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## 2021 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Marker Bills

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## Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

### Community Access to Resources and Education (CARE) for Families Act ([H.R.2555](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• create a grant program for local WIC agencies and clinics for community partnerships aimed at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ increasing the involvement of WIC staff in the community;</li><li>○ improving health outcomes by better connecting WIC to community health providers like OB/GYNS, advance practice nurses, and pediatricians;</li><li>○ facilitating referrals between WIC and health care providers improving the coordination, quality, and cost effectiveness of health care services; and</li></ul></li><li>• directs USDA to establish a Health Information Exchange initiative to improve communication between State agencies and medical providers with regards to participant health information related to services provided.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	4/15/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	H.R. 2555 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bobby Scott (D-VA-03)</li><li>• Alma Adams (D-NC-12)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">H.R. 2555</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.2555 bill text</a> <a href="#">Adams press release</a>

Wise Investment in Children Act (WIC Act) ([S.853](#) / [H.R.2011](#))\*\*

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• extend postpartum women’s eligibility to two years;</li><li>• extend child eligibility to age six or the beginning of kindergarten; and</li><li>• extend infant certifications to two years.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	3/18/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S. 853 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bob Casey (D-PA)</li><li>• Susan Collins (R-ME)</li></ul> H.R. 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosa DeLauro (D-CT- 03)</li><li>• Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA-38)</li><li>• Jenniffer González-Cólon (R-PR-At-Large)</li><li>• Kim Schrier (D-WA-08)</li><li>• Don Young (R-AK-At-Large)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S. 853</a> <a href="#">H.R. 2011</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.853 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.2011 bill text</a> <a href="#">National WIC Association one-pager</a>

## Summer Meals

Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act of 2021 ([S.2005](#))\*\*

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allow for summer meals to be consumed off-site through service models like mobile feeding and backpack meal programs; and</li><li>• authorize the summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program, providing eligible families \$30 per summer month per child to purchase eligible food items from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) approved retailers.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	6/20/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S. 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Boozman (R-AR)</li><li>• Patrick Leahy (D-VT)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.2005</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.2005 bill text</a> <a href="#">Leahy press release</a>

Stop Child Hunger Act of 2021 ([S.1831](#) / [H.R.3519](#))\*\*

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• convert the Summer EBT pilot into a permanent, nationwide program;</li><li>• authorize EBT cards for eligible households with a balance worth the daily value of school lunch and breakfast to cover school closures of more than five days, including summer and winter school breaks and unanticipated school closures;</li><li>• allow eligible households to use EBT cards for the purchase of food only from retail food stores that have been approved for participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and</li><li>• provide grants to states to support the development of data systems or upgrades to existing data systems to carry out this program.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	5/26/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1831 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patty Murray (D-WA)</li></ul> H.R.3519 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mike Levin (D-CA-49)</li><li>• Jahana Hayes (D-CT-05)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1831</a> <a href="#">H.R.3519</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1831 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.3519 bill text</a> <a href="#">Levin fact sheet</a> <i>Note: Provisions in the bill were also proposed in the American Families Plan</i>

Summer Meals Act of 2021 ([S.1170](#) / [H.R.783](#))\*\*

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• improve the area eligibility test to allow communities to participate if 40 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals;</li><li>• allow local government agencies and private nonprofit organizations to feed children year-round through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP);</li><li>• provide funding for transportation grants to fund innovative approaches and mobile meal trucks;</li><li>• allow all sites to serve a third meal; and</li><li>• S. 1170 includes an additional provision to support meal service in disaster situations.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	2/3/2021 (H.R.783) 4/15/2021 (S.1170)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1170 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li><li>• Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)</li></ul> H.R.783 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don Young (R-AK-At Large)</li><li>• Rick Larsen (D-WA-02)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1170</a> <a href="#">H.R.783</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1170 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.783 bill text</a> <a href="#">Murkowski press release</a>

## Summer Meals Alternative Relief and Transportation (SMART) Act of 2021 ([S.1577](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• through the Summer Food Service Program, establish an additional service option, such as home delivery of meals by way of traditional mail or other delivery services to allow delivery of meals directly to the residence of an eligible child and do not require that an eligible child arrive to, or be served a meal at a specified location other than the residence of the child.</li><li>• define states as eligible for the additional service option if a State has one or more areas in which eligible children are unable, as defined by the Secretary:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ to access meals under the program at congregate feeding sites, and</li><li>○ to fully utilize electronic benefit transfer funds provided to a household for the purpose of increasing household access to food for children during the summer months, including because of the distance and transportation options available to a retailer authorized to accept and redeem benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	5/12/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1577 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Cornyn (R-TX)</li><li>• Cory Booker (D-NJ)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1577</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1577 bill text</a> <a href="#">Cornyn press release</a>

## School Meals

### Caregivers, Access, and Responsible Expansion (CARE) for Kids Act of 2021 ([S.1590](#) / [H.R.3997](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allow automatic eligibility for free school meals for the following children:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ children being raised by a relative who receives adoption or guardianship assistance;</li><li>○ children who are placed to live with grandparents or other relatives by state or tribal child welfare agencies;</li><li>○ children living in “grandfamily” housing or receiving housing assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996;</li><li>○ children who are automatically eligible for Medicaid</li></ul></li><li>• extend children’s automatic eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals into the school year immediately following placement with a grandparent or other relative.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	5/12/2021 (S.1590) 6/17/2021 (H.R.3997)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1590 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bob Casey (D-PA)</li><li>• Tina Smith (D-MN)</li><li>• Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)</li><li>• Angus King (I-ME)</li><li>• Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)</li><li>• Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)</li><li>• Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li></ul> H.R.3997 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jahana Hayes (D-CT-05)</li><li>• Don Bacon (R-NE-02)</li><li>• Deborah Ross (D-NC-02)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1590</a> <a href="#">H.R.3997</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1590 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.3997 bill text</a> <a href="#">Casey press release</a> <a href="#">Hayes press release</a>

### Healthy Future Students and Earth Pilot Program Act ([H.R.4108](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• create a voluntary grant program for school districts to help schools provide healthier, climate friendly, and culturally appropriate plant-based entrée options to students.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	6/23/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY-07)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.4108</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.4108 bill text</a> <a href="#">Velázquez press release</a>

### School Food Modernization Act of 2021 ([S.876](#) / [H.R.4379](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide targeted grant assistance to upgrade school kitchen infrastructure or to purchase high-quality equipment such as commercial ovens, steamers, and stoves;</li><li>• establish a loan guarantee assistance program within the USDA to help schools acquire new equipment to prepare and serve healthier meals; and</li><li>• authorize USDA to provide support on a competitive basis to highly qualified third-party trainers to develop and administer training and technical assistance, including online programs, to food service personnel.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	3/18/2021 (S.876) 7/9/2021 (H.R.4379)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.876 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan Collins (R-ME)</li><li>• Tina Smith (D-MN)</li></ul> H.R.4379 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11)</li><li>• Glenn 'GT' Thompson (R-PA-15)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.876</a> <a href="#">H.R.4379</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.876 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.4379 bill text</a> <a href="#">Collins press release</a> <a href="#">DeSaulnier press release</a>



Universal School Meals Program Act of 2021 ([S.1530](#) / [H.R.3115](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide school breakfast and lunch, dinner and snacks at no charge to all children;</li><li>• prohibit federally funded schools from denying any child a prepared hot breakfast or lunch and reimburses schools for all delinquent school meal debt;</li><li>• increase the reimbursement rate for school meals in line with <a href="#">USDA's 2009 School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study</a>;</li><li>• provides summer meals at no cost to all children and expand Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) to all lower-income children;</li><li>• provide up to three meals a day and a snack at no charge to children in childcare; and</li><li>• provide a 30-cent reimbursement to schools as an incentive for local food procurement.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	5/10/2021 (S.1530) 5/11/2021 (H.R.3115)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1530 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bernie Sanders (I-VT)</li><li>• Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)</li></ul> H.R.3115 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ilhan Omar (D-MN-05)</li><li>• Gwen Moore (D-WI-04)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1530</a> <a href="#">H.R.3115</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1530 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.3115 bill text</a> <a href="#">Sanders press release</a> <i>Note: The Alliance to End Hunger membership has decided to not support this bill as an alliance – individual members of the Alliance may be in support of this bill.</i>

## Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2021 ([H.R.1861](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• require schools participating in the school lunch program to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ offer students a variety of fluid milk; and</li><li>○ may offer students flavored and unflavored whole, reduced-fat, low-fat and fat-free fluid milk and lactose-free fluid milk; and</li></ul></li><li>• provide a substitute for fluid milk for students whose disability restricts their diet, on receipt of a written statement from a licensed physician that specifies the need to substitute fluid milk.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	3/11/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	H.R.1861 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glen 'GT' Thompson (R-PA-15)</li><li>• Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.1861</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.1861 bill text</a> <a href="#">Delgado press release</a>

## Child and Adult Food Care Program

### Access to Healthy Food for Young Children Act ([S.1270](#)) \*\*

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allow an additional CACFP meal service (typically a supper or snack) in full-day child care;</li><li>• increase CACFP reimbursement for childcare centers and family childcare providers by 10 cents for each meal and snack;</li><li>• allow annual eligibility for proprietary (for-profit) childcare centers;</li><li>• improve the area eligibility test by allowing family childcare home providers to receive the higher Tier I reimbursement if 40 percent of children in the neighborhood are eligible for free or reduced-price meals;</li><li>• allocate \$5 million in funding to support the new CACFP health meal patterns;</li><li>• create a CACFP Community Eligibility Provision pilot (i.e. use direct certification data for eligibility rather than income applications);</li><li>• improve the cost-of-living adjustments for child care home reimbursement rates to reflect more accurately the real costs to providers;</li><li>• establish an option allowing child centers to collect income applications every four years rather than every year;</li><li>• direct USDA to reduce unnecessary and duplicative paperwork resulting from federal and state regulations and record-keeping requirements.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	4/21/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1270 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bob Casey (D-PA)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1270</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1270 bill text</a> <a href="#">Casey press release</a>

## Farm to School Program

### Farm to School Act of 2021 ([S.1328](#) / [H.R.1768](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• increase annual funding to \$15 million &amp; increase grant award maximum to \$250,000;</li><li>• advance equity by prioritizing grants that engage diverse farmers &amp; serve high-need schools:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the program must prioritize applications that engage beginning, veteran, and socially disadvantaged agricultural producers, as well as those that serve racially diverse and high-need student populations;</li></ul></li><li>• increase access among tribal schools to traditional foods, especially from tribal producers; and</li><li>• expand the program to early care and education sites, summer food service sites &amp; after school programs.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	3/10/2021 (H.R.1768) 4/22/2021 (S.1328)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1328 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrick Leahy (D-VT)</li><li>• Thom Tillis (R-NC)</li><li>• Sherrod Brown (D-OH)</li><li>• Susan Collins (R-ME)</li></ul> H.R.1768 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stacy Plaskett (D-VI-AL)</li><li>• Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-01)</li><li>• Alma Adams (D-NC-12)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1328</a> <a href="#">H.R.1768</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1328 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.1768 bill text</a> <a href="#">National Farm to School Network Fact Sheet</a>

## Food Procurement

### American Food for American Schools Act of 2021 ([H.R.465](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• require school districts to obtain a waiver from USDA to purchase foreign-sourced food products funded by the National School Lunch Program:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ waivers would only be granted if the domestically produced food was cost-prohibitive or unavailable; and</li></ul></li><li>• school districts who obtain a waiver must notify parents of all foreign-sourced foods served to students, by posting such waivers obtained from the USDA on the school's website.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	1/25/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	H.R.465 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Garamendi (D-CA-03)</li><li>• Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09)</li><li>• Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-01)</li><li>• Tim Ryan (D-OH-13)</li><li>• Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-01)</li><li>• Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)</li><li>• Don Young (R-AK-AL)</li><li>• Derek Kilmer (D-WA-06)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.465</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">H.R.465 bill text</a> <a href="#">Garamendi press release</a>

### Kids Eat Local Act ([S.1401](#) / [H.R.2896](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• expand access to local foods in the school meal and child nutrition programs; and</li><li>• streamline paperwork required for sourcing local foods.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	4/28/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1401 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sherrod Brown (D-OH)</li><li>• Susan Collins (R-ME)</li></ul> H.R.2896 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01)</li><li>• Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-01)</li><li>• Josh Harder (D-CA-10)</li><li>• Alma Adams (D-NC-12)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1401</a> <a href="#">H.R.2896</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1401 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.2896 bill text</a> <a href="#">National Farm to School Network one-pager</a>

## Local School Foods Expansion Act ([S.1633](#) / [H.R.3230](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allow participating States and school food authorities to purchase locally grown, fresh fruits and vegetables with existing School Lunch Program funds;</li><li>• instruct the Secretary to expand the program to 14 states and select participating states by prioritizing:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the per capita quantity and variety of growers of local fruits and vegetables of the state;</li><li>○ the demonstrated commitment of the state to farm-to-school efforts, small, local, tribal and socially disadvantaged farmers;</li><li>○ whether the state contains a sufficient quantity of local educational agencies;</li><li>○ the demonstrated ability of the state to competitively procure domestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables; and</li><li>○ whether the state will serve a high proportion of children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds;</li></ul></li><li>• expand reporting requirements and evaluation standards;</li><li>• authorize mandatory funding of \$25,000,000 for fiscal years 2022 – 2026, of which \$10,000,000 must be reserved for states to carry out state program administration and provide technical assistance to food vendors to become certified to participate in the program, and each state selected must receive not less than \$500,000 for each fiscal year it participates in the program.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	5/13/2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1633 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ron Wyden (D-OR)</li></ul> H.R.3230 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peter Welch (D-VT-AL)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1633</a> <a href="#">H.R.3230</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1633 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.3230 bill text</a> <a href="#">Wyden one-pager</a>

## Nutrition Education

### Food and Nutrition Education in Schools Act ([S.1421](#) / [H.R.4282](#))

<b>The bill would:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• direct USDA to establish a pilot program to hire staff in schools to provide hands-on food and nutrition education to increase consumption of healthy food by students.</li></ul>
<b>Date introduced:</b>	4/28/2021 (S.1421) 6/30/2021 (H.R.4282)
<b>Introduced by:</b>	S.1421 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corey Booker (D-NY)</li><li>• John Cornyn (R-TX)</li></ul> H.R.4282 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stacey Plaskett (D-VI-AL)</li></ul>
<b>Cosponsors:</b>	<a href="#">S.1421</a> <a href="#">H.R.4282</a>
<b>Background info:</b>	<a href="#">S.1421 bill text</a> <a href="#">H.R.4282 bill text</a>