

HR 1539

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require schools to provide fluid milk substitutes upon request of a student or the parent or guardian of such student, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 10, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Mar 10, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2943	Related bill	Sep 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 HR 1619	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2023)

This bill requires schools to substitute a nondairy beverage for fluid milk in the National School Lunch Program upon the request of a student or their parent or guardian. Under current law, schools participating in the program may provide a substitute at the request of a medical authority or the student's parent or guardian.

The bill also removes current requirements that (1) the substitute request be based on an identified medical or other special dietary need that restricts the student's diet, and (2) the school food authority pay for any additional expenses resulting from providing the substitute that exceed the covered reimbursement amounts.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
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