

HR 3444

School Food Modernization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Aug 23, 2019
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 16, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2019
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1949	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4459)

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2019)

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This bill provides for loan guarantees and grants to support healthy meals under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

The bill directs 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 meal programs.

USDA must also award competitive matching grants to assist LEAs, school food authorities, and tribal organizations in purchasing the durable equipment and infrastructure they need to serve healthier meals and improve food safety.

USDA must give preference under both programs 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.

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 or exceed nutrition standards under the school meal programs, and (2) improve the efficacy and efficiency of the school meal programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.