

## HR 6200

Pandemic EBT Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 13, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 11, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 11, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

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

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This bill expands authority in FY2020 for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) during a public health emergency based on COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill authorizes USDA to approve state agency plans to provide SNAP benefits to households that include at least one eligible child and may or may not be participating in SNAP. An *eligible child* is a child who would be receiving free or reduced-price school meals if the child's school had not been closed for at least five consecutive days due to the public health emergency based on COVID-19.

SNAP benefits provided must be no less than the value of school meals at the federal free rate over the course of five school days for each eligible child in the household.

A state agency may provide SNAP benefits in accordance with the bill through the electronic benefits transfer card system.

## Actions Timeline

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