

HR 6187

MEALS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Committee Activity

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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 11, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 6201 | Related bill | Mar 19, 2020: Engrossment Correction |

Summary (as of Mar 11, 2020)

Maintaining Essential Access to Lunch for Students Act or the MEALS Act

This bill modifies food and nutrition programs of the Department of Agriculture to allow certain waivers to requirements for the school meal programs, including waivers that increase federal costs during a school closure related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Such waivers must be requested by a state or service provider and be for purposes of providing meals and snacks during such a closure.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
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