

HR 3006

School Food Modernization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jul 14, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2017
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1402	Related bill	Jun 21, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3689)

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This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to direct the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue loan guarantees to local educational agencies (LEAs), school food authorities, tribal organizations, and other eligible entities to finance infrastructure improvements or equipment purchases to facilitate their provision of healthy meals through the school lunch program. USDA must give preference to applicants that demonstrate a substantial or disproportionate need for food service infrastructure or durable equipment, and shall establish fees for the loan guarantee program that are sufficient to cover the federal government's administrative costs in operating the program.

USDA must also award competitive matching grants to assist LEAs, school food authorities, tribal organizations, and other eligible entities in purchasing the durable equipment and infrastructure they need to serve healthier meals and improve food safety. In doing so, USDA must give grant priority to applicants that: (1) have identified and are reasonably expected to meet an unmet local or community need, and (2) are located in states that have enacted funding measures to assist them with such purchases.

In addition, USDA must award competitive matching grants to experienced third-party training institutions to provide school food service personnel with the training and technical assistance they need to: (1) meet school lunch program nutrition standards, and (2) improve the efficacy and efficiency of the school lunch and breakfast programs.

The bill authorizes these grant and loan programs through FY2022. USDA must complete a study on the use of state administrative expense funds.

The bill also rescinds \$35 million of the Department of Education's unobligated balance available for administrative expenses.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Appropriations, 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.