

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS**

At the end of title IV add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LOCAL SOURCING REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL**  
2 **LUNCH PROGRAM.**

3 Section 9(j) of the Richard B. Russell National  
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(j)) is amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 “(j) PURCHASES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FOODS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

8 “(A) encourage institutions receiving funds  
9 under this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of  
10 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) to purchase un-  
11 processed agricultural products, both locally  
12 grown and locally raised, to the maximum ex-  
13 tent practicable and appropriate;

14 “(B) advise institutions participating in a  
15 program described in subparagraph (A) of the  
16 policy described in that paragraph and subpara-  
17 graph (C) and post information concerning the  
18 policy on the website maintained by the Sec-  
19 retary; and

1           “(C) allow institutions receiving funds  
2 under this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of  
3 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), including the  
4 Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vege-  
5 table Program, to use a geographic preference  
6 for the procurement of unprocessed agricultural  
7 products, both locally grown and locally raised.

8           “(2) MINIMUM LOCAL SOURCING REQUIRE-  
9       MENT.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
11 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
12 each school food authority participating in the  
13 school lunch program under this Act shall  
14 source not less than 30 percent of total food  
15 purchases, measured by dollar value in each fis-  
16 cal year, from locally or regionally produced ag-  
17 ricultural food products.

18           “(B) GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTION INSUFFI-  
19 CIENCY WAIVER.—The Secretary may grant a  
20 full or partial waiver of the requirement under  
21 subparagraph (A) to a school food authority  
22 upon a finding that the volume of locally or re-  
23 gionally produced food available within 400  
24 miles of the school food authority’s point of  
25 consumption, or within the State or territory in

1           which the school food authority is located, is in-  
2           sufficient to satisfy the 30 percent requirement.

3           “(C) WAIVER PROCEDURE.—A school food  
4           authority seeking a waiver under subparagraph  
5           (B) shall submit to the Secretary a written re-  
6           quest describing the basis for the waiver. The  
7           Secretary shall approve or deny such request  
8           not later than 60 days after receipt. An ap-  
9           proved waiver shall specify the reduced sourcing  
10          percentage applicable to the school food author-  
11          ity and shall be reviewed annually.

12          “(D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-  
13          retary shall provide technical assistance to  
14          school food authorities, with priority to those in  
15          rural areas, territories, and insular areas, to as-  
16          sist in identifying local suppliers, establishing  
17          procurement relationships, and meeting the re-  
18          quirements of this paragraph.

19          “(E) REPORTING.—

20                  “(i) SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY RE-  
21                  PORTS.—Beginning 1 year after the date  
22                  of the enactment of this paragraph, and  
23                  annually thereafter, each school food au-  
24                  thority participating in the school lunch  
25                  program under this Act shall submit to the

1 Secretary a report on the percentage of  
2 food purchases sourced from locally or re-  
3 gionally produced agricultural food prod-  
4 ucts in the preceding fiscal year.

5 “(ii) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not  
6 later than 18 months after the date of the  
7 enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary  
8 shall compile the reports under clause (i)  
9 and submit a summary to the Committees  
10 on Education and the Workforce and Agri-  
11 culture of the House of Representatives  
12 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
13 tion, and Forestry of the Senate.”.

