

HR 728

Expanding Head Start Eligibility Act of 2025

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce. (Jan 24, 2025)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ansari, Yassamin [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. García, Jesús G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. Turner, Sylvester [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 24, 2025
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Friedman, Laura [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2025
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 5, 2025
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 18, 2025
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Mar 25, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Expanding Head Start Eligibility Act of 2025

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 must also be eligible for Head Start.

Actions Timeline

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