

HR 4684

Universal School Meals Program Act of 2019

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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. (Nov 8, 2019)

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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 8, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 15, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2609	Related bill	Oct 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Summary (as of Oct 15, 2019)

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This bill revises requirements under the food and nutrition programs of the Department of Agriculture, such as the school lunch and breakfast programs.

For example, the bill provides free meals to all school children regardless of income.

The bill increases the reimbursement rate for school food authorities participating in the food and nutrition programs.

The bill also prohibits school food authorities from (1) physically segregating or otherwise discriminating against any child participating in the free lunch or breakfast program, or (2) overtly identifying a child participating in either program with a special token or announcement.

Additionally, the bill expands the summer food service program by making all children eligible for participation in the program.

Further, the bill revises eligibility determinations for measuring poverty to include runaway or homeless youth, foster children, migratory children, and children participating in specified programs (e.g., Head Start).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.