

HR 8495

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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This bill sets out a process to enable Puerto Rico to participate as a state in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under current law, a state receives SNAP funding based on the number of participating households in the state whereas Puerto Rico receives a block grant to fund its nutrition assistance program.

The bill requires Puerto Rico to submit to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) a plan of operation to transition away from the consolidated block grant program to SNAP. USDA must provide appropriate training and technical assistance to enable Puerto Rico to formulate such plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 29, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.