

HR 1276

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2017

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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 25, 2017
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 25, 2017
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Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Dec 21, 2017

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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jan 5, 2018
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 5, 2018
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 5, 2018
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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 21, 2018
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Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2018
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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Apr 17, 2018
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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 10, 2018
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		May 10, 2018
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 24, 2018
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 1, 2018
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4425	Related bill	Nov 16, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, 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.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2017)

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2017

This bill amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to revise the requirements for calculating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits.

The bill increases the minimum SNAP benefit and requires benefits to be calculated using a low-cost food plan. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must determine the requirements for the low-cost food plan, which is the diet required to feed a family of four, consisting of:

- a man and a woman 19-50 years of age,
- a child 6-8 years of age, and
- a child 9-11 years of age.

USDA must make adjustments to the plan to account for household size, changes in the cost of the diet, and the costs of food in specified areas.

The bill revises the amounts authorized for nutrition assistance block grants for Puerto Rico and American Samoa and requires the amounts to be modified based on adjustments to the low-cost food plan.

The bill modifies the requirements for calculating household income to determine SNAP eligibility by: (1) authorizing a standard medical expense deduction for households containing an elderly or disabled member, and (2) eliminating the cap on the deduction for excess shelter expenses.

The bill exempts from SNAP work requirements able-bodied adults without dependents who are not offered a position in a SNAP Employment and Training Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Mar 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.