

## S 3979

Support Kids Not Red Tape Act of 2022

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]

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

**Cosponsors** (51 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 31, 2022
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 31, 2022

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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 31, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

#### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Support Kids Not Red Tape Act of 2022**

This bill extends and modifies the authority of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to waive certain requirements related to the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program.

Current law authorizes USDA to waive certain requirements, such as those related to nutritional content and congregate feeding, for the purpose of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under this bill, USDA shall have authority through FY2023 to grant such a waiver, with no waiver having effect past FY2023. Currently, USDA's authority to grant a waiver expires on June 30, 2022, with no waiver having effect past the 2021-2022 school year.

If a state elects to receive a waiver that modifies the operation of a school breakfast or lunch program for the 2022-2023 school year, the state must provide a transition plan to USDA.

USDA must provide technical assistance to help school food authorities and states meet nutritional standards and resume regular meal program operations for the 2023-2024 school year.

While a waiver is in effect during the 2022-2023 school year, the state subject to the waiver must provide technical assistance in lieu of fiscal action for meal pattern violations due to supply chain disruptions.

The bill also appropriates funds as necessary to carry out this bill's activities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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