

S 1270

Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Apr 21, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

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| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | Apr 21, 2021 |
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| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | Jul 21, 2021 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL] | D · IL | | Nov 15, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 21, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 21, 2021)

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This bill revises several provisions related to the Child and Adult Care Food Program. These revisions include

- increasing reimbursement rates;
- requiring reimbursements to be adjusted annually to reflect the Consumer Price Index for food away from home, rather than the Consumer Price Index for food at home used under current law;
- providing for an additional meal service to be served in child care settings with eight or more hours between the first meal service and the beginning of the fourth meal service;
- expanding geographical eligibility for tier I family or group day care homes; and
- requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish an advisory committee to examine the feasibility of reducing unnecessary or duplicative paperwork for those participating or seeking to participate in the program.

The bill also provides funding to (1) provide nutrition training and technical assistance under the program, and (2) increase the participation of children from underserved communities.

Actions Timeline

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