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# H. R. 2236

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide certain alternative eligibility requirements applicable to foster care youth, and homeless youth, who are enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. RUSH) 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 “Foster and Homeless  
5 Youth Food Security Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutri-  
3 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2017) is amended by inserting  
4 after subsection (j) the following:

5 “(j–1) ‘foster care individual’—

6 “(1) means an individual whose care and place-  
7 ment are the responsibility of the State or Tribal  
8 agency that administers a State or Tribal plan  
9 under part B or E of title IV of the Social Security  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 621 et seq.), without regard to  
11 whether foster care maintenance payments are made  
12 under section 472 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 672) on  
13 behalf of such children and youth; and

14 “(2) includes an individual who was age 13 or  
15 older when the individual’s care and placement were  
16 the responsibility of a State or Tribal agency that  
17 administered a State or Tribal plan under part B or  
18 E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 621 et seq.) and who is no longer under the care  
20 and responsibility of such a State or tribal agency,  
21 without regard to any such individual’s subsequent  
22 adoption, guardianship arrangement, or other form  
23 of permanency outcome.”.

24 (b) AVAILABILITY OF PREPARED MEALS.—Section  
25 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
26 2015(k)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “and (9)” the first place it ap-  
2           pears and inserting “(9), and (10)”;

3           (2) by striking “and (9)” the last place it ap-  
4           pears and inserting “(9)”; and

5           (3) by inserting before the period at the end the  
6           following:

7           “and, (10) meals prepared and served by an institution  
8           of higher education for consumption by a foster care indi-  
9           vidual, or a homeless individual, over 17 and not over 26  
10          years of age enrolled at least half-time in such institution  
11          (as determined by such institution) that provides such in-  
12          dividual with housing that lacks an individualized cooking  
13          facility”.

14          (c) TREATMENT AS SEPARATE HOUSEHOLD.—Sec-  
15          tion 3(m)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
16          U.S.C. 2015(m)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the  
17          following:

18                 “(F) Foster care individuals, or homeless indi-  
19                 viduals, over 17 and not over 26 years of age en-  
20                 rolled at least half-time in an institution of higher  
21                 education (as determined by such institution) that  
22                 provides such individuals with housing that lacks in-  
23                 dividualized cooking facilities.”.

1 (d) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY EXCLUSION.—Sec-  
2 tion 6(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
3 2015(e)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “or” at the  
5 end;

6 (2) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-  
7 graph (9); and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(8) is a foster care individual, or a homeless  
11 individual, over 17 and not over 26 years of age who  
12 is so enrolled as determined by such institution; or”.

13 (e) WORK REQUIREMENT.—Section 6(o)(3) of the  
14 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(3))  
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (D) by striking “or” at the  
17 end;

18 (2) in subparagraph (E) by striking the period  
19 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(F) A foster care individual, or a home-  
22 less individual, over 17 and not over 26 years  
23 of age if enrolled at least half-time in an insti-

1           tution of higher education as determined by  
2           such institution.”.

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