

HR 5059

To amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to allow certain States to directly purchase commodities, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture. (Sep 19, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8467	Related bill	May 24, 2024: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 21.
118 S 2578	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

This bill allows a state to receive cash funds under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to directly purchase agricultural commodities through the private commercial marketplace.

TEFAP is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of people with low income by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. Through TEFAP, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchases a variety of commodities and makes those food products (e.g., canned, frozen, dried, and fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, meat, dairy, and whole-grain and enriched grain products) available to state distributing agencies.

Specifically, the bill allows an eligible state agency to elect to receive as cash the dollar amount used by USDA to purchase the commodities to distribute to the state.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.