

HR 5003

Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		May 26, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 8, 2016
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 8, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1061	Related bill	Apr 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
114 S 569	Related bill	Feb 25, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1120-1121; text of measure as introduced: CR S1121)

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This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to reauthorize and modify: (1) child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other institutional food service programs; and (2) the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The bill extends the authorizations for:

- the Summer Food Service Program,
- WIC,
- the WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, and
- State Administrative Expenses.

(Under current law, several programs such as the NSLP and the School Breakfast Program are permanently authorized.)

For the child nutrition programs, the bill makes policy changes that:

- establish a demonstration project to permit up to three states to receive a block grant instead of open-ended funding currently provided by several child nutrition programs;
- require the Department of Agriculture to review school meal regulations every three years and make any necessary revisions;
- increase reimbursement rates for the School Breakfast Program;
- increase the eligibility threshold for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision that permits schools in high poverty areas to serve all meals free of charge;
- permit states to provide summer meals away from a congregate site (specific sites where children come to eat and are supervised) in rural or low-income areas without access to summer service; and
- revise application verification requirements for the school meal programs.

For WIC, the bill:

- authorizes appropriations at the current FY2016 level for the next five years,
- permits commercial availability and participant demand to be considered when amending the list of supplemental foods, and
- modifies the competitive bidding and contract award process for infant formula and infant foods.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 114-852, Part I.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 665.
- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 14.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.