

## HR 8495

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act of 2022

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 29, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4967	Identical bill	Sep 27, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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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**

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- **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.