

S 1488

EATS Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (May 9, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		May 9, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 9, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 9, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 5, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 30, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3183	Related bill	<b>Jun 1, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.

Summary (as of May 9, 2023)

Enhance Access To SNAP Act of 2023 or the EATS Act of 2023

This bill expands eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for certain students.

Specifically, the bill removes the restriction on SNAP eligibility for students to allow otherwise eligible students who are attending institutions of higher education (IHEs) at least half time to participate in SNAP. Under current law, students 18-49 years old are restricted, with exceptions, from participating in SNAP. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 temporarily exempted some students from certain SNAP eligibility requirements; these temporary student exemptions are currently scheduled to expire after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11, 2023.

Further, the bill provides that students enrolled at least half time in a recognized school, training program, or IHE constitute individual *households* (not *residents of institutions*) and may be eligible for SNAP benefits. (Participation in SNAP is limited to households.)

Actions Timeline

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