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Farm to School Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 2, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3562	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill modifies and expands the Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Farm to School Program. The program currently provides grants and technical assistance to schools, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers, and nonprofit entities to improve access to local foods in schools.

Among other things, the bill

- reauthorizes the program through FY2025;
- permits USDA to provide land-grant colleges and universities with grants, research, evaluation, and technical assistance under the program;
- expands the purposes for grants awarded under the program to include implementing educational activities relating to agriculture, nutrition, or food;
- requires USDA to provide technical assistance, research, and information to increase awareness of and participation in farm to school programs among agricultural producers, including beginning, veteran, and socially disadvantaged farmers;
- directs USDA to seek to improve local food procurement and distribution options for agricultural producers and eligible institutions;
- authorizes USDA to fund projects that include innovative approaches to aggregation, processing, transportation, and distribution;
- establishes new limitations on the amount and duration of grants; and
- limits funds that may be used for administrative costs.

Actions Timeline

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