

## HR 9825

Expanding Head Start Eligibility Act of 2024

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Social Welfare

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill expands eligibility for Head Start programs to include the children of families eligible for specified public assistance programs.

Specifically, the bill expands Head Start eligibility to include the children of families that qualify for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and federal housing assistance (commonly known as Section 8). The bill also provides statutory authority for the eligibility of families that qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Families that qualify for state-funded food assistance programs with eligibility standards identical or substantially similar to the standards for SNAP shall also be eligible for Head Start.

### **Actions Timeline**

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