

HR 1368

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. (Mar 15, 2019)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 15, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2019)

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2019

This bill revises the requirements for calculating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits.

Specifically, the bill

- increases the minimum SNAP benefit and requires that benefits be calculated using a low-cost food plan (i.e., the diet required to feed a family of four);
- directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to determine the requirements for the low-cost food plan;
- requires USDA to 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;
- revises the amounts authorized for nutrition assistance block grants for Puerto Rico and American Samoa and requires that the amounts be modified based on adjustments to the low-cost food plan;
- modifies the requirements for calculating household income to determine SNAP eligibility by authorizing a standard medical expense deduction for households containing an elderly or disabled member and eliminating the cap on the deduction for excess shelter expenses; and
- revises eligibility requirements under SNAP for certain students enrolled in institutions of higher education.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.