

HR 3809

College Student Hunger Act of 2019

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jul 30, 2019
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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-11]	D · WA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2143	Identical bill	Jul 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

College Student Hunger Act of 2019

This bill expands the eligibility of students at institutions of higher education to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program).

SNAP eligibility for students is expanded to include certain low-income students who (1) are employed a minimum of 10 hours per week (currently 20 hours) during the regular school year, (2) are eligible for a federal Pell Grant, (3) have an expected family contribution equal to zero, or (4) are independent.

Additionally, the bill directs

- the Department of Education to provide notification to certain students regarding their eligibility for SNAP benefits,
- the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct an audit of the operations of the Food and Nutrition Service to examine the procedures and outreach practices used by the service to provide to states information about the eligibility of students at institutions of higher education for participation in the program,
- USDA to update its state outreach plan guidance, and
- USDA to implement projects to decrease student hunger at institutions of higher education and to reduce barriers to college students fully utilizing SNAP benefits at these institutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.