

HR 6445

Food Assistance for Kids and Families During COVID-19 Act of 2020

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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 3, 2020
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 3, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 3, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3563	Related bill	Mar 22, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Food Assistance for Kids and Families During COVID-19 Act of 2020

This bill modifies food and nutrition programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The bill modifies the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) to require USDA to (1) notify retailers of the existing opportunities through which they can deliver groceries to SNAP participants; and (2) authorize public-private partnerships between itself, authorized SNAP retailers, and community-based organizations to support grocery delivery during the COVID-19 national emergency.

The bill provides funding for USDA to support grocery delivery for SNAP participants who are seniors, immunocompromised individuals, or other individuals who are unable to travel safely to a grocery store.

Additionally, the bill (1) extends the certification period under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for infants to two years, instead of the current one year; and (2) authorizes states to increase the certification time under WIC for breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding women to two years postpartum.

The bill also allows any federal agency charged with the administration of a federal assistance program to modify or waive administrative conditions during an emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 3, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 3, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and Labor, and the Budget, 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.