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Summer Meals Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 2, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 2, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 31, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8450	Related bill	Nov 7, 2022: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 394.
117 HR 783	Related bill	Jul 29, 2022: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Larsen (WA) asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 783, a bill originally introduced by Representative Young, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

Summer Meals Act of 2021

This bill revises provisions related to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), which provides meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

The bill redefines *areas in which poor economic conditions exist*, where the SFSP may operate, as areas in which at least 40% (currently, 50%) of the children have been determined to be eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the school lunch and breakfast programs.

The bill reimburses service institutions (other than school food authorities) for up to one meal and one snack per child each day during after-school hours, weekends, and school holidays during the regular school calendar. Currently, such institutions are reimbursed for meals and snacks served to children over the summer months or to children who are on vacation under a continuous school calendar.

USDA must award competitive grants to service institutions to increase participation in the summer food service program for children who lack the ability to access a congregate feeding site through (1) innovative approaches to limited transportation, (2) mobile meal trucks, and (3) any other method or approach that does not require children to access a congregate feeding site.

Service institutions that are participating in the summer food service program for children may serve up to three meals, or two meals and one snack, during each day of operation. Currently, this option is reserved for camps and service institutions that serve meals primarily to migrant children.

Actions Timeline

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