

HR 4379

School Food Modernization Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (34 total)

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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Aug 27, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaialī'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 11, 2022
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jun 15, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2022
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2022
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Aug 30, 2022
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2022
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4380	Related bill	Jun 13, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
117 S 876	Related bill	Mar 18, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1651)

Summary (as of Jul 9, 2021)

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This bill provides for loan guarantees and grants to support healthy meals under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue loan guarantees to local educational agencies (LEAs), school food authorities, tribal organizations, and other eligible entities to finance infrastructure improvements or equipment purchases to facilitate their provision of healthy meals through the school meal programs.

USDA must also award competitive matching grants to assist LEAs, school food authorities, and tribal organizations in purchasing the durable equipment and infrastructure they need to serve healthier meals and improve food safety.

USDA must give preference under both programs to applicants that demonstrate a substantial or disproportionate need for food service infrastructure or durable equipment, and shall establish fees for the loan guarantee program.

In addition, USDA must award competitive matching grants to experienced third-party training institutions to provide school food service personnel with the training and technical assistance they need to (1) meet or exceed nutrition standards under the school meal programs, and (2) improve the efficacy and efficiency of the school meal programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Jul 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Appropriations, 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.