

## S 1539

Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2015

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 9, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 24, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 30, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 20, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 22, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 26, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 2, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 21, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2715	Identical bill	Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

## Summary (as of Jun 10, 2015)

### Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2015

This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Department of Agriculture to establish a program providing eligible households with summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards in order to give children access to food during the summer months to: (1) reduce or eliminate children's food insecurity and hunger, and (2) improve their nutritional status.

An "eligible household" is a household that includes one or more children who are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals under the school lunch or breakfast programs.

The amount on each summer EBT card is set at \$150 per child in 2017, with adjustments thereafter reflecting changes in reimbursement rates for school meals under the school lunch program.

If children are enrolled to receive free or reduced price meals under the school lunch or breakfast programs, they must be enrolled in this program without further application.

Summer EBT cards may be used only to purchase food from retail food stores that have been approved for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program).

## Actions Timeline

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