 cedures modeled on the requirement  
20 specified in section 9(b)(3) of the  
21 Richard B. Russell National School  
22 Lunch Act, as in effect on September  
23 30, 2022; and

24 “(III) data privacy provisions for  
25 information collected under this sub-

1 paragraph, in accordance with the re-  
2 quirements specified in section 9(b)(6)  
3 of the Richard B. Russell National  
4 School Lunch Act, as in effect on Sep-  
5 tember 30, 2022.

6 “(v) SPECIAL RULE.—For the pur-  
7 poses of subparagraph (A), a local edu-  
8 cational agency may determine the number  
9 of children from low-income backgrounds  
10 enrolled in a school served by such agency  
11 using one or more of the following meth-  
12 ods:

13 “(I) Results from surveys speci-  
14 fied in clause (i)(II).

15 “(II) Direct certification data  
16 specified in clause (i)(III).

17 “(III) Utilization of both meth-  
18 ods described in subclauses (I) and  
19 (II).”.

20 **SEC. 1305. AMENDMENTS TO OTHER PROGRAMS AND LAWS.**

21 (a) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PRO-  
22 GRAM.—

23 (1) AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT CERTIFI-  
24 CATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Food  
2 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is  
3 amended—

4 (i) by striking subsection (u); and  
5 (ii) by redesignating subsections (v)  
6 through (x) as subsections (u) through (w),  
7 respectively.

8 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
9 11(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
10 U.S.C. 2020(e)) is amended—

11 (i) in paragraph (8)(F), by striking  
12 “or subsection (u)”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (26)(B), by striking  
14 “(x)” and inserting “(w)”.

15 (2) NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PRE-  
16 VENTION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 28(a) of the  
17 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
18 2036a(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and  
19 inserting the following:

20 “(1) an individual eligible for benefits under  
21 this Act;”.

22 (b) HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—

23 (1) TEACHER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT.—Sub-  
24 paragraph (A) of section 200(11) of the Higher

1 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021(11)) is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘high-need  
4 school’ means a school that is in the highest  
5 quartile of schools in a ranking of all schools  
6 served by a local educational agency, ranked in  
7 descending order by percentage of students  
8 from low-income families enrolled in such  
9 schools, as determined by the local educational  
10 agency based on one of the following measures  
11 of poverty:

12 “(i) The percentage of students aged  
13 5 through 17 in poverty counted in the  
14 most recent census data approved by the  
15 Secretary.

16 “(ii) The percentage of students in  
17 families receiving assistance under the  
18 State program funded under the program  
19 of block grants to States for temporary as-  
20 sistance for needy families established  
21 under part A of title IV of the Social Secu-  
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

23 “(iii) The percentage of students eligi-  
24 ble to receive medical assistance under the  
25 program of medical assistance established

1 under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

3 “(iv) A composite of two or more of  
4 the measures described in clauses (i)  
5 through (iii).”

6 (2) GEAR UP.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
7 404B(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–22(d)(1)) is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 “(A) provide services under this chapter to  
11 at least one grade level of students, beginning  
12 not later than 7th grade, in a participating  
13 school—

14 “(i) that has a 7th grade; and

15 “(ii) in which—

16 “(I) at least 50 percent of the  
17 students enrolled are economically dis-  
18 advantaged students (as identified  
19 under a measure described in section  
20 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and  
21 Secondary Education Act of 1965); or

22 “(II) if an eligible entity deter-  
23 mines that it would promote the effec-  
24 tiveness of a program, an entire grade  
25 level of students, beginning not later

1 than the 7th grade, reside in public  
2 housing, as defined in section 3(b)(1)  
3 of the United States Housing Act of  
4 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(1)).”.

5 (3) EARLY FEDERAL PELL GRANT COMMIT-  
6 MENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 894(b)  
7 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8 1161y(b)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “qual-  
10 ify for a free or reduced price school lunch  
11 under the Richard B. Russell National School  
12 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the  
13 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et  
14 seq.)” and inserting “are economically dis-  
15 advantaged students (as identified under a  
16 measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of the  
17 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
18 1965)”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “eligible  
20 for a free or reduced price school lunch under  
21 the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the Child Nu-  
23 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)”  
24 and inserting “economically disadvantaged stu-  
25 dents (as identified under a measure described

1 in section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and  
2 Secondary Education Act of 1965”.

3 (c) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT  
4 OF 1965.—

5 (1) LITERACY EDUCATION FOR ALL.—Section  
6 2221(b)(3)(B) of the Elementary and Secondary  
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6641(b)(3)(B)) is  
8 amended—

9 (A) by striking clause (i); and

10 (B) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii)

11 as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

12 (2) GRANTS FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION AND  
13 RESEARCH.—Section 4611(d)(2) of the Elementary  
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
15 7261(d)(2)) is amended—

16 (A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

17 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)

18 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-

19 tively.

20 (3) ELIGIBILITY FOR HEAVILY IMPACTED  
21 LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Item (bb) of sec-  
22 tion 7003(b)(2)(B)(i)(III) of the Elementary and  
23 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
24 7703(b)(2)(B)(i)(III)) is amended to read as follows:

1                   “(bb) has an enrollment of  
2                   children described in subsection  
3                   (a)(1) that constitutes a percent-  
4                   age of the total student enroll-  
5                   ment of the agency that is not  
6                   less than 30 percent; and”.

7           (d) AMERICA COMPETES ACT.—Section 6122(3) of  
8           the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9832(3)) is  
9           amended by striking “data on children eligible for free or  
10           reduced-price lunches under the Richard B. Russell Na-  
11           tional School Lunch Act,”.

12           (e) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY  
13           ACT.—Section 3(36)(A) of the Workforce Innovation and  
14           Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(36)(A)) is amended—  
15                   (1) by striking clause (iv); and  
16                   (2) by redesignating clauses (v) and (vi) as  
17                   clauses (iv) and (v), respectively.

18           (f) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZA-  
19           TION ACT OF 2002.—Section 4(8) of the National Science  
20           Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n  
21           note; Public Law 107–368) is amended—  
22                   (1) by striking subparagraph (A); and  
23                   (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and  
24                   (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

1 (g) CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
2 GRANT.—Section 6580(b) of the Child Care and Develop-  
3 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(b)) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “school  
6 lunch factor” and inserting “economically disadvan-  
7 taged students factor”; and

8 (2) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
9 lows:

10 “(3) ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STU-  
11 DENTS FACTOR.—In this subsection, the term ‘eco-  
12 nomically disadvantaged students factor’ means the  
13 ratio of the number of children in the State who are  
14 economically disadvantaged students (as identified  
15 under a measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of  
16 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5))) to the number of such  
18 children in all the States as determined annually by  
19 the Secretary of Education.”.

20 (h) CHILDREN’S HEALTH ACT OF 2000.—Section  
21 1404(b) of the Children’s Health Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.  
22 9859c(b)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “school  
24 lunch factor” and inserting “economically disadvan-  
25 taged students factor”; and

1           (2) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
2           lows:

3           “(3) ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STU-  
4           DENTS FACTOR.—In this subsection, the term ‘eco-  
5           nomically disadvantaged students factor’ means the  
6           ratio of the number of children in the State who are  
7           economically disadvantaged students (as identified  
8           under a measure described in section 1113(a)(5) of  
9           the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
10          1965 (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5))) to the number of such  
11          children in all the States as determined annually by  
12          the Secretary of Education.”.

13          (i) JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVEN-  
14          TION.—Section 252(i) of the Juvenile Justice and Delin-  
15          quency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11162(i)) is  
16          amended to read as follows:

17          “(i) FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR INCARCERATED  
18          JUVENILES.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A juvenile who is incarcer-  
20                 ated in an eligible juvenile detention center is eligible  
21                 to receive free lunch under the Richard B. Russell  
22                 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et  
23                 seq.).

24                 “(2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after  
25                 the date of the enactment of the Universal School

1 Meals Program Act of 2026, the Attorney General,  
2 in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,  
3 shall provide guidance to States relating to the op-  
4 tions for school food authorities in the States to  
5 apply for reimbursement for free lunches under the  
6 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) for juveniles who are incarcer-  
8 ated.

9 “(3) ELIGIBLE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER  
10 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘eligible ju-  
11 venile detention center’ does not include any private,  
12 for-profit detention center.”.

Page 210, line 12, strike “(y)” and insert “(x)”.

