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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program to include benefit transfer during school closures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Stop Child Hunger
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS**
2 **TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

3 Section 13A of the Richard B. Russell National
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1762) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
7 by inserting “and school closure period, as ap-
8 plicable,” after “for each summer”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by inserting “and school closure
11 periods, as applicable,” after “summer
12 months”; and

13 (ii) by striking the period at the end
14 and inserting “or during a school closure
15 period.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
19 graph (A), by inserting “for summer
20 months or a school closure period, as appli-
21 cable,” after “pursuant to subsection (a)”;

22 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),
23 by striking “be—” and inserting “be, for
24 calendar year 2024 and each year there-
25 after, in an amount that is not less than
26 the value of breakfast, lunch, and a snack

1 at the free rate for each day of such sum-
2 mer months or school closure period; and”;
3 and

4 (iii) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) of
5 subparagraph (A).

6 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “ or
7 a school closure period, as applicable” after
8 “summer months”;

9 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by inserting “ or a
10 school closure period, as applicable” after “with re-
11 spect to summer”;

12 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “50” and in-
13 serting “100”;

14 (5) in subsection (h)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
17 graph (A), by inserting “or school closure
18 period, as applicable” after “summer”;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (I) by striking “or during” and
21 inserting “, during”; and

22 (II) by inserting “, or during the
23 calendar year in which such school
24 closure period began” after “oper-
25 ational period”;

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) in the matter preceding clause
3 (i), by inserting “or during the cal-
4 endar year in which such school clo-
5 sure period began”;

6 (II) in clause (i)—

7 (aa) by striking “and” at
8 the end and inserting “or”; and

9 (bb) by striking “(i) en-
10 rolled” and inserting “enrolled”;

11 (III) by striking clause (ii);

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
13 paragraph (6); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
15 following:

16 “(4) FREE RATE.—The term ‘free rate’ has the
17 meaning given the term in section 1101(j)(4) of the
18 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C.
19 2011 note).

20 “(5) SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD.—The term
21 ‘school closure period’ means a period in which an
22 elementary school or secondary school is closed, op-
23 erating remotely, or operating in a hybrid manner
24 for 5 or more consecutive weekdays during a cal-
25 endar year.”; and

1 (6) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(i) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
4 out a program to make grants to States to support
5 the development of data systems or upgrades to ex-
6 isting data systems that are necessary to implement
7 this section.

8 “(2) FUNDING.—Subject to the availability of
9 appropriations provided in advance in an appropria-
10 tions Act specifically for the purpose of carrying out
11 this section, and in addition to such appropriations,
12 on October 1, 2024, out of any funds in the Treas-
13 ury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the
14 Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out
15 this subparagraph \$50,000,000, to remain available
16 until expended.”.