

HR 5595

College Student Hunger Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. (Oct 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 19, 2021
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Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2021
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Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021

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Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Aug 9, 2022
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Aug 30, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 22, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6272	Related bill	Jan 4, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.

Summary (as of Oct 15, 2021)

College Student Hunger Act of 2021

This bill expands the eligibility of students at institutions of higher education to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

SNAP eligibility for students is expanded to include certain low-income students who (1) are employed a minimum of 10 hours per week (currently 20 hours) during the regular school year, (2) are eligible for a federal Pell Grant, (3) have an expected family contribution equal to zero, or (4) are independent.

Additionally, the bill directs

- the Department of Education to provide notification to certain students regarding their eligibility for SNAP benefits,
- the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct an audit of the operations of the Food and Nutrition Service to examine the procedures and outreach practices used by the service to provide to states information about the eligibility of students at institutions of higher education for participation in the program,
- USDA to update its state outreach plan guidance, and
- USDA to implement projects to decrease student hunger at institutions of higher education and to reduce barriers to college students fully utilizing SNAP benefits at these institutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Oct 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.