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# H. R. 1919

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to treat attendance at an institution of higher education the same as work for the purpose of determining eligibility to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. DEAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GALLEGRO, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIND, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VELA, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Enhance Access To  
5 SNAP Act of 2021” or the “EATS Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7        Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
8 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

9            (1) in subsection (e)(4) by striking “employed”  
10        and inserting “attending an institution of higher  
11        education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher  
12        Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or em-  
13        ployed, in the aggregate,” and

14            (2) in subsection (o)(2)(A) by striking “work”  
15        and inserting “attending an institution of higher  
16        education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher  
17        Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or work,  
18        in the aggregate,”.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20        This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2022.

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