

HR 5308

Expanding Access to School Meals Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill revises program requirements under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program of the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Specifically, the bill

- eliminates the reduced price school breakfast and lunch programs to include prohibiting USDA from providing reimbursements for such programs,
- expands the income guidelines for purposes of determining eligibility for free school lunches and breakfasts to make families living at 200% of the poverty-level eligible (currently, families living at 130% or below are eligible),
- allows states to use Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) participation data to directly certify students for free school lunches and breakfasts, and
- increases the multiplier from 1.6% to 1.8% for purposes of determining reimbursement under the Community Eligibility Provision that permits schools in high poverty areas to serve all meals free of charge.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2019:** Introduced in House
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